

FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:

TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

11-12 SENIORS and JUNIORS, if you have not already done so, please set up your Parchment account. If you already have one, great; if not, you will get an invitation to set up your account. When setting up your account, please use a personal email, NOT your school email. You will use this account beyond graduation.

12 FAFSA - THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID is now a [required step for students to earn a diploma](#) from an Illinois High School. For more information, go to the Financial Aid/FAFSA tab under FHS Counselor's Corner on the district website. Students and parents can get started by creating an FSA ID by going to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. If you do not intend to complete the FAFSA, please contact Mrs. Facio regarding the FAFSA Non-Participation Waiver. **The 26-27 School Year FAFSA application is open.**

12 GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!! You can request electronic transcripts through Parchment! Use "Parchment" and/or "Common Application" for college applications if possible. All applications should be done by November. Only 1 month to get them done!

12 GET YOUR INOCULATION/SHOT RECORDS UP TO DATE- Check with your physician, health department and/or FHS to make sure you have all shot records in ONE location and ready to deliver to the college of your choice.

11-12 REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FALL NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS! You are invited to attend the final NACAC Virtual College Fair of the fall on Sunday, November 9th, from 1-6 p.m. (ET !) The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with colleges and pursue your college dreams. Have a quick video chat with a rep, drop in on a virtual presentation, send a question through chat - make a connection YOUR way! The fairs will also feature MatchMaking! At the time of registration, you will select the attributes that are most important to you in a college. You'll then receive an email that best matches you to the specific colleges and universities based on the criteria you provide. Reference this email on the day of the fair to connect with your best matches! Be sure to register early to take advantage of this great feature! **Register here for free:** <https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs>

9-12 TUTORING is available to all FHS students after school. Start the semester strong! Please see Mr. Parsons or Mrs. Bowers to get signed up for this **free service!**

9-12 IMPACT hours must be completed and submitted through Sauk's online portal by May 31st in order to remain eligible for the IMPACT program. Do not miss out on Earned Tuition at Sauk! Start on your volunteer hours NOW!

9-12 PATHWAYS Interested in a career in any of the following fields?: Education, Manufacturing, Health Sciences, Agriculture. Stand out with an endorsement in your field! Contact Mrs. Pepper for information on participating in our pathway program to earn an endorsement in your desired field!

10 WACC INFO SESSION All sophomores will attend an information session during RTI on November 3rd. Students will learn about the various programs offered at Whiteside Area Career Center as they begin to consider enrollment options for their junior year. A field trip to WACC



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11 CCC CAREER ACADEMY PREVIEW DAY will take place on Thursday, November 6th. Juniors who have signed up will visit the CCC Campus and learn about two academy options of their choice. The CCC Academies are an enrollment option for juniors and seniors. For more information, please visit: <https://eicc.edu/classes-programs/pathway/academy/>.

11 PREACT TESTING took place on October 8th for all juniors. PreACT score reports & test item response will be released by admin in the near future. Stay tuned!

11 PSAT/NMSQT TESTING Juniors who signed up to take the PSAT/NMSQT will test at FHS on October 30th.

11-12 COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES The following is a listing of colleges that will have representatives here in the next few weeks. All college representative visits will take place in the Student Services office. You must scan the QR Code on our College Visit signs around the school to sign up, or stop in and sign up with Marie in Student Services. We have to let representatives know ahead of time if anyone has signed up. So, sign up early and don't miss out on the opportunity to get all of your college questions answered!

- Sauk Valley Community College- Monday, Oct. 27th @ 2:30 PM

12 SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES Are being made in Counselor's Corner on the school website as applications open. Scholarships listed in **RED** have been updated for the 25-26 school year. Additional scholarship applications can be found by visiting scholarships.com.

9-12 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES Will take place on November 6th from 2-7 PM & November 7th from 8 AM- 1 PM. Teachers will be sending more information; however, if you would like to initiate a conference with any of your child's teachers, please feel free to reach out via email. If you would like to request a conference with Mrs. Facio for any counseling-related concerns and/or questions, please reach out via email at: mfacio@riverbendschools.net.

11-12 ISAC All About Scholarships Workshop Will take place on Monday, November 10th during RTI for juniors & seniors. A representative from ISAC will walk students through the do's and don'ts of scholarships, including locating reputable scholarships, completing applications, and requesting recommendation letters. River Bend scholarships will open in January, so this is a great opportunity to start preparing.

9-12 XELLO - CAREER EXPLORATION Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the XELLO button on "Counselor's Corner". Here you can explore your own personal career options. Using your own interests, personality type, and learning style, this program will help you explore careers that match your wants and needs. It will help you decide what type of training you will need, whether it is "On the Job Training" or Post-High School education in a college of some sort. With this program, you get to be in the driver's seat.

11-12 ARE YOU AN 18- YEAR- OLD MALE? If you are, you are required by law to register with the Selective Service. You can register as early as 17 years and 3 months old. By doing so, you will be eligible for student loans and grants, job training, and government jobs. Failing to register can lead to a 5-year prison sentence and up to a \$250,000 fine. Register at the post office, DMV, or online at <https://www.sss.gov/>.