

FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:

TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

9-12 MRS. FACIO WILL BE ON MATERNITY LEAVE tentatively from **December 9th through January 21st**. We are pleased to share that Mr. Baisden, former FHS counselor, will be covering her leave. With his extensive counseling experience and familiarity with Fulton High School, he is well-equipped to support students and families during Mrs. Facio's absence. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Baisden back to FHS during this time! Mr. Baisden can be contacted by email at dbaisden@riverbendschools.net.

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. As of 11/19, only 13 seniors have submitted their FAFSA!**

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 the end of November. Just a week left 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

9-12 TUTORING is available to all FHS students after school. As we approach the end of the semester, please take advantage of this service! 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 FIELD TRIP for all sophomores will take place on Wednesday, January 21st. We will depart FHS around 8:10 AM and return between 10:30 & 11:00, depending on the length of the tour. This will be a great opportunity for students to see WACC programs in action before registration and the release of the WACC application.



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9-12 WELLNESS DAY will take place at FHS on Wednesday, December 10th. This strategic reset is designed to refocus and renew energy before final exams. We're investing in wellness because a well-supported mind is a more effective one! Students will have the opportunity to sign up for several stations throughout their day as a way to relax & renew before finals week. Please stay tuned for more information!

11-12 COLLEGE VISIT FORM Junior and senior students are allowed 2 college visit days each year. The form must be completed and turned in to the Student Services Office 2 days before the visit. Parents are still expected to call in the approved absence on the day of the visit. The form can be viewed in Counselor's Corner under the "Forms" tab or access it by visiting the following link: <https://www.riverbendschools.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5d519e495cba9/College%20Visit%20Form.pdf>

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!

- **STAY TUNED FOR SPRING VISITS (:**

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](https://www.riverbendschools.org/scholarships.com).

9-12 FIRST SEMESTER comes to an end on December 19th. A Day finals will take place on December 16th & B Day finals will take place on December 18th with the 19th serving as a Make-Up Day. Are you doing the best you can? Semester grades are "Official" and will stay on your permanent transcript.

9-12 SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGES can only be made 2 days into the second semester. As a reminder, only NECESSARY changes will be granted. Please look at the master schedule to come up with a plan before seeing Mrs. Facio or Mr. Baisden.

9-12 ALL-SCHOOL TEST DAY will take place on Wednesday, April 15th, for students in grades 9-11. Seniors will have the opportunity to spend the day job shadowing. Mark your calendars now!

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/>.