



## FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:



# TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

**9-12 MRS. FACIO HAS RETURNED FROM MATERNITY LEAVE** A big 'thank you' goes out to Mr. Baisden, who helped many students & families during Mrs. Facio's time away!

**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 2/05, only 30 seniors have submitted their FAFSA!**

**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. With the start of 2nd semester underway, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

**9-11 REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** is starting up soon. Students need to start planning for next year's courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed in the 1st and/or 2nd semester will have to be taken again next year or made up via credit recovery. Talk to your teachers about class options and prerequisites.

1. Dual Enrollment Sessions - with Sophomores and Juniors. (WACC Application dispersed ) Feb. 10 & 11
2. CEO Applications - Due February 15
3. General Class Options sessions - with Freshmen - Feb. 18 & 19
4. WACC Application - Due February 26
5. Teacher Recommendations - for all students 8th grade - 11th grade - Feb. 23-27
6. **2026-2027 Registration** - by class 8th grade - 11th grade - March 5-18
7. **Late March -Early April** - Student requests tabulated and Master Schedule parameters set for scheduling.

For more information, check out the **2026-2027 Course Handbook** located in the Fulton High School Section of the district website in FHS Counselor's Corner - High School Planning.

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10-11 **WACC APPLICATIONS** will be going out to interested sophomores & juniors during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. Applications are **due to Student Services by February 26<sup>th</sup>** and will be considered on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Only students who have submitted an application by the deadline will be able to register for WACC in March.

10-11 **CEO APPLICATION - DUE FEBRUARY 15** The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO )Class Advisory Board welcomes your application to participate in the 2026-2027 CEO Class. This course is supported by the business community in the Sauk Valley region in partnership with the member schools of the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC )The class meets at a variety of businesses in the region and is facilitated by LeAndra Hartman in collaboration with our business partners. As a member of the CEO Class, you will be challenged in new and exciting ways, and you will learn from some of the best and brightest business minds in the area. In addition, you will have the opportunity to develop a lasting and important network of contacts. The class meets for 1.5 hours each school day (7:50-9:20 ) and you can plan on spending time outside of the school day following through with the work and projects of the class. The application and more info can be found on the CEO website. The application must be completed in full and submitted by **FEBRUARY 15** if you are interested in applying. Here is a link to the website: <https://www.wacc-ceo.com/> Start your application **TODAY**.

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!

- **2/12- Southern IL University - Edwardsville, 2:35 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 current school year. Additional scholarship applications can be found by visiting scholarships.com.

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,e 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/>.