

**FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:**

TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

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 2 months to get them done!

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. FHS will be having a workshop later this semester to help parents with filling out the form. 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 a FSA ID by going to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. **This year's FAFSA application will be available by December 1.**

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 NACAC Virtual College Fair on Sunday, November 3rd 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! **Register here for free:** <https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs>

9-12 ACT PREP April 10th is all school test day. This means grades 9 and 10 will be taking the Pre-ACT and grade 11 will be taking the ACT. The time to start preparing is now! Make a student account on myact.org to gain access to practice questions in all subject areas, a practice question of the day, online practice exams and all of the other resources ACT has to offer. You will also be able to view test results here at a later date. The ACT is important for college applications and is a reflection of our school- it is important that you are as prepared as possible for test day!

11 FALL PRE-ACT TESTING will take place on November 13th at FHS for all juniors. Room assignments will be released in the coming weeks. The assessment will be digital, so make sure your Chromebooks have been charged. You may also bring a scientific calculator to the exam, but an online calculator will also be available. You will have access to your scores in the days following the exam along with the correct answers to help you prepare for all school test day in the Spring.

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!



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11 **ASVAB** was given to juniors **October 23rd**. All juniors were present for the exam- **GREAT JOB!** When results are returned, we will go over them to see what careers may be a good fit for you based on your skillset.

11-12 **SVCC Dual Credit** students are able to apply for scholarships to help pay for their credits. Students should check the svcc.edu web site on the **first of each month** to apply for scholarship help. They are also encouraged to apply for scholarships for 2nd semester classes. Those applications become available in October. When asked for a filed FAFSA, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.

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. You can view the form in counselors corner under the "Forms" tab or access it by visit the following link: <https://www.riverbendschools.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5d4dd29ab8642/College%20Day%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!

- Sauk Valley Community College, October 31st @ 2:30 PM
- Western Illinois University, November 4th @ 2:30 PM
- La'James College of Cosmetology, November 18th @ 2:30 PM

9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE** The following scholarships are found on the school's web-site and are due within the next few weeks/months. Go to Fulton High School-FHS Counselor's Corner-Scholarships. Try www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP	POST MARK	CLASS
Voice of Democracy	10-31	9-12
Hispanic Heritage Foundation	11-03	12
Cooke College Scholarship	11-13	12
Greenhouse Scholars of IL	11-14	12
Hagan Scholarship	12-01	12
Governors State University Merit Scholarships	12-06	12
IEC Memorial Scholarship	12-31	12

11-12 **ARE YOU AN 18 YEARS OLD MALE?** If you are, you are required by law to register with 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 \$250,000 fine. Register at the post-office, DMV, or online at: <https://www.sss.gov/>.

9-12 **XELLO - CAREER EXPLORATION** Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the XELLO button in "Counselor's Corner." Using your own interests, personality type and learning style this program will help you explore careers that match your wants and needs.