

**FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:**

# TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

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>. **This year's FAFSA application opened December 1. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU GO CREATE YOUR FSA ID NOW. THERE IS A WAITING PERIOD BETWEEN WHEN YOU CREATE YOUR ID TO WHEN YOU CAN COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.**

11-12 **AP STUDENTS THAT SIGNED UP TO TAKE THE AP EXAM MUST PAY THEIR EXAM FEE BY MARCH 21ST** The cost is \$99 or \$20 for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. If you signed up for the exam and decide you no longer want to take the exam you will be responsible for the \$40 cancellation fee.

9-11 **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](http://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- you must be as prepared as possible for test day!

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 1st and/or 2nd semester will have to be taken again next year.** Talk to your teachers about class options and **prerequisites**.

1. **Dual Enrollment Sessions** - with Sophomores and Juniors. (WACC Application ) Feb. 11 & 12

2. **General Class Options sessions** - with Freshmen - Feb. 19 & 20

3. **WACC Application** - Due February 27

4. **CEO Applications** - Due March 3

5. **Teacher Recommendations** - for all students 8th grade - 11th grade - Feb. 26-March 1.

6. **2025-2026 Registration** - by class 8th grade - 11th grade - March 7-15.

7. **Late March -Early April** - Student requests tabulated and Master Schedule parameters set for scheduling. For more information, check out the [2025-2026 Course Handbook](#) located in the Fulton High School Section of the district website in FHS Counselor's Corner - High School Planning.

10-11 **WACC APPLICATIONS** - **DUE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27** Students who want to be considered for enrollment at Whiteside Area Career Center MUST have their application completed along with a one or two paragraph statement stating their reasons for wishing to take courses at WACC, [no later than February 27.](#)

9-12 **TUTORING** is available to all FHS students after school Mon.-Thurs. Please see Mr. Parsons or Mr. Borgman to get signed up for this free service!



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**10-11 2025-26 CEO APPLICATION - DUE MARCH 3.** The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO )Class Advisory Board welcomes your application to participate in the 2025-2026 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 **MARCH 3** if you are interested in applying. Here is a link to the website: <https://www.wacc-ceo.com/> Start your application **TODAY**.

**9-12 2025 RURAL HEALTH CAREERS CAMP** is a three-day overnight (June 23-25 ) educational program for high school students interested in the healthcare field. Students will participate in hands-on learning activities and labs that represent different healthcare careers and stay at an overnight facility to experience living on a college campus. Some of the healthcare careers already scheduled are: medicine, nursing, social work, dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical lab sciences, and many more! For more information and for the application to apply, please visit this webpage: <https://ncrhp.uic.edu/programs/experiences/rural-health-careerscamp/>.

**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!

- March 3rd, Sauk Valley Community College
- March 4th, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- March 6th, La'James International College

**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](http://www.scholarships.com) to help you with scholarship searches.

NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP	POST MARK	CLASS
<u>2025 Quad Cities Community Foundation</u>	February 15	12
<u>2025 Illinois Special Ed. Teacher Tuition Waiver</u>	March 1	12
<u>2025 Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship</u>	March 1	12
<u>Whiteside County Republican Scholarship -</u>	March 14	12
<u>2025 Human Service Career College Scholarship</u>	March 15	12
<u>2025 Rock River Chapter DAR</u>	March 15	12

**\*\* See Counselor's Corner for a list of local Riverbend scholarships with March due dates!\*\***

**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/>.