

**TWO MINUTES # 2**  
**3 October 2025**

---

- 12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**
- SET UP YOUR PARCHMENT ACCOUNT.** If you already have one, great; if not, you will get an invitation to set up your account. Please use a personal email, NOT your school email. You will use this account beyond graduation.
- GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!** Request electronic transcripts if Possible through **Parchment**. Use “**Parchment**”, “**Common Application**” and/or the College Board’s “**Big Future**” if possible for college applications. All applications should be done by Thanksgiving. Only 2 months to get them done!
- Highland Career and College Fairs.** I will be taking seniors to the career fair on November 12th and the college fair on October 17th. Both are at Highland Community College. All seniors are expected to attend one of the fairs or both. **All seniors need to turn in their permission slip to Mr. Krogull or the main office!**
- GET YOUR INOCULATION/SHOT RECORDS UP TO DATE.** Check with your physician, health department, and/or WCHS to make sure you have all shot records in ONE location and ready to deliver to the college of your choice.
- FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID** is now a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. WCHS will be having a workshop later this semester to help parents with filling out the form. For more information, go to <https://studentaid.gov/>. 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 is open now. There will be a specialist coming to help West Carroll students and parents with FAFSA later in the school year (most likely in December and February).**
- EXPLORE SAUK** is an opportunity to visit the campus and talk to current students. On **November 11**, 10:00-11:30, you can learn more about their many programs of study, financial aid, campus tour, clubs & organizations, student support services, and so much more. Want to talk to one of the instructors about a particular academic department? Just ask! Sign up now and learn about all of the possibilities they have to offer. RSVP to <https://www.svcc.edu/visit> or call 815-835-6266.
- 
- 11 **JUNIORS**, you have 2 tasks that you need to complete in October:
1. Check your school email.
  2. Set up your parchment account. If you already have one, great; if not, you will get an invitation to set up your account. Please use a personal email, **NOT** your school email. You will use this account beyond graduation.
- 11-12 **ASVAB Testing.** West Carroll juniors and select seniors will be taking the ASVAB aptitude test on **October 16th** at 8:15. There is no retake date for this assessment, **so please be here on this day with a charged Chromebook.**
- 11-12 **Sauk Valley Community College** is coming to WCHS for a lunchroom visit on October 20th. They will be at a table set up in the cafeteria.
- 11-12 **University of Dubuque** is coming to WCHS for a lunchroom visit on October 21st. They will be at a table set up in the cafeteria.

**TWO MINUTES # 2**  
**3 October 2025**

- 11-12 **ARE YOU AN 18-YEAR-OLD MALE?** If you are, you must register with the Selective Service. You can register as early as 17 years and 3 months old. You are required by law to register. By doing so, you will be eligible for student loans and grants, job training, and government jobs, as well as avoiding a 5-year prison sentence and up to \$250,000 fine. Register at the post office, driver's licensing facility, or online at <https://www.sss.gov/>.
- 11-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** Most local scholarships are not due until February, March, or April. For students who are looking to get a head start, the scholarships page on the school website, located in the Counselor's Corner, is a great resource to start with. There are national scholarships that students can apply for, listed on the website. Other great places to check for scholarships are [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com) and [scholarships.org](http://scholarships.org).
- 11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEBSITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.** West Carroll students get 2 excused absences for college visits per year. Please take advantage of that opportunity to visit colleges and universities.
- 9-12 **FIRST QUARTER** comes to an end on **October 24th**. Are you doing the best you can?
- 9-12 **PARENTS AND STUDENTS** If you would like to discuss academic challenges or plans, vocational and career options, or personal issues, please feel free to set up an appointment to visit with Mr. Krogull. You can call the high school or email him directly. Students, you can just drop in when you have time.
- 9-12 **XELLO – CAREER EXPLORATION** Not sure what career you want to pursue? Go to <https://xello.world/en/>. 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. Your user name will be **314-Firstname.Lastname** and then click on “Having trouble signing in.”
- 11 **OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMIES OFFER SUMMER SEMINARS.** The one-week summer seminars were established to help students better understand the academic opportunities at a service academy that thrives on small classes and frequent testing. By applying to the summer seminars, you are also opening an admissions file at the Academies. Students must complete applications online. Summer seminars are very competitive. To qualify, you must be in the top 10% of your class, in a college prep curriculum, have strong test scores, demonstrate leadership, be active in school activities, and be athletically fit. Admission is on a rolling basis acceptance so return your application as soon as possible.
- Air Force Academy** <https://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/outreach-programs/summer-seminar/>  
**Application deadline - December 1 - January 15**
- Coast Guard Academy** <https://www.uscga.edu/aim/>  
**Application deadline – February 1– April 1**
- Military Academy (Army)** <http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx>  
**Application deadline February 1 – March 15**
- Naval Academy (Navy & Marines)** <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>  
**Application opens January 1**