

TWO MINUTES # 7

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- 9-11 **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will begin on March 10th. Students need to start planning for next year's courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed 1st and/or 2nd semester will need to be recovered or taken again. Talk to your teachers about class options and prerequisites. We are already about halfway through the process. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Krogull.

For more information, check out the **2026-2027 Course Handbook** located in the West Carroll High School webpage at <https://hs.wc314.org/> under the section "Counselor's Corner" and the tab "High School Planning".

- 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. If you are seeking answers to questions about **Dual Credit Classes**, **College Planning**, **Scholarships**, **FAFSA (financial aid)**, **Testing**, **Transcript Requests**, **Mental Health**, and much more. A webpage has been created to help with that information. Please follow this link to get to Counselor's Corner. <https://hs.wc314.org/>

The following categories are now available to get that information.

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| - 2-Minutes News | - High School Planning |
| - Career & College Planning | - FAFSA, Financial Aid & Scholarships |
| - Mental Health/Help/Community Resources | - Transcript Requests & Forms |
| - Testing Information (still updating) | - WCHS Profile |
| - WCHS Counseling Department | |

- 12 **SENIORS, MOST SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.** Please get working on scholarships. The school website is filled with scholarship applications, please go to <https://hs.wc314.org/> under the section "Counselor's Corner" and the tab "FAFSA, Financial Aid, & Scholarships". Take some time and fill out as many applications as you can. Some scholarships will require you to email your applications, some will require you to take your applications to Mr. Krogull. Please read the application thoroughly!

- 9-10 **2026 RURAL HEALTH CAREERS CAMP** The National Center for Rural Health Professions is continuing to offer its summer programs. Follow the link provided for more information and applications.

The summer programs are:

- 2026 Rural Health Careers Camp scheduled for Monday, June 29 - Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. This is their annual overnight camp that will introduce at least 15 different healthcare professions to campers. The cost of this program is \$150.00. Scholarships are available. Applications due May 30. <https://ncrhp.uic.edu/programs/experiences/rural-health-careers-camp/>
- 2026 Salud Scholars Program is scheduled from Wednesday, July 22 - Friday, July 24, 2026 at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford. This is a day camp where students will learn about different healthcare professions and practice simple medical skills. There is no cost to this program. Students are required to provide their own transportation to and from the Rockford campus. Applications due June 30. go.uic.edu/SaludScholars

12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**

FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID is a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. (FAFSA can now be completed using your 2024 taxes. Get your FAFSA completed and submitted. For more information, go to the FAFSA, Financial Aid & Scholarships tab under Counselor's Corner on the West Carroll High School website. Students and parents can **get started** by going to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. You will need the following; **Social Security Number**, **Records of income for 2024 (see below)**, such as income earned from work and business, child support paid or received and any other untaxed income. If you have them, refer to the W-2 Forms or Federal Income Tax Return IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, Information about assets, such as savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs; and investment real estate, business and farm, **Driver's license number**, if you have one, **Dates of birth**, include the month, day and year. **Month and year of marriage, separation, divorce or other change in marital status**, **Alien Registration Number**, if your student is not a U.S. citizen.

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***Applying is easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool! Students and parents who have filed their 2024 federal tax return will be using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax information into the FAFSA form.**

SENIORS GET COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!! Request electronic transcripts if needed through **Parchment**. Use **“Parchment”** and/or **“Common Application”** if possible for college applications. Spend some time now researching financial aid, grants, loans and scholarships. Talk to your colleges of choice about financial aid.

SENIORS NEED TO HAVE THESE 5 THINGS IN ONE EASY TO ACCESS LOCATION. These will be used for applications, scholarships, enrollments, etc.

1. Social Security #
2. WCHS code 143847
3. HS Transcript (Parchment account) **Request a new one NOW with your 7th semester grades included.**
4. ACT score report
5. Complete inoculation records.

SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE The following scholarships are found on the school’s website and are due within the next few weeks. Go to WCHS Counselor’s Corner-FAFSA, Financial Aid & Scholarships. You can also use www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Mitchell Glazier Engineering	3-15	12
West Carroll HS Common Application Scholarships	3-20	12
Shaw Leavens VFW Post #2223	3-20	12
American Legion Joint Scholarship Program	3-20	12
Vaughn E. Hungerford Memorial	3-20	12
American Red Cross Blood Donor	3-20	12
Savanna Moose Lodge	3-20	12
Love Like Libby	3-20	12
Mark and Robin Cook Pay It Forward	3-20	12
Lions Clubs of West Carroll	3-20	12
Mount Carroll Lions Club	3-20	12
Manny’s Pizza	3-20	12
Mt. Carroll Rotary	3-20	12
Savanna Ambulance Association	3-20	12
Savanna Masonic Lodge #385	3-20	12
Savanna Rotary	3-20	12
West Carroll Education Association	3-20	12
Jackson Kradle Memorial Fund Scholarship	3-20	12
Dicky Doo Ag Scholarship	4-1	12
Dicky Doo FFA Scholarship	4-1	12
Smaltz-Kness/York Township Scholarship	4-1	12

Regional Scholarships Available to West Carroll Students with Due Dates Coming Up

Dorothy Footitt Memorial Scholarship	3-6	12
Andresen Farms & Andresen Memorial	3-14	12
Sinnissippi College Scholarship Program	3-13	12
Carroll County Sheriff’s Scholarship	3-13	12
Tri-County Opportunities Council	3-13	12
Compeer Financial Scholarship	3-15	12
Van Merchant Agriculture & Rural Scholarship	3-15	12
Blackhawk Area Credit Union Scholarship Program	3-25	12
My Friend’s Closet Thrift Shop	3-27	12
Carroll County Republican Women	3-28	12

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11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEBSITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**

- 11-12 **ARE YOU AN 18 YEARS OLD MALE?** If you are, you must register with 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, drivers licensing facility, or on line at <https://www.sss.gov/>.
- 12 **Seniors interested in Manufacturing.** There is a Manufacturing Skills Sprint opportunity for those interested in learning about manufacturing skills, blueprint reading, CNC, robot safety, mill/lathe, Intro to welding, six sigma, OSHA, Computer Aided Design. The application is due May 11th and the event takes place from June 1-12. This event is through Sinclair College. If interested, please click [here for more information](#).
- 9-12 **Struggling with School, Friends, Family or Life in general?** Set up an appointment with Mr. Krogull in Student Services. - We are here to help.
- 10-12 **National Honor Society (NHS) Invitations** NHS invitations will be sent home the first week of September.