

TWO MINUTES # 3
5 December 2024

- 9-12 **WCHS STUDENTS NAMED ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS.** Illinois State Scholars represent the top ten percent of high school seniors from more than 700 high schools across the state. Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary SAT test scores and sixth-semester class rank. Congratulations to

Elise Legel, Harrison Morgan, Emma Randecker and Aubrey Wurster

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 Completion Workshop- Monday December 9, 2024 - 6:00-7:00 pm in the High School Library.

A Financial Assistance Advisor from ISAC, will help students and parents with filling out their FAFSA.

1 parent and the student should have completed a FSA ID prior to this workshop.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. This will allow for the FAFSA to be submitted that night. Please bring the following; **Social Security Number**, **Records of income for 2023** (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.

***Applying is easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool! Students and parents who have filed their 2023 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 NEED TO HAVE THESE 5 THINGS IN ONE EASY TO ACCESS LOCATION.

1. Social Security #, 2. WCHS code 143847, 3. HS Transcript of grades (Parchment account), 4. SAT score report, and 5. Complete inoculation records. These will be used for applications, scholarships, enrollments, etc.

- 11 **THE ACADEMY AT SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** provides high performing high school seniors with access to the college experience by attending college classes full-time at SVCC. There will be an Academy Informational Night coming up on **Tuesday, December 10th** from 5:30-6:30. Both in-person and Zoom sessions will be available. Students can RSVP here:

https://www.svcc.edu/students/dual-credit/academy/informational_meeting.html

Admitted Academy participants work with an SVCC Academic Advisor to create an academic program plan tailored to meet their transfer needs based on an identified major and transfer schools. Additionally, Academy students will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and be involved in several service and cultural activities. The application for the Academy will go live Tuesday, December 10th and students must have their applications submitted by **February 1st** at midnight.

- 9-12 **STUDENTS WANTING SCHEDULE CHANGES** need to see Mr. Krogull or Mr. Baisden by Friday, **December 20**. Classes are very full and making a change could be difficult. Look over the master schedule, which can be found on the HS website under counselor's corner and then high school planning. If your change is plausible, and/or possible, stop in with a plan to see if a change can be done.

- 9-12 **FIRST SEMESTER** comes to an end on **December 20**. Are you doing the best you can? These grades are **"Official"** and will stay on your permanent transcript.

- 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 or Mr. Baisden . You can call the high school or email them directly. Student, 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/>

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9-12 **COUNSELOR'S CORNER IS NOW UP AND FULL OF INFORMATION** Just go to the WCHS webpage and click on Counselor's Corner (<https://hs.wc314.org/>). There you will find a plethora of resources and information for all students and parents. The following categories are now available to get that information.

- 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

9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found on the school's web-site 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>
ISAC Gift Assistance	Various	12
Sallie Mae Sweepstakes	Monthly	12
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-1 Ends 4-1	12
Point Flagship	12-8	12
Burger King Scholarship	12-15	12
Equitable Excellence Scholarship	12-18	12
IL Electric Coop Memorial Scholarship	12-31	12
Flavorful Futures	12-31	12
Children of Veterans	1-3	12
Bezos Scholars Program	1-12	12
Asian & Pacific Islanders Scholars	1-15	12
Verna Ross Orndorff	1-15	12
Profile in Courage	1-17	12
Rock River Professional Engineers	1-17	12
Quad City Regional Auto Show	1-19	12
Quad City Engineering & Science	1-28	12
USDA Scholars (Native Americans)	1-31	12
Future of STEM @ HBCU colleges	1-31	12

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

9-11 **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted in February. Students need to start planning for next year's courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed this semester will have to be taken again next year. **Talk to your teachers about class options and prerequisites.**

9-12 **XELLO – CAREER EXPLORATION** Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the **XELLO** button on "Counselor's Corner" under the Career Planning Tab. 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.

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/>.

9-12 **Struggling with School, Friends, Family or Life in general?** Set up an appointment with Mr. Krogull or Mr. Baisden in Student Services. - We are here to help.