TWO MINUTES # 3
3 November 2026

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. 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/ .

9-12 **COUNSELOR'S CORNER IS 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 access 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
- WCHS Profile
- WCHS Counseling Department

11-12 **SET UP YOUR PARCHMENT ACCOUNT ASAP!** If you have not yet set up your Parchment account, please do! It will make it significantly easier for you to obtain your transcript, especially after you graduate from high school.

12 **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 in November.

12 **Students who need their ACT scores can see their official scores on their MyACT account.** If you have not created an account yet, but you have already taken the ACT, you can still create an account and retrieve your score. Please ask Mr. Krogull if you need your ACT ID.

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. WCHS will be having a FAFSA completion workshop on **November 19th from 6 to 7 pm** at the high school. Please come if you are having trouble filling out the form. **Please try to have the FSA ID done before the FAFSA workshop night,** so you can complete the FAFSA that night. Both the student and a guardian need to have an FSA ID created. This link will take you to where you will need to go to create an FSA ID (https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch?continueTo=fafsa). For more information, go to the FAFSA, Financial Aid & Scholarships tab under Counselor's Corner on the WCHS website.

12 **Highland CC Career Fair** will be on **November 18th**. Mr. Krogull will take a group of seniors. Any senior who has not turned in a permission slip should speak to Mr. Krogull.

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 **ARE YOU AN 18-YEAR-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/.

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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** or use your **school email** and then click on "Having trouble signing in."

9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**. While local scholarships will not be due until next semester, any student interested in looking at national scholarships may look at www.scholarships.com to help with scholarship searches. Please keep in mind that many of the scholarships listed on these sites are national scholarships, which means you will be competing with students across the country. Local scholarships are listed in the Counselor's Corner of the high school website. (https://hs.wc314.org/financialaid). Please note that I will not receive some of the updated scholarships until December or even January/February So many of the local scholarships are not updated yet.

9-12 **FIRST SEMESTER** comes to an end on **December 18**. Are you doing the best you can? These grades are **"Official"** and will stay on your permanent transcript.

9-11 **West Carroll High School Has Completed the first round of Pre-ACT testing.** We will be testing PreACT again in late January or early February. The official ACT and PreACT Secure will then be taken in April. Any Questions? Please contact Mr. Krogull.

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

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 on line. 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, demonstrated leadership, active in school activities and 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 dead line - December 1 - January 15

Coast Guard Academy https://www.uscga.edu/aim/
Application dead line – February 1– April 1

Military Academy (Army) http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx
Application dead line February 1 – March 15

Naval Academy (Navy & Marines) https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php
Application opens January 1

9 **IMSA - FRESHMEN WHO HAVE EXCEPTIONAL TALENT IN MATH AND SCIENCE** are encouraged to consider the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. The IMSA provides a three-year residential experience designed to promote mathematics and science learning within a context of a comprehensive problem-centered and integrative program. Parents and students are encouraged to visit the IMSA website at www.imsa.edu for applications and more information. Applications and all required forms are due February 1.