

## TWO MINUTES # 7 7 April 2025

- 9-11 **ACT Testing will be April 9th.** This is a state-mandated test, and all Illinois 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students must take the PreACT or the ACT. All students need to come to school with their Chromebooks charged. All electronic devices are prohibited from ACT testing classrooms except for approved calculators and medical devices. That means no test takers are allowed cell phones in testing rooms! **Please do not be absent this day!** April 9th will not be an attendance day for seniors. This would be a perfect time to go on a college visit, job shadow, take college placement exams on site, or complete college enrollment on site.
- 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. 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.
- 2-Minutes News
  - Career & College Planning
  - Mental Health/Help/Community Resources
  - Testing Information (still updating)
  - WCHS Counseling Department
  - High School Planning
  - FAFSA, Financial Aid & Scholarships
  - Transcript Requests & Forms
  - WCHS Profile
- 12 **SENIORS, Please finish any scholarships that are due this month.** Most scholarships are passed the due date, but finish the few that are left and turn them in. The school website is filled with scholarship applications. 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 **2025 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:
- 2025 Rural Health Careers Camp scheduled for Monday, June 23 - Wednesday, June 25, 2025 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 \$100.00. Scholarships are available. Applications due May 30. <https://ncrhp.uic.edu/programs/experiences/rural-health-careers-camp/>
  - 2025 Salud Scholars Program scheduled from Wednesday, July 9 - Friday, July 11, 2025 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](https://go.uic.edu/SaludScholars)
- 12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**
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- 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 2023 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 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.

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**\*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 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. SAT score report
5. Complete inoculation records.

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

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Farmer’s National Bank	4-11	12
CSB Scholarship	4-11	12
Growmarn Foundation	4-11	12
Grain and Feed Association	4-15	12
Rock River Human Resources	4-15	12

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11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES 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/>.

9-12 **Plastics Unlimited** in Preston Iowa is looking for students who are interested in working over the summer or graduating seniors looking to join the workforce. If you are interested please come talk to Mr. Krogull for more information.

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.

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.

10-12 **National Honor Society (NHS) Invitations** NHS invitations will be sent home the first week of September.