

TWO MINUTES # 4
9 January 2025

- 11 **JUNIORS, YOUR ASVAB RESULTS PRESENTATION IS COMING SOON.** Mr. Baisden and Mr. Krogull will be coming into your English classes later this month to present your ASVAB results. There will be 2 sessions, First presentation will be reading and understanding your test results. The second session will be using your results to explore career options.
- 11 **THE ACADEMY AT SAUK VALLEY CC** provides high performing high school seniors with access to the college experience by attending college classes full-time at SVCC. 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. For more information and an application please follow this link;
<https://www.svcc.edu/students/dual-credit/academy/index.html> Students must have their applications submitted by **February 1st** at midnight.
- 9-11 **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted in February and early March. Students need to start planning for next year's courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed 1st and/or 2nd semester will have to be taken again next year with the same instructor. Talk to your teachers about class options and prerequisites.
1. **General Class Options Sessions** – with Freshmen - Last week of January
 2. **Dual Enrollment Sessions** – Dual Enrollment session with Sophomores and Juniors. (CTE Academy Application) - Early February
 3. **CTE Academy Application** – Due February 27
 4. **Teacher Recommendations** – for all students 8th grade – 11th grade - Late February-Early March
 5. **2025-2026 Registration** – by class 8th grade – 11th grade - Middle of March
 6. **Late March-Early April** – Student requests tabulated and Master Schedule parameters set for scheduling.
- For more information, check out the **2025-2026 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 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.
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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 | |
- 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
- 11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**

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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 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.

***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.

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
STEM Scholarships for LGBTQ+	Varies	Varies
College Scholarships for LGBTQ+	Varies	Varies
Bezos Scholars Program	1-12	12
American Indian Science & Engineering Sch.	1-15	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	1-15	12
4 Year College Bound and Trade School		
IL Society of Professional Engineers	1-20	12
QC Engineering & Science Council	1-28	12
USDA 1890 National Scholars Program	1-31	12
USDA 1894 Tribal Scholars Program	1-31	12
Future of STEM @ HBCU colleges	1-31	12
IL School Counselor Association Student	2-17	12
QC Community Foundation	2-15	12
VFW Continuing Education	2-15	12
Sharar Foundation Red & Gold Scholarship	2-26	12