

TWO MINUTES # 1
8 October 2024

- 12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**
- SET UP YOUR PARCHMENT ACCOUNT.** If you already have one, great, if not you will get an invitation to set up your account. Please use a personal email, NOT your school email. You will use this account beyond graduation.
- 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 November. Only 2 months to get them done!
- OPEN UP OR CREATE YOUR COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT** and retrieve your SAT scores. If you are having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service 866-315-6068.
- 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.
- 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 workshop later this semester to help parents with filling out the form. For more information, go to <https://studentaid.gov/>. Students and parents can get started by creating a FSA ID by going to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> **This year’s FAFSA application will be available December 1.**
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- 11 **JUNIORS** you have 2 tasks that you need to complete in October:
1. Check your school email (if you have not, you won’t be reading this ☺)
 2. Set up your parchment account. If you already have one, great, if not you will get an invitation to set up your account. Please use a personal email, NOT your school email. You will use this account beyond graduation.
- 12 **EXPLORE SAUK** is an opportunity to visit the campus and talk to current students. On **October 14**, 10:00-11:30 you can learn more about their many programs of study, financial aid, campus tour, clubs & organizations, student support services and so much more. Want to talk to one of the instructors about a particular academic department? Just ask! Sign up now and learn about all of the possibilities they have to offer. RSVP to <https://www.svcc.edu/visit> or call 815-835-6266.
- 9-12 **SERVICE ACADEMY NIGHT IS OCTOBER 16TH IN PEORIA.** Any student considering an appointment to one of our military academies may want to attend this meeting. There will be representatives from all 5 of the military academies. RSVP is REQUIRED for this event and must be in no later than October 11th to 182.aw.recruiting@us.af.mil. If interested come talk to Mr. Krogull for more information.
- 9-12 **FIRST QUARTER** comes to an end on **October 18**. Are you doing the best you can?
- 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.

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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/>.

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

11-12 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FALL NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS!** You are invited to attend the first NACAC Virtual College Fair of the fall on **Sunday, November 3** from Noon-5 p.m. [Register now](#) for free! at <https://www.nacacnet.org/nacac-college-fairs/#> The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with colleges and pursue your college dreams. Have a quick video chat with a rep, drop in on a virtual presentation, send a question through chat - make a connection YOUR way! The fairs will also feature **MatchMaking!** At the time of registration, you will select the attributes that are most important to you in a college. You'll then receive an email that best matches you to the specific colleges and universities based on the criteria you provide. Reference this email on the day of the fair to connect with your best matches! Be sure to register early to take advantage of this great feature!

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 Fulton High School-FHS Counselor's Corner-Scholarships. Try www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Wendy's HS Heisman	10-19	12
Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association	10-29	12
Voice of Democracy	10-31	9-12

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** and then click on “Having trouble signing in.”

11 **OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMYS 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