

**TWO MINUTES # 2**  
**February 1, 2010**

**Attention students needing Leadership opportunities (for NHS selection), Community Service, or Service Projects: The following is a list of possibilities for you. Act on them NOW!**

- 10 **NORTHERN ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** is a **FREE** 3 day conference for high school sophomores. All sophomores are invited to apply to be selected as West Carroll High School's ambassador. Outstanding sophomores from around the state who excel in academics, athletics, extra-curricular, or community service will be in attendance. The goal of the seminar is to cultivate leadership qualities in all who attend. Students who would like to represent West Carroll High School on June 11-13 need to contact Mr. Baisden by **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.
- 10-11 **JO-CARROLL ENERGY IS SPONSORING THE "YOUTH TO WASHINGTON D.C. PROGRAM.** Student leaders from the sophomore and/or junior class who are interested in government and the political process are encouraged to apply. Two students will be chosen from the Jo-Carroll Energy cooperative to go on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. on June 12-19, 2009. Students who are interested need to get application forms at [www.jocarroll.com](http://www.jocarroll.com). These are to be completed by **March 31<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be selected later in April. For more information see Ethan Baisden, he was selected in 2008.
- 11 **WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY IS OFFERING A SUMMER LEADERS SEMINAR.** The summer leaders seminar was 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 leaders seminar you are also opening an admissions file at the Academy. Students must request an application on line at <http://admissions.usma.edu> before the end of February. Applications for the one week seminar are due on April 1. There is a rolling basis acceptance so return your application as soon as possible. To qualify you must be in the top 5<sup>th</sup> of your class, in a college prep curriculum, have strong PSAT scores, demonstrated leadership and school activities.
- 10 **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** RYLA is an intense weekend training program in May designed to help high school age youth develop their leadership potential. The seminar sessions are designed to help develop leadership skills, teambuilding and conflict resolution among other things. RYLA puts the students in contact with Rotarians who share their valuable expertise and life experience, while helping to bridge the generation gap. See Mrs. Kelley for more information.
- 11-12 **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INVITATIONS FOR SELECTION** will be mailed to eligible students Today. Juniors and Senior students with a 3.25 or better GPA have been invited to complete the paper work by **February 11** for consideration for NHS. New selection will take place February 23 and active membership will start the next day.
- 11-12 **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** has the following dates set aside for meetings and activities:  
**YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PROJECTS BEFORE BREAK!!**
- ◆ Meeting, February 3 @ 7:15 in the Library – **Fashion Show, 50/50, Homeless Experience, Ind. Service**
  - ◆ 50/50 Tuesday, March 16 @ BBB in Mt. Carroll
  - ◆ Meeting, February 24 @ 7:15 in the Library – **NEW MEMBERS, Fashion Show, 50/50, Homeless Experience,**
- 12 **SENIORS** – QUICK INFO – See Mr. Baisden for help don't wait.  
**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS** should be completed and mailed in to the admissions offices of your choice now!  
**CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES** for visit days and open house opportunities.  
**GET YOUR FAFSA'S COMPLETED NOW.** Seniors, if you are planning going to any college of any kind, you need to complete your FAFSA forms now. You also need to sign-up for an electronic signature at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). If you don't you will be paying for all of your expenses out of your own pocket. See Mr. Baisden for details. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
**INOCULATION/SHOT RECORDS.** If you have not been inoculated for Hepatitis B and/or Meningitis please do so now and have your records up to date. If you have any questions please ask Nurse Fuller.
- 10-11 **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted the first 3 weeks 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.  
**JUNIORS YOUR ASVAB AND PSAT RESULTS ARE IN.** Mr. Baisden will be coming in to your English classes in February to explain your results, help with your Individual Career Plans, and begin pre-registration for 2010-2011.  
**SOPHOMORES YOUR PLAN RESULTS ARE IN.** Mr. Baisden will be coming in to your English classes in February to explain your results, help with your Individual Career Plans, and begin pre-registration for 2010-2011.
- 10-12 **ILLINOIS CONSUMER EDUCATION PROFICIENCY TEST** will be given Wednesday, February 17 at 8AM. The first 25 students to sign up with Mr. Baisden will be allowed to test. Students who took the test in October are **NOT** eligible to take this test on this date.
- 11-12 **ACT REGISTRATION** Pick-up registration materials in the counselor's office for the April 10 test date. These must be post-marked by March 5. School code is 143-847. See Mr. Baisden about on-line registration.

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11-12 **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES** The following is a listing of colleges that will have representatives here in the next 6 weeks. ***You must sign up Mr. Baisden and pick-up a pass.*** Don't miss out on early planning and applications.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DAY &amp; DATE</u>
Sauk Valley CC	Wed, February 10 during lunch
Clinton Community College	Wednesday, January 16 @ 1 p.m.

9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found in Mr. B's office or at the web site listed. Most are due within the next 4 weeks. Go to [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) to help you with scholarship searches. **A complete list of local scholarship offerings can be found in Mr. Baisden's office.**

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	
CBAI Foundation Essay Contest	2-8	12	
MediaCom Communications	2-10	12	<a href="http://www.mediacomworldclass.com">www.mediacomworldclass.com</a>
KFC Colonel's Scholars	2-10	12	<a href="http://www.kfcsholars.org">www.kfcsholars.org</a>
ADM AG Scholarship	2-15	12	<a href="http://www.ffa.org">www.ffa.org</a>
IL PTA Lillian Glover	2-15	12	<a href="http://www.illinoispta.org">www.illinoispta.org</a>
AXA Achievement Community	2-15	12	<a href="http://www.axa-achievement.com">www.axa-achievement.com</a>
The National Co-Op Scholarship	2-15	12	<a href="http://www.co-op.edu">www.co-op.edu</a>
<b>CC Pheasants Forever</b>	<b>2-15</b>	<b>12</b>	
At the Heart of a growing America	2-16	12	
Cornerstone Credit Union	2-27	12	<a href="http://www.cornerstonecu.org">www.cornerstonecu.org</a>
<b>Great River Bend</b>	<b>2-27</b>	<b>12</b>	<a href="http://www.cfgrb.org">www.cfgrb.org</a>
Holocaust Museum Essay Contest	3-1	12	<a href="http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org">www.ilholocaustmuseum.org</a>
Illinois Odd Fellows and Rebekahs	3-1	12	<a href="http://www.ioof-il.org">www.ioof-il.org</a>
Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation	3-1	12	<a href="http://www.mcsf.org">www.mcsf.org</a>
AMVETS	3-1	12	<a href="http://www.ilamvets.org">www.ilamvets.org</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Foundation</li> <li>• Sad Sacks nursing</li> <li>• Trade School</li> <li>• Ladies Auxiliary Memorial</li> <li>• Auxiliary Wrochid</li> </ul>			
ISAC	3-1	12	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Education Teacher</li> <li>• <b>Children of Veterans (call 217-333-0100)</b></li> </ul>			
Sammy Awards	3-5	12	<a href="http://www.bodybymilk.com">www.bodybymilk.com</a>
Illinois Elks Children's Care Program	3-12	12	<a href="http://www.iea-ccc.info">www.iea-ccc.info</a>
<b>Vondra Community Service Memorial</b>	<b>3-12</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Dorothy Footitt</b>	<b>3-15</b>	<b>12</b>	
Sons of Confederate Veterans	3-15	12	
Kohl's Kids Who Care	3-15	9-12	<a href="http://www.kohlskids.com">www.kohlskids.com</a>

11-12 **ARE YOU 18 YEARS OLD?** If you are you must register with selective service. You can register up to 30 days before your birthday. 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 [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

11 **JUNIORS NEEDING ACT AND PSAE TEST PREP MATERIALS** check out the US Army's March2Success program. This program is an on-line test preparation course that will provide help with taking standardized tests. And improve math and English skills. March2Success is free. There is no obligation. March2Success will help students prepare for; assessment examinations (PSAE), college entrance examinations (ACT), trade school entrance tests, military entrance test and applying for a job (Work Keys). The PSAE for all Juniors is in April.

9-12 **TEEN PARENT SERVICES PROGRAM** is now available at the Carroll County Health Department. This program helps teen parents get education and training so they can take care of themselves and their family. Students are expected to stay in school and earn a diploma. You can also learn how to find a job and take classes to learn new skills. TPS will even pay for your transportation to school and show you how to get help with childcare. See Mr. Baisden for details or call the Carroll County Health Department 244-8855.

10-12 **ARE YOU SHORT CREDITS FOR GRADUATION?** West Carroll High School has programs to help generate lost credit. See Mr. Baisden or Mr. Roemer for details.