

TWO MINUTES # 5
January 12, 2012

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 8-10 **need to return application form to Mr. Baisden by Thursday, January 19th**. See Melissa Fitzpatrick for more information. She was our last representative to the seminar.
- 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 www.academyadmissions.com/#page/Summer_Seminar December 1-February 28
Coast Guard Academy <http://www.uscga.edu/display.aspx?id=14151> January 3-April 1
Military Academy (Army) <http://admissions.usma.edu/moreinfo/summer.cfm> December 15-April 1
Naval Academy (Navy & Marines) www.usna.edu/admissions/nass.htm Starts February 1
- 10-12 **JO-CARROLL ENGERGY 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 15-22, 2012. Students who are interested need to get application forms at www.jocarroll.com. These are to be completed by **March 16th**. Students will be selected later in April. For more information see Mr. Baisden.

- 9-11 **PURPLE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORMS** will be filled out the week of January 17-20. ALL students need to make sure you have a recommendation for an English, Math, Science and Social Studies class, weather you plan to take one or not! You need those recommendations to be able to take a core class. If you plan to double up on class get both recommendations.
- 9-11 **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted in January and 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. Talk to your teachers about class options and pre-requisites.
- 12 **FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP** will be held on **January 24 at 6:00 PM** in the High School Cafeteria. This is a **MUST** for all seniors planning to attend any post-high school institution. If it is going to cost money to go, you need to attend this workshop. Find out about funding your college education (technical, 2-year, 4-year), what financial aid is available, and how to find it. Get your questions answered about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will also receive your FAFSA forms at this meeting. Senior students and parents are urged to attend. Be sure to fill out and e-mail (or mail) your FAFSA by March 1.
- 11-12 **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES** The following is a listing of colleges that will have representatives here in the next 4 weeks. All representatives will be in AG room 15. ***You must sign up with Mr. Baisden and pick-up a pass.*** Don't miss out on early planning and applications.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Barbizon school of Acting & Development	Friday, January 27	Lunch visit

- 9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found in Mr. Baisden's office and are due within the next 4 weeks. Go to www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches. A complete list of local scholarship offerings can be found in Mr. B's office.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>WEB APPLICATIONS</u>
Jo-Carroll Energy	1-31	12	www.jocarroll.com
KFC Colonel's Scholars	2-8	12	www.kfcscholars.org
National Co-op Scholarship Program	2-15	12	www.co-op.edu
MediaCom Communications	2-15	12	www.mediacomworldclass.com
1 st Farm Credit Agriculture Scholarship	2-15	12	www.1stfarmcredit.com
Community Foundation Great River Bend Adland, Bulechek, Condon, Cyclone	2-17	12	www.cfgrb.org
IL PTA- Lillian Glover	2-17	12	www.illinoispta.org

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- 11-12 **ACT REGISTRATION** Pick-up registration materials in the counselor's office for the April 14 test date. These must be post-marked by March 9. School code is 143-847. Register on-line at www.act.org.
- 10-12 **ARE YOU SHORT CREDITS FOR GRADUATION?** West Carroll High School has programs to help generate lost credit. See Mr. Baisden for details.
- 9 **IMSA - FRESHMAN 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 web site at www.imsa.edu for applications and more information.
- 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.
- 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 A complete "HOT WEB SITES" list can be found in Mr. Baisden's office

COLLEGE SEARCHES – PLUS

www.anycollege.net	College search and scholarship service.
www.college-advisor.com	College, career, scholarship search.
www.collegeboard.com	Search, apply, calculate costs for college, and find scholarships.
www.collegeguides.com	College search.
www.collegenet.com	College search, application, and financial aid.
www.collegeview.com	College, career, scholarship search.
www.collegezone.com	Complete College Planning from Illinois Student Assistance Commission.
www.discoverColleges.com	Private college search, corporate cooperatives.
www.fastweb.com	College search, scholarships, decision making, and applications.
www.fihe.org and	Private college search, corporate cooperatives.
www.gocollege.com	College and scholarship service.
www.illinoismentor.org	Independent colleges and universities in Illinois.
www.mycollegeoptions.com	Free, personalized college matching service
jostens.princetonreview.com	After School Explorer; SAT & ACT help, College search, career assessment.
www.scholarships.com	College search and scholarship service.
www.supercollege.com	College search, scholarships, decision making, and applications.
www.wiredscholar.com	College planning, applications and scholarship search.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS, COLLEGE LOCATIONS, TESTING, AND OTHER RESOURCES

www.act.org	ACT assessment site, college search and applications.
www.aucc.ca	Canadian College Database
www.college-advisor.com/info/applications.html	Find college applications here.
www.commonapp.org	Common application for over 241 colleges.
www.campustours.com	Web sites for many colleges in the U.S.
www.eCampusTours.com	Web sites for many colleges in the U.S.
www.ecola.com	College locator, by state, search engine
www.ed.gov	U.S. Department of Education web site for post-secondary education.
www.forwardillinois.com	Help in seeking higher education and career planning
www.ncaa.org/cbsa/	NCAA information for college-bound students, academic eligibility, and recruiting
www.ope.ed.gov/security	Want to know how safe your students prospective college campus is? Check this website.
www.peterson.com	Peterson's education center. A wide range of information and resources. Scholarship search