

# SEHS SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

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**Commencement Exercises – Saturday, May 29, 2021 - 8:00 am**  
**NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates**

*Congratulations to the Class of 2021! Your hard work and commitment has led you to this milestone.*

*We wish you a safe and happy summer and best wishes as you begin your next chapter.*

## Mark Your Calendars!

- May 5** Yard Sign Pick-Up (3:00 - 5:00 pm)
- May 10** Top 2% recognized at Board Meeting
- May 14, & 15** - PROM (7:00 - 10:00 pm)
- May 20** Senior Recognition (6:00 - 8:00 pm)
- May 21** Grad Pack pick-up (3:00 - 7:00 pm)
- May 28** Last day for Seniors/Grad Rehearsal 1:30 pm.
- May 29** In-Person Graduation (8:00 am)



## South Elgin High School Prom

**Friday, May 14 & Saturday, May 15 - 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

Payment for Prom will be collected on Wed., May 5 from  
3:00 - 4:30 pm outside the Commons. Cost is \$20.00  
(\$50 or \$100 bills will not be accepted)



## Yard Sign Pick-Up

**May 5, 2021 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

*Yard signs will be provided for all of our seniors.* In-person learning Seniors will be able to pick up a yard sign prior to exiting the building on May 5th by Door #5 or Door #51.

Distance learning Seniors will be able to pick-up a yard sign on May 5th outside of Door #1 between the hours noted above.

**\*SEHS ID will be required to pick-up your yard sign.**

## Senior Recognition/Academic Excellence

**May 20 – 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

South Elgin High School Stadium

Congratulations to our seniors who have achieved academic excellence!

**Please note that should the ceremony be cancelled due to inclement weather, the recognition ceremony will be held virtually and the presentation will be available on our website.**

## GRADUATION 2021 – FAQ'S

### What time should I arrive?

Graduates and their family can enter the NOW Arena parking lot beginning at 7:00 a.m.

### How long is the Graduation?

Graduation should last approximately 1 hour.

### What if we cannot attend Graduation?

The ceremony will be live streamed in the NOW Arena outdoor viewing area.

### When will we receive our diploma?

We will have diploma pick-up on Thursday, June 3 at SEHS. We will also be collecting chromebooks, textbooks and any other school related items that need to be turned in.

### Can I decorate my cap and/or gown?

No alteration of the cap and gown may be made. No jewelry, flowers, or other adornments can be displayed outside the gown. The only adornments permitted are the stoles of the National Honor Society, recognition cords and academic honor medals.



## Grad Pack Pick-Up - Friday, May 21 - 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Graduates will drive through the SEHS parking lot where they will be greeted by music, our STORM mascot, Striker, SEHS staff and administrators. During the drive-thru, graduates will pick up their cap and gown, graduation parking pass, Class of 2021 face mask, graduation name card, and a map with instructions for the graduation ceremony.

**Grad Pack includes: cap, gown, mask, parking tag, graduation tickets, and their name card for Graduation.**

**Students are responsible for their grad tickets, replacement tickets are not available.**

## 2020-2021 Yearbooks

2020-21 Yearbooks are still available for purchase until June 3.

[www.jostensyearbook.com](http://www.jostensyearbook.com)

(Yearbooks will be available for pick up in August so we can include Prom, Senior Events, & Graduation)



## Fines and Fees

Payments for school fees can be paid online through Infinite Campus. Payments for fines can be paid by credit card over the phone by calling our Treasurer at 847-289-3760 X3470.

*Final transcripts will be withheld if the student has outstanding fines and/or fees.*

Please email our treasurer, Joyce Bendyk ([joycebendyk@u-46.org](mailto:joycebendyk@u-46.org)) if you have any questions regarding fines or fees.

## Final Transcripts

Final Transcript request information will be emailed to students through the Senior Survey in May. Check your student email account for information.

## Student Gmail Accounts

All senior Gmail accounts will be deactivated on June 30th, 2021. You can transfer the content to another gmail account via <https://takeout.google.com/>

## Student Records

If you would like your student's records not to be destroyed, please see instructions on the [destruction letter](#).

# GRADUATION DAY - MAY 29 - 8:00 a.m. - IN PERSON

## General Information for Parents/Guardians and Graduates

### Tickets/Seating

- Graduation is now in-person at the NOW Arena. **4** tickets for each graduate. Graduates do not need a ticket. Tickets will be handed out during Grad Pack pick-up on Friday, May 21. Students are responsible for their tickets, **replacement tickets are not available.**
- Each ticket will have a seating section number assigned. Guests must sit in the section designated on the ticket to ensure social distancing. Arena seating will be set up in seating PODS, whereby guests will have the ability to sit with their group in a POD and the surrounding seats will be deactivated/covered.

### Arrival/Parking

- Graduates and their family can enter the NOW Arena parking lot beginning at 7:00 am.
- One vehicle per graduate, you will receive a parking tag when you pick up your Graduation packet on May 21.
- Graduates *must* be in the car. If you do not have a graduate in your car, you will not be let in the NOW Arena.
- Graduates must show their cap, gown and U-46 ID to enter the NOW arena.
- To avoid congestion and long lines at the entrance of the arena, guests will be given a flyer upon entering the parking lot that will have a designated time slot to exit your vehicle and head to the main entrance. The timed entry only applies to guests, not graduates.
- Graduates should make their way to Door #11 upon arriving on the property. They will then make their way to the floor of the NOW Arena.
- All guests will enter through the main entrance at the NOW Arena.
- Guests without tickets must drive onto the property with a graduate. Non-ticket guests entering the parking lot without a graduate will be turned away. Guests are welcome to bring folding chairs, but pop-up tents and tailgating are not permitted.

### Dress Code

- Appropriate attire under the gown is required. Jeans, shorts, athletic wear, gym shoes, and flip flops are not allowed.
- No alteration of the cap and gown may be made. No jewelry, flowers, or other adornments can be displayed outside the gown. The only adornments permitted are the stoles of the National Honor Society, recognition cords and academic honor medals.

### Reminders

- Masks are required to be worn the entire time a guest or graduate is inside the NOW arena. Masks will be provided for our graduates and will be given to them in their Grad Pack. Grad Pack pick-up is May 21.
- The ceremony will be one hour in length.
- There will be an outdoor viewing area broadcasting a live feed of the ceremony in the NOW Arena's West Parking Lot. Guests without tickets to attend the ceremony in-person or those who are not comfortable being indoors are welcome to view the ceremony from this area which includes multiple video screens and live audio.
- Clear bag policy: NOW Arena has implemented a clear bag policy which is detailed at [nowarena.com](http://nowarena.com). This limits the size of bags entering the area and requires the majority of bags to be clear to streamline the security screening process and avoid unnecessary wait time to enter the venue. Exceptions will be made for medical, family, or child care bags.

### ADA

- There will not be wheelchairs available or wheelchair escorts available for guests. If a guest is attending graduation and needs a wheelchair or has mobility issues, they are advised to provide their own wheelchair.

Video Productions will provide video coverage of the SEHS Commencement Ceremony.

**Grad Images** will be photographing all graduates at the upcoming graduation ceremony.

*We look forward to congratulating you on May 29<sup>th</sup> as SEHS Graduates and SEHS Alumni!*

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