

August 6, 2021

SEHS Friday Forecast

PARENT NEWSLETTER

South Elgin High School ~ 760 East Main Street, South Elgin, IL 60177 ~ 847.289.3760 ~ School District U-46



[CLICK HERE FOR OUR SEHS CALENDAR](#)

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Have you met all the criteria?

Click here for the checklist:

<https://district.u-46.org/checklist/>

Important Dates

Freshman Parent Night - Tuesday, August 10 - 5:30 pm (Auditorium)

Fall Athletic Parent Night - Tuesday, August 10 – 6:30 pm (Main Gym)

Freshman and New Student Orientation
Wednesday, August 11
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

20-21 Yearbook Pick-up
Wednesday, August 11 - 1:00 pm–6:00 pm. There are a limited number of extra yearbooks for purchase. \$50.00 cash only. Enter Door #1 by flagpole.

Student Open House
Walk your schedule/find your locker
Wednesday, August 11
Seniors – 1:00-2:00 pm
Juniors- 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Sophomores - 3:00 – 4:00 pm

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 AT OUR SEHS WELCOME BACK AT TASTE UNDER THE LIGHTS 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM

RAFFLES, GIVE-AWAYS, FOOD TRUCKS, SCRIMMAGES, SEHS BAND PERFORMANCE AND FIREWORKS!

Dear Storm Families,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! It is my honor to serve the students, staff and community as the Principal of South Elgin High School. As we begin yet another school year and attempt to regain a sense of normalcy, it is my hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and doing well. The upcoming school year brings much anticipation and excitement, as many of our students will experience the STORM life, in its totality, for the very first time. In-person learning, class assemblies, athletic and extracurricular activities are all scheduled to return to the format we have grown to love and appreciate at South Elgin High School. However, it will always be the strong partnership between home and school that defines our success.

As the excitement of a new year approaches, we cannot overlook the impact this pandemic has had on the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and staff. Many of our students will be entering the building for the very first time and most of them have yet to complete an entire school year with in-person learning. In an effort to help our students re-acclimate to the building and establish new relationships, the first two days of the school year will be free from traditional content-based instruction. Our focus during the first two days of school will be to make deliberate efforts to ensure all of our students feel connected to South Elgin High School. While the activities during the first two days will vary, the purpose will be consistent throughout our building. We want all of our students to understand that their social and emotional wellbeing will always be our top priority.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, I ask that you please review your contact information in Infinite Campus to ensure its accuracy and begin to establish a routine of checking in with your child to discuss their academic progress and social emotional wellbeing. We will be utilizing the information in Infinite Campus to communicate important information throughout the school year. Our two most common means of communication will be through our weekly Student Bulletin every Friday afternoon and our monthly Friday Forecast Newsletter. In addition, this information will be posted to our school's website (<https://www.u-46.org/sehs>).

We will also continue to utilize Canvas as our learning management system. I would encourage you to take a few minutes in the coming weeks to become familiar with this platform as it will provide you with specific information (syllabus, assignments, grading, etc.) for each of your child's classes. You can access Canvas or create an account by clicking on this [link](#) and follow the prompts.

Our district will continue to follow guidance from the CDC and IDPH to ensure we have the safest learning environment for our students and staff. To that end, our official reopening plan will be shared with the Board of Education on August 9. I encourage all of our students, who are eligible to be vaccinated, to do so immediately, as it will not only help keep our school community safe, but will also prevent the need to quarantine should your child come in close contact with a positive case.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Roll STORM!

Dr. Kurt Johansen
Principal
"Taking The Future By STORM"

WELCOME BACK



2021/2022

Freshmen/New Student Parent Night

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

5:30 PM - Auditorium (Door 5)

Meet the administrative staff - Get to know SEHS
Turn in Health Forms (if needed)

Freshmen/New Student Orientation

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 (Students Only)

9AM-12PM - Gym (Door 51)

Meet Staff Members & Student Mentors - Building Tour - Clubs/Activities/Athletics Fair
Spiritwear & PE Uniform Sale - Get Your ID - Grab & Go Lunch - Turn in Physical
TAKE YOUR SCHOOL PHOTO (dress to impress!)

Student Open House

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 (Students Only)

South High School will be open for students to come and walk their schedules.

Please enter through Door 1.

Sophomores: 3-4 PM

Juniors: 2-3 PM

Seniors: 1-2 PM

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BIENVENIDO DE NUEVO



2021/2022

Noche para Padres de Orientación para Estudiantes de Primer Año / Nuevos Estudiantes

Martes, el 10 de agosto, 2021

5:30 PM - Paranifo (Puerta 5)

Conozca al personal administrativo - Conozca SEHS
Entregue el papeleo físico (si es necesario)

Orientación para Estudiantes de Primer Año / Nuevos Estudiantes

Miercoles, el 11 de agosto, 2021 (solo estudiantes)

9AM-12PM - Gimnasio (Puerta 51)

Conozca a miembros del personal y mentores de estudiantes - Visita al edificio
Clubes / Actividades / Feria de atletismo - Entregue el papeleo físico
Rebajas de ropa deportiva y uniformes de educación física - Obtenga su identificación
Almuerzo para llevar - HAZ TU FOTO ESCOLAR (¡vístete para impresionar!)

Casa Abierta para Estudiantes

Miercoles, el 11 de agosto, 2021 (solo estudiantes) - Puerta 1

South High School estará abierto para que los estudiantes vengan y recorran sus horarios.

Sophomores: 3-4 PM

Juniors: 2-3 PM

Seniors: 1-2 PM

TASTE UNDER THE LIGHTS

2021 WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL
CELEBRATION
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS
FAMILIES, STAFF, AND
COMMUNITY

WHEN
August 20
4:30-9pm

WHERE
South Elgin HS

FEATURING • Food Trucks • Free Give-a-ways • Fall Sports
Scrimmages • Performance from SEHS Band • Fireworks

Masks are REQUIRED when entering South Elgin High School, they are not required while outdoors



PRINT/VIEW YOUR SCHEDULE FROM HOME Beginning August 5

if the following requirements have been met:

1. Online registration, application submitted
2. Approved residency on file
3. Physicals and shot records on file

[Click here:](https://district.u-46.org/checklist/) <https://district.u-46.org/checklist/>

or sign into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal,
click more, then click the registration checklist.

SEHS SCHOOL PICTURES



August 11th - Picture Day for Freshman during freshman orientation.

August 25 - Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors (& freshman who did not attend orientation)

Afterwards, you'll be able to select your image for your yearbook photo and purchase. (please remember to do so before your yearbook photo is selected for you), and all orders will be delivered to your home.

To view and order photos from Picture Day: You'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. Or, you can search for them at <https://www.vipis.com/group/6714c841/south-elgin-high-school> shortly after photos are taken. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at support@vipis.com.

SENIORS

Seniors will receive a postcard from VIP with information on how to schedule an appointment if you are interested in a full sitting.

October 12, 13, 14, & 15 – Seniors Portraits for Seniors who would like a full portrait session and would like to purchase portraits.



LOCKER INFORMATION

Your student's locker number and combination are listed on their schedule. Please be sure to have your student bring their locker information on the first day of school. Unfortunately, due to circumstances, we will need to have some siblings share lockers temporarily at the start of the school year. As lockers become available we will contact your student directly and assign them their own locker.

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

[2021-22 School Year Calendar - English](#)

[2021-22 School Year Calendar - Español](#)



STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS

Just a reminder for students to charge their chromebooks and make sure they are in working order before the first day of school.

Technical issues – Contact the U-46 helpdesk – 847-888-5000 X4295

Chromebook Issues - (Device will not turn on, battery not working) – SEHS Main Office

New Students to School Dist. U-46 who will be attending SEHS – Once you are registered, you may call or email Beth Brands (bethbrands@u-46.org) for an appointment to pick up your chromebook at South Elgin High School before the first day of school. (847-289-3760 x3762)

South Elgin High School Daily Bell Schedule

Period - 00 Warning Bell	7:10 AM	
Period - 00	7:12 - 7:40	
Period - 01 Warning Bell	7:30 AM	
Period - 01	7:40 - 8:30	
Period - 02	8:35 - 9:25	
Period - 03	9:30 - 10:20	Lunch
Period - 04	10:25 - 11:15	Lunch
Period - 05	11:20 - 12:10	Lunch
Period - 06	12:15 - 1:05	Lunch
Period - 07	1:10 - 2:00	Lunch
Period - 08	2:05 - 2:55	

PARKING PASS SALES JUNIORS AND SENIORS



We will have one additional day on August 11 from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm to purchase a parking permit. It will be the last chance to get a parking pass if you want to drive and park by the 1st day of school.

Please bring a printed copy of your driver's license, insurance card, check or cash bills \$20 or lower (\$100 fee) and parking form completely filled out.

[CLICK HERE FOR STUDENT PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION AND PARKING LOT MAP](#)

Nurse's Office Notes



School District U-46 will be resuming our normal first day exclusion for the 21-22 school year.

- Seniors are required to show proof of having received two Meningococcal vaccines (MCV4) prior to receiving class schedules.
- All incoming 9th graders need a current physical, and sophomores who did not turn in a physical last school year due to remote learning will need to submit a physical.

If you have any questions, please contact our Health Office at 847-289-3760 X3642 or tracysparacino@u-46.org.

Student Services – Guidance

Kira Mocon	Associate Principal	X3663
Karen Lawson	Admin. Asst.	X3803
Veronica Realzola	Registrar	X3690

School Counselors

A-Cald	Farrah Silverberg	x3364
Cale-E	Will Vega	x3399
F-He	Jessica Cullinane	x3325
Hi-Le	Chris Boden	x3336
Lf-Ne	Elizabeth Jovanovic	x3247
Nf-Rob	Jaclynn Powell	x3610
Roc-S	Andrew Holmes	x3477
T-Z	Dominique Zewde	x3460

Social Workers

A-G	Mike Grondin	x3703
H-O	Genevieve Hebeka	x3056
P-Z	Megan Quinn	x3385

"Want more information about social work services at our school? Please visit us at the South Elgin U-46 website, under the Student Services tab in Guidance."

Counselor's Corner

Student schedules are now visible in Infinite Campus for families who have completed the registration process, up-to-date residency, and have turned in health requirements.

- [Click here](#) to view your schedule.
- Forgot your username/password? [Click here](#).
- Can't access your schedule yet? [Click here](#) to verify what you need to complete for the registration process.

As a reminder, please click here to review the [SEHS Schedule Change Guidelines](#). If there are any questions, please contact your student's School Counselor directly. School Counselors return from summer break on Thursday, 8/12 and will return your message as soon as possible after that time.

Please be sure to verify your schedule on Monday, 8/16, prior to your first class to access the most accurate version.

Welcome back!

Student Services

Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year! I am excited to return as the Assistant Principal of Student Services for a 3rd year. The Student Services department works together to ensure that individual students have access to academic and social emotional supports.

Please note that parents and students will have the opportunity to participate in IEP meetings & 504 meetings in-person this year. If you benefit from the option of a Zoom meeting or teleconference, we are able to host these meetings too. Just let your child's case manager or counselor know.

In order to receive College Board accommodations, parents are required to sign a consent form. You can look for a copy to come home with your child by the end of August.

I look forward to working with everyone this year!

Lauren Stewart
Assistant Principal, Student Services



Athletics website:
<http://il.8to18.com/sehs>

Thanks to those who have shopped with the Mobile App from 8to18, we are getting a check, the more you use it the more we make. Please take 1 minute and **DOWNLOAD** the Benefit Mobile app (for [iPhone](#) or [for Android](#)) – it's your school's New + Free 8to18 Athletics Fundraiser.

1) DOWNLOAD app. **2) SELECT** your school, and when shopping, **3) USE IT** by purchasing digital gift cards in seconds on your phone and checking out with them. A % of the gift card amount directly supports your child's athletics program. Super easy and no cost to you!

Athletics

Welcome Back!!!!!! The Athletic Department is extremely excited for the start of the school year! The following fall sports begin on August 9th, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Football, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming and Diving, Girls Tennis, and Girls Volleyball. In order to tryout or practice all student athletes must be registered on 8to18, <https://il.8to18.com/sehs/>, as well as have a current physical on file with the athletic office. All information on times and dates can also be found on the website.

We are excited to bring back our Welcome Back Taste Under the Lights event on August 20th. Come out and enjoy a night under the lights with scrimmages from all of our fall sports. Food Trucks will be available throughout the evening as well. There will be performances by Cheerleaders, Dance Team and the Storm Marching Band. Apparel will also be available for purchase. The night will conclude with a firework show!

Please make sure you follow us on twitter, Instagram and Facebook at @sehssports for all up to date information and as always ROLL STORM!



BEST BUDDIES PARENT CALL OUT

South Elgin High School Best Buddies Club

WHEN: September 1st at 5:30 pm
WHERE: On Zoom ([click here for google form](#))
WHAT: This will be an informational session for parents regarding Best Buddies for the 2021-2022 school year. We will provide information regarding in person events, safety precautions, and buddy pairing. We hope to "see" you there!



BEST BUDDIES STUDENT CALL OUT

South Elgin High School Best Buddies Club

WHEN: September 1st at 3:00 pm
WHERE: B100 (also available to join via zoom)
WHAT: Have you ever wondered what Best Buddies Club is? Best Buddies fosters one-to-one friendships between high school students with and without IDD (Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities). Join us September 1st to learn more about this amazing club!

COME PICK UP YOUR YEARBOOK

If you ordered a 2020-2021 yearbook, they've arrived and they're ready for pick up!

When: Wednesday, August 11th, from 1:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Main Entrance (Door 1)

What to Bring: Student ID or Driver's License

Can't make it? Send a friend or ask the main office about safely coming to the school on another day to pick it up.

Picking up for a friend? Prove (written or otherwise) that you have their permission to pick up their book.

MASKS REQUIRED

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Dean's Office

Welcome back **STORM** families to the 21/22 school year. We are extremely excited to welcome you back to in-person instruction! Here are a few reminders about some topics you need to know.

Student ID Cards:

Students will receive new identification cards this school year. Freshman students will receive their ID cards during freshmen orientation on August 11th. Freshman who did not attend orientation, Sophomores, Juniors, and Senior student ID cards will be distributed on August 16th to periods 2 & 3. If you do not receive an ID card, please inform your teacher.

Masks:

Universal indoor masking will be required for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Entry Points To School:

Students entering South Elgin High School must enter through the following locations:

Door 24 - Bus pick-up/drop-off location/ zero hour students

Door 51 - Parent drop off/student parking/zero hour students (6:45 am – 7:40 am)

Door 5 - Parent drop off/student parking (students can enter from 7:15 am-7:40am)

Door 1 - Main entrance/anyone after 7:40 am

*South Elgin High School is a closed campus. Students will not be permitted to leave during the school day unless they have permission from the attendance office.

Student Dress Expectations:

Disruptive clothing or appearance occurs when a student's clothing distracts from or interferes with the educational process. Students will be prohibited from wearing hats or hoodies in school. For a more specific list of expectations, please refer to the student code of conduct.

Bus Transportation:

Students may be able to view their bus assignment under the transportation tab in Infinite Campus. For specific questions on transportation, please contact the bus company at 847-888-5096. Additionally, there will be an activity bus operating after school every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The bus will depart from door 51 at 5:45 pm.

Student Lunch Periods:

During the 21/22 school year, we will no longer observe half-period lunches. Students will now be assigned to a full lunch period. Lunch periods will occur during the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th periods during the school day. We will utilize additional space to acknowledge social distancing guidelines in our courtyard adjacent to the commons or auxiliary gym.

Student Attendance:

ABSENCES/TRUANCY: You must attend all classes and study halls unless your absence is authorized by the Dean, the Assistant Principal, or Principal. Not only is daily attendance required by law, but it is also essential for the successful completion of your courses. The most common cause of academic failure is absence. An unauthorized absence for part or all of a school day constitutes truancy. **FAILURE TO REPORT AN ABSENCE IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS MAY RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE.**

If your child is marked absent from any class, please contact the attendance office at **847-289-3760 ext:3365** to authorize the absence. If you are calling to authorize your child's absence, please understand that the absence will be coded as an excused absence in Infinite Campus and not present. Teachers are not permitted to "authorize" your child's absence.

Students are not allowed to excuse their absences. Teachers will take student attendance daily via Infinite Campus. If you have any questions, please contact the attendance office at **847-289-3760 ext.: 3365**.

Student Behavior Expectations:

South Elgin High School considers it best practice for students to be engaged in a rigorous academic setting. Removal from their learning environment is counterproductive to our mission of providing a safe and nurturing learning environment that promotes opportunities for all students to pursue their passions and embark on pathways that allow them to develop their full potential. SEHS strives to take a preventive, positive approach to discipline whenever possible rather than focusing exclusively on consequences. We take deliberate steps to create a positive school climate in which every student can learn, fully engage in a rigorous curriculum, and feel safe, nurtured, and welcome. Our District utilizes school discipline as an opportunity for teaching, repairing relationships, and fostering growth among the whole school community. Our philosophy is non-punitive, holistic, and inclusive of multiple, diverse perspectives. We use a restorative discipline approach that emphasizes relationships and community above rules and regulations. This is not a "soft" response to misbehavior nor does it fail to hold students accountable. Rather, restorative discipline helps students understand the impact of their behavior both on themselves and on others. Students also learn social and emotional skills including self-awareness, self-management, and social awareness, to help them respond differently in the future. Through the use of restorative practices, we resolve conflicts, encourage our school community members to take responsibility for their behavior, repair any harm done, restore relationships, and reintegrate students into the school community. For a specific list of rules and expectations, please see the code of conduct.

Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!



Congratulations to Naomi Ruff!

Naomi Ruff Junior, SEHS Girls Track and Field All-State Athlete makes history as the first to medal at the IHSA Girls Track and Field Track Meet. Naomi placed 9th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:16.68. She also placed 9th in the 1600-meter run crushing the school's record with a time of 4:56.03. Congratulations!!

