

December 6,
2019

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](#)



Teachers, parents, & guardians across Illinois are encouraged to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey to share their thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness and help guide school improvement.

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>



**Spirit wear will be on sale
Wednesday, December 11
during all lunch periods in the
Commons.**



Classes resume January 6

Storm Families,

It's hard to believe that the end of the semester is upon us. When you receive this, we'll have just 9 school days remaining until Winter Break. Please remind your students to take care of business in their classes. Our last day of the semester for students will be Thursday, December 19th. We will finish the week of December 16th with regular school days up through and including Thursday, December 19th. Grades will be posted in Infinite Campus by 4:00 pm on Friday, December 20th. You'll be able to log into the Campus portal to review. Students will return to school on Monday, January 6th for the beginning of second semester.

Part of our responsibility as a school is to communicate effectively with our students, parents, and community. One way we gather data to monitor progress is the 5Essentials Survey. Your feedback is very important to us. The survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes, and you can access the survey by clicking on this link <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>. When you log in, please type "Kane" for the County. In the next box below, begin typing South Elgin and you'll see a list of schools. Please select South Elgin High School. The results of the parent survey are shared with our School Improvement Team. Based on the results we receive, we will make updates to our School Improvement Plan that address any deficient areas. I want you to feel welcome, happy, and satisfied with the education we are providing your student. I want you to feel that you have a voice and can share ideas with my team. You are an important part of the education process and I appreciate your time and feedback.

From the Moran Family to the Storm Family, have a safe and happy holiday season! See you next decade.

Principal Moran



Please support the ECHO (Everybody Can Help Out) club by donating socks, gloves scarves, hats, and/or coats, new or gently used for local homeless families.

Collection Boxes will be located in the commons starting Monday, December 9.



The Black Student Achievers organization at Elgin Community College is hosting a toy drive for the Boys and Girls Club in Elgin. Toys can be new or used and for any age group, as long as they are in good shape. If you would like to donate, there are two silver boxes in the Main Office, one in the Deans' Office, and one near the library. If you have any questions please feel free to contact BSA through email at blackstudentachievers@gmail.com

Officer Creighton is collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable foods for South Elgin families in need this Christmas season. Items can be dropped off in the boxes near door one- main entrance. The food will go to the South Elgin Food Pantry, and the toys will go to students/families living here in South Elgin that will be selected to be a part of South Elgin's 2nd annual "South Elgin's Santa's Little Helpers" - "Shop with a Cop" event *Any questions, please contact Officer Creighton in the Dean's office.*



**GAIL BORDEN LIBRARY - SOUTH ELGIN BRANCH
127 SOUTH MCLEAN BLVD., SOUTH ELGIN**

"Finals Feeding Frenzy"

Tuesday, December 17

4pm -6pm

Study snacks will be provided for high students.



STUDENT ID'S

Students are reminded that they must have their CURRENT student ID on when entering the building. Previous years IDs will not be allowed. IDs are to be worn on a lanyard during the school day. If your student forgets their ID or it is lost, a new ID and lanyard will be issued by the Dean's Office. The cost is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for the ID and \$2.00 for the lanyard). If they are unable to pay at that time, the fee will be added to your student's account and can be paid at the Treasurer's Office. If you have any questions, please contact your student's Dean.



To report bullying or threats please use the following link:

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



Attention interested juniors and seniors - Additional parking spots for second semester are available in the Deans' Office beginning January 6th. Parking tags are \$50, and require a complete application--available in the Dean's Office, a copy of a student's driver's license, auto insurance card, and full payment. Parking permit may be purchased during your study hall, lunch period or after school until 3:15pm. You may start parking in your assigned spot the day following your purchase.

Attention interested sophomores - Parking spots for second semester will be available for purchase from the Dean's office starting January **21st** during your study, lunch period, or after school. You may start parking in your assigned spot the day following your purchase. Requirements are as above. You may pick up a parking application any time during the school day from the Dean's office.



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ATTENTION STUDENTS THAT DRIVE TO SCHOOL

If your parking spot is not available due to snow or another vehicle in your spot, you will need to park in the A or G staff lot and let the Deans office know upon arrival. **DO NOT park in Visitor's or another student's spot.**

*Students are **not** allowed to park in visitor spaces for any reason.*



Click on form to enlarge

CAFETERIA/LUNCH INFORMATION

The cafeteria will no longer be using Meal Pay Plus for lunch accounts. We will now be using MySchoolBucks. This is an easy convenient way to manage your student's lunch account.

1. Go to myschoolbucks.com or download the app
2. Create an account & add your students
3. Pay with your credit/debit card.

For more school meal information [click here](#).

CLASS OF 2020



SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2020

MAY 23, 2020 - 8:00 am

SEARS CENTRE, HOFFMAN ESTATES

NO TICKETS NEEDED



THE DECEMBER BOOSTER MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED IN JANUARY.

Please register to become a member of the Boosters by going to the website and creating an account. You can then have access to sign up to volunteer, get updates on events, and be more in the know! You can also at that time choose to become an official member by purchasing an annual sponsorship. Our mission is to create a place for parents, staff and students to get involved as a community to support the activities, athletics, and South Elgin High School.

We would love to see you at our next meeting or volunteering!

PEER TUTORING

GRAD CLUB

STORM
CENTER

Where: SEHS Library Time: 7:00-7:30 am What: Math & Science When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	Where: F101 Time: 3:00-4:00 pm When: Mondays and Thursdays	Where: Storm Testing Center - D208 When: Mon.-Thurs. 7:00 am- 4:00 pm and Friday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
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School Nurse News



Cold and Flu season is here!

Respiratory colds are very common this time of year. Students are not required to stay home unless they have a fever or they cannot control their cough. Using good hygiene habits are a must! Please remind your students to always cough into their elbow to avoid hand contamination and to wash their hands often. When students have a fever, they should stay home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours. Please mention the fever and other symptoms when calling the attendance line. The Kane County Health Department requires us to report the number of students with flu-like symptoms on a weekly basis during the winter months. And remember-it is not too late to get your flu vaccine!

Communicating with parents/guardians

When your student comes in to the Nurse's Office with a health complaint, we often need to speak to you on the telephone. Cell phone use is not permitted in the Nurse's Office and cell reception is very spotty. One problem we have been encountering is that parents do not recognize the SEHS phone number when it comes through on their cell phones and therefore do not answer our calls. Please add the SEHS phone number to your contact list. When we do call a parent and are transferred to voicemail, we always leave a message. At this time, we are not able to send text messages from the school district phones. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Good communication is key to keeping your child healthy and safe. The SEHS # is (847)289-3760. The Nurse's Office extension is x3642.

Returning to school in January

Every year, we have a long line of blurry-eyed students with minor headaches and stomachaches in our office on the first day back in January. We know it is not easy to do, but please encourage your students to get to bed at a reasonable hour on January 5, so they are awake and ready to learn on January 6th!

Happy Holidays!

News from Specialized Student Services – (Special Education)

PSAT/SAT Goal Setting – With October scores being released, take a moment to review scores with your student. The average student can improve his/her score 160 points between the PSAT & SAT. You can support your student by suggesting a 10% increase in the math score, the reading score, or the overall composite score. Identifying a starting point is a critical step in the right direction.

TRANSITION – For students entering U-46 transition programming after obtaining their high school credits, Mr. Iberle is facilitating student tours. Any current transition parent or future transition parent seeking the opportunity to tour a program, please contact Lauren Stewart via phone (x3068) or email (laurenstewart@u-46.org)

PROGRESS REPORTS – 2nd quarter reports will be mailed home; anticipate their arrival near the time that the report card is received.

Guidance Counselors

A-Cald	Farrah Silverberg	x3364
Cale-E	Joann Lara	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 Hebekka	x3056
P-Z	Samantha McGann	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."

College Visits

12/12	9:30 am	Northern Ill University	D119
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Counselor's Corner

To all students:

As we approach winter break it is important to stay focused and finish the semester strong. Now is the time to get organized, take advantage of any re-assessment opportunities, and do your best on any summatives or end of the semester projects. If you need extra help in a class consider attending after school tutoring on Monday and Thursday each week from 3-4 pm in room F101. Math and Science tutoring is available Mon-Thursday in the Library from 7-7:30AM. As we approach the final stretch, take time for self-care as well: get enough sleep to do your best and take time to relax! Good Luck!!!

We are almost done with course selection for all current 9-11 graders! If your student has not met with their counselor yet please be patient. We will make up their appointment by calling them down sometime from now until mid-January. At the beginning of second semester counselors will be going to the middle school to register incoming student and will be out of the office. We will be checking email while we are out of the building and your patience during this time is greatly appreciated.

To Families:

Parents you are invited to attend, "Vaping, Weed, and What to Do: An Evening of Preventative Resources," at South Elgin High School. The presentation is taking place on Monday evening, December 9th at 6:30 p.m., and will provide an hour of free information for families and community members to learn the warning signs of substance abuse; as well as how to support anyone struggling with substance abuse. For more information on this event, contact South Elgin High School Associate Principal Dr. Greg Baker at 847-289-3760 or visit <http://bit.ly/2rZpEN7>.

To Seniors:

Planning to attend Elgin Community College in the fall of 2020? Now is the time to apply! The ECC application is free, quick and easy. For information on applying as a new college student, please visit elgin.edu and click the 'Apply Now' button on the top right hand corner of the page. After filling out an application, you will be prompted with steps to ensure that you are registered and have early access to orientation dates.

Applications done? Time to apply for scholarships! Every little bit helps! Check out the SEHS website for an up-to-date list of local scholarships by [clicking here](#). This list is updated regularly so make sure you check it often! Applications can often require essays and letters of recommendation!



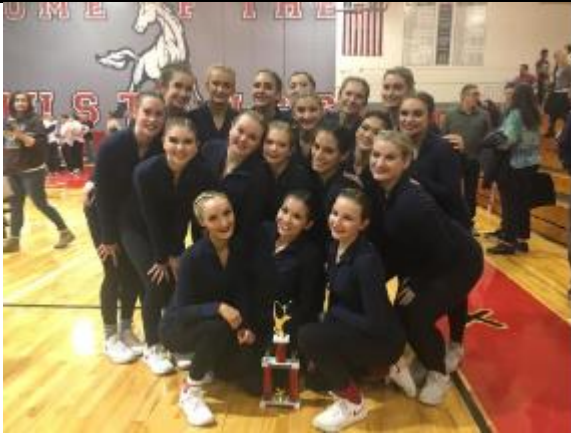
Athletics website:
<http://il.8to18.com/sehs>

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.

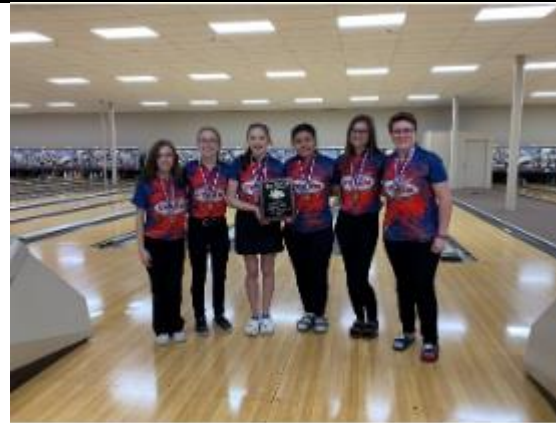
1) DOWNLOAD app. **2) SELECT** your school, and when shopping, **3) USE IT** by purchasing digital gift cards in seconds on your phone and checking out with them. A % of the gift card amount directly supports your child's athletics program. Super easy and no cost to you!

STORM Athletics

Our Winter sport season has begun!! Our winter teams have experienced success early in the season. Our girls bowling team won their first competition of the season at the Schaumburg Invitational. Our dance team finished 3rd in the Mundelein Invitational. Our girls' basketball team started the year off with 3 wins and 1 loss and a 2nd place finish at the Dundee Crown Thanksgiving Tournament. We have many opportunities for our staff, students and community to see our great teams in action this month. There are many home basketball games for boys and girls this month as well as some wrestling meets. To see updated times and schedules please make sure you visit our website for up to date information. Also, please make sure you follow our athletic department and teams on Twitter, the athletic department twitter is @sehssports and you can also find all of our winter teams on twitter. The athletic department would like to wish all of our Storm families a happy holiday and a great new year. [Click here](#) for the athletic website with the latest information on the SEHS Athletic teams and as always ROLL STORM!



Varsity Dance team's 3rd place finish!



Girls Bowling Schaumburg Champions!



Aryanna Williams takes a shot in the championship game at Dundee Crown



Lane McVicar drives the lane at the St. Charles East tournament.



Michael Roath works for a win against Lake Park

Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!

THANK YOU!

S.P.E.A.K. (Storm Peers Engaged in Acts of Kindness) would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Change for Hunger campaign. As a school and community, we were able to raise almost \$1,400.00 dollars for Food for Greater Elgin. Thanks to all that contributed!



South Elgin High School, Hot Rodders of Tomorrow, Engine Tear Down Team has placed 5th overall at the SEMA national event in Las Vegas. Beating out 23 other teams at the national level and earning this rank is a great accomplishment. They now get a chance to compete for the top 10 positions at the PRI show in Indianapolis in December. A U-46 and SEHS first to firmly secure a top 10 position in the country and our climb hasn't finished.

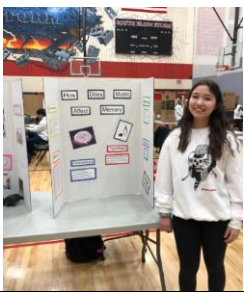
Lead by our alumni coach, LeeAnne Driscoll and students Dan Godinez, Casey Gebala, Omar Quiroz, Jared Pena, and Hayden Shaw finished with an average time after 3 runs of 26 minutes.

Congratulations to the team and we wish them the best of luck on the National event in December.



Congratulations to **David Galanes** and **Jacob Pangilinan** who were selected as 2019-2020 All-State Musicians! David (Grade 12) will be performing on the oboe in the All-State Orchestra and Jacob (Grade 12) will be singing with the All-State Chorus. Both students will be traveling in January to Bradley University in Peoria, IL for their performances.

Congratulations to all of our Intro to Psychology students on a successful Psych Fair that was both educational and fun! The Psych Fair provided students a chance to interact with their peers in order to collect data to test their hypotheses. Students presented a variety of topics, and following the Psych Fair students drew conclusions about the data gathered and reflected on their psychological research.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KANE COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!

[Click here for the Kane County ROE Photo Contest](#)

**WINNERS ARE SEHS PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS IN MS. BARTHOLOMEW'S CLASS.
GREAT JOB! SEHS IS PROUD OF YOU!**



'Sunburn' — Paige Haegeland



'Cityscape' — Paige Haegeland



'Plane Views' — Zuzanna Ratajczak



'Blue Blooms' — Kaylin Lee



'Sunshine Eyes' — Paige Haegeland



'Capturing Green' — Izzy Swanson



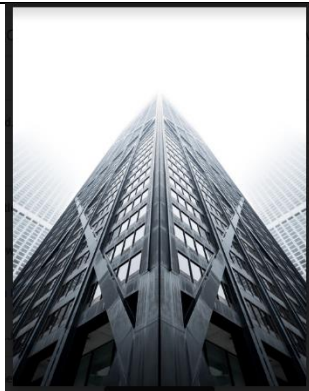
'Slow Drowning' - Lane Sweitzer



'Blue Waterfall' — Haley Spane



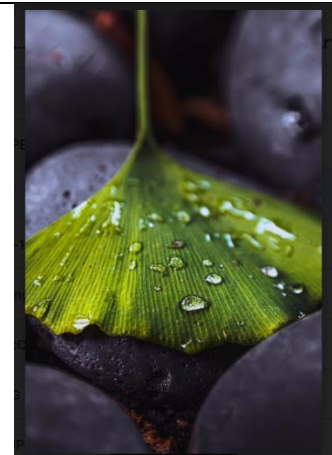
'The Future' - Angelina Bonner



'Ground Zero' - Colin McCaffery



'Headliner' - Paige Haegeland



'Droplets' - Christian Logsdon

