

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





May 28th

Last Day for 9th, 10, 11th grade students **June 2**





Graduation Rehearsal Friday, May 28 1:30 SEHS Stadium

Graduation Ceremony Saturday, May 29th at 8:00 am NOW Arena, Hoffman Estates Click here for the Senior Newsletter

Friday, May 28 1:00 pm dismissal for all students Busses will run at 2:55 pm Dear Storm Families,

After all we have gone through this year, it's hard to believe that this will be the final Friday Forecast of the 2020-21 school year. While this year presented many challenges, I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our students. Their perseverance and adaptability during these difficult times is to be commended. With that being said, I also want to ensure all of our students continue to stay focused and finish the final three weeks of school as strong as they started this school year. The focus of this month's letter will be devoted to our Seniors and the various events taking place up through our Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Senior Reminders:

Final Days - On May 14, 2021, all Seniors will be provided the option to move to distance learning for the final two weeks of the semester, so as to potentially avoid being classified as a close contact with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case. We are offering this as an option because if a Senior is identified as a close contact after May 15, then they would not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony due to the required 14-day quarantine. Please note that if a Senior is fully vaccinated, and it has been more than two weeks (15 days or more) since their final vaccination shot, then they would be released to resume all in person activities as soon as our Health Services Department has verified their vaccination status. The verification process typically takes 24 to 48 hours.

Prom - Senior Prom will be held at SEHS on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for those students who signed up prior to the April 29th deadline. Please know that tickets are no longer available and walk-ups will not be permitted to enter the dance. This event is only being offered to current SEHS Seniors. Outside visitors will not be allowed to enter the dance.

Senior Recognition/Academic Achievement – Invite only - The Senior Recognition Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the football stadium at South Elgin High School. Should there be inclement weather preventing us from having this event outside, then we will shift to a virtual ceremony. The virtual ceremony will be linked to our school's web page on Thursday, May 20.

Grading Reminder:

If a student passes the second semester of a year-long course, then their first semester grade will either be changed to a "P"/Pass, or will be changed to their second semester grade. This determination will be made at the completion of the second semester and will be based on the type of standards being assessed. A grade of "P" will give students credit for the class but will not impact the student's Grade Point Average (GPA). An informational flyer has also been posted to our website regarding this grading update.

Grad Pack Pick-Up & Graduation Information. (Click HERE)

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



Student Parking Expectations

- A current valid student permit is required to park in the SEHS student parking areas.
- Students must park in their designated student



parking numbered space indicated on their parking tag. Parking in the visitor's lot or a non-numbered space, may result in a \$25 parking ticket. Repeated violations may result in TOWING.

Nurse's Office News

We still do not know what next school year will look like, but it is safe to assume COVID precautions will still be relevant at some level. Students and older can be vaccinated if the family chooses. At this time, the Pfizer

ALL Students: If you are leaving the building before dismissal time, you must scan your ID at the attendance office.



vaccine is approved for ages 16 and older. The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses approximately 4 weeks apart. 15 days after the second vaccination the student is considered protected and will not be asked to guarantine if named a close contact in class or sports. For example, if the student gets their second vaccine on June 1, they should count 15 days past this, 1+15= June 16th. That day the student is considered protected.

Regular health requirements are still in effect for next fall. Schedule your sports physicals and senior required Meningococcal vaccines now!

Guidance Counselors	Guidanc	e Counse	lors
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A-Cald	Farrah Silverberg	x3364
Cale-E	Dana Palermo	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

Need help with homework or struggling in a class? Sign up for peer tutoring today.

In the book "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse," by Charlie Mackesy, the boy is asked, "what is the bravest thing you've ever said?" and the boy answers, "help." Be brave and ask: Is now the time to seek help for your child? The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) says that half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24. If you think your child needs help, your school social workers can help you find support, either here at school or we can help connect you with services outside of school.

Counselor's Corner

Attention Seniors, counselors visited the Economic and Civics classrooms the first week of May to walk you through your remaining Senior Activities. During this time, you filled out your Senior Survey and let us know where you wanted your final transcript to be sent. If you were not in class, please check out the following <u>presentation</u> to complete these steps. Good luck to you all on your future plans!

Do not forget, FAFSA is a graduation requirement!!! Colleges will also use this document to determine what financial aid they can provide. More info on FAFSA and the Financial aid process can be found using the following link: <u>2021-2022 FAFSA</u>. If you are not planning to complete the FAFSA, click the link to complete the <u>FAFSA Nonparticipation Form</u>. Forms can be scanned and emailed back to Karen Lawson at <u>karenlawson@u-46.org</u> or dropped off to the SEHS Counseling Office.

Attention students taking part in AP testing, exams will run from Tuesday, May 18th through Friday, May 28th. <u>Click here</u> for the SEHS exam schedule. Good Luck!

Attention Juniors! We are offering a College Jumpstart program this summer! Get a head start on your applications. If interested in participating <u>click here</u> for more information and to sign up.

SAT scores were released on Wednesday, May 5th. Please visit the <u>College</u> <u>Board site</u> and log into your account to access your score. If you do not have an account, you will need to create one. Interested in taking the SAT again? You can register for the SAT on the <u>College Board website</u>.

If you are in need of making up a graduation requirement from a previous year or first semester due to a failure <u>click here</u> for the Summer School Registration information. Summer School will be taking place at Larkin High School and there is no cost this year. As a reminder, if you did not pass the first semester of a yearlong class, you can earn the credit for the first semester if you pass the second semester of that class for this school year. <u>Click here</u> for more detailed information.

Only a few more weeks of school left!! Stay focused, keep calm, and finish strong! If you need extra help, reach out to your teachers and visit the tutoring center Tuesday- Thursday afterschool in the library until 4:45PM. An activity bus is available if needed for transportation. It departs at 5:00 p.m.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Join us in putting some *good* in the world and take the <u>Positivity Pledge</u>! Below is a 31 day calendar focused on mindfulness, exercise, gratitude, and nutrition/well-being. For more information or *ideas* on how to participate, please visit the <u>Erika's Lighthouse website</u>



INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DROP OFF AND SENIOR DIPLOMA PICK UP

SENIORS

Thursday, June 3 1:00 – 4:00 pm Door #51

DIPLOMA PICK-UP CHROMEBOOK DROP-OFF

You can also drop off school instructional materials such as, classroom textbooks, library books calculators, supplies from Art Class, cameras, equipment from Beacon Academy, polar watches, microphones, only graduating senior chromebooks, etc.

Bring your U-46 School ID, driver's license or picture identification. Please make sure to wear the required mask covering upon entering and while in the commons.

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

June 4th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Door #51

Freshman, Sophomores & Juniors students and families will have the opportunity to drop off school instructional materials; such as, classroom textbooks and library books, calculators, supplies from art class, cameras from Photography, equipment from Beacon Academy, polar watches, microphones, only graduating senior chromebooks, etc.

Please enter through Door #51 by the Gymnasium sign to drop off the items at the appropriate table in the commons.

News from the Dean's Office

Student ID's: ID's on lanyards need to be worn upon entering the building and while walking in the halls. This is for the safety of every student and staff in the building and on school grounds. Students please find a routine and reliable way to store your ID overnight so that you will not forget it. Thank you for wearing your ID!

Self-Certification: Students will be required to self-certify prior to entering the building. <u>Parents and students can</u> <u>self-certify for the student.</u> The purpose of self-certification is to ensure your child is not experiencing any of the following prior to entering the building:

- Chills, loss of taste and smell, body aches, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, cough, sore throat, diarrhea, nausea, and/or moderate to severe headache.
- No one in your household is awaiting results of a COVID test

A report will be generated each morning identifying students who have not self-certified and members of our administrative team will then follow-up with those individuals.

For those students who did not complete the self-certification prior to their arrival, a Dean or Dean's Assistant will notify you of this requirement and a phone call will be made home to complete the self-certification process.

Helpful Reminders: please come prepared to school with the following:

- Face mask
- Self-certify
- I.D. (worn at all times)
- Fully charged Chromebook
- Personal water bottle
- Headphones/earbuds
- Pencil, notebook, calculator, etc.

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Athletics

The spring season officially ended and it ended in great fashion with our football team bringing the bell home and beating Bartlett. Our summer sports are in full swing and it is a great sight to see them all in action on a beatiful afternoon. We are greatful that we are able to let spectators come and watch our student athletes, just a reminder that every spectator has to wear a mask while on South Elgin property. Also, please remember that many of our oppenents have different spectator policies, please check with your student's coach prior to the games to know what those policies are. As we near the IHSA post season play, please be aware that all post season games will have an admission fee, and that will be communicated out on how much that is prior to the games. For our underclassman please be aware the summer camp registration will open soon. All registration and information can be found on our athletic website. Please make sure you follow our athletic department and teams on Twitter and Instagram, the athletic department is @sehssports. As always, check out the athletic website for the latest information on the SEHS Athletic teams and as always ROLL STORM!



Rivalry Bell coming back home



Softball with the win over Bartlett!



Boys Volleyball in their first home match since 2019.



Our girls' soccer team is off to a 4-0 start, and playing games at SEHS for the first time since 2018.

Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!



Advanced art students in Painting, Drawing, and Digital. Alison Mcvey, Breanne Augustine, Angelina Bonner, and Aidan Michniewicz



Alex Parrot, Michael Wesley, Morgan Bouhuys (Project Manager), JP Gerhardt, Anthony Jackson, and Chris Garcia-Millan



The Art Dept. would like to thank Mr. Conning for this wonderful opportunity!

This amazing group painted this car hood within ONE week of class time!

Quick shout out to Anaid Braun who has won the grand prize and Reagan Fikejs who was the runner up in the Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest. The judges mentioned how impressed they were with Jasmine Diviak's poster. "The posters from your South Elgin students were just stunning". Anaid's poster is being sent on to the Illinois Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for their larger contest.

