

December 2,
2022

SEHS Friday Forecast

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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



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Friday, December 23 thru
Sunday, January 8

Classes Resume Monday, Jan. 9

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

December 5 – Band Concert
December 7 – Band Concert
December 8 – Future Storm Night
December 8 – Bilingual Parent Night
December 14– Orchestra Concert
December 15, 16, 17 - Madrigal
December 22 – End of 1st Semester
December 23 – January 8 - Winter Break
January 9 – Classes Resume
January 9 – Report cards mailed home

22-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR



Dear Storm Families,

It's hard to believe we have entered the month of December! In three short weeks our first semester will conclude, and winter break will be upon us. The anticipation of winter break can bring a sense of excitement as we bid farewell to 2022, and welcome the hope of a fresh start to a new year. However, winter break also signifies the rapidly approaching conclusion to the first semester of the 2022-23 school year. Our students need to know that while the end of the semester is approaching, there is still time to improve their academic standing. Please take a minute to log in to the Infinite Campus portal (<https://campus.u-46.org/campus/portal/u46.jsp>) to review your student's current academic progress as well as your contact information. Accurate contact information will allow our teachers and staff to continue to communicate with you regarding your child's progress.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize and highlight the incredible accomplishments some of our students have received since our last Friday Forecast.

- Haley Leuze: All-State Chorus
- Alejandro Diaz: All-State Chorus
- Taylor Picha: All-State Band
- Mason Montgomery: All-State Football
- Kaylin Olson: State Qualifier Diving
- Morgan McCloskey: State Qualifier Diving

In closing, the course selection process is well underway and our counseling team is working diligently to ensure all of our students are scheduled for the correct courses for the 2023-24 school year. Additional information regarding this process can be found within this newsletter or you can reach out to our Associate Principal, Ms. Kira Mocon (kiramocon@u-46.org) should you have additional questions regarding the course selection process.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Dr. Kurt Johansen

Principal

"Taking The Future By STORM!"

Future Storm Night – Thursday, December 8

Welcoming our incoming Freshman, Class of 2027!



Welcome Future Storm!

WHAT TO EXPECT ON 12/8

- Meet Administration & Staff
- Learn about a typical high school schedule
- Receive an overview of the course selection process
- Learn about elective course options
- Preview activities & athletics
- Talk to current Storm students
- Attend optional breakout sessions for the following special programs: AVID, BEACON Academy (accepted students), Dual Language, Student Services
- Purchase Spirit Wear

PROCESS OVERVIEW

Students will meet with SEHS staff after Thanksgiving to review the registration process, graduation requirements and elective course options. Students will meet with school counselors 12/13–12/20 to select courses for Freshman year.

How can you prepare?

- Review the [Course Selection Resource Guide](#) & watch the [Elective Course Slides](#)
- Complete the [Course Selection Sheet](#) and bring it to school 12/13–12/20

*Please note our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective course program helps supports students with organizational and study skills, time management, note-taking and small-group tutoring support. Please read the [special invitation](#) from our AVID teachers and come to the breakout session on 12/8.

OPEN HOUSE Thursday, 12/8

Join us from **6-8pm** for an informative evening to learn more about your future at South Elgin High School (enter at Door 5 near the Auditorium). Parents & students are welcome!

NEW TO U-46?

Start the enrollment process now!

1. Register [online](#) (select "current families" or "new families" on the bottom of the page.)
2. Provide documentation:
 - a. Birth Certificate
 - b. [Proof of Residency](#)
3. Meet with an SEHS School Counselor* to select courses.

*Appointments will be scheduled based on School Counselor availability. Complete steps 1 & 2 in advance for an appointment asap or on-site 12/8 if needed.



¡Bienvenido Tormenta Futura!

QUÉ ESPERAR EL 12/8

- Conozca a la administración y al personal
- Aprenda sobre un horario típico de la escuela secundaria
- Reciba una descripción general del proceso de selección de cursos
- Más información sobre las opciones de cursos electivos
- Visita previa de actividades y atletismo
- Hable con los estudiantes actuales de Storm
- Asistir a sesiones de trabajo opcionales para los siguientes programas especiales: AVID, BEACON Academy (estudiantes aceptados), Lenguaje Dual, Servicios Estudiantiles
- Comprar ropa de espíritu

VISTA GENERAL DEL PROCESO

Los estudiantes se reunirán con el personal de SEHS después del Día de Acción de Gracias para revisar el proceso de inscripción, los requisitos de graduación y las opciones de cursos electivos. Los estudiantes se reunirán con los consejeros escolares del 13 de diciembre al 20 de diciembre para seleccionar cursos para el primer año.

¿Cómo te puedes preparar?

- Revisa la [Guía de recursos para la selección de cursos](#) y vea [los videos de cursos gratuitos](#)*
- Completa la [Hoja de selección de cursos](#) y trácala a la escuela 12/13–12/20

*Tenge en cuenta que nuestro programa de cursos electivos AVID (Avance Via Determinación Individual) ayuda a los estudiantes con habilidades organizativas y de estudio, administración del tiempo, toma de notas y apoyo de tutoría en grupos pequeños. Lee la [invitación](#) especial de nuestros maestros AVID y veéala a la sesión de trabajo el 8/12.

OPEN HOUSE MIÉRCOLES, 12/8

Únase a nosotros de **6 a 8 pm** para una noche informativa para aprender más sobre su futuro en South Elgin High School (ingrese por la Puerta 5 cerca del Auditorio). Padres y estudiantes son bienvenidos.

¿NUEVA EN U-46?

inicie el proceso de inscripción ahora!

1. Regístrese [en línea](#) (seleccione "familias actuales" o "familias nuevas" en la parte inferior de la página).
2. Proporcionar documentación:
 - a. Certificado de nacimiento
 - b. [Prueba de residencia](#)
3. Reúname con un consejero escolar de SEHS* para seleccionar cursos.

*Las citas se programarán según la disponibilidad del consejero escolar. Complete los pasos 1 y 2 con anticipación para una cita lo antes posible o en el lugar el 12/8 si es necesario.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Fees

Are you registered to take an AP exam? Fees can now be paid via Infinite Campus under the "Fee" tab. As a reminder, full balances are due before testing begins. You have the option to pay online using a credit card, checking or savings account number. The District will waive the online processing fee. Please review the [22/23 AP Information](#) regarding the exams or view the [calendar](#) for exam dates/times.



Semester 2 Schedules

Semester 2 begins on Monday, January 9th. To view your semester 2 schedule, please login to Infinite Campus. As a reminder, no student/parent-initiated course request changes (dropping one course and adding another in its place) will be made after June 1st unless there is a documented health or safety reason for the change or a scheduling error was made by school personnel. Please reach out to your school counselor if you have any questions.



College & Career Planning Events

Parents & guardians, it's never too early to start planning for postsecondary success! Please review our [22/23 College & Career Calendar](#) of events.

PSAT Score Results Release Date- December 5

Login to your [College Board account](#) to access your scores from the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 that you took in October. There are several tools to discover colleges and postsecondary options right for you as well as review scholarship information and practice for the SAT, which you will take in the spring of your junior year. You can also [click here](#) to learn more about understanding the scores.



Graduation 2023
Saturday, May 27
2:00 p.m.

NOW Arena
5333 Prairie Stone Parkway
Hoffman Estates

Seniors:

Did you order your cap and gown?

If not, please visit our SEHS

Class of 2023 webpage for information.

[SEHS CLASS OF 2023 WEBPAGE](#)



MANDATORY GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL

In order to receive a diploma from an Illinois public high school, a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or if applicable, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. This is a result of the enactment of a new law, Public Act 101-0180. The purpose of the new law is to increase awareness about the resources available to help students with post-secondary education or training. [Click here](#) for FAFSA information.

If a parent or guardian prefers not to complete the application, there is an opt-out waiver available. [Click here](#) for the opt-out waiver.



LAKE BARK BAKERY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY MAKER'S MARKET

CLAUSS REC CENTER
555 W BRYN MAWR AVE, ROSELLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
9:30-12:30

FEATURING A VARIETY OF HANDMADE GIFTS BY TRANSITION STUDENTS FROM LAKE PARK TAP, NEDSEC TLC, GLENBARD TRANSITION, LEYDEN TRANSITION, SOUTH ELGIN TRANSITION & FROM LAKE PARK PATHWAYS STUDENTS



DOUGHNUTS FOR A CAUSE

South Elgin HS Senior Class Council is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

Until December 31, 2022, 25% of your order will be donated back to South Elgin HS Senior Class Council when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store & redeem using your code.



Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family here: grouprai.se/krispykreme6302sa



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

With the change in weather and holiday season upon us we are now in full swing for our winter sports. The boys bowling team continues their success with most recently finishing 4th out of 22 teams at the Cougar Invite, top finisher was Andrew Rossini with a 2nd place finish. The wrestling team competed in its first invite of the year and finished 5th out of 18 teams. Top wrestlers were Nico Clinite (champion) and Demetrios Carrera, Leo Rosas, and Tommy Roath placed 2nd. Our boys and girls basketball teams competed in their prestigious Thanksgiving tournaments, both ending with a win. Most of our winter sports begin home competitions this week, please check the website for most current schedules. The SEHS boosters are still looking for volunteers and members. Please visit the booster website for more information, www.sehsboosters.com

Also, please make sure you follow us on twitter, Instagram and Facebook at [@sehssports](#) for all up to date information and as always **ROLL STORM!**



Boys basketball in action at the St. Charles East Thanksgiving tournament.



Girls basketball in action at the Dundee Crown Thanksgiving tournament.



Our parents participating in a 3-point contest at our Storm Madness!

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News from Nurse's Office

Parents frequently have questions about school requirements and medications at school. [Click here](#) for FAQ's and answers related to health requirements and medication questions.

COVID CONCERNS AT SCHOOL

Please keep your child home from school and alert your building nurse if your student has one or more symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms include:

- *Shortness of breath
- *New Cough
- *Sore throat *Vomiting
- *Fever (100.4 F or higher) *New onset of moderate/severe headache
- *Diarrhea *New loss of taste or smell
- *Fatigue from an unknown cause *Muscle or body aches from an unknown cause
- *Runny nose or congestion

- COVID , RSV, and Flu

Respiratory infections commonly occur during the fall and winter months as individuals spend more time indoors and are in closer contact with each other. This is commonly referred to as the "flu season." This year there is a concern with continued COVID-19 infections, active flu cases, and respiratory syncytial virus, commonly known as RSV. This has brought increased health concerns for children. National and local medical offices, immediate care centers, and emergency departments are seeing a significant increase in children with these illnesses-related visits by as much as 150 percent. Nationally, IDPH reports only 6 percent of pediatric ICU beds are available in the Chicagoland area. People infected with RSV usually show symptoms within 4 to 6 days after getting infected.

Symptoms of RSV infection usually include:

- Runny nose
- Decrease in appetite
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever
- Wheezing

These symptoms usually appear in stages and not all at once. In very young infants with RSV, the only symptoms may be irritability, decreased activity, and breathing difficulties. Almost all children will have had an RSV infection by their second birthday.

NURSE'S OFFICE REMINDERS...

If your child is ill, please do not send them to school. If they are ill and come to the Nurses' Office with a fever, vomiting, or other significant symptoms (see COVID symptoms), they will be sent home. Please keep your contact information with phone numbers and emergency contacts updated in Infinite Campus. Any changes must be made through the Main Office.

Please have your child eat breakfast at home, or remind them to take advantage of the free breakfast at SEHS. Students who have not eaten in the morning frequently come to the Nurses' Office with lightheadedness or nausea. The Nurse' Office cannot provide snacks, and does not have food available. If the student continues to feel ill, you may be contacted to pick up the student from school.

The Nurses' Office does not stock over the counter medications for student use such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or Midol. Please refer to the frequently asked questions above regarding medication at school.

Thank you for your support.

The Nurses' Office wishes all students families, and staff a wonderful

Winter Break and safe holiday season!

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	Sarah Perez	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-E	Mike Grondin	x3703
F-Le	Genevieve Hebecka	x3056
Lf - Rob	Gianna Villanueva	X3489
Roc-Z	Megan Quinn	x3385

Storm Center: The Storm Center is open for re-assessments! Please see your teacher to receive a pass during your study center or lunch. Please review the reminders below about procedures:

- Students must have their picture ID in order to take a test.
- Students must remain seated and quiet while in the Storm Center.
- No electronic devices (including Smart Watches) are allowed in the Storm Center.

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 summative or end of the semester projects. Make sure to take time for self-care as well: get enough sleep to do your best and take time to relax! Good Luck!!! From the SEHS Counselors, we wish everyone a wonderful break and a Happy New Year!

Peer Tutoring: If you are needing extra help to pull up those grades stop by peer tutoring. Peer tutoring is available during all lunch periods in the collaboration space in the library. You can get a pass from your teacher or from the counselor drop in center in the student lounge in the Commons during lunch. If you are struggling in your classes you still have time to pull up your grades. Come to peer tutoring for extra help in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7:00 till 7:30 AM. No pass needed, just stop by!

We are almost done with **course selection** for all current 9-11 graders! If your student has not met with their counselor yet please make sure they schedule an appointment with their counselor. Prior to your student's meeting with their counselor, students and parents should plan to review the [Curriculum Guide](#) and [Videos](#) for information about every course offered for the 23/24 school year. In addition, please complete & sign the appropriate [Course Selection Sheet](#) to bring to the school counselor appointment (select the sheet that corresponds to your grade level for the 23/24 school year). If there are any forms or applications you need to return back, please make sure to turn them in prior to winter break.

Seniors: Planning to attend Elgin Community College in the fall of 2023? 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 next steps to ensure that you are registered and have early access to orientation dates.

If you are planning on **attending college** next Fall 2023 and will be applying for financial aid, then it is important to have the FAFSA filed as soon as possible. The earlier you file the better position you will be in to get the aid you are eligible for. Colleges will also use this document to determine what financial aid they can give. More info on FAFSA and the Financial aid process can be found using the following link: [2023-2024 FAFSA](#). **FAFSA is a graduation requirement.** If you are not planning on completing the FAFSA, click the link to complete the [FAFSA Nonparticipation Form](#). Forms can be scanned and emailed back to Karen Lawson at karenlawson@u-46.org or dropped off to the SEHS Main Office.

Seniors, want to be entered into the **FAFSA Completion Raffle** to win a prize? When you complete your FAFSA or the FAFSA Non-Participation Form you will be entered into next month's drawing! The earlier you complete this graduation requirement, the more chances you have to win.

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!

From the Dean's Office

Congratulations to the November students and staff of the month!



Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!

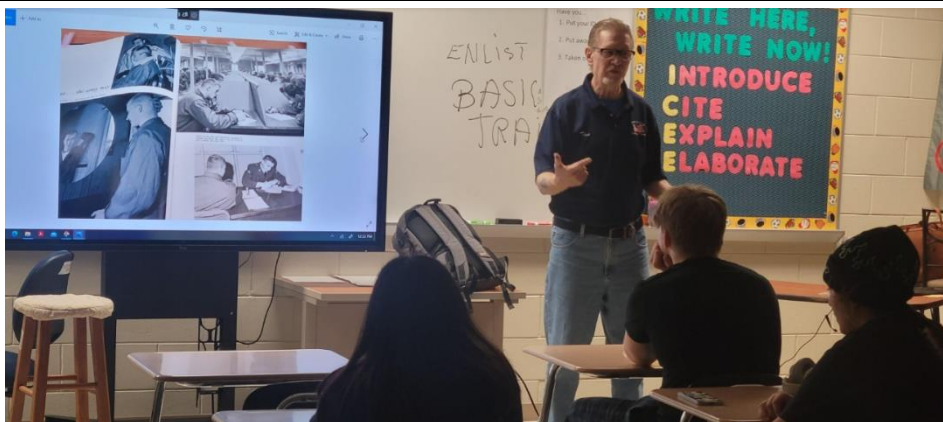
Congratulations to the U46 Mid Valley Rampage High School hockey team on winning the Stevenson High School Battle for the Bird Tournament.

The team went 5-0 to bring home the banner!

Congratulations!



VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2022



We are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy as a result of the service of our Veterans. We had several Veterans visit SEHS to speak to our students and answer questions.

Sergeant Ruth visited our PE classes discussing the importance of Veteran's Day along with testing their physical strength and endurance through some challenges.



Haley Leuze, All State Chorus
Alejandro Diaz, All State Honors Chorus
Taylor Picha, All State Band

Congratulations to our three all state musicians! These students auditioned earlier this fall and will travel to Peoria in January to represent U-46 & South Elgin High School! These seniors are well deserving of this honor!

KANE COUNTY ROE PHOTO CONTEST

Kane County ROE Photo Contest Winners

Congrats To Lily Slowinski and Klaudia Gawedzki, Madison Reed & Lorilea McDermott

EDITORIAL



WEEK 6



Klaudia Gawedzki
South Elgin High School



Kane County
ROE
Student Photography Contest

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South Elgin High School



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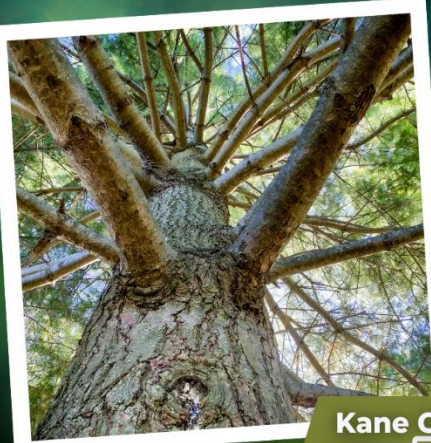


Lily Slowinski
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WEEK 8

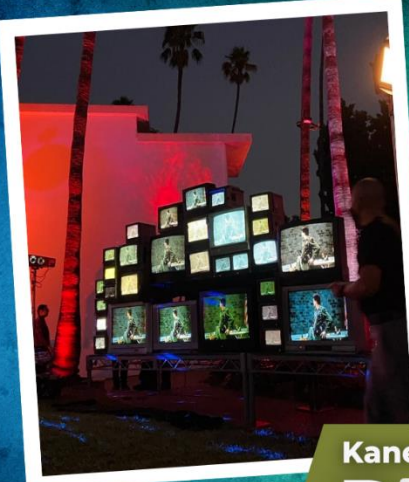


Madison Reed
South Elgin
High School



Kane County
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Student Photography Contest

ARTIST CHOICE



WEEK 9



Lorelai McDermott
South Elgin
High School



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Student Photography Contest

HAPPY
Holidays