

March 7,
2025

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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CALENDAR](#)



MARCH 9, 2025



March 31 – April 4

Classes Resume Monday, April 7



**End of 3rd Quarter – March 7
Grades will be posted on
March 13**

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

03-12 – Band Concert
03-12 – Early Release
03-13 Band Concert
03-20 – Cap & Gown Delivery
03-31-04-04 – Spring Break

[24-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[25-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

Greetings Storm Nation,

I hope the month of March brings you the excitement and anticipation of Spring. We have three months left of school, and we intend to use that time to keep pressing our students to grow and develop into the best versions of themselves they can be.

One integral part of that process is the 5 Essential Survey. And trust me, I get it. Generally speaking, people do not like doing surveys. This one is so important to us though! Please, please, please take 10 minutes out of your day to give us feedback on how we are performing as a school. All feedback is welcome; good, bad, and anywhere in between.

Here is the parent link: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

You will see later in this newsletter all of the amazing things our students are doing in their athletics and activities. But I would be remiss if I didn't express just how proud I am of all of our students. From our students who had difficulties first semester and have rededicated themselves to improvement, to our students competing in state competitions and have received academic honors. Our Storm Nation is so special, and so talented. Thank you as parents and guardians for sending us such wonderful students to educate.

Please look through the following pages for all of the exciting activities and events coming up in the spring. Remind your students that to participate in our exciting events they need to stay off of our loss of privilege list. As always, keep in contact with your student's teachers, counselor, and dean if you have any concerns.

Roll Storm!

Jonathon Miquelon
Principal
South Elgin High School



EVENT DETAILS
LOCATION, TIME, DATE, ETC.

BRINGING A GUEST?
THINGS TO KNOW

CAN I ATTEND?
STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

PROM COURT
INFO + VOTING PROCESS

TICKET SALES INFO
PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY TO
LEARN HOW TO BUY A TICKET!



SENIORS ONLY -- SAVE THE DATE -- SENIOR BOAT TRIP

Thursday, May 22 Spirit of Chicago Navy Pier, Chicago
Price includes coach bus transportation, food/drinks, a boarding photo, a DJ, and Lake Michigan/Chicago picturesque views.

More information coming after spring break.



SEHS GRADUATION

**SATURDAY, MAY 24
8:00 PM**

**NOW ARENA
5333 PRAIRIE STONE PARKWAY
HOFFMAN ESTATES**



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.

All parents/guardians of graduates should have received an email to order tickets for the graduation ceremony. If you did not receive the email, please call SEHS at 847-289-3760.

From the Office of Climate and Culture

As we prepare for extracurricular activities such as Prom and Senior Boat Trip, we want to ensure that our expectations of achieving high academic marks and regular school attendance are viewed as a priority. As such, students will be expected to adhere to the following expectations in order to participate in these privileged activities:

All students **must be passing five academic courses** at the time of sales and through the prom and/or boat trip dates.

Students not passing five academic courses may be placed on an academic contract with their dean. The expectation is that no failing grades are present on the day of the activity. If a course failure exists on the day, the student will not be allowed to attend and will receive a refund.

All students must maintain a 90% attendance rate for 2nd semester.

Cannot have 8 full days of **unexcused** absences or 64 single period absences.

Attendance office can only go back to the last 72 hours to excuse absences.

During the 4th quarter, a student may not receive an out-of-school suspension consequence.

A student may not be on the loss of privilege list.

IMPORTANT – “Senior Assassin game” is not a school sanctioned event. Any student partaking in the senior assassin game on school property including athletic fields, parking lot and in the school building, will be issued consequences.



24-hour

Attendance line

847-289-3760 x 3365

**24-hour Early Release
line**

847-289-3760 x 3764

[Click here for U46 attendance
policy/valid causes of absence](#)

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Due to the high volume of early release calls, we will not be able to accommodate calls received after **1:00 pm** on early release days unless deemed an emergency.

Attendance Reminders

1. Single class absence or tardy that may have been entered in error can only be excused by the teacher for that period. Please email the teacher.
2. There is only a **72-hour** window to excuse any absences.
3. All students **MUST scan in or out**, when leaving early or arriving late. Failure to do so will result in the student being marked unexcused for the periods missed.
4. If there is an *in-school emergency* situation, please keep in mind that no calls will be answered until the situation is resolved.

Students leaving early

- When calling your student out early, please include the exact time of release, your name, relation to the student, your contact number, student's name and ID number.
- Be sure to call *at least* 2 hours before the release time.
- Your student will receive an early release pass that will be stamped “Report to Attendance Office” with the time they are to report to the attendance office. Your student must sign out at the attendance office in order to be excused. When signing out, your student will need to get their hand stamped to be able to return back to school if applicable. All students leaving early will exit using the main door (door #1) which is located near the security desk.
- If your student is returning to school (same day) your student will need to sign back in at the attendance office before going to class.
- Any student leaving during their lunch period for **a medical appointment** should provide a doctor's note.

ALL U46 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED CAMPUS



Happy Social Work Week to our SEHS Social Workers!

Mr. Grondin, Ms. Hebeka, Ms. Quinn, Ms. Villanueva
SEHS APPRECIATES YOU!

Mark Your Calendar for Free Clothing Friday!

The Essentials Exchange is thrilled to host our next **Free Clothing Friday** on **Friday, March 21st**, from **3:30 - 6:30 pm**. This is more than just an event — it's a chance to find new clothing treasures! Whether it's warm winter gear, stylish men's and women's apparel, stunning **prom dresses**, accessories, or shoes, we have it all! Plus, we'll be offering personal hygiene items. With fresh stock regularly coming in, you never know what amazing finds await. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to refresh your wardrobe and feel your best.

We can't wait to see you there!

No appointment is necessary.

SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL

Essentials Exchange

Free Clothing Fridays

March 21

April 25

May 16

We invite you to encourage your child to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to access essential items at no cost!

Throughout the school, QR codes are available to help your child make an appointment for free clothing, shoes, and personal hygiene items during the school day.

It's an easy way to support your child's needs!



Attention Parents, Guardians and Current 11th Grade Students in the Class of 2026:

All incoming seniors for the 2025-26 school year are required to provide proof of having received their second dose of the Meningococcal vaccine prior to the first day of school in August 2025 to be allowed to attend.

The first dose is normally received on or after the student's 11th birthday. The second dose is received at age 16 or older. If you receive annual physicals, there is a fair chance you may have already received this vaccine. If you do not have a copy of your most recent vaccine records, or if you are not sure if you already received the 2nd dose of the Meningococcal vaccine, please contact your primary care doctor. Please submit proof of having had this vaccine by the first day of school in August. If you have the records, or have gotten the vaccine this year, please send in the proof of vaccine as soon as possible to the SEHS school nurse's office.

If you have any questions, please contact the South Elgin High School health office at 847-289-3760 x3642 or PamelaSThomas@U-46.com.

Thank you for helping students remain healthy and ready to learn!

Athletics

STORM family, we are thrilled to share several outstanding athletic accomplishments from January, showcasing the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students. Here's a recap of some of our amazing achievements:

- Girls and Boys basketball wrapped up their seasons in regional semifinals with losses against good programs in Conant (Girls) and Rolling Meadows (Boys). Open gyms will start back up towards the end of March.
- Our Boys Swim Team wrapped up the season in Sectionals with several personal bests. Evan Powell had a great showing at Diving sectionals with a 2nd place finish!!
- Girls Bowling finished the season as Sectional champions and took 12th overall at the IHSA State Tournament. Great job Ladies!!
- Our Boys and Girls Wrestling teams continue their strong performances into the postseason, with notable shout outs:
 - ✚ Boys Wrestling sent 3 wrestlers to the State Tournament in Champaign. This marks the most individual State Qualifiers for wrestling in school history!
 - ✚ Allison Garbacz continued her historic run all the way to the IHSA State finals. Allison took 4th place in the State in Bloomington last weekend. GREAT JOB ALLISON, we look forward to seeing you continue your career for the next 3 years.

We are excited to announce that 13 of our student athletes have signed to play their respective sports at the collegiate level! This is a huge achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all of them as they continue their athletic journeys in college!

Please note that spring sports have started with the exception of Boys Volleyball which will start on March 10th. All athletes must be registered on [snap](#) and have an updated physical on file.

Lastly, there will **not be a Spring Parent Meeting** on March 12th. I am looking for a new date/time.

ROLL STORM!





LIGHTNING SPRING IMPORTANT DATES

Open House Skate: Meet Coaches & Players
3/5 5:40PM-6:50PM
West Meadows Rink

3/6 9:10pm-10:20PM
Nelson Sports Complex

Player Evaluations & Jersey Fittings
at West Meadows
3/18 & 3/20 6:50PM-7:50PM

Practices Start at West Meadows
JV 3/25 7:10PM-8:10PM
Varsity 3/27 7:10PM-8:10PM

REGISTER AT:
LIGHTNINGHIGHSCHOOLHOCKEYCLUB.COM

PIC•COLLAGE

Congratulations to Lightning High School Hockey Club on JV's North Central High School League Championship game victory against Chicago North!

Hockey families, spring registration is now open through March 15th! Register today at LightningHighSchoolHockeyClub.com and join our Lightning hockey family!

Student Services

Tony Venetico	Associate Principal	X3663
Karen Lawson	Admin. Asst.	X3803
Veronica Realzola	Registrar	X3690

School Counselors

Grades 9-11	Grade 12	Counselor	Ext.
A-Cald	A-Cald	Farrah Silverberg	x3364
Came-E	Cale-E	Sarah Perez	x3399
F-He	F-He	Jessica Cullinane	x3325
Hf-Man	Hi-Le	Christopher Boden	x3336
Mao-Or	Lf-Ne	Ryan Adamski	X3460
Os-Ro	Nf-Rob	Jaclynn Powell	x3610
Rp-Te	Roc-S	Andrew Holmes	x3477
Tf-Z	T-Z	Jessica Ventrella	x3247

Social Workers

A-E	Mike Grondin	x3703
F-Le	Genevieve Hebekka	x3056
Lf - Rob	Gianna Villanueva	X3489
Roc-Z	Megan Quinn	x3385

Summer School - In need of making up a credit? Summer school classes will be held at Streamwood High School Mon-Friday on the following dates:

- June 2th - 16th (Session 1)
- June 17th - July 2 (Session 2)
- Time: 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM (includes lunch)

Registration will open on March 10th. [Click here](#) for more information.

Community Outreach - If you or someone you know needs assistance with mental health or substance abuse click [here](#) to be connected with resources.

Counselor's Corner

All Students: Third quarter just ended which means the end of the year is just around the corner! If you need extra help in a class, don't forget peer tutoring is available during all lunch periods in the Collaboration Center in the library Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You can get a pass from your teacher. If you are absent from school, make sure you are checking your teachers' Canvas pages to stay up to date on your work.

Save the Date! The Fox Valley Regional College Fair will be held at Geneva High School on Thursday, April 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. There will be approximately 200 colleges/universities from across the country in attendance. This is the largest spring college fair in the area. We strongly encourage all Juniors to attend, but students in every grade are welcomed. [Click here to register!](#)

Resume Workshop: Want help writing your resume? Come to the resume workshop during all lunch periods on March 13th in the Alumni Room. Bring your charged Chromebook as this will be a working session!

All Seniors: Looking for ways to pay for college? Take a look at these [scholarships](#). Every little bit helps and the scholarships received by the high school are updated on the school website on a regular basis. Applications can often be involved and require essays and letters of recommendation. Do not procrastinate...apply today!

Planning to attend Elgin Community College in fall of 2025? Do not wait any longer 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 once you have completed your placement tests.

Reminder - FAFSA is a graduation requirement! All seniors have to complete either the 2025-2026 FAFSA or the non-participation form. Colleges will also use this document to determine what financial aid they can provide. Once you have completed your FAFSA you will be entered into our FAFSA raffle. Click [here](#) to learn more and get the links to file!

All Juniors living in Illinois must take the School Day ACT assessment as part of the state graduation requirement. The ACT will be offered on April 15th. Any senior who did not take the school day SAT last April must take the ACT April 15th. Though this ACT is a required state test for juniors, the resulting scores are official ACT scores that can be reported to colleges during the application process, if you choose. Check out some of these free resources.

- [Practice ACT](#)
- [What are the difference between the SAT and ACT](#)

College Jumpstart is a two-day voluntary and in-person program that will be offered at Elgin High School on August 4th and 5th. It will cover topics important for incoming seniors, such as developing a post-secondary plan, exploring post-secondary options, college applications, essays, letters of recommendation, financial aid, and other post-secondary resources. [Click here](#) for more information. Registration opens March 10th and is FREE.

Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!



Thank you to everyone who helped support the SEHS blood drive on **February 20th!** In total, over **62 donors** came out to support lifesaving efforts and **over**

143 lives were saved!!!



These resources are vital to our community! Red Cross Club is looking forward to other ways we and our Storm family can help others. **Way to go STORM!**

Thank you to our custodial staff for preparing the Aux Gym, Maria for processing attendance, Debbie & Karen for adding info to our bulletins/signs, Kaleb for coordinating building procedures, and for PE teachers who were without their indoor space for the day.

- SEHS Red Cross Club

Red Cross Club meets the first and third Thursday of the month in F206, in addition to various community service activities. Come check us out if you are interested!



IHSAE
Illinois High School Art Exhibition



BRIDGEPORT, CHICAGO, Sunday, April 13, 2025 — The best 1,000 student artists from approximately 125+ Illinois high schools will converge to showcase their art and vie for more than \$108,000,000 in annual college scholarships offered at the 12th Annual Illinois High School Art Exhibition (IHSAE).

Gabriela Krusiec, Ruby Montgomery, and Gabriel Trejo, from **South Elgin High School** have been selected to showcase artwork at the exhibition and qualified to earn one of the available college scholarships. The total senior scholarship amount for South Elgin High School is **\$240,000**. With more scholarships still being processed as of press time. The show runs from Friday, March 14th through Friday, April 18th, at the Bridgeport Art Center in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, [CLICK HERE](#)

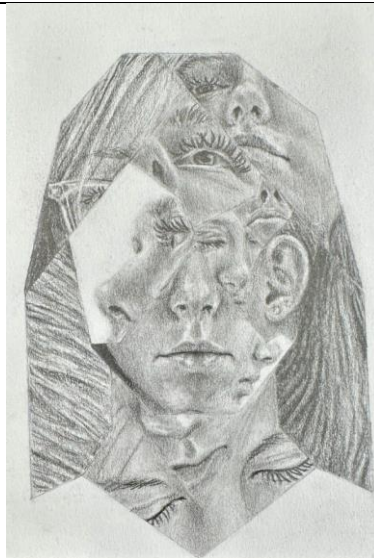
Congrats to the winners of the Upstate 8 Art Show. The show is on display at Gail Borden Library in Elgin through the month of March.

Art students who participated:

Annabeth Baughcum
Rylee Beese
Abigail Wallis
Kamiya Cole
Gabriel Trejo
Alexis Olson
Sandra Dee
Meghan Englund
Gabriela Krusiec



Meghan Englund
Honorable Mention Mixed Media



Gabriela Krusiec
2nd Place Drawing



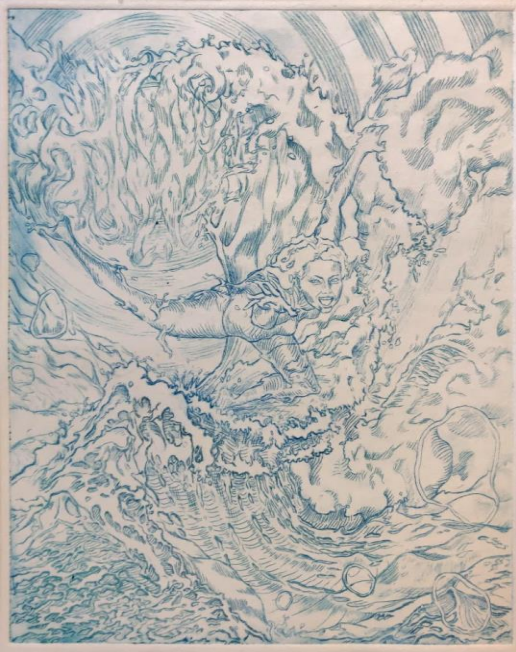
Rylee Beese
Honorable Mention Digital
Photography



Kamiya Cole
Honorable Mention Ceramics



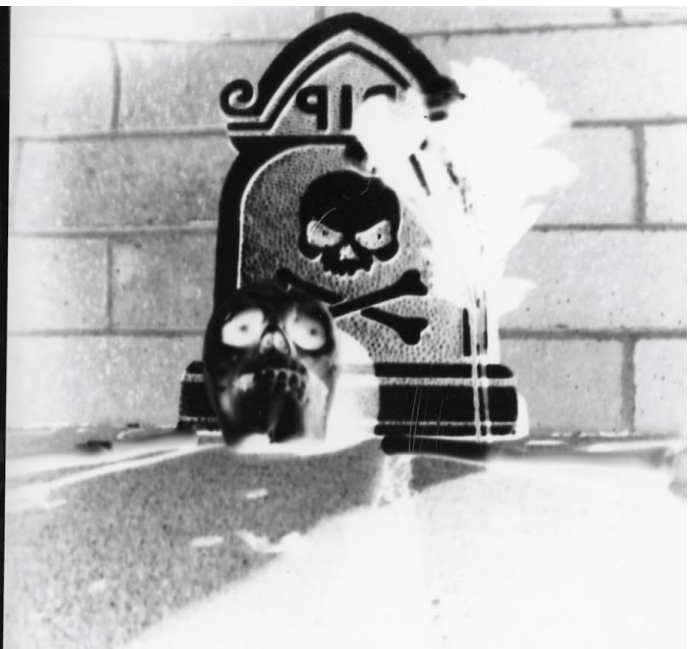
Alexis Olson - Honorable Mention Mixed Media



Gabriel Trejo 3rd Place Mixed Media



Kamiya Cole 2nd Place Painting



Annabeth Baughcum 2nd Place Photography

**TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR
ELEKTRIK FEST!**

**UPDATE: TICKETS ARE STILL
ONLY \$25 AT THE DOOR!**

Online tickets will be available until 5:00 pm

THE DETAILS

Elektrik Fest Details:

Friday March 7th 6-9pm, doors open at 5:45pm.

Tickets go on sale this Wednesday 2/26

- 2/26-2/28=\$20 *Cash will be accepted during lunch periods
- 3/1-3/6=\$25 *Cash will be accepted during lunch periods on 3/6 ONLY
- 3/7=\$35

Casual wear! Recommended: wear all black with a splash of neon!

If you are on LOP you cannot attend.



More than just a
fest feeling, there
are....

Different Stations

1. Bead Making



2. Face Painting



3. Props for pics



4. Giant Uno



5. Video Games



6. Bags



7. Connect 4

