

September 6,
2024

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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SEHS CALENDAR](#)

HOMECOMING WEEK

September 14 – 21

09-15 – Stormfest 12-5
Panton Mill Park, South Elgin
09-16 – Dodgeball Tournament
09-17 – Pack the Place at Volleyball and
Soccer
09-18 – Decorating Day
09-19 – HOCO Parade and Powder Puff
09-20 – HOCO Assembly & Football Game
09-21 – HOCO Dance 6-9 pm



**Have you checked your
Infinite Campus Account?**
[CLICK HERE](#)

Important Dates

Sept. 11 – Early Release Day 1:59 pm
Sept. 17 – Picture Retake Day
Sept. 19 – Homecoming Parade
Sept. 20 – Homecoming Game
Sept. 21 – Homecoming Dance
Sept. 30 – NHS Induction



**Tuesday, September 17
10-2 pm – Senior Lounge**



**Meetings are held the 2nd
Tuesday of every month
SEHS Library – 7 pm
All parents/guardians are welcome!**

Greetings Storm Nation,

Thank you for a wonderful first four weeks of the school year. Seeing our students back in school, engaging in learning, talking with friends, and enjoying their high school experience has been an absolute joy. I look forward to all of our exciting events coming up in the next few weeks. I hope that those of you that were able to make it to our Open House were pleased with the educational opportunities we are providing our students here at SEHS.

As you may have noticed, we have had a focus on attendance this year as a part of our Every Minute Matters campaign. I want to stress just how important regular attendance and on time behavior is to the growth and development of your student. It is up to us, as a team, to help our students learn that showing up on time is an important part of adult student and adult life. It can mean the difference between passing or failing a class. It can mean the difference between keeping or losing a job. I will be communicating our attendance expectations and our attendance data with you regularly all year. Our overall attendance rate for the first four weeks of school was 92.3%, which is higher than last year at this time. We need to keep this momentum going.

Here are some helpful attendance related tips:

- Make sure you monitor your student's attendance in Infinite Campus.
- Have regular conversations with your student when you notice absences or tardies in Infinite Campus.
- If you notice your student's attendance is dropping, talk to them. Report any behavior concerns, bullying, harassment, or other concerns to our Office of Climate and Culture.
- Encourage your student to participate in clubs and activities.
- Make sure your information in Infinite Campus is up to date and accurate.

Remember, we are all working together to make sure your student has a wonderful experience at SEHS, and we want to create an environment where our students feel a strong sense of belonging. We will be teaching mini lessons for the next five weeks that highlight how attendance relates to our STORM traits (Safe, Thoughtful, Organized, Respectful, Mindset for Growth). Our administrative team and staff will be visible in the hallways encouraging students to be on time. We will be following the student code of conduct to address students who are having a hard time showing up on time. We are always here to help if you or your student needs support. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Take care and thank you again for a wonderful beginning of the school year,

Jonathon Miquelon
Principal of South Elgin High School
"Taking the Future by Storm"

NEON NIGHTS

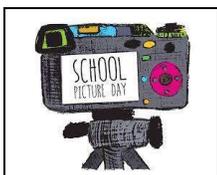
SEHS Homecoming Week 2024

Homecoming Week Kick-Off
STORMFEST
Sunday (9/15) from 1-5pm

<p>MONDAY (9/16)</p> <p><i>theme</i> Jersey Day</p> <p><i>event</i> Dodgeball Tournament Main Gym (5:30-8p) <i>*teams must sign up by 9/11</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY (9/17)</p> <p><i>theme</i> Construction Day</p> <p><i>event</i> PACK THE PLACE! Volleyball v Bartlett (5:30p) Soccer v Bartlett (6:30p)</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY (9/18)</p> <p><i>theme</i> Let Your Culture Shine</p> <p><i>event</i> Decorate Club Sport HOCO Floats & Shirts Commons (6-7p)</p>	<p>THURSDAY (9/19)</p> <p><i>theme</i> Welcome to the Jungle (animal print)</p> <p><i>event</i> Homecoming Parade & Powderpuff Game (Starts at 5:30p)</p>
<p>FRIDAY (9/20)</p> <p><i>theme</i> Neon Class Color Day SR = pink JR = green SO = blue FR = yellow</p> <p><i>event</i> Color Wars (All day) Football Game (7pm)</p>	<p>SATURDAY (9/21)</p> <p><i>event</i> Homecoming Dance SEHS Commons/Gym (6-9p)</p>

HOCO TICKET SALES

ONLINE HOMECOMING TICKET SALES WILL START ON MONDAY, SEPT. 9 THROUGH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A QR CODE DURING LUNCH PERIODS AND PAY ONLINE.



PICTURE RETAKES

If your students missed picture day or would like to retake their photo, VIP will be at SEHS on Tuesday, September 17 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Senior Lounge)



Don't Miss Out on Early Bird Pricing for the 2024-25 Yearbook!

Capture all the memories of this school year by purchasing your 2024-25 yearbook now at our special early bird pricing! Order before **October 1st** to lock in this discounted rate. Prices will increase after this date, so act fast!

Why Order Now?

- Save money with our early bird discount
- Ensure you have a keepsake full of unforgettable moments

Visit [The yearbook order center \(CLICK HERE\)](#) and enter code 25125. Don't wait—get your yearbook at the best price of the year! Contact Mr. Dan Affleck with any questions at danielaffleck@u-46.org



The Guide Right program has been at South Elgin High School for almost 20 years! Our dedicated volunteer, Mr. Bob Engram, has provided unwavering support for our students. The Guide Right program starts again this year the week of Sept 9th. Mr. Engram meets with our students on Thursdays during each of the lunch periods. Thursday, Sept 12th will be the first meeting at SEHS this year. Students can grab their lunch and head to the Senior Lounge in the Commons for the meeting.

Guide Right works with students to set academic goals for themselves to enable them to meet their career aspirations. Mr. Engram invites other professionals to join the meetings throughout the year to share with the students their experiences from their careers. During the school year, the students who participate in Guide Right are invited to attend several college visits. Last year students toured Notre Dame University and Indiana University. In years past, students have toured University of Chicago, Loyola University, Lewis University, College of DuPage and Northern University. In October, Guide Right will be going on a field trip to the University of Iowa! Guide Right also works to connect students with various scholarships, encouraging students to apply for one of the Diamond Youth Foundation \$1,000.00 scholarships. Please encourage your student to check out the Guide Right program this year, it is open to ALL students!

SEHS ESSENTIALS EXCHANGE



The **Essentials Exchange**, formerly known as the Resource Closet, is now located in a NEW and beautiful space in M130 (mobiles). We carry items from pants, dresses (formal, semi-formal, casual), jeans, hoodies, shoes (athletic, formal), etc., to items such as shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, etc. All items are free of charge. Students can sign up to shop using a QR code posted throughout the school.

Also, we are collecting used athletic shoes as a fundraiser for the Essentials Exchange.

The money will be used to purchase toiletries and supplies. We are always accepting donations of toiletries such as: shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. as well as hoodies. Thank you for your support!

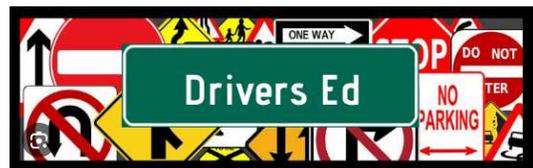


FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

All 1st semester Driver's Education fees have been added to respective students' Infinite Campus accounts. Please submit payment online through the Infinite Campus Portal.

If you believe your student qualifies for a fee waiver, a fee waiver form below must be completed and submitted to shellycastillo@u-46.org for review.

Any questions please contact the Treasurer's Office at 847-289-3760, extension 3470.



Student Services – Guidance

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

School Counselors

Grades 9-11	Grades 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 Hebeka	x3056
Lf - Rob	Gianna Villanueva	X3489
Roc-Z	Megan Quinn	x3385

Do you 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.

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.

Schoolinks

Interested in a school you saw on schoolinks? Make sure you “heart” your schools so we can connect you with college resources and information. Please make sure you check your email, since we may email you any school specific information about schools that you “hearted.”

Counselor’s Corner

Welcome back SEHS students! We hope everyone had a restful summer and a good start to the school year. We officially have three weeks under our belts! Your counselors at SEHS are eager to work with you. If you need to make an appointment with your counselor, please email them.

ATTENTION SENIORS

Thinking about plans after high school? Please see the important information below.

- **College and Military Representative Visits** - Interested in a specific school? Information on College Rep visits will be posted in the Student Bulletin and in schoolinks.
- **College Applications** - The first step in the application process is to get your applications submitted throughout the month of September and October (4-year colleges have application deadlines starting as early as November 1st...check your schools!). To assist you with these steps, counselors presented and met with students during the past week. If you have a question, your counselor will walk you through how to apply, request transcripts/letters of recommendations, and search for scholarships. Click [here](#) to view the presentation that was shared in your English classroom.
- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - Colleges will use this document to determine what financial aid they can provide. The FAFSA will become available to complete in December. More info on the updated FAFSA and the Financial aid process will be shared.
- **Scholarships** - Looking for ways to pay for college? Review the [current scholarships list](#)! 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!
- **Additional Postsecondary Planning Support** - Need help with post-high school plans? Elgin Community College (ECC) is here to help by offering various events to assist students with their plans after high school. Topics include financial aid, college/career search, creating an academic roadmap, and more. Click [here](#) to see the flier and register for the webinars.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

Check out these additional resources to help you stay on track:

Are you on Track for graduation?

Use [this](#) powerpoint to make sure you are meeting graduation requirements and staying on track.

Welcome Freshmen:

Last week counselors met and presented to freshmen in their Biology class. Counselors reviewed our roles, how to make an appointment, the importance of attendance, accessing Canvas, good high school academic habits, graduation requirements, and started building a resume in Schoolinks. Click [here](#) to view the presentation. We look forward to getting to know and working with the freshmen students.



All School Testing

- Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be taking the PSAT 8/9 or the PSAT/NMSQT on October 16th. The PSAT will be digital and students will have to use their Chromebook. Students will need to bring their charged chromebook to school to participate. More information to come.
- Seniors: You will participate in a virtual Post-Secondary Fair from home on October 16th and will be required to sign in and out of the Zoom sessions to be marked present for school that day, but you will not attend in person. If you do not attend the Zoom sessions or sign in and out, your absence will be unexcused. More information along with Zoom links to follow.

From the Office of Culture and Climate

School Safety Measures

As part of our commitment to ensuring a safe learning environment, South Elgin High School will be conducting random, non-invasive searches throughout the school year in accordance with board policy and law. These searches are a proactive step towards maintaining safety and fostering an environment where learning can thrive without disruptions. They will be carried out by trained school personnel, in a manner that respects the privacy of all students. We assure you that these measures are standard safety procedures and not in response to any specific incident or concern. If a student refuses to participate in the random search, the school administration will follow the necessary steps in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Should you have any questions, please contact the school's main office.



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

The fall sports season has started off strong with several things to celebrate. *Taste Under the Lights* was a huge success with thousands of people here supporting the STORM. We would like to congratulate our Girls Swim and Dive team for taking 5th place at the Harlem Invitational last weekend with several individual medals for our Divers and Swimmers. Girls Volleyball has been battle tested, early with wins over Glenbard East and Schaumburg. Both Boys and Girls Cross Country have started the year off strong and look to continue to build at our upcoming meets at Plainfield Central and Detweiler Park in Peoria. Boys soccer started the season off 1-2 with tough losses against Plainfield Central and Huntley but are looking to rebound in the Best of the West tournament in September. Girls Tennis has started the season 1-1 with a loss to Geneva and conference win against Larkin. Football has started the season off 0-1 with a tough loss to Barrington High School. The STORM is looking forward to another Battle Friday night at Batavia before entering into conference play.

Parents, put **September 15th** on your calendar for STORMFEST (12pm-5pm). This is the first time we have done anything like this! Please join us at Panton Mill Park for a day of fun while we showcase all of the great things going on here at SEHS. Our Homecoming parade is September 19th at Panton Mill Park (5:30pm) with our annual powderpuff game to follow. Thank you to our amazing Booster Club as they have laid the groundwork for Stormfest to happen.

South Elgin Athletics asks for your continued support at ALL of our HOME events this Fall, we will be as strong as the village that supports us. #ROLLSTORM