

November 1,
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



[CLICK HERE FOR OUR SEHS CALENDAR](#)



SCHOOL IS IN SESSION ON VETERANS DAY



Important Dates

Nov. 5 -Election Day – No School
Nov. 14 -Winter Athletic Parent Night
Nov. 11 –Veterans Day – School in session
Nov. 27, 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving Break



Thanksgiving Break
November 27, 28, & 29



Greetings Storm Nation,

We had a wonderful first quarter here at SEHS. Our data is telling us that our attendance and grades are up, referrals are down, and our participation rates in athletics, activities, and clubs are through the roof. All of these indicators point toward an improvement in our sense of belonging from the perspective of our students. When our students feel a strong sense of belonging at their school, our whole school community benefits.

As you should have seen in my message on Wednesday, we are considered a **commendable** school by the State of Illinois. This designation was determined by our data from the 23-24 school year. I look forward to working with you on how we can keep pushing our school forward to an exemplary status in the coming years.

As we move into the winter months, we are moving into the cold and flu season. Attached in this newsletter are the U-46 guidelines for when to keep your child home. Please read these suggestions and use your best judgment when making the choice on whether or not to keep your child home. We don't want to intentionally spread illness, we also don't want students missing school unnecessarily. Every Minute Matters when it comes to your student's education!

As we continue through the school year, specifically the winter months, adults and kids can struggle socially and emotionally. It is so vitally important that we support our students as they navigate these challenges. Remember that we have counselors and social workers that take pride in helping our students through their individual struggles. We also run groups for students that would benefit from some extra support. Our STORM community is here to support your student in any way that we can.

On a personal note, as I reflect on my first three months at SEHS, I am extremely proud of and grateful for our staff, students, and families. We have such a unique and positive community. I hope you all have a wonderful November, please thank a Veteran on Veterans Day, and enjoy some much-needed family time during Thanksgiving Break.

Roll STORM and take care,

Jon Miquelon
Principal
South Elgin High School

SEHS ESSENTIALS EXCHANGE

formerly the resource closet

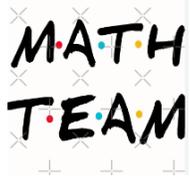
The Essentials Exchange is collecting warm winter essentials, such as coats, hats, scarves, gloves, joggers, hoodies, and sweatshirts. You can drop off items in the boxes at Door 1 or in the Main Office.



The Essentials Exchange is looking for volunteers to help hang up, fold, and organize the items in the Essentials Exchange Room. We meet after school by the Auditorium doors on Tuesdays at 3:10.

It's a lot of fun, and it is great work and volunteer experience!

See Ms. Hebeka in the Guidance Office if interested.



Join BrainStorm, the SEHS Math Team! It is never too late to join the Mathletes. We practice in C220 on Thursdays after school until 4:30. (Due to a math meet on November 6, we will be practicing Wednesday, Nov 5.) The December meet is at Larkin High School. We will begin practicing for that starting Nov. 14, 3-4:30.

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.

Tardy Sweeps - We have recognized that a student tardy pattern has developed since school has begun. As such, we have decided to implement random tardy sweeps. A random tardy sweep will address issues with our students arriving to class on time.

If students are in the hall during the tardy sweep, they will receive an immediate consequence in the form of a one or two-hour after-school detention. Repeat offenders will receive additional consequences that could include multiple detentions or a loss of privileges (e.g. not allowed to attend extracurricular events, dances, etc.).

Click here for our Attendance Procedures – It is important to review our Attendance procedures. You must have a valid excuse or your student will be marked as “unexcused”. ***Please keep in mind we are a closed campus school. Any student leaving during their lunch period for a medical appointment should provide a doctor's note.***

We will continue to practice random searches and tardy sweeps. Continue to explain to your student(s) that we want a school environment that is safe and free from drugs, and other illegal substances. We can do this together!

STORM STRONG!

Health Office Notes

We are approaching that time of year when the temperatures are changing and we experience more allergy/cold related symptoms. This is just a reminder that no student is to take or carry prescription or over the counter medication at school, without proper approval.

A physician's order must accompany all medications to be given during the school day, including over-the-counter drugs. If a student must receive medication in school (including students in the need of emergency medications such as Epi Pen, and inhalers) both parental permission and a physician order must be received prior to administration of medication.



WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

[CLICK HERE FOR U-46 GUIDELINES FOR WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME](#)

Red Robin® will give
20% OF FOOD SALES* BACK TO
SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS
420 Randall Rd, South Elgin, IL 60177
November 22, 2024*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

MOD FUNDRAISING

RAISE SOME DOUGH

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL
FUNDRAISER DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2024

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website using the provided coupon and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support this great work!

ADDRESS: 1190 S RANDALL RD
ELGIN, IL 60123

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES20

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code MODGIVES20. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

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



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.

FUTURE STORM NIGHT

Monday, December 2

to welcome our incoming Storm Students

Counselor's Corner

All Students: Course registration for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors is currently taking place. Students will be meeting with their counselor on their designated day during their math class. Prior to your student's meeting with their counselor, students and parents should plan to review the [Course Selection Flyer](#) for information about course offerings, appointment dates and resources. We are using Schoolinks this year for course selection. Your student's finalized course request will be available to view in course planner in January. At this time, we will not be able to make any changes to student requests until May. The last week of school students will have the opportunity to make changes to their course requests up until June 1st pending there is space available in the course they are requesting to change to. After June 1st there are no schedule changes per district policy.

Peer Tutoring: We are halfway done with the semester. If you are struggling in your classes you still have time to pull up your grades. Peer tutoring is available during the first half of periods 3-7 in the Collaboration Center in the library. You can get a pass from your teacher.

Seniors: Be aware of four-year colleges with November 1st, 15th and December 1st deadlines! **Please request all transcripts in Schoolinks two days prior to your deadline.** This will give the counselors time to view the request and process it. If you need help, please reach out to your counselor.

As a reminder, if the school requires an official test score you will need to order your SAT and/or ACT scores to be sent from the testing agencies. These must be received by the deadlines. For ACT scores: actstudent.org and for SAT scores: collegeboard.org.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) 2024-2025: Public Act 101-180 (effective 6/01/20) requires that public high school students must complete the FAFSA or, as eligible, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma. The FAFSA will be available to complete in December. Click [here](#) for more information as well as ways to get prepared.

College Representative Visits: Interested in a specific school? Attend a College Rep visit in the Senior Lounge during lunch periods. Information on College Rep visits will be posted in the Student Bulletin.

Transfer Exploration Night at ECC: Learn more about starting your educational journey at Elgin Community College and then transferring to top universities like the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois Chicago, or University of Illinois Springfield.

Click [HERE](#) for the flyer in English and Click [HERE](#) for the flyer in Spanish. Here is how your student can register. [REGISTER NOW](#)

Scholarships: Looking for scholarships? For local and area scholarship opportunities please start checking the SEHS website [HERE](#). Scholarships will be added as they are received over the next several months.



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

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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 STORM is beginning to close the door on the fall season. Girls Tennis wrapped up our season at Geneva two weekends in Sectionals after a long day of competing. Our Boys Soccer team lost a close game last weekend in the Regional Final to Huntley HS 3-1. Girls Volleyball lost to Palatine High School in regional semifinals Tuesday night. We wrapped up our first season of Girls Flag Football with a regional loss to Elgin earlier this month but **THANK YOU** to our coaches, athletes and parents for being a part of making history here at SEHS. We are excited about the future of Girls Flag Football here at SEHS!! Congratulations to Ben Marban, Autumn Burnett and Abi Wolf for advancing to Sectionals in Golf this year!!

Best of luck to our Football, Cross Country, and Girls Swim and Dive teams as we compete in postseason play. Football travels to Barrington tonight for our first round playoff game. Congratulations to our Boys XC team for their third place finish at Regionals last weekend. That is the highest regional finish for our boys program in school history!!! **WAY TO GO**. Our boys travel to Lake Park tomorrow for Sectionals, best of luck fellas!! Congratulations to 3 of our Girls XC runners, Maya Vodenik, Melody Guzman, and Caitlin Wennerstrom. for advancing to Sectionals at Lake Park. Best of Luck tomorrow let's blaze the trails!! Lastly, Girls Swim and Dive will head to St. Charles North Saturday, November 9th for Sectionals. Stay tuned.

WINTER IS COMING.....which means boys and girls basketball, boys and girls bowling, cheer, dance, wrestling (boys and girls), girls gymnastics and boys swimming and diving is underway. BE sure that your child is registered on our athletic website and has a current physical on file. Our winter parent meeting will be Thursday, November 14th at 6:00pm in the main gym with smaller individual breakouts for each sport after. Be sure to attend if your child is participating in a winter sport.

#RollStorm
Kaleb Carter
SEHS Athletic Director



FRIDAY, NOV. 1 - 7:00 PM

SEHS VS BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

GO STORM!

BLACKOUT

Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!



SEHS RED CROSS CLUB

Thank you to the **Red Cross Club** members that recently volunteered their time at the Ruth Project in downtown Elgin. [Ruth Project](#) provides resources and support for foster and adoptive families in the Chicagoland area. Club members helped volunteer with sorting, tagging, and organizing clothing, which helped assist with preparing fall store displays.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT 9 MUSICIANS!



Senior Band - Ian Kim, Maria Serban & Amy Skrabacz

Senior Orchestra - Alyssa Dzien

Senior Jazz Band III - Connor Ignacio

Senior Chorus - Ellie Jahnke, Rose Lockard, Elijah Manriquez, Alex Mascorro, Lucia Melchiorre, Ruby Montgomery, Sean Mydlach, Maria Spanos & Melanie Zarate

Senior Treble Chorus - Rebecca Herrmann, Ella Mesina, Lihanna Thayasouth, Ali Thoma & Soha Yasir

We are so proud and happy that you are representing SEHS!

KANE COUNTY ROE PHOTO CONTEST

The Kane County ROE Student Photography Contest winners are as follows:

Week 4 – Nostalgia – Adrian Lamadrid

Week 5 – Action and Adventure – Kenna Kraus

Week 6 – Minimalism – Alexander Correa

Check out all the winning images on the Regional Office of Education website!

<https://kaneroe.org/student-photography-contest/>

SEHS Photography Teacher – Mrs. Bartholomew

2024 KANE COUNTY STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - WEEK 5

ACTION & ADVENTURE



Kenna Kraus

Senior
South Elgin High School

2024 KANE COUNTY STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - WEEK 6

MINIMALISM



Alexander Correa

Freshman
South Elgin High School



NOSTALGIA



Adrian Lamadrid

Senior
South Elgin High School



FLORA & FAUNA



Bradford Wesner

Senior
South Elgin High School

