

January 10,
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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NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, JAN. 20
In observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

January 17 – Talent Show Auditions
January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
January 24 – SEHS Talent Show
January 31 – Institute Day



Auditions for the **SEHS Talent Show** are Friday, Jan. 17
Talent Show is Friday, Jan. 24
See more information in our newsletter

REPORT CARDS

First semester report cards for high school students are now available to view online via [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#).

Greetings Storm Nation,

Happy New Year! I hope this winter break gave you time for rest, rejuvenation, and time to connect with loved ones. As a school, we will continue to focus on our main goals for the year.

Academically, we are going to continue to focus on increasing the complexity of the tasks that we ask our students to complete, give our students clear expectations of what success looks like on those tasks, and provide feedback to support students that are struggling with any aspect of those success criteria. What does that mean? We are going to continue to push our students to be the best versions of themselves within each of their classes, and provide them feedback and support on how to get there. Remember, if you have a specific academic concern, please reach out to your student's teacher as a first step in getting your student the support they need.

We have established a system of Social-Emotional Learning groups intended to help support students that are struggling socially and/or emotionally. January and February are historically months where we see students (and adults) struggle with a wide variety of mental health concerns. Please remember that we have support here at SEHS to help. If you are concerned, please reach out to your student's dean, counselor or social worker.

Students, please remember that you need to be in class, on time, every day that you are able. Parents, your support with this is crucial to your student's success. Keep an eye on Infinite Campus, and reach out if you see any discrepancies with your student's attendance.

Attention Class of 2025: Your commencement ceremony will be held at the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates at 8:00 pm on Saturday, May 24. Please plan accordingly. While this semester has so many opportunities and fun activities for our outgoing seniors along with the rest of our student body, please remember that those opportunities are privileges. In order to participate fully, we expect our students to make good decisions.

Let's have a great start to 2025. Roll Storm!

Jonathon Miquelon
Principal of South Elgin High School



SEHS TALENT SHOW - Friday, January 24th at 6:00 pm in the SEHS Auditorium. Cost is \$3 a person

Sign-up for the talent show is still available! [HERE](#) is the link which will close on January 15th.

Talent Show Auditions - Friday, Jan. 17th starting at 3:30 pm

Talent Show Rehearsal - Wednesday, Jan. 22nd from 3:30-5:00 pm



FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST IS THE FINAL DEADLINE TO ORDER!

This is one of your last chances to make the 2024-25 school year unforgettable with our yearbook, *Vortex!* With the theme *Through the Eye of the Storm*, this year's yearbook captures over 250 pages of cherished memories, from sporting events and performances to daily school life across all grades.

Cost: \$65- *The cost includes the spring insert* featuring spring sports, prom, and other end-of-year activities.

Yearbook Delivery

The **main yearbook** will be distributed in May (date to be announced in February).

The Spring Insert *optional home delivery:* Choose to have it mailed directly to you for \$8, or pick it up at the high school in late June/early July for no additional charge.



Order Deadline is
January 31

We're approaching our final order deadline. A VERY limited number of yearbooks will be available on distribution day for \$75. Secure yours now to guarantee a copy and avoid paying more in May. Last year we sold out!

Reserve your copy of the yearbook today and ensure your student's memories are captured forever.

[\[Click Here to Order Your Yearbook Now\]](#)

School Code: 25126

Special Senior Baby Section Offer



Want to make your senior's yearbook even more special? Add a personal touch by including a heartfelt message and baby/toddler photo in our Senior Baby Section. This was a hit last year, and we're bringing it back!

- **Regular Price:** \$25
- Use promo code **VORTEX** during checkout to save 60%! Your message will **only cost \$10.**

Take advantage of this opportunity to remind your senior of how proud you are of their journey. Select your favorite baby photo and write a message they will cherish forever.



SEHS GRADUATION

SATURDAY, MAY 24
8:00 PM

NOW ARENA
5333 PRAIRIE STONE PARKWAY
HOFFMAN ESTATES



More information regarding graduation will be shared in our Senior Newsletter distributed in March.

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.

In our continued effort to build and sustain community relationships, South Elgin High School is proud to announce our upcoming parent engagement events. These events aim to engage experts, parents, and the school staff to become proactive and informed in pursuing the mutual goal of strengthening our knowledge within the school community.

Our first event will be a presentation by Compass Health Center on **Navigating School Anxiety and Supporting Your Students' Mental Wellness** on **Thursday, January 16, 2025**, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the SEHS Alumni Room. Please enter Door #1.

Our second event will be held on **Tuesday, January 28th** from **6pm – 7 pm** on **Digital Safety Education**. (see flyer on right)

As one of the premier health centers in the area, Compass strives to set the standard of excellence for Partial Hospitalization (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Programs by providing immediate access to specialized, evidence-based behavioral health treatment to patients and their families.

Digital Safety for Parents

Digital Safety Education

On Tuesday, January 28th an Internet Safety Specialist from the Illinois Attorney General's Office (ICAC Task Force) will present to our community on the following:

- Safe Settings
- Sexting
- Sextortion
- Safety Recommendations
- Resources & Reporting

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force delivers training to children, teens, and parents/ guardians that provide valuable information on how to stay safe and avoid online risks.

Please join us!

Location:
South Elgin High School
760 E. Main Street
South Elgin, IL

Date & Time:
Tuesday, January 28th
@ 6:00pm

All are welcome! Some topics may be sensitive.

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ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL

For additional resources visit:
<http://www.onlinesafeonlinesmart.com/>



STUDENT PARKING

Student drivers **MUST** have a parking tag to park in the SEHS lot.

Student drivers with a parking tag are reminded to park only in their numbered spot.

If your space is not available due to snow or another vehicle in your spot, you will need to park in the staff lot and let the Dean's office know upon your arrival.

Students are **not** allowed to park in **visitor spaces** for any reason.

From the Office of Climate and Culture

There is no doubt that regular attendance at school is associated with better academic achievement and outcomes for students. At South Elgin High School all students are expected to attend school daily and all scheduled classes. If any students are struggling with attending school, we offer multi-tiered support services (MTSS) consisting of a dean, counselor, social worker, & psychologist to assist with interventions.

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.

Students will be expected to adhere to the following expectations in order to participate in these privileged activities:

- Students must be passing five academic courses at the time of ticket sales until the time of the event.
 - Students not passing five academic courses may be placed on a contract with the expectation 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.
- Students must maintain a 90% attendance rate for 2nd semester.
- 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.

High academic expectations and regular attendance are a priority at South Elgin High School. Please review your child's attendance and grades in Infinite Campus.

Attendance Reminders

1. **Closed Campus Policy:**

If your student leaves campus during the school day and returns, the absence will be marked as *unexcused*.

2. **Medical Appointments:**

If your student misses school due to a medical appointment, they must return with a note from the appointment for the absence to be considered *excused*.

3. **Single Class Absences:**

If your student misses a single class or arrives late to class, attendance cannot excuse this absence. It must be cleared by the individual teacher. Please reach out to the teacher directly or have your student speak with them if there was an error in marking the absence.

4. **Absence Notifications:**

When leaving a message regarding your student's absence, please provide a valid excuse. Without a valid excuse, the absence will be marked as *unexcused*.

5. **Attendance Discrepancies:**

Attendance discrepancies that occurred more than 3 days ago cannot be cleared. Please ensure any concerns are addressed promptly.

We appreciate your cooperation as we prepare for a successful second semester. If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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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 Hebeke	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.

Make sure to get a pass from your teacher.

Counselor's Corner

All students: Welcome back and happy New Year!! Take advantage of the fresh start in your classes! If you need help please remember the resources here at school to support you in your classes. 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.

If you are absent from school make sure you are checking your teachers' Canvas pages to stay up to date on your work

Seniors: Congrats to all those who have been accepted to your colleges! But remember you still have 1 more semester at SEHS, so make it count!!!

Planning to attend Elgin Community College this upcoming fall of 2025? Now is the time to apply if you haven't. 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. You will also have early access to orientation and placement testing dates. Don't wait!

If you are planning on attending college next Fall 2025 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: [2025-2026 FAFSA](#). The **FAFSA is a graduation requirement**. All seniors have to complete either the 2025-2026 FAFSA or the 2025-2026 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)). Any student/family that does not plan on completing the FAFSA or the Alternative Application will need to "opt-out" by completing the [FAFSA Nonparticipation Form](#). Applications done? Time to apply for scholarships! Every little bit helps, and our scholarship list is updated regularly on the school website:

[SEHS Scholarship List](#). Applications can often be involved and require essays and letters of recommendation, so check often!

Need Mid-Year transcripts sent? Students who need transcripts sent to any colleges need to request through Schoolinks and let your counselor know. Mid-Year transcripts will be available to send late January.

Attention Sophomores and Juniors: If you are applying to the full-time ECC Dual Credit Program please make sure to submit your application and test scores by the January 31st deadline. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

