

October 4, 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](#)

**No School
Monday, October 14**

Columbus Day
Indigenous
People Day
NO SCHOOL

**PSAT/
NMSQT**



**STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR
CHARGED CHROMEBOOK ON OCT. 16
FOR TESTING**

Important Dates

- 09 - Early Release/1:59 pm
- 10 - End of 1st quarter
- 10 - Orchestra Concert
- 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11 - Institute Day - No Classes
- 14 - No School/Columbus Day
- 16 - Beacon Open House
- 16 - PSAT/NMSQT Testing
- 24, 25 & 26 - Fall Play

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9



Dear Storm Nation,

We are officially into October! Our Homecoming events were successful and fun. I hope you were able to engage in some of the homecoming magic, and that you are looking forward to fall weather and activities. I know my family and I are looking forward to family bonfires, my daughter's fall play, my son's football games, attending SEHS sports and activities, and cool water Fox River fishing (that last one is mostly for me).

Now that our routines are set, we are settled into our classes, and we are engaging in more challenging academic tasks; it is crucially important that you and your student(s) have regular conversations regarding academics and attendance. You can find all of your student's information in [Infinite Campus](#). Our teachers are updating grades weekly so you can see how they are progressing. If you see that they are doing well in academics/attendance or struggling in academics/attendance, I ask that you celebrate how awesome your student is as a person, and make sure they are doing alright emotionally. We are here to help support their growth in any way we can.

Overall, our attendance is up 4% over last year - 86% to 90%. In a school our size, this means that 107 more students are attending class regularly this year over last. I commend our students who have a renewed dedication to attending class regularly, and want to acknowledge the 2,482 students that were already in class doing exactly what they need to do to continue to improve their academic and social wellness. While we want to keep improving these numbers, it is a great time to celebrate growth and reinforce the idea that "Every Minute Matters" in our students' education.

As we continue with the theme that Every Minute Matters, we are looking to improve our students' sense of urgency to get to class on time. We will be conducting regular tardy sweeps during the month of October. This is intended to reinforce the importance of being in class when the bell rings, so our students don't miss out on important learning opportunities. We will also be incentivizing classes where all students in the class are on time throughout the month for positive reinforcement.

Last but not least, spots are filling up for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please use this [link](#) and schedule a time to come in and discuss your student's progress. The password is sehstorm.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Roll Storm,

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



Thursday, Oct. 10
Friday, Oct. 11

Scheduler open from
Tuesday, Oct. 1 thru
Tuesday, Oct. 8

You can schedule your conference(s) online using the following link until Tuesday, October 8.

<https://www.canyoncreeksoftware.com/scheduler/il/u46/index.cfm>

The password is sehsstorm

[Online Conference Instructions - English](#)

[Online Conference Instructions - Spanish](#)

If there are no conference times available, please email your student's teacher directly. You may [click here](#) for our South Elgin High School staff directory.

If you have any questions, or need assistance please contact the main office at 847-289-3760.



Wednesday, October 16 – TESTING DAY

- **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. You 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 and sign in and out, your absence will be unexcused. More information along with Zoom links to follow.

What is the PSAT?

- **PSAT 8/9 - The PSAT 8/9** is a guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore AP course options, and assess readiness for college and career options. The assessment includes reading/writing and math. The PSAT 8/9 will help prepare students for the SAT assessment taken during their junior year which is a state required assessment. Refer to the [PSAT 8/9 Student Guide](#) for more details.
- **PSAT/NMSQT (grades 10/11)-** The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) measures the reading/writing and math skills needed for success in many post-high school educational settings and is a predictor of college entrance exam scores. Students may use their score on the PSAT in a future application to participate in U-46's Dual Credit program with Elgin Community College (ECC). Scores from the PSAT/NMSQT may also qualify 11th grade students to be part of the College Board's National Merit Scholarship Program and/or qualify for college scholarships. It allows students to compare their academic skills with those of other college-bound students. Refer to the [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#) for more details.



Course Selection for 2025-2026

Course selection information will be available later this month for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Start asking teachers for course recommendations and explore electives so you are ready when you meet with your counselor to pick classes for next year. Check out the activities section in Schoolinks for guidance on what electives might be right for you!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month which is a time to understand what breast cancer is and who it affects. This month focuses on educating people about the importance of prevention and routine screening for early diagnosis of breast cancer, which is the second most diagnosed cancer globally. Breast cancer is caused by genetic, hormonal, and environmental factors. This cancer can affect both genders, but is more common in women. About 1 in 8 women in the US will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, and the risk increases with age. People wear pink during the month of October to support those who have been diagnosed with, battling, or recovering from the disease. If you would like to support this cause please click [here](#).

CLICK ON FLYER TO ENLARGE

Produced by special arrangement by YouthPLAYS - www.youthplays.com

South Elgin High School
Proudly Presents

Anne of Green Gables
by Donna Hoke
Adapted freely from the novel by L.M. Montgomery

October 24th at 7pm
October 25th at 7pm
October 26th at 2pm & 7pm

General Admission:
Tickets - \$10

SEHS FALL PLAY

Anne of Green Gables

South Elgin High School Auditorium

Tickets \$10 each

Performances:

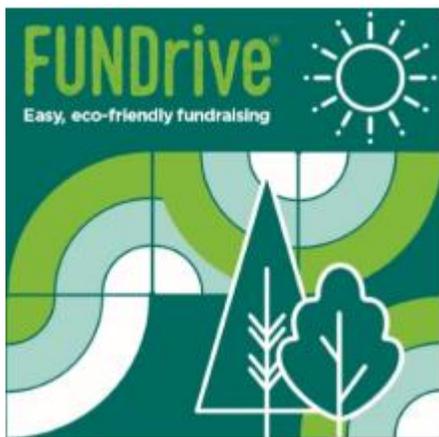
Thursday, October 24 at 7:00pm

Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm

Saturday, October 26 at 2:00pm

Saturday, October 26 7:00pm

When Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert decide to take in a foster child, they request a boy. Imagine their surprise when Anne, a girl of boundless imagination with a mouth to match, shows up on their doorstep. Still, the two of them take a chance on her in hopes they can do some good. As Anne comes of age, her curiosity and wonder may get her in trouble, but ultimately her capacity for love teaches them all what it means to create and commit to family in this inventive and timeless free adaptation of the heartwarming classic by L.M. Montgomery.



Clean out your closets for
South Elgin HS. - DECA!
[CLICK HERE](#) for details.

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Books & Media

paperback, hard cover - all genres
*media needs to be boxed separately
*no encyclopedias or text books

SEHS
ESSENTIALS
EXCHANGE
formerly the resource closet

ITEMS AVAILABLE

- JEANS
- HOODIES
- SHIRTS
- DRESSES
- COATS

AND MUCH MORE!

CHECK WITH YOUR COUNSELOR, TEACHER OR SOCIAL WORKER FOR AN APPOINTMENT

We are in need of toiletries such as deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hair products, gel, body wash, body lotion, toothpaste, and tooth brushes. Please drop them in the boxes by Door 1 or bring them to the main office. Thank you!

PEER TUTORING



MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

DURING LUNCH PERIODS

IN LIBRARY

- 3RD PERIOD- TBD
- 4TH PERIOD- MATH
- 5TH PERIOD- MATH (UP TO CALC BC)
- 6TH PERIOD- ELA, CHEM, PHYSICS, HEALTH, MATH (UP TO PRE-CALC)
- 7TH PERIOD-MATH

DURING THE FIRST 25 MIN. OF LUNCH

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.**

Nurse's Office Notes

As we are well into the school year, the beginning to school push for physicals and vaccination records is behind us, but that doesn't mean students are not continually having their yearly health visits and/or completing an exam for a sports physical. Whenever your student has completed these appointments, please submit the paperwork as soon as possible. It can be faxed by the doctor's office to 847-888-7613 or emailed directly to the health office at pamelasthomas@u-46.org. Please complete the **Health History** portion which is required by the state; answer the questions, sign and date it. This portion provides the nurse's with valuable information regarding your child. The Health History (or Parent Portion) is at the top of page one of the new Illinois Health Exam form. As of January, it is the only form that District U-46 will accept.



Capture all the memories of this school year with the **2024-25 Yearbook!** For just **\$65**, you'll get a beautifully crafted yearbook that includes the spring supplement. The main book will be distributed **in May**, and the spring insert—covering all the late-year events—will arrive in the summer, ready to be easily inserted.

Act Now to secure your guaranteed copy! Only a **very limited number** of extra yearbooks will be available for purchase on distribution day.

Want your spring supplement delivered to your door? Select the **\$8 mailed insert option** if you'd prefer to have it mailed instead of picking it up during the summer.

With **multiple payment options** available, Varsity Yearbook makes it easy. **Don't delay**—order your yearbook today!

Click [HERE](#) to be directed to the Varsity Yearbook ordering site to order your senior baby ad today. Our school ID is: 25126.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dan Affleck at danielaffleck@u-46.org or Ext 3291.

Parents, it's time to honor your graduating senior with a personalized baby ad in this year's yearbook! Capture a precious moment in time with a senior baby ad in the yearbook - a timeless tribute to your graduate's journey from infancy to high school! Celebrate your senior's achievements with a heartfelt message in the yearbook! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to make your senior's yearbook truly special!

Special Offer:

Purchase your senior baby ad for just **\$25**, but if you order by **October 18th**, you'll save **\$5** by using promo code **STORM** at checkout. This offer applies exclusively to baby ads.

While you're at it, don't forget to secure a yearbook to relive all the memories from this milestone year! Don't miss out—order today!

Click [HERE](#) to be directed to the Varsity Yearbook ordering site to order your senior baby ad today. Our school ID is: 25126.



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 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.

Counselor's Corner

ATTENTION SENIORS

October is college application month! Counselors will be in the lunchroom on Wednesdays during the month of October during lunch periods to help with any questions.

College Representative Visits - 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.”

College Applications - The first step in the application process is to get your applications submitted (4-year colleges have application deadlines starting as early as November 1st...check your schools!). Make sure to request transcripts and letters of recommendation through schoolinks. If using Common App don't forget to link your Common App with your Schoolink account and sign FERPA. No transcripts or letters of rec can be sent without FERPA signed.

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. [Financial aid Checklist](#)
[Financial aid resources](#)

Scholarships - Looking for ways to pay for college? Review our local [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!

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

The end of the quarter is near. Make sure to finish off strong. Please remember, that quarter grades are progress grades. It is your semester grade that gets put on your transcript and determines whether you passed.

Peer Tutoring:

Peer tutoring is available in the library during the first 25 minutes of lunch periods on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. [See flyer](#)

Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!



Thank you to everyone who helped support the SEHS blood drive on **September**

26th. Over 150 lives were saved!!! 🎉👏 Many students and staff stepped up to help impact the lives of those around them. In total, **50** pints of blood were collected and we had even more students interested that were not able to give. **Way to go STORM!**

These resources are vital to our community! We are planning another blood drive around February 20th, and look forward to other ways the Red Cross Club and our Storm family can help others.

- **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!

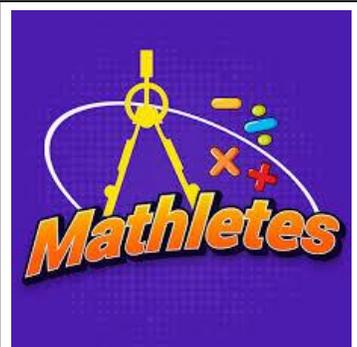


The BOE honored Vincent Leal, our SEHS student in the Transition program. He earned gold in the 100M racewalk at the Summer Games of the Illinois Special Olympics held in Bloomington-Normal in June. Vincent competes for the Blue Stars, U-46's Special Olympics team.

"Vinny could also win an award for leadership on our team," said Blue Stars coach Brooke McGrath. "He takes great pride in being a leader for his teammates and helping them find their strengths at practice and on the court."

CONGRATULATIONS VINCENT!

The South Elgin Mathletes, Brain Storm, attended their first math meet at Schaumburg High School last week. They were small in number, but performed quite well, even coming in 3rd place at the Sophomore level. Sophomores, Charlie Mossman, Ohm Patel, and Ethan Horton and freshmen, Prajval Kadapla and Pranav Alaparathi made up that team. The next meet for Brain Storm is November 7 at Hoffman Estates High School. We are still looking for mathletes who are interested in competing! Brain Storm math team meet every Thursday after school in room C220. **WAY TO GO!!!**



KANE COUNTY ROE PHOTO CONTEST

It is that time of year again! The Kane County ROE Student Photography Contest has begun and will continue for the next 10 weeks! First week's theme was Kane County Pride.

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

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

SEHS Photography Teacher – Mrs. Bartholomew

WEEK #1 Congratulations Lilly Grevoy!

2024 KANE COUNTY STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - WEEK 1

TEXTURE



Lilly Grevoy

Sophomore
South Elgin High School

WEEK #2 Congratulations to Jason Phillips!

2024 KANE COUNTY STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - WEEK 2

SCHOOL SPIRIT



Jason Phillips

Senior
South Elgin High School

WEEK #3 Congratulations Rylee Besse!

2024 KANE COUNTY STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - WEEK 3

CONTRAST



Rylee Besse

Senior
South Elgin High School

Homecoming 2024!

