

# Press Clippings - 3/9/2023

## – Daily Herald –

### Elgin Lions taking orders for 39th Rose Day

March 8, 2023

Members of the Elgin Lions Club are conducting their 39th annual Rose Day fundraiser.

Rose Day is a major fundraising event for the club that began in 1984 and was so well received that it is now an annual affair.

Elgin Lions Club members are selling a dozen long-stemmed roses for \$15 for delivery April 5-7 within the greater Elgin area.

Purchasers will have fresh flowers with which to celebrate Easter, reinforce a loving relationship, to thank someone, or just to brighten up a room. People who have received roses in the past have been impressed by their quality. They compare favorably with roses costing five times as much.

Roses can be ordered several ways:

- Call (847) 289-4206 and leave a message; a club member will call you back to complete the process.
- Visit [elginlions.org](http://elginlions.org) to print and complete an order ticket, then either mail it with a check to Elgin Lions Club, P.O. Box 276, Elgin IL 60121, or drop off your ticket and payment in a sealed envelope at the American Legion, 820 N. Liberty St.
- PayPal is available at an additional \$1 fee. Visit [elginlions.org](http://elginlions.org) and select “Go to the page on Roses” button. Email completed order tickets to [elginillinoislions1@gmail.com](mailto:elginillinoislions1@gmail.com).

Nearly all money raised by the Elgin Lions Club is used to assist residents in the Elgin area. The club helps deliver vision care for children and adults, fund scholarships to **Elgin and Larkin high schools**, and work closely with other local charitable organizations.

Some funds are given to the Lions International and the Lions of Illinois

Foundation to help people affected by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters wherever in the world they may live.

Learn more about joining the Elgin Lions Club at [elginlions.org](http://elginlions.org).

The Elgin Lions hosts monthly dinner meeting.  
Follow [facebook.com/ElginIllinoisLions](https://facebook.com/ElginIllinoisLions).

## – Kane County Connects – Interim Superintendent for School District U-46 Named

**March 8, 2023**

**By Kane County Regional Office of Education - School of Thought**



U-46 Board of Education appointed Dr. Suzanne Johnson as the interim superintendent for School District U-46. For the past five years, Johnson has served as the deputy superintendent of instruction for the District.

Dr. Johnson is a graduate of Elgin High School who began her career teaching language arts at Canton Middle School in Streamwood. She later served as a divisional, associate principal, and principal at Bartlett High School. In 2013, she was named the District's assistant superintendent of teaching and learning before being promoted to the deputy superintendent position.

For details visit the U-46 website.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## **– ABC7 Chicago News – Maine South HS football program made to forfeit 9 wins, placed on probation by IHSA for violations**

**March 8, 2023**

**By ABC7 Chicago Digital Team**

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (WLS) -- The Maine South High School football program has forfeited nine wins and been placed on probation by the Illinois High School Association for the next school year.

They were forced to forfeit the wins from the 2022 season for using players that did not live in the district, which is a violation of IHSA rules.

The victories forfeit were against Barrington High School, Bolingbrook High School, Evanston High School, Glenbrook North and South high schools, New Trier High School, Niles West High School, **South Elgin High School** and Stevenson High School.

On top of the forfeitures, the program is on probation through the end of the 2023-2024 school year, IHSA said, and future violations could cause them to be removed from the IHSA state football playoffs.

In a response, District 207 said it accepts the sanctions and will work to make sure this doesn't happen again.

– **Daily Herald** –

## **Maine South football sanctioned by IHSA, forfeits 9 wins**

**March 8, 2023**

**By Dave Oberhelman**

Maine South High School's football program is facing sanctions after an investigation involving the Park Ridge school revealed multiple players violated rules by playing for the team while living outside its attendance area.

Maine South saw its 2022 season end in the Class 8A quarterfinals with a 9-3 record. The school will forfeit regular-season wins over Barrington, Evanston, Glenbrook North, Glenbrook South, New Trier, Niles West, and Stevenson, and playoff victories against Bolingbrook and **South Elgin high schools**.

The school will be on probation through the end of the 2023-24 school year and has been formally notified future violations may result in its removal from the IHSA state football playoffs, the IHSA said.

"The IHSA recently received credible information that Maine South football players who did not reside in the district participated on the team during the 2022 IHSA football season," IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said in a statement. "District 207 and Maine South High School personnel promptly conducted a meticulous internal investigation, in conjunction with the IHSA, after being informed of these allegations.

"After a thorough review, they self-reported violations of the IHSA residence bylaws by multiple student-athletes on its 2022 football roster."

Maine Township High School District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace said the district supports the IHSA and accepts all sanctions.

"Along with Maine South football coach David Inserra, we will work diligently to ensure this never happens again," Wallace said in a statement. "Coach Inserra is a dedicated educator and coach, and we know that he will work tirelessly with us to eliminate this issue. We need to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the IHSA, as well as the law in Illinois related to school residency.

"In this situation, I am most disappointed for the student-athletes on the 2022 Maine South football team who will bear the brunt of these penalties. Because of our location

and the quality of our schools, we have always had instances of families trying to send students to our schools without establishing legal residency."

Wallace said the district owes it to taxpayers "to be diligent with residency issues" and will improve its process to ensure only families living within District 207 are sending their children to its schools.

"We will actively pursue any families that break the law and try to illegally enroll students in District 207, whether for athletic and/or academic reasons," he said. "Not only will students be dis-enrolled, but families will be held liable for the cost of tuition as required by law."

[In 2011, the IHSA disciplined Maine South](#) and its football program for actions during the 2010 state playoffs, including the Class 8A championship game, which the Hawks won.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## **– NBC 5 Chicago News – Maine South High School Must Forfeit 9 Football Wins After Investigation Finds Rule Violations: IHSA**

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**March 8, 2023**

<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/maine-south-high-school-football-investigation-rule-violations-ihsa/3089288/>

Maine South High School will be forced to forfeit nine football wins from its 2022 season after an investigation found the school's program violated state rules, the Illinois High School Association announced Wednesday.

According to IHSA, Maine South's football program was sanctioned "for the use of ineligible players during the 2022 season." The discovery came during an

investigation between the association, the school and Maine Township High School District 207, in which the district and school self-reported that multiple players participated in the program "while not residing in the school's attendance area during the 2022 season."

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The school is now being forced to forfeit its wins against Barrington High School, Bolingbrook High School, Evanston High School, Glenbrook North High School, Glenbrook South High School, New Trier High School, Niles West High School, **South Elgin High School** and Stevenson High School.

IHSA also said the Maine South football program will be on probation through the end of the 2023-24 school year. Any future violations could force them to be removed from the state playoffs.

"The IHSA's by-laws are the foundation of the Association and its ability to follow its mission of providing equitable participation," Anderson's statement read. "With over 800 member schools, we depend on our schools to adhere to these rules and to work with the IHSA in instances where violations may have occurred. I commend Maine Township High School District 207 and Maine South High School personnel for recognizing the serious nature of these allegations and their diligence in investigating and reporting these violations. I believe that District 207 has already begun to take appropriate steps to prevent future issues like this from occurring again and will aid them in any way that I can in that process."