



STUDENT BULLETIN

SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL



TODAY IS:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As a reminder, please refrain from calling your student on their personal cell phone during class time, as it causes a disruption to the learning environment. Thank you.

FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Dear Storm Families

Here at South Elgin we thrive to provide a safe and positive environment for all our students and staff. We are asking for your support and engagement in this work. Please click the link's below of the District's Student code of conduct for your reference. Please, review and discuss the expectations delineated in the code of conduct with your student. It is important that we are all aware of the expectations and interventions that may be used for violations to the code. Having a common language around expectations will support our processes; the wellbeing and safety of our community.

Thank you in advance for your engagement and continued support in making South Elgin the best it can be.

You matter!

Respectfully,

Ms. Mattei

Culture and Climate Assistant Principal

Student Code of Conduct 23-24

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NOVEMBER COAT DRIVE

For the month of November, the Student Resource Closet is collecting new and gently used adult coats and jackets. Please drop them off in the boxes near Door 1 and the main office. (and YES, we will gladly take hats, gloves, and scarves) Thank you for your continued support to our Student Resource Closet.



NEW OR GENTLY USED BACK PACKS NEEDED

The SEHS Resource Closet Club organizes clothing, toiletry and school supplies for SEHS students who are in need. We received a generous supply of toiletry items over the past 2 weeks and we cannot thank SEHS and the community enough for all of your donations. This month, along with our coat drive, we are collecting NEW or Gently used regular sized Backpacks. There will be a collection box located at Door 1 (by flagpole) and one in the main office. Thank you!

SPIRIT WEAR SALES

Boosters will be selling spirit wear during ALL lunch periods on Tuesday, December 12. They have a great selection of hoodies, baseball hats, pajama pants, knit hats, cinch backpacks, t-shirts and some clearance items. Checks, cash and cards accepted.



SEHS

**RESOURCE
CLOSET
POP UP
FREE STORE**

Thursday, December 14

5pm - 8pm


Located in Rainy Day Cafe

**-Enter thru Door 5
(Auditorium entrance)**



**Clothes, shoes, winter
coats, toiletries, school
supplies available for
FREE**



 GUIDE RIGHT THURSDAYS IN THE SENIOR LOUNGE		
Goal Setting Where do you see yourself and how are you going to get yourself there!	Career Exploration Guest Speakers from a variety of careers visit SEHS!	Improve your Grades What grades do you need to get into the college you want to attend?
College Visits College of Dupage/Benedictine U of Iowa U of Notre Dame & Indiana U.	Study Habits Study Techniques Time Management Tips	Scholarships Diamond Youth Foundataion 20 ~ \$1,000 scholarships MLK Jr scholarship

Join Mr. Bob Ingram during your lunch period in the Senior/Staff lounge every Thursday for Guide Right. All students are welcome!

GIRLS SOFTBALL CONDITIONING

Off season girls' softball conditioning has begun. Meet at 6:10am in the weight room every Tuesday and Thursday. Any questions, please email Coach Reynard at bradreynard@u-46.org or Coach McDermott at diannamcdermott@u-46.org

GIRLS BASKETBALL FAN STORE!

The girls' basketball season kicked off on Monday and we have a team store if you are interested in purchasing anything. We do get 20% of sales back so you will look good AND support our program! WIN, WIN! Click on the link [HERE](#) and then click on the Fan Store. Thank you for your support.

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM STORE

The boys' basketball season has kicked off and we have a team store if you are interested in purchasing anything. If you are looking for some holiday gifts get those orders in before November 20th to get items ahead of December 25th.
<https://southelginhsboysbasketball.gearupsports.net/index.php?route=common/home> Thank you for your support.

PEER TUTORING

Want to be a peer tutor? Want to help others during your lunch or study hall? This is your opportunity!!
Contact Dr. Tucker at Steventucker@u-46.org to be a peer tutor NOW!

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

Need a boost? Feeling creative? Come visit the library during your study hall or lunch period to check out our activities. Try your hand at our current puzzle, color a picture, or check out the Friday makerspace activity. Friday activities may include: Buttons, bookmarks, electronics, 3d pens, or other options.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is now located in the Dean's office.

STUDENT PARKING REMINDERS

*Please have your parking tag hanging in your rear-view mirror facing out.

Tags should not be laying on your dash.

*Parking tag numbers should be facing out so the number is visible.

SCHOOL ID's

Students must wear their ID's around their necks at all times. Any student that does not have their ID, please stop by the Dean's office before or after school or during your lunch period to pick up your ID.

Did you know that your current school ID will get you into any SEHS Athletic Event for FREE? (excludes playoff games)
Always wear your valid school ID while on school property!

ATTENDANCE-EARLY RELEASE

Attention Parents: If your student needs to leave early for any reason, you will need to call our early release line (x3764).

Advance notice (1 hour prior to release) is appreciated and needed in order to get a pass to your student and for them to sign out at the attendance office. Thank you.

DELIVERIES TO THE SCHOOL **(FAST FOOD, BALLOONS, FLOWERS ETC.)**

Ordering pizza and having fast food delivered during regular school hours, or parents/guardians bringing fast food to students, is not permitted. Gifts, Balloons, flowers, etc. cannot be delivered to students during the school day. Door Dash, Uber Eats, and floral deliveries will be turned away.

WANT TO JOIN A CLUB?

ROBOTICS CLUB

SEHS Robotics Club



What to Expect

- Learning how to code, build, and assemble robots to complete tasks.
- Building robots in a group.
- Understanding each individual branch of engineering that goes into making robots.
- Participation in tournaments.
- Learning basic C++ and Python. With Vex Robotics libraries (meaning their own coding).
- Obtaining experience that would be beneficial to people who want to become all different variations of engineers.

Meeting Days

We meet every Monday from 3:00-5:00 in C119 unless we have the day off at school. Our first meeting is November 13th (Monday).



STORM NATION!

Storm Nation wants you! This club is open to ANY and EVERY student who is interested in getting involved to change the culture at SE. We are looking to create a respectful, supportive and energetic environment to demonstrate a sense of pride towards our community and school. If you are interested in being involved please contact Ms. Driessen, Ms. Mac or follow us on instagram or Twitter for more information!

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

Join us for Dungeons and Dragons Club every Wednesday in B210 from 3:00pm until 4:30 pm. No experience necessary. We will teach you! Loads of fun! Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Zitnik at scottzitnik@u-46.org.

RISE

RISE (Racial Inclusion Support Equity)
Contact Eli Hill or Mrs. Stewart at laurenstewart@u-46.org for more information.

FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB

Future Teachers Club is for anyone who wants to gain insight into the profession of teaching! We discuss pertinent topics in education and provide opportunities to plan lessons, visit classrooms, and discover the variety of options available to aspiring educators. **Come join us in F216 @ 7:00am on Thursdays!** See Mr. Rupp (F216) or Mrs. Freitag (E108) with any questions!

ESPORTS/VIDEO GAME CLUB

If interested in joining Esports/Video Game Club, please email Mr. Tornabene at roberttornabene@u-46.org for more information.

CHESS CLUB



CHESS CLUB
MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY
3:05 - 4:30 IN THE LIBRARY



YEARBOOK - ORDER YOURS TODAY

My name is Dan Affleck and I am excited to share that I will be the yearbook staff advisor for the 2023-24 school year. With this change, we have some exciting updates regarding the yearbook delivery and content. In an effort to get the yearbooks to students before summer break, we will be moving to a May delivery, a departure from our previous August delivery. We will have a yearbook delivery and signing celebration during the month of May, with a date to be announced sometime prior to Spring Break. Spring activities will be featured in a spring supplement insert, which can either be picked up or mailed to your home for a nominal cost in August.

Here's an exclusive opportunity for you: if you order the yearbook now, you can save \$10 on the purchase price. But act quickly because prices will go up on November 28th. Head over to yearbookordercenter.com and enter our school ID: 25126

Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to preserve the memories of your high school experience. Order the yearbook today and lock in the savings. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to creating a fantastic yearbook for the 2023-24 school year!

YEARBOOK-SENIOR BABIES

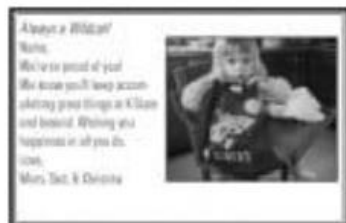
It's senior baby time! Capture a precious moment in time with a senior baby ad in the yearbook - a timeless tribute to your graduate's journey from infancy to high school! Celebrate your senior's achievements with a heartfelt message in the yearbook! Don't miss our special early bird promotion - for just \$20 until November 28th, you can upload a baby or toddler photograph and a personalized message in the yearbook to honor your graduate.

After November 28th, the price goes up to \$25, so act fast. The deadline to purchase this cherished memory is February 1st 2024. Let your senior know how proud you are and leave them with a beautiful keepsake to remember their journey thus far. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to make your senior's yearbook truly special!

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



Examples:



Order Today

Early bird price:
\$20

After Nov 28,
price goes up.

*Upload your own
photo, choose
your own font.

*Pages will be in
color.

Baby Ads- At South Elgin High School! we have a lot of great traditions and we want to get everyone in on them. There is one that we know so many of our Class of 2024 families have been waiting for, Baby Ads are here! The 2023-24 yearbook will include many pages of these nostalgic and personal pieces, and we, the Vortex Yearbook Staff, want you to have one!

YEARBOOK CLUB

Are you passionate about preserving the unforgettable moments of your school life? Do you have an eye for photography, design, and storytelling? If so, we've got an exciting opportunity for you!

Come join Yearbook Club – the place where memories come to life and friendships are forever sealed in the pages of our school's history.

Unleash your creativity, building lasting friendships and leave your mark. Joining the Yearbook Club is not just about taking photos; it's about building a tight-knit community of fellow students who share your passion for storytelling. You'll make friends for life as you work

together to create a yearbook that will be cherished by all. Worried about time commitments? Don't be! We understand that you have busy lives, so we offer flexible meeting schedules to accommodate your availability.

Meetings will take place every Friday in Room B122 at 7am. Please contact Mr. Affleck at danielaffleck@u-46.org for more information.

BOOK CLUB

We meet twice a month (every other Monday) from 3 - 3:45 in the school library to discuss what we're reading, explore new books, and share recommendations. **Next meeting will be Monday, December 4. Future meetings will be, December 18**

Everyone is welcome. For more information email Ms. Colilla at lauracolilla@u-46.org

ECHO CLUB

ECHO – Everyone Can Help Out is a volunteer club that helps our community and helps you get volunteer hours. Each month, we'll plan multiple events giving you many opportunities to gain hours and be a helping hand to those in need. With ECHO, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a variety of volunteer projects, from feeding the homeless to cleaning park. To stay updated on meetings and events join the ECHO Remind using the code 3e4k6f7. Please reach out to Ms. De Robles at araceliderobles@u-46.org if you have questions.

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CLUB

Crossroads Christian Club meets every Thursday at 3pm in **Room C115**. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact Mr. Velazquez at juliocesarvelazquez@u-46.org.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Anyone interested in joining FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Club. All are Welcome, and you don't have to be an athlete to join. **General meetings will occur every other week on Wednesdays at 6:45AM in E120**. If you have any questions please email Coach Smith in PE at SamuelSmith@u-46.org.

DECA

Join DECA! DECA is a business club designed to help prepare kids interested in Accounting, Finance, Marketing, and Management. Through involvement in training, entrepreneurship, competitions, and working with business leaders, students are able to get experience in the business world. In addition, we encourage students to become involved citizens through service projects. DECA focuses on Leadership, Vocational Understanding, Social Intelligence, and Civic Consciousness. Click [HERE](#) for flyer. The next DECA meeting will be on 12/13. Last meeting of the semester will be on 12/20 in Room B105. Hope to see you there!

MOCK TRIAL

**DO YOU LIKE TO ARGUE? DO YOU WANT TO BE
INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED?**

BECOME A PART OF OUR TEAM!!! JOIN MOCK TRIAL!

If you missed the first meeting, and still want to join Mock Trial, please email See Mr. Thornton for more information.

MODEL UN CLUB

Model UN is an extracurricular club in which an individual is assigned to a country and we work as one to devise solutions to ongoing global topics/issues. These perspectives will be acknowledged through the eyes of various countries, conclusively sparking a United proposal. This club is about doing the proper research and fun-filled friendly debate. It looks great on college applications, helps expand global perspectives, and builds new friendships! Meetings are held every Monday at 3pm in room E108. Please contact Mr. Amodi at abdulraheemamodi@u-46.org Everyone is welcome.

COOKING CLUB

Want to learn more skills in the kitchen? Join us at Cooking Club! We'll be making a variety of different foods throughout the year and members get input on the dishes we make. We'll meet regularly the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3pm in C126. Please contact Ms. Jensen at ericajensen@u-46.org if you have questions.

ERIKA'S LIGHTHOUSE

Erika's Lighthouse is a club that works to spread awareness and empathy to help break the stigma surrounding mental health issues in our school community. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28 at 3pm in room E213. Contact Mrs. Raine for more information at amelaraine@u-46.org.

STUDENT COUNCIL

If you can't make a meeting, but are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Ms. Mac at nicolemaciorowski@u-46.org or Ms. Driessen at emilydriessen@u-46.org

FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL

Attention all freshmen: Join the freshman class council Remind group by texting 81010 and entering @bdkkd2h in the message section.

All freshman class council meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month in room E205 at 7:10am.

Email Ms. Williams with any questions: jessicawilliams@u-46.org.

SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL

ALL Sophomores are welcome! Text @2c3f9ge to the number 81010 to sign up for updates. If interested in joining Sophomore Class Council and can't make the meeting, please email Mrs. Vojcak with any questions at kimberlyvojcak@u-46.org.

JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL

If interested in joining Junior Class Council and missed the first meeting, then join the Remind to get meeting reminders: text @sehsc2025 to 81010

Please direct any questions to Mrs.

Kochanski (samanthakochanski@u-46.org) or Mr. Ruback (craigruback@u-46.org)

SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL

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- . Please contact Mrs. Solmo at aimeesolmo@u-46.org and Mrs. Gonzalez at tamaragonzalez@u-46.org if you have any questions.

OLAS

OLAS is the Organization of Latin American Students at South Elgin High School, our purpose is to promote Latino and Hispanic culture amongst the student body through traditions and dance. OLAS is inclusive to everyone and anyone who would like to know more about the Latino/Hispanic culture! If you are interested in joining, please email Ms. De Robles at araceliderobles@u-46.org.

ARO

Asians Reaching Out (ARO) practices Asian cultural dances to perform at SEHS's Cultural Showcase. These dances include Tinikling, K-Pop, Hip Hop, Fan, and Lao. Through bonding, practices, and other activities, they learn to appreciate one another's cultures and become one big family. Any questions, please email Ms. Sihanath at branstarrsihanath@u-46.org

RED CROSS CLUB

Would you like the chance to volunteer to give back to your community while also spending time with your friends? Red

Cross Club provides you with opportunities to make a difference by addressing your community's greatest needs and developing leadership skills within the club through your participation in various volunteering activities the club offers. A lot of volunteering activities will include getting involved with aspects of healthcare!

Red Cross also empowers you with knowledge, compassion, and life-saving skills to help prepare your school and community to respond to emergencies and help those in need. Meetings will take place in room F206 at 7:15 am and 3pm the first and third Thursdays of each month. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Besch at michellerogersbesch@u-46.org.

RESOURCE CLOSET CLUB

Resource Closet Club organizes clothing and school supplies for SEHS students who are in need. We need students who are detail oriented, fashion conscious, and have people skills and are kind and understanding. You can volunteer as much or as little as you want -- we need all the help we can get. The Resource Closet Club is looking for students to help with sorting and organizing the Resource Closet. We meet Tuesdays at 3pm and Friday's before school at 7am in Room B115. If you are interested in joining or you have any questions, please email Mrs. Hebeke at Genevievehebeke@u-46.org

BLACK STUDENT UNION-BSU

Black Student Union (BSU) is a safe space for all! Our goals are; to provide students with opportunities to engage and discuss their experience(s), to raise cultural awareness within the school and community, and to promote a more positive image of black students. In BSU students will build relationships and discuss current events, plan and attend field trips and/or social action events, tour historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) and so much more! Students of all backgrounds are welcome to attend all meetings and events.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 3pm in room F116 and on Thursday's at 7am in the STAFF lounge (located in the commons).

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Come learn sign language with a group of other curious students! In this club, we learn signs together for the love of language. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pesch at rebeccapesch@u-46.org

YOUTH ACTIVISTS CLUB

Interested in current events and how you can help? Our club is a group of students who want to stay up to date with what's going on in the world and who want to make a difference in people's lives. If you have any questions, please contact Ms.

Pesch at rebeccapesch@u-46.org

GSA CLUB

If interested in joining GSA Club (Gender-Sexualities Alliance) or have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Dicker-Krase at kendradicker@u-46.org

SPEECH & DRAMA TEAM

If you missed the first Speech & Drama team, please contact Mrs. Kochanski at samanthakochanski@u-46.org with questions

EMS CLUB

EMS stands for emergency medical skills. You can gain and practice first aid skills you might need in an emergency situation.

For more information, please contact:

Anna Christopherson (Club President): achristopherson00834@student.u-46.org

GARDEN CLUB

Does the faint scent of leaves and flowers intrigue you? If so, come join the Gardening Club! If you like flowers, nature, planting, and overall creativity, come join our club. No prior knowledge required. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 30 at 3pm in the commons.

Please email areppin10423@student.u-46.org or Vanessa blank@u-46.org to ask any questions.

POLISH CLUB

Want to learn about Polish culture and traditions, be part of an awesome group of people and make new friends?

Join Polish Club!

You don't have to be Polish to join!

Meetings take place every other Tuesday of the month in room F101 from 3-3:30pm.

If you missed our first meeting, please email Mrs. Cosentino at samanthacosentino@u-46.org

MSA: MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Join MSA: The Muslim Student Association

Do you want to increase awareness and understanding of the Islamic Faith in an effort to promote religious and cultural diversity? Join MSA! We meet on the first Wednesday of the

month from 3-3:30 in room F101. If you missed our first meeting, please email Mrs. Cosentino at samanthacosentino@u-46.org



COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM Each year, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards 150 college scholarships worth \$20,000 to high school students across the United States through the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Students are selected based on academics (need a 3.0 GPA), leadership, and service, and to fill out an online application that requires no essays, no recommendations, and no transcripts.

Golden Apple Scholars program: Eligibility requirements:

- * Illinois High School Senior
- * U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen (DACA recipients) and resident of Illinois

***ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:**

Every application submitted receives a holistic review. This means every piece of your application is reviewed and considered to make a decision. One single item does not determine your application decision.

Standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) are optional and not required for acceptance this year. **Due Date 12/1/2023**

Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice Scholarship: Seniors; be enrolled in or have an application pending at an accredited college. The scholarship committee will determine the recipient based on his/her recommendation and essay. Applications are available in the guidance office. **Due Date 4/5/24**

CBAI Foundation For Community Bank: The competition is open to Illinois high school seniors who are sponsored by a CBAI member bank; it's not based on financial need. Students are asked to write a one-page essay on the theme: "What is a community bank and how does it affect the economy?" Submit all the forms to a sponsoring bank. Applications available in the guidance office. **Due Date 3/1/2024**

BWA-Black Women's Association Scholarship: Seniors of African-American descent; who have demonstrated a strong scholastic ability and achievement, creativity (scholastic or artistic), peer relationships, integrity, community involvement of their volunteerism, and leadership. The student must be attending an accredited College or University and possess a GPA of 2.5 or above. You can find copies of the scholarship application in the guidance office. **Due Date 12/8/2023**

IL JCI Charitable Foundation/US JCI Senate Foundation:Seniors; must be U.S. citizens to apply for this scholarship. Your personal statement is limited to 500 words. Up to three reference letters, a school transcript, and any student with a GPA of 3.75 and above will be considered for the grant. All materials must be submitted under one cover. No electronic submissions will be accepted. Please visit their website to download the application or visit the guidance office for a hard copy. **Due Date 1/29/2024**

American College Foundation (ACF): Eligible grades: 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027. Financial need is NOT considered. ACF Visionary Scholarship complete details.

Our Visionary Scholarship is a bi-annual award. There are five awards given with each bi-annual deadline - with a total of ten college scholarships awarded for each school year. Click here for more award details on award availability. **Due Date 12/12/2023**

United Black Scholarship Committee of Elgin: Students interested in being considered for this scholarship should complete and return the application to the Guidance office. Hard copies are available at the Guidance office too. Need to submit an official transcript, some written responses, and provide a letter of recommendation. **Please bring all papers to the guidance office before 1/12/23.**

FTF-Fueling The Minds of The Future: Graduating high school seniors beginning college in Fall 2024 visit their website for complete program information and application. This scholarship is sponsored by local gasoline stations and convenience stores owned and operated by Graham Enterprise, Inc. and Graham C-Stores Company. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program please get in touch with them at 630.428.2412 or info@fuelingminds.com.
Due Date 3/15/2024

Tricoci University of Beauty Culture Scholarship: Tricoci University of Beauty Culture is proud to offer a scholarship opportunity for our recent high school graduates. One (1) applicant per Tricoci University campus will be rewarded \$3,500 to help fund their Tricoci education and come closer to becoming a licensed professional in the beauty industry. Check their website at https://fuelingminds.com/ for an application and more information.
Due Date 3/1/2024

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE WEEKEND!