

April 11,
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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CALENDAR](#)



APRIL 15 & 16

**MORE INFO IN THE
FOLLOWING PAGES**

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

04-15 & 16 – Testing
04-17 – Institute Day – No School
04-18 – Spring Holiday – No School
05-02 – Prom
05-08 – Orchestra Concert
05-09 – Band Concert
05-20 – Beacon Academy Awards
05-21 – Senior Walk
05-22 – Senior Sunrise
05-22 – Boat Trip
05-23 – Graduation Rehearsal/Senior Celebration
05-24 – SEHS Graduation – 8 pm



**SEHS Registration
Assistance
Thursday, April 24
4:00pm – 6:00 pm**

Greetings Storm Nation,

I cannot believe it is April already. We still have so much to do, and so much to celebrate! April and May will be busy with all kinds of exciting opportunities for our students. That being the case, it is important that we are all on the same page with expectations. We continue to strive to make sure that all of our students are in class, on time, prepared to engage in learning every day that they are able.

There has been concern in the community regarding a “senior assassin” game. Please remind your student that this game does not exist at SEHS. Look alike and toy weapons are strictly prohibited from all U46 property. Students in possession of such items will be subject to disciplinary action as identified by the student code of conduct. The South Elgin Police Department has also put out warnings for participating in this game in the community; those warnings are included later in the Friday Forecast.

My concern is for the safety of our students. What seems like an innocent game can quickly turn into a much bigger issue when students make unsafe choices. It’s not worth the risk. Ask your student to participate in a more productive celebration of their senior year.

Next week is not a typical week. Monday is a normal day of school, Tuesday and Wednesday students are testing, Thursday is a teacher institute day (no school for students), and Friday is a Spring Holiday (no school). Please see our counseling section for more details regarding testing. Here are my tried and true testing tips that are helpful for all students:

1. Be well rested, get to bed early.
2. Fuel your brain, eat a good breakfast.
3. Leave your cell phone in your locker, car, at home, or anywhere where it won’t be a distraction.
4. Answer all of the questions, there is no penalty for wrong answers.
5. Arrive on time and don’t rush. This is important.

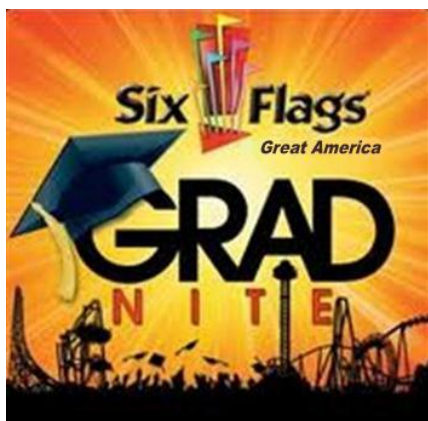
I hope all of our students are able to take this round of testing seriously and do their best.

You may have noticed that we are now having our students scan their IDs to enter the building in the morning. I promise that we will continue to modify and change our systems to ensure that we have the safest and most secure learning environment possible for our students. Thank you for your support and understanding.

As a first year high school principal, I can’t begin to express how excited I am to see our students finish the year safe and strong.

Roll Storm,

Jonathon Miquelon
Principal of South Elgin High School
“Taking the future by Storm!”



Saturday, May 17th to the wee hours of Sunday, May 18th!

Seniors come celebrate the culmination of your senior year at Six Flags/Great America with GRAD Nite!

Gates open to the park at 9:30 pm with rides, food and activities running until 3:00 am!

Cost per student is \$105.00, which includes transportation to and from the park (students are NOT allowed to drive themselves), a reservation at the picnic grove with an all you can eat buffet, access to rides and roller coasters and a student lounge and games!

Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 21st. Be sure to purchase your ticket early to reserve your spot for this event!



SEHS GRADUATION

**SATURDAY, MAY 24
8:00 PM**

NOW ARENA
5333 PRAIRIE STONE PARKWAY
HOFFMAN ESTATES



All parents/guardians of graduates should have received an email to order tickets for the graduation ceremony. If you did not receive the email, please call SEHS at 847-289-3760.

Deadline to order tickets is April 11.

If you do not fill out the google doc, you will be given 10 tickets.

CLICK HERE FOR TH SEHS SENIOR NEWSLETTER

GRADUATION CEREMONY PHOTOS

CLICK HERE FOR 20% OFF



Online registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year

Please do not delay, register today.

Parents of currently enrolled students will register all of their children for the upcoming school year, *including any new students (kindergarten, preschool, transfer in from private schools)* along with their current students, conveniently on one application, using [Infinite Campus Parent](#). [Please use this link for detailed information on registering currently enrolled students.](#)

If your student is not returning for the 25-26 school year, please complete the [consent form](#) and bring it to SEHS main office or email it to VeronicaRealzola@u-46.org.

Smartphones can now be used to submit your online registration!

If you need assistance or access to a computer, SEHS will be available to assist with Registration on

Thursday, April 24 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Please enter Door #1.

Upcoming Required State Assessments - April 15 & 16

All high school students in Illinois will be taking the following assessments this spring: the ACT and Pre-ACT.

	9 th grade	10 th grade	11 th grade	12 th grade
TUESDAY 4/15/25	Non-attendance day	Non-attendance day	ACT	ACT if required* OR non-attendance day
WEDNESDAY 4/16/25	Pre-ACT	Pre-ACT	Non-attendance day Select students approved for multi-day testing will be required to return to complete the ACT	Non-attendance day

**** Your grade level listed above is the grade that is listed in Infinite Campus based on credits you have earned and not the year in school you are ****

From the Office of Climate and Culture

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. As such, students will be expected to adhere to the following expectations in order to participate in these privileged activities:

All students **must be passing five academic courses** at the time of sales and through the prom and/or boat trip dates.

Students not passing five academic courses may be placed on an academic contract with their dean. The expectation is 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.

All students must maintain a 90% attendance rate for 2nd semester.

Cannot have 8 full days of **unexcused** absences or 64 single period absences.

Attendance office can only go back to the last 72 hours to excuse absences.

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.

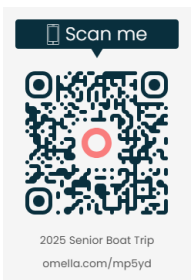


SENIOR BOAT TRIP - THURSDAY, MAY 22

Spirit of Chicago/Navy Pier - \$90.00 per person

Bus transportation, food/drinks, a DJ, and Lake Michigan/Chicago picturesque views. [SENIOR BOAT TRIP 2025 INFO](#)

Click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code.





Click on picture to learn how every minute matters



Every student. Every day.

24-hour

Attendance line

847-289-3760 x 3365

**24-hour Early Release
line**

847-289-3760 x 3764

[Click here for U46 attendance
policy/valid causes of absence](#)

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Due to the high volume of early release calls, we will not be able to accommodate calls received after **1:00 pm** on early release days unless deemed an emergency.

Attendance Reminders

1. Single class absence or tardy that may have been entered in error can only be excused by the teacher for that period. Please email the teacher.
2. There is only a **72-hour** window to excuse any absences.
3. All students **MUST scan in or out**, when leaving early or arriving late. Failure to do so will result in the student being marked unexcused for the periods missed.
4. If there is an *in-school emergency* situation, please keep in mind that no calls will be answered until the situation is resolved.

Students leaving early

- When calling your student out early, please include the exact time of release, your name, relation to the student, your contact number, student's name and ID number.
- Be sure to call *at least* 2 hours before the release time.
- Your student will receive an early release pass that will be stamped "Report to Attendance Office" with the time they are to report to the attendance office. Your student must sign out at the attendance office in order to be excused. When signing out, your student will need to get their hand stamped to be able to return back to school if applicable. All students leaving early will exit using the main door (door #1) which is located near the security desk.
- If your student is returning to school (same day) your student will need to sign back in at the attendance office before going to class.

ALL U46 SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED CAMPUS

Mark Your Calendar for Free Clothing Friday!

The Essentials Exchange is thrilled to host our next **Free Clothing Friday** on **Friday, April 25**, from **4:00 - 6:30 pm**.

We always have new inventory, so come get your next great find! No appointments necessary, and please park in the back by the tennis courts.

SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL

Essentials Exchange

Free Clothing Fridays

April 25

We invite you to encourage your child to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to access essential items at no cost! Throughout the school, QR codes are available to help your child make an appointment for free clothing, shoes, and personal hygiene items during the school day. It's an easy way to support your child's needs!



The state of Illinois requires all 9th grade students to have a dental exam as part of their health requirements. There is an 18-month window that the exam can be completed; beginning any time after 10/15/2023.

Dental forms can be dropped off in the nurse office, faxed to 847-888-7613 or emailed to pamelasthomas@U-46.org. Please note that electronic documents must be sent as a PDF file, as we cannot accept pictures/JPEG file formats.

Please plan to submit your student's dental exam before 5/15/25 to meet state requirements.
If you have any questions or concerns, please call our school health office at 847-289-3760 ext. 3642.

Athletics

STORM family, we are thrilled to share several outstanding athletic accomplishments from the month of March, showcasing the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students. Here's a recap of some of our achievements:

- Girls Soccer is currently 3-4-1 with a stretch of tough non-conference battles behind us. We are starting conference play this month and look to build heading into post season play.
- Our Boys Lacrosse team is currently 3-2 with a recent victory over Neuqua Valley 17-5. We have battled through some treacherous weather but are looking forward to the rest of the season.
- Girls Softball wrapped up their Spring Break trip to Tennessee where we went 3-2. We are rolling into conference play this month on our quest for a conference title.
- Our Boys Baseball is currently 2-9 overall but 1-0 in conference play. We have had tough losses to several non-conference opponents both in and out of state. We will be jumping into conference play as we prepare to battle for a conference championship.
- Girls Badminton has had several strong individual showings to start our season. We are excited to host the U46 JV Badminton tournament this weekend. Varsity will be traveling to Larkin to compete in the U46 Varsity tournament. Good Luck Ladies!
- Boys Volleyball is currently 8-4 and took 4th place in the Vernon Hills tournament last weekend with HUGE wins over Loyola Academy and Wheaton North. SEHS Varsity also won the U46 tournament which means our trophy is back home in the trophy case where it belongs. Our Freshman boys went to St. Francis and took 1st place in their tournament!! Great job fellas!!
- Girls Lacrosse is looking to secure their first win of the season next week against Burlington Central.
- Both Boys and Girls Track are excited to jump into the outdoor portion of our season. We were able to host a track meet this week and look forward to hosting two more meets in May. Please come out and support our track athletes!!
- Boys Tennis wrapped up the last quad of the season last weekend. We are jumping into the heart of our schedule this month. Best of luck gentleman!

Please note that our Senior Awards Celebration Night (SESPYS) is May 16th at Villa Olivia. All senior athletes and parents should have received an email from me over Spring Break with some information. Tickets will go on sale at the end of April. This is a reminder that our pre-tryout Dance Clinic is April 14-16 4-7 pm. Sideline Dance Tryouts will be May 12-14 5:30-8:30pm. Thank you for all of the continued support for all of our wonderful programs.

ROLL STORM!

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 Hebeka	x3056
Lf - Rob	Gianna Villanueva	X3489
Roc-Z	Megan Quinn	x3385

Save the Date! The Fox Valley Regional College Fair will be held at Geneva Elgin High School on Thursday, April 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. There will be approximately 200 colleges/universities from across the country in attendance. This is the largest spring college fair in the area. We strongly encourage all Juniors to attend, but students in every grade are welcomed. [Click here to register!](#)

Summer School - In need of making up a credit? Summer school classes will be held at Streamwood High School Mon-Friday on the following dates:

- June 2th - 16th (Session 1)
- June 17th - July 2 (Session 2)
- Time: 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM (includes lunch)

Registration is now open. [Click here](#) for more information.

Community Outreach - If you or someone you know needs assistance with mental health or substance abuse click [here](#) to be connected with resources.

Counselor's Corner

ATTENTION SENIORS

Looking for ways to pay for college?

- 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...apply today!

Planning to attend Elgin Community College in fall of 2025?

- Do not wait any longer to apply! 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 and have early access to orientation dates once you have completed your placement tests.

Save the date! Elgin Community College invites you and your students to Experience ECC 2025 Open House – an exciting opportunity to explore why ECC is consistently ranked among the top community colleges in the U.S.! [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Wednesday, April 16

Building B, Jobe Lounge

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Campus Tours

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM | Open House

At this FREE event students will:

- Take guided tours tailored to their interests.
- Meet professors and explore our 130+ degree and certificate programs.
- Get one-on-one support with admissions and financial aid.
- Learn about student life, clubs and student support services.
- Design a free ECC keychain, enter to win raffle prizes, and more!

REMINDER - FAFSA is a graduation requirement

- All seniors have to complete either the 2024-2025 FAFSA or the 2025-2026 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)) for any undocumented students. Colleges will also use this document to determine what financial aid they can provide. 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](#).
- The Senior Year-End Activity and Post-Secondary Evidence is a graduation requirement. Both of these tasks can be located and completed in Schoolinks. Please follow the steps below:
 1. Login to Schoolinks through Clever
 2. Click on Show Remaining To Dos on dashboard
 3. Click on Senior Year-End Activity
 4. Click on U-46 Post Secondary Evidence Plan
 5. Upload evidence of your post high school plans. (Examples: Housing deposit, employment offer letter, placement test results, enrollment confirmation, enlistment contract or work schedule).

ATTENTION JUNIORS

- Counselors will continue to meet with all Juniors one on one for their Jr. meeting to explore their post-secondary plans. All Juniors should continue to utilize Schoolinks as a great resource.
- **Save the date!** College Jumpstart is a two-day voluntary and in-person program that will be offered at Elgin High School August 4th and 5th. It will cover topics important for incoming seniors, such as developing a post-secondary plan, exploring post-secondary options, college applications, essays, letters of recommendation, financial aid, and other post-secondary resources. [Click here](#) for more information and to register. Registration is NOW OPEN and is FREE!
- In Illinois all Juniors must take the School Day ACT assessment as part of the state graduation requirement. The ACT will be offered on April 15th. Any senior who did not take the school day SAT last April must take the ACT April 15th. Though this ACT is a required state test for juniors, the resulting scores are official ACT scores that can be reported to colleges during the application process, if you choose. Check out some of these free resources.

[Practice ACT](#)

[What are the difference between the SAT and ACT](#)



ATTENTION: "Senior Assassin" Game Creates Danger for Participants & Police



As the weather warms up, we're hearing reports that South Elgin High School and St. Charles North High School students are preparing to play the "Senior Assassin" game. While this game may seem like harmless fun, it creates serious safety concerns for the participants, the responding officers, and the public.



What is Senior Assassin?

Students "target" each other with water guns, often using tactics like hiding in yards, wearing masks, and chasing each other in cars to avoid elimination.



Why is this dangerous?



Public Alarm – People may mistake participants for real threats, leading to unnecessary 911 calls and police responses.



Police Response Risks – Officers responding to reports of armed individuals don't immediately know the situation is a game. What seems fun to players can quickly become a high-risk situation.



Traffic & Trespassing Violations – Players running through neighborhoods, hiding in backyards, or driving recklessly to avoid being "eliminated" put themselves and others in real danger.



Risk of Armed Citizens Reacting – In Illinois, there are individuals with concealed carry licenses (CCLs), and some may be overly eager to intervene in what they perceive as a real threat. A person carrying what looks like a weapon—even a water gun—could provoke a tragic encounter.



Possible Criminal Consequences

Participating in this game could result in serious legal consequences, including but not limited to:



Disorderly Conduct – Causing public panic or disrupting peace.



Trespassing – Entering private property without permission.



Reckless Driving – Speeding or driving dangerously while trying to escape opponents.



Aggravated Assault – Pointing a weapon (real or otherwise) causing someone to believe they are in immediate danger of being hurt with said weapon.

We encourage parents and guardians to talk to their teens about the very real risks of playing "Senior Assassin" and the legal consequences that can follow.

We also encourage the public that *if you see something, say something*. If you see suspicious activity or someone with what appears to be a weapon, CALL [911](#) IMMEDIATELY. Our officers will respond as if it's a real threat until we can deem it otherwise.

Let's keep our community safe and be reasonable. Avoid unnecessary risks, and choose safer ways to have fun.

#SouthElginPD #SeniorAssassin #StaySafe

Great Things Happening at South Elgin High School!



Congratulations to the SEHS Mock Trial Team for qualifying for the final round at the state tournament this weekend. This is the first time in school history a team has advanced to be one of the TOP TEN TEAMS in the state of Illinois. In addition, Jordan Weynschenk was awarded with an Outstanding Attorney Award and Hannah Greenberg and Colton Griffiths were awarded with an Outstanding Witness Award.

WAY TO GO!



South Elgin HS Auto Show
Hosted by the 2025 Auto Club

20-classes
Trophies
T-shirts
Concessions
Raffle Prizes

Saturday May-17th
9 AM-2PM
South Elgin High School
760 East Main St. South Elgin IL

FREE FOR SPECTATORS!
\$10-DOLLARS TO ENTER CARS
Proceeds benefit the Automotive Technology Program

SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL AUTO SHOW **SATURDAY, MAY 17 – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Get ready for the 2025 South Elgin High School 18th Annual Auto Show, hosted by the SEHS Auto club! We are once again looking for help with advertising and letting everyone know about the support it provides our automotive technology program and students.

Sign your car up for \$10.00 or just come by for all the fun, spectators are free to enter. We will have cars of all types, 20 classes with trophies, special fund-raising events such as our Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Tear Down Team exhibition, raffle tickets for excellent prizes, food, and T-shirts for sale. Don't miss it! Also, one scholarship will be awarded to a SEHS student from the Deryl & Margaret Schertz Memorial Scholarship

Any questions, information, or to volunteer please contact Steve Schertz at steveschertz@u-46.org



Our March Assembly for SEHS students was hosted by AGA Nation about distracted driving for teens.



DECA students competed among 1800 students at Illinois State in March.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOSA STATE FINALISTS!

We had over 80 students compete in the Preliminary Round, 62 qualified for HOSA State and 52 students attended and competed at HOSA State. Here are the Top 10 and Top 3 finishers from South Elgin.

Individual Event Top 10 Placers

Medical Spelling: Meral Ghani

Clinical Laboratory Science: Ishita Patel

Physical Therapy: Dia Patel, Rachael Paulin, and Amy Skrabacz

Respiratory Therapy: Prachi Shah

Sports Medicine: Amelia Treni, and Anna Christopherson

Job Seeking Skills: Anna Christopherson, Dia Patel, Uma Patel

Team Event Top 10 Placers

CPR/First Aid: The team of Anna Christopherson, and Dia Patel, and the team of Amelia Treni/Perla LaVergne

Mental Health Promotion Team Event: The team of Ishita Patel, Diya Patel, and Reha Fernandez

Forensic Science Team Event: The team of Molly Kinsella and Avery Stokes

Public Service Announcement: The team of Lily Patel, Harini Patel, Chesta Patel, Quinn Forkin and Shayna Shah

Top three placers who qualify for HOSA Internationals in June

Adelyn Logsdon took First Place in Extemporaneous Writing:

The team of Anna Christopherson, Alyssa Morrelli, Julia Fugiel, and Dia Patel Took Second Place in Health Education Team Event:

The team of McKenzie Norasith, Prisha Visaria, and Maahi Shah placed 3rd in the Community Awareness Team Event.





FCCLA STATE COMPETITION



Olivia Bailey -Top Ten Gold Medalist- Cookie Decorating

Isabella Jewett- Top Ten Gold Medalist- Charcuterie Board Decorating

Emma Leskis - Top Ten Silver Medalist- Cookie Decorating

Priyana Patel- Top Ten Silver Medalist- Frosted Cake Decorating

Riley Kennedy- Top Ten Silver Medalist- Fondant Cake Decorating

Elice Tun- Top Ten Silver Medalist- Fashion Construction Semi- Formal





Bryanna Sanchez, South Elgin High School Senior designs Windy City Bulls uniform for team's Hispanic Heritage Night. Congratulations!



While the Windy City Bulls have worn specialty uniforms for Chicago Bulls Night, Polish Heritage Night and other special events, this year's Hispanic Heritage Night marks the first time a uniform design contest has been held. It's also the first time Bryanna Sánchez has designed a piece of

clothing. "I enjoyed doing this. I thought it turned out great,"



ANNABETH S. BAUGCUM
CARTER J. BEUCLER
GIANNA N. BROWN
CARLOS M. BUCIO
ANTHONY A. CAVALLO
ANNA N. CHRISTOPHERSON
RYAN J. CORN
SAMUEL DANKEL
JUSTIN N. DEFENSOR
DONALD DOAN
ERIC A. DROZDZIAK
AVA E. FRANCH
GAVIN FREDRICKS
JULIA N. FUGIEL
RYAN GICZKOWSKI
AMBER V. GNUTEK
RYAN GOETZ

EMMETT M. HANSON
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ELLIE K. JAHNKE
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COLE JURCY
MACKENZIE KLINGER
GABRIELA KRUSIEC
REILLY C. MALESH
MIKELLA M. MESINA
ETHAN J. MESSER
CALLAHAN MILLER
LAILA E. MIULLI
RUBY MONTGOMERY
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DIEGO A. ORTIZ
VILLAGOMEZ
NISHAR H. PAREKH
AYUSH R. PATEL
DIA M. PATEL
JESSA R. PENTECOST
JASON R. PHILLIPS
ELISE M. PRATT
DREW K. RAVAL
KAMILA SANGABRIEL
AMY SKRABACZ
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SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL

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2025

Congratulations!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU