

Press Clippings - 5/15/2023

– Chicago Tribune –

Elgin News Digest: Free school supplies for K-6 students at U-46 schools; garden club plant sale in West Dundee's Grafelman Park; South Elgin announces summer concert series

May 13, 2023

By Mike Danahey - The Courier-News

Free school supplies for K-6 students at U-46 schools

The **U-46 School Board** is expected to approve a \$1.2 million contract with Pala Supply Company Inc. to provide supply kits to all kindergarten through sixth-grade students for the 2023-24 school year.

The plan is to order 21,449 kits containing essential supplies other than backpacks.

Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grant money will pay for the items, as they have done since the 2021-22 school year.

District officials said they are looking at ways to continue the effort once relief money is no longer available.

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

– Chicago Tribune –

U-46 to offer Japanese and Mandarin classes as part of elective high school curriculum next year

May 3, 2023

By Mike Danahey - The Courier-News

School District U-46 plans to add Japanese and Mandarin language classes to its elective offerings at all five high schools in the 2022-23 academic year.

“Initially, Level 1 would be available at all five high schools,” **Jacob VandeMoortel**, coordinator of K-12 Social Studies and World Languages, told the school board Monday night.

Streamwood High School is the only **U-46 school** to currently offer Japanese and Mandarin.

The addition dovetails with the Illinois State Board of Education’s decision to require high school students to complete two years of a world language in order to receive their diploma, a change that goes into effect in the 2028-29 school year, VandeMoortel said.

U-46 currently has no world language requirement for its students but it does offer French, German and Spanish language classes.

Streamwood students will continue in the language classes in which they are now enrolled. In 2022-23, another level of Japanese and Mandarin will be added so that by 2025-26, every high school will offer four years of study for both languages.

“This would be two years ahead of the Illinois state graduation requirement,” **VandeMoortel** said.

The district plans to work with New Zealand-based education tech company Education Perfect to create customized content for the classes.

“Students will have digital textbooks, which they will access through their computers,” VandeMoortel said.

Teachers are excited that what Education Perfect provides can be used in whole group, team or individual instruction, he said.

The program’s estimated over six years would be \$43,560 for digital resources and \$6,792 for initial and ongoing professional development, he said. Assuming 484 students take the courses over those six years, the cost would be about \$17 per student per year, VandeMoortel said.

The new language instructors would likely travel from campus to campus to teach classes, at least for the first year, he said.

“I am so happy to see this being offered eventually to all high schools,” board member Melissa Owens said. “This puts us on par with other high schools that neighbor our district. It sets our students up for success in languages that are really important, especially in the business world.”

Board President Sue Kerr said she also was pleased by the addition of the new classes and the world language requirement, but questioned what kind of impact it might have on student schedules given other requirements and interests.

“This may be making things more difficult for our kids in some ways,” Kerr said.

– Chicago Tribune –

Drawn to music off the field, Brooke Baumann sings winning tune as a defender for Bartlett. ‘I have figured it out.’

May 15, 2023

By Patrick Z. McGavin - Aurora Beacon-News

Growing up, **Bartlett's Brooke Baumann** rarely turned down a chance to sing.

During long family trips, every time a song that she liked came on the car radio, **Baumann** would break out and accompany the track in her own beautiful, distinctive singing style.

It's like she was trying out for "The Voice."

"Music has always been in the background, and I was drawn to it," she said. "Choir became an option when I was in middle school. My mother said I should just go for it because I am singing all the time."

The senior defender is mastering a song on the soccer field for the **Hawks** (4-9-4, 4-2-3), demonstrating resolve, talent and drive along with a willingness to try new things.

Change is a driving force in life. After displaying offensive skills as a forward and midfielder in her first two varsity seasons, **Baumann** moved to central defender to fortify that crucial position.



Bartlett's Brooke Baumann (28) keeps an eye on the play against Geneva during a non conference game in **Bartlett** on Monday, April 3, 2023. (Mark Black / The Beacon-News)



Bartlett's Brooke Baumann (28) takes control of the ball in the first half against East Aurora during a non conference game on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. (Brian O'Mahoney / The Beacon-News)

“It was all **Brooke's** idea,” **Bartlett coach Vince Revak** said. “She felt she could contribute more as a defender, and that is exactly the type of player Brooke has been.”

“She is focused on the success of the team. It’s true we could have used more goals this year, but it’s also true that having her in back has given us a lot of opportunities to win games.”

The 5-foot-10 **Baumann**, a St. Mary’s recruit, is a force of nature no matter where she plays on the field. She combines ideal size, range and power with a specific physical presence.

“I definitely use my body to shield the ball and get in front of other players,” **Baumann** said. “My height is great for winning balls out of the air.

“I have super long legs and that makes my strides faster, which I use to my advantage.”

Playing offense for her tends to be more freewheeling and improvisational — making plays on the go. Defense brings out her more disciplined side.

“You have to play with a lot more composure, because you are the final line of defense,” she said. “Any mistakes are automatically goal scoring opportunities for the other team.

“It was a little stressful at the beginning, but I feel like I have figured it out.”

The best part about shifting to the back for Baumann is being closer positionally to her younger sister **Breanna**, a junior who plays on the outside.

“My sister is my best friend,” **Brooke** said.

Like her older sister, **Breanna** is lanky and versatile. The natural chemistry between the two sisters is a crucial reason the Hawks have recorded eight shutouts.

“**Brooke** always works until the last second and she expects nothing less from her teammates,” **Breanna** said. “I can definitely see how she has influenced me through our years of playing soccer together.”

“One of the best things about playing with her is how we cover for each other. If I get beat on the outside, I know she will have my back. I don’t even have to call for it. It’s just a shared understanding.”



Bartlett's Brooke Baumann consoles **Megan Kron** (0) at halftime against Geneva during a non conference game in Bartlett on Monday, April 3, 2023. (Mark Black / The Beacon-News)

Brooke Baumann still has the necessary offensive attributes. She has scored three goals — all on penalty kicks — for the Hawks, who play Geneva in a Class 3A regional semifinal Wednesday at **South Elgin**.

Like her musical taste, she’s adventurous and not tied down to just one style or form.

“Playing multiple positions gives me a better understanding of the game,” **Baumann** said.
“I think it really broadens the thought process. I can better direct when I am in the back because by seeing the whole field.

“As a forward, I know what I would do in certain situations, so I could suggest to the underclassmen about what to do and how to guide them. Some people just don’t know.”

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– Daily Herald –

Boys track and field: Glenbard East edges Glenbard South by a point to win UEC meet

May 11, 2023

By Lou Nunez Jr.

With a Thursday evening forecast of partly cloudy skies and a light wind with temperatures in the 70s, the Upstate Eight Conference boys track and field championships at Glenbard South had the perfect ingredients for a wide-open contest for the UEC team title plus opportunities galore for the competitors to post their best possible showings heading into next week's sectionals.

"It's (going to be) a great (evening) for a meet," Glenbard South coach Doug Gorski said as he welcomed the teams at the Raider Stadium entrance gate Thursday afternoon.

Gorski, who also doubled as meet director, also used a bicycle to move around the event when dusk arrived just before 8 p.m. to get the stadium's lights turned on.

"That's how we do it at Glenbard South," Gorski said with a laugh as he also added filming his athletes during competition.

In that capacity he would see his team battle with Glenbard East for the UEC title. It came down to the final event, the 4x400 relay to determine the crown where by virtue of earning 6 points in a third-place finish, 2 points behind runner-up Glenbard South, it allowed the Rams to earn its first Upstate Eight crown, 115-114.

Bartlett (84 points) took the bronze, while **Elgin** (74 points) placed fourth and two-time defending UEC champ **South Elgin** (58 points) finished fifth.

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

– Chicago Tribune –

Baseball, softball and girls soccer scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

May 12, 2023

By From Staff Reports - Daily Southtown

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS SOCCER

CLASS 3A REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

GLENBARD NORTH

Larkin 1, Glenbard North 0

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
HIGH SCHOOLS
BASEBALL

Antioch 13, Grant 7

Aurora Christian 13, Wheaton Academy 9

ACC (18-8, 8-4 Metro Suburban Red): Adan Rocha 3 RBIs.

Beecher 13, Momence 3

Beecher (15-13): A.J. Snell 3-for-4, double, HR, 4 runs, 5 RBIs.

Bloom 10, Kankakee 5

Bolingbrook 16, Homewood-Flossmoor 14

Bradley-Bourbonnais 9, Andrew 7

Buffalo Grove 7, Bartlett 4

Burlington Central 4, Cary-Grove 2

Burlington Central (15-12, 11-7 Fox Valley): Brady Gilroy 2-for-3, 2 RBIs.

De La Salle 10, DePaul Prep 3

De La Salle (15-16, 10-7 CCL White): Angel Castro, Jaiden Merrills HR each. Won league title outright.

Illinois Lutheran 4, St. Anne 3

Lake Forest Academy 5, Elgin Academy 3

Lincoln-Way East 12, Sandburg 2 (5 innings)

Lincoln-Way West 4, Lincoln-Way Central 3 (9 innings)

Lincoln-Way West (22-6, 6-0 SWSC Red): Dominic Saso GW double in bottom 9th.

Maine West 10, Vernon Hills 9

Marian Catholic 6, Oak Forest 2

Marian (14-14): Kevin Denty 4-for-4, 2 runs, 2 RBIs.

Marist 11, Nazareth 1 (5 innings)

Marist (14-10-1, 5-6 ESCC): John McAuliffe HR, 2 runs, 4 RBIs.

Montini 12, Leo 5

Mundelein 10, Johnsborg 0 (5 innings)

Mundelein (16-9): Christian Seminaro triple, 2 RBIs.

Naperville Central 6, Metea Valley 3

Naperville Central (20-7, 11-4 DuPage Valley): Andrew Gallegos HR, 3 RBIs.

Naperville North 12, Waubonsie Valley 2 (5 innings)

Naperville North (13-9-1, 8-7 DuPage Valley): Tanner Mally 3-for-3, 3 runs, 2 RBIs.

Neuqua Valley 11, DeKalb 0

Neuqua (15-10-1, 9-6 DuPage Valley): Dan Cercello 5 IP, 0 H, 10 Ks.

Newark 12, Crossroads Christian 2 (5 innings)

Notre Dame 4, Benet 0

Oswego East 10, Oswego 6

Oswego East (18-8, 9-3 Southwest Prairie West): Josh Polubinski 2-for-4, HR, 2 runs, 5 RBIs.

Prairie Ridge 10, Hampshire 9 (8 innings)

Providence 4, Mount Carmel 2

Providence (25-5, 15-3 CCL Blue): Nate O'Donnell (W) 5.2 IP, 8 Ks. Won league title outright.

Richards 11, Tinley Park 4

Richards (13-13, 8-7 SSC Red): Neil Glynn 4-for-4, 2 runs, 4 RBIs.

St. Charles East 3, Batavia 0

St. Charles East (22-2, 17-1 DuKane): Joe Arend CG, 4 H.

St. Rita 11, Loyola 2

St. Rita (20-9, 12-6 CCL Blue): Joey Smith 2-for-5, 2 runs, 2 RBIs.

Shepard 8, Bremen 1

Shepard (10-18, 7-9 SSC Red): Mike Radz CG, 4 H, 11 Ks.

T.F. South 3, Argo 0

T.F. South (20-11, 10-6 SSC Blue): Rodrigo Arceo CG, 3 H.

Thornwood 16, Rich Township 1 (4 innings)

Wauconda 12, Round Lake 6

Wauconda (10-11-1, 9-5 Northern Lake County): Ryan Fostiak 4-for-5, 4 RBIs.

Wheaton North 15, Geneva 5

Yorkville Christian 13, Lisle 5

SOFTBALL

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Lincoln-Way Central (21-4, 7-0 SWSC Red): Lisabella Dimitrijevic CG, 14 Ks.

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Lincoln-Way West 22, Stagg 0 (5 innings)

Lockport 9, Sandburg 2

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St. Edward (6-13): Alaina Nolan no-hitter, 21 Ks.

Sandwich 12, Plano 1 (6 innings)

Sandwich (12-12, 5-9 Interstate Eight): Breanna Sexton 2-for-3, 3-run HR, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

South Elgin 4, Glenbard South 3

South Elgin (19-4-1, 14-1 Upstate Eight): Mia Speidel 2-for-2, 3 RBIs.

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Vernon Hills 10, Niles North 0 (5 innings)

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Compiled by Josh Krockey.

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Local scoreboard

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Softball Records through May 14

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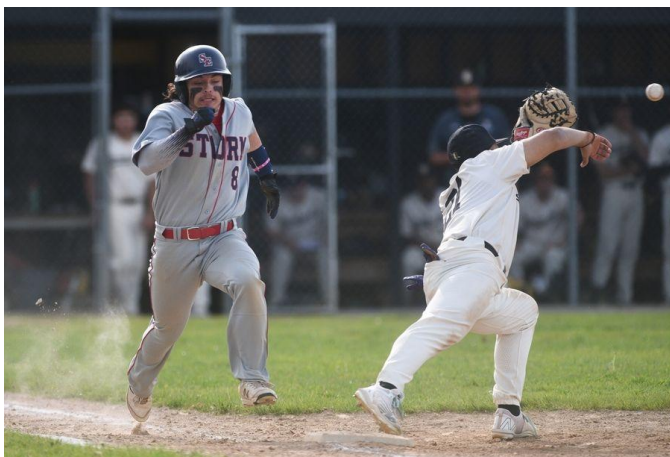
1. Antioch (24-1) Sweeps St. Charles North
2. Barrington (27-4) Secures 21st MSL division title
3. Wheaton North (21-7) R. Crosthwaite has 10 HRs
4. Carmel (19-2) G. Brown hitting .417; 3 Ks in 86 plate appearances
5. St. Charles North (17-5) Looking to get the winning formula back
6. Buffalo Grove (20-5) One win from MSL East crown
7. Naperville North (18-6) Rounding into postseason form
8. Warren (18-6) NSC title there for the taking
9. Mundelein (21-4) Frosh Thomas hitting .538
10. **South Elgin** (19-4-1) **Storm** on 9-game winning streak
11. IC Catholic (21-7) Knights have lost 5 of last 6

12. Fremd (18-7) D'Antonio 2 hits vs. Barrington
13. Lake Park (19-8-1) Could be dangerous postseason foe
14. St. Charles East (15-9-1) Saints have won 4 straight
15. Bartlett (19-6) Gave up 31 runs to Lake Park, Sycamore
16. Huntley (22-6) Red Raiders on a 12-game win streak
17. Hersey (13-5) Brooke Scharlau belts 12th homer
18. Libertyville (20-8) Sophs Callahan, Boone, Kinsella heating up
19. Maine South (13-6) Mazukelli hits 1st homer
20. Wauconda (21-8) Bulldogs get shot at Antioch Tuesday

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Baseball: Top 20

May 15, 2023



South Elgin's Aedon Segovia makes it safely to first base as **Streamwood's Isaiah Ortiz** stretches for the ball during their Upstate Eight game last week. The teams check in at No. 11 and No. 13 in this week's Top 20. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer

Baseball

Records through May 14

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1. St. Charles East (23-2) Saints repeat as DuKane champs; earn top sectional seed
2. Downers Grove North (24-4) Czech, Wolkow spark offensive surge
3. Grayslake Central (23-5) Rams looking for unbeaten conference campaign
4. Huntley (23-6) Bakes brothers have each hit 10 HRs
5. Crystal Lake South (20-6) Skwarek wills way past Red Raiders
6. Stevenson (24-7) Patriots await key series with Libertyville
7. Barrington (21-9) Schneider an igniter for Broncos

8. St. Charles North (20-7) North Stars begin another winning streak
9. Hersey (21-8) Pair of 1-run victories lift Huskies
10. Downers Grove South (19-6) WSC Gold champs on roll at right time
11. Streamwood (21-7) Split with South Elgin keeps Sabres in UEC hunt
12. Warren (20-7) Behrens big on mound against Lake Forest
13. South Elgin (16-5) Storm await crucial Upstate 8 series with Bartlett
14. Naperville Central (20-8) DVC champions have won 10 of 11
15. St. Viator (18-7) Lions blanked in ESCC semifinals
16. Conant (20-10) Rhodes ties single-season school RBI mark (39)
17. Cary-Grove (19-8) Trojans seek to recover from tough week
18. Mundelein (17-9) Mustangs stretch win streak to 7
19. St. Francis (23-6) Spartans clinch Metro Suburban Blue crown
20. Willowbrook (18-9) Warriors allow 3 runs in sweep of Hornets

Compiled by Josh Krockey.

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