



STUDENT BULLETIN



SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL TODAY IS:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the SEHS Mock Trial Team for taking 2nd place at the McHenry Tournament last weekend. Jordan Weynschenk also won for Best Attorney and Hannah Greenberg for Best Witness. Great job everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our State qualifiers this week for Boys and Girls Wrestling, Girls Bowling, and State Speech:
Boys Wrestling-3 Wrestlers-Nick Dilallo, Aamir Nieves-Allen, Karl Pretzer (Most state qualifiers in school history)
Girls Wrestling-1 Wrestler-Allison Garbacz (Sectional Champ-First Girls Sectional Champ in School History)
State Speech-Ruby Montgomery (2- time Sectional Champ in DI)
Girls Bowling-Qualified as Team-Sectional Champs (Back to Back Sectional Champs)

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD – 2025 FINALISTS

The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching announced its finalists this week, and our very own, Mr. Matt Erbach, who teaches precision manufacturing here at SEHS, is one of them. The Golden Apple Awards honor outstanding teachers for having lasting, positive effects on students' lives and school communities. Mr. Erbach will be honored by the BOE in March. Congratulations, Mr. Erbach!

THOSE WHO EXCEL AWARD 2025 FINALISTS

These awards celebrate the dedication, innovation, and impact of talented professionals in schools across Illinois. Mr. Jose Mora -World Language and Dual Credit Teacher here at SEHS has received an Award of Special Recognition, and he will be recognized at an upcoming BOE meeting. Congratulations Mr. Mora!

ESSENTIALS EXCHANGE FREE CLOTHING FRIDAYS

TODAY FRIDAY, FEB 21 3:30-6:30PM

MOBILE 130 - BACK OF SCHOOL NEAR TENNIS COURTS



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IS HIRING –

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is on the lookout for passionate people who want to create a positive impact in their communities. They offer a variety of career opportunities with plenty of room for advancement, and are dedicated to enhancing lives every day.

Please click [HERE](#) for the many career opportunities available.

In addition, IDHS is open to scheduling recruitment events

1. **Virtual Recruitment Presentations:**
Their presentations highlight the benefits of working with the State, showcase high-need career opportunities, and provide guidance on completing the employment application. Presentations are offered in both English and Spanish.
2. **Link to presentation schedule:** [IDHS: IDHS Virtual and In-Person Recruitment Event Schedule - English and Spanish](#)

IDHS EMPLOYMENT FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The Illinois Department of Human Services is excited to highlight meaningful employment opportunities with the State of Illinois, including the Mental Health Technician Trainee (MHTT) position. MHTTs play a crucial role in supporting individuals with mental health conditions and developmental disabilities, assisting with daily activities that promote their well-being and comfort.

These full-time roles offer flexible shifts (day, evening, or night) and require a high school diploma or GED. Students without these qualifications may still be eligible with prior experience in patient care or customer service.

Please review the attached information, [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and use QR codes to register for the next virtual recruitment presentation or Apply today and start a new career after graduation.

Reach out to Elisa Angon at the Illinois Department of Human Services at Elisa.Angon@Illinois.gov for more information and questions.

SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23. ALL DAY

We're raising dough!

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

February 23, 2025
All Day
369 Randall Road, South Elgin, IL

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FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE
ATTENTION JUNIORS & SENIORS

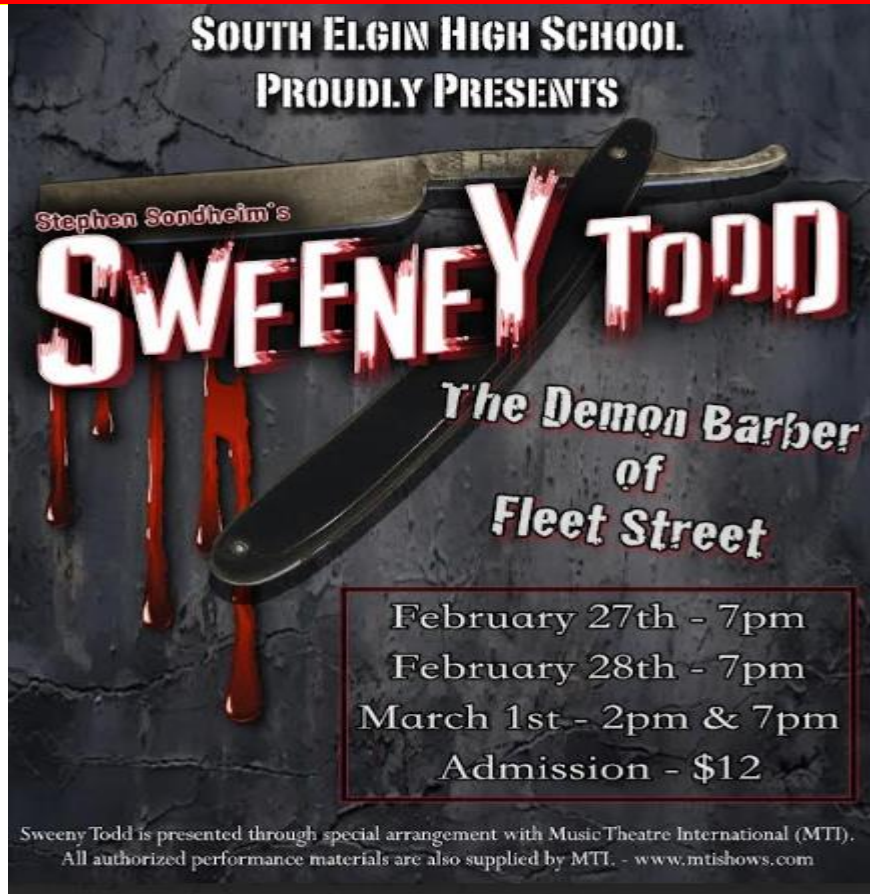
As we prepare for extracurricular activities such as Prom and Senior Boat Trip, we want to ensure that our expectations of achieving high academic marks and regular school attendance are viewed as a priority. As such, students will be expected to adhere to the following expectations in order to participate in these privileged activities:

- All students must be passing five academic courses at the time of sales and through the prom and boat trip dates.
 - Students not passing five academic courses may be placed on a contract with the expectation 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,
 - 8 full days of unexcused absences or 64 single period absences
 - Attendance office can not go back to multiple months to excuse 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

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

Just a reminder that we are doing a NO TARDY Party incentive for 3rd quarter. Any student who gets ZERO tardies for 3rd quarter will receive a raffle ticket. We will have items to raffle off when 3rd quarter ends!

SEHS THEATRE PRESENTS
SWEENEY TODD – OPENING 2/27



SELFIES FOR THE YEARBOOK

Want to be featured in this year's Vortex Yearbook? Now's your chance! We're looking for your best .5 perspective shots and or selfies to showcase in the yearbook.

Check your student email from Mr. Affleck for details on how to submit your best shots. Don't miss out on this opportunity to leave your mark!

SEHS - BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Hey Storm Nation!!



Get Ready for the Ultimate Showdown!



South Elgin High School's First-Ever Battle of the Bands!

Calling all musicians, bands, and music lovers! The stage is set for an epic night of electrifying performances, fierce competition, and unforgettable music. South Elgin High School is proud to present **Battle of the Bands**, a chance for local talent to shine and rock the house!



When: Friday April 25th, 2025 (exact time TBD)



Where: South Elgin High School Main Gym



Who: Bands of all genres-rock, pop, indie, metal, and more!

Whether you're a band looking to showcase your sound or a fan eager to cheer on your favorites, this is an event you don't want to miss!



SIGN UP NOW!



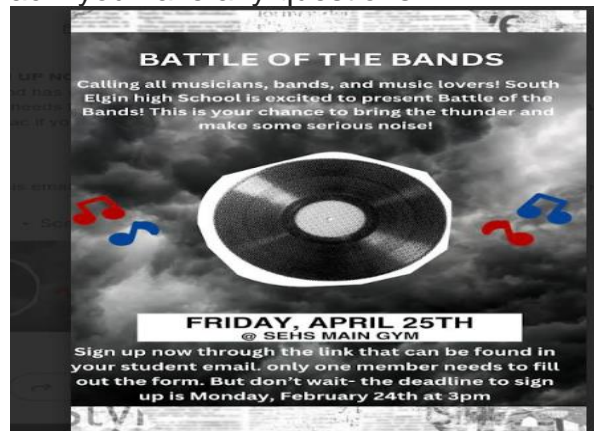
----Use the link -----> [HERE](#) to sign up!

If you think your band has what it takes, don't wait-sign up now!

Only ONE member needs to fill out the form. It is due **NO LATER THAN**

Monday February 24th at 3pm.

Reach out to Ms. Mac if you have any questions.



ELEKTRIK FEST DANCE

We are excited to announce the Elektrik Fest Dance, a brand-new event happening on Friday March 7th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the SEHS main gym! This is going to be an unforgettable night with an electric atmosphere featuring neon lights and laser effects. Come as you are – no formal attire needed! Students are encouraged to wear all black with a splash of neon to get into the glow-in-the-dark vibe.

Some updated information is below:

Ticket Sales:

- Tickets go on sale from Wednesday, February 26th – Friday, February 28th for \$20.
- Be on the lookout for links to purchase tickets via Omella or cash. Doors close at 7:00pm on the night of the event and you must stay until at least 8:30pm.
- March 1st through March 6th, ticket prices will go up to \$25.
- March 7th (day of and at the door) ticket prices will be \$35
 - Students on LOP cannot attend the event
- Guests may attend by filling out and turning in the Guest Form-- found in the Dean's office or attached [HERE](#).

Tickets will be sold on Omella, so make sure to grab yours early once the link is available on 2/26 (cash option available as well)! You can also follow the DJ AYJAY on Instagram @elektrikfest to get a sneak peek of what's in store.



Cinderella's Closet

2025 Presenting Sponsor:
claire's



Private Dressing Rooms



...Say YES to the Dress

By Appointment Only



love.
wear.
return.

Saturday March 1 ~ 9 am - 4 pm
Sunday, March 2 ~ 10 am - 3 pm
YWCA Elgin, 220 E. Chicago St., Elgin, IL
847.742.7930 • ywcaelgin.org

PROM DRESS **4** LESS

Cinderella's Closet is a prom boutique where high school girls can "shop" hundreds of new and gently used gorgeous gowns for the prom dress of their dreams. Dresses are current styles. Visit ywcaelgin.org for more information and to schedule an appointment.

At Event you must provide a valid high school ID or proof of enrollment.



Why splurge \$300 on a dress, when you can get a dress at Cinderella's Closet for much less? Do the math!

Department store prom dress = \$300 ...

Cinderella's Closet prom dress = \$30

\$270 SAVINGS



Get your Prom Dress 4 Less!

Suggested donation of \$30 per gently used dress*, free accessories (while supplies last) & minor alterations.

We'll also have a limited number of homecoming/party dresses available for \$15.



Event proceeds benefit the YWCA Elgin's Youth Programs

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca

U-46 GIRLS LACROSSE

U-46 Girls Lacrosse

Open Gyms! All Open Gyms are at
Streamwood High School!

2/20 - Thursday - 7:30-9PM

2/22 - Saturday - 7:30-9AM

2/25 - Tuesday - 5:30-7:30PM

2/27 - Thursday - 5:30 - 7:30 PM

PLAYER INFORMATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2/26 - 4-5PM -

Streamwood Cafeteria

Please Contact Coach Amato if you can't
make the Pre Season Player Meeting!

christinaamato@u-46.org

LIGHTNING HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB

Lightning High School Hockey Club spring season registration is now open through March 15th! Lightning High School Hockey Club is a combined hockey club with players from South Elgin H.S., Bartlett H.S., Lake Park H.S. and Dundee Crown H.S. Varsity/JV team levels available, affordable cost, great team environment and competitive league games against other high school club teams! See flyer below for full details. Learn more and register at: LightningHighSchoolHockeyClub.com



Combined Team For
Bartlett,
Dundee Crown,
Lake Park &
South Elgin

SPRING REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

JOIN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

- JV & Varsity Levels
- Affordable program
- Flexibility for other activities
- Play with students from school
- \$650 Player/\$350 Goalie
- 8 Practices/8 Games
- Rinks in Rolling Meadows
- April 1 - End of May

Follow
@LightningHighSchoolHockeyClub

Register Until 3/15
LightningHighSchoolHockeyClub.com



PEER TUTORING



NEED ACADEMIC SUPPORT?
South Elgin High School

The 24/25 SEHS Peer Tutoring Program

Students, do you need help with your English, science, or math work? We got you! Academic tutoring is available for ALL students at the beginning of every lunch period on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Stop by the lab to get the help you need!

Do you want to be a tutor and help other students? Great! Email Dr. Tucker at Steventucker@u-46.org

2024-2025
SEHS PEER TUTORING PROGRAM
Peer Tutoring is available for ALL students during the first half of ALL lunch periods.

WHEN: 5th, 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th
DAYS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
WHERE: The collaboration room in the library.

*STUDENTS PLEASE ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR A PASS TO THE COLLABORATION ROOM.

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.

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, must stop by the Dean's office before or after school or during your lunch period to pick up an ID. **All students must show their school ID in order to receive a school lunch or breakfast. If you forget your ID, please see the Dean's office prior to your lunch period to receive a new ID.** Thank you.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES

EVERY MINUTE MATTERS

SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL

Attendance Procedures

Due to District Policy we are only able to clear attendance discrepancies within 72 hours of the occurrence.

ALL DAY ABSENCE & LATE ARRIVAL

(Please allow us 24 hours to update student attendance)

Call the attendance line at **847-289-3760 ext 3365** (this is a 24-hour line.) Be sure to provide your name, student's name & school id number, relationship to student, reason for absence or late arrival and your contact number.

LATE ARRIVAL

Students must report to the Attendance window upon arrival to scan in, this includes when they arrive during a passing period. They will then receive a pass to class.

Accepted Causes of Absences

- Illness (including mental or behavioral health)
- Exclusion related to an infectious disease as mandated by IDPH
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Death in the immediate family
- Family emergency-include nature of the emergency
- Circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent or guardian for the safety or health of the student. The reasonableness of the concern shall be subject to evaluation by the principal or principal's designee, on a case-by-case basis.

Excused absences are those with a valid cause and which have been reported to the school by a parent or guardian. Unexcused absences are absences for which there is no legitimate cause.

Please note: due to the daily high volume of calls, not all calls can be answered, please leave a voice message.

Early Release

Call the early release line at **847-289-3760 ext 3764** (this is a 24-hour line.) Be sure to provide your name, your contact number, student's name & school id number, relationship to student, reason for the early release and **exact time of release**. You must provide at least 2 hours notice from when your student will be leaving. Passes are typically delivered at the beginning of each period. Your student signs out at the attendance window to prevent any attendance issues. All students, leaving early will exit using the main door(#1) which is located near the security desk.

If you are returning to school (same day) you will need to **sign in and out** at the attendance window. When signing out, your student will need to get their hand stamped to be able to return back to school.

***Early Release pass-** Is a copy of their class schedule that will be stamped to have them "Report to Attendance ", with the time they are to leave and date.*

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.

School Emergency

During any school emergencies such as a threat to the school, fire alarm, or a hold in place, please know that no calls will be answered and no students are allowed to leave until the situation has been resolved. Keeping the students safe is our top priority.

Single Class Absence

If your student has a single class absence, please have them talk with their teacher to get this resolved. The attendance office **will not** be able to clear these absences without the teacher's approval.

Note: If your student has a substitute teacher in their class, please ensure they listen intently during attendance. The substitute will call the student by their legal name that is listed in Infinite Campus. If your student arrives late (after attendance is taken) they will need to check in with the teacher or substitute teacher, to avoid being marked absent.

Extended School Day Absences

Pre-Approved Absence Request forms (3 or more days), are located in the attendance office, must be completed and returned at least 2 days prior to their request. Parents are discouraged from taking vacation during the school year, except during regularly scheduled breaks in the school calendar, such as winter break, spring break, and summer vacation. If an extended absence/vacation during the school year is unavoidable, the **absence is marked as unexcused no matter the reason.**

WANT TO JOIN A CLUB OR ACTIVITY?

FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL

CLASS OF 2028

JOIN FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL!

Email Mrs. Williams at jessicawilliams@u-46.org with questions. All Freshman are welcome!

SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL

Join the Remind to stay up to date by texting @37b7f3b to the number 81010 or email Mrs. Vojcak with any questions. ALL SOPHOMORES are welcome!!

SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL

Future meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month in room F104. Any questions, please reach out to Ms. Gonzalez or Ms. Solmo at tamaragonzalez@u-46.org or aimeesolmo@u-46.org.

IMPROV CLUB

No experience necessary! Come play and learn improvisational skills through games and warm ups! Future meeting dates are: 3/11, 4/15 and 5/13. We meet in the Black Box Theatre room A108. Contact Ms. Smith with more information at jessicasmith@u-46.org

RED CROSS CLUB

Red Cross Club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month in F206. Meeting times are offered at 7:10am and 3pm.

Would you like the chance to volunteer and give back to your community? Red Cross Club provides opportunities to make a difference by addressing our community's greatest needs and developing leadership skills through participation in various volunteering activities. Check out our Linktree for more information: https://linktr.ee/redcross_SEHS



CODE HER FUTURE

Any questions regarding this club, please see Mrs. Ozog.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Robotics Club is meeting every Monday from 3-5pm in room C119. All students are welcome to join. Any questions, please contact Mr. Conning at markconning@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 volunteer in a variety of projects such as at local food banks or helping carry out fun events at elementary schools and townships such as South Elgin and neighboring communities. **We meet every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00am and again at 3:00pm in room F104.** To stay updated on meetings and events join the ECHO Remind using the code 3e4k6f7. Also follow us on Instagram @SEHSECHO. Please reach out to Ms. De Robles at araceliderobles@u-46.org if you have questions.

CRIMINOLOGY CLUB

Are you interested in crime, law, and justice? The next meeting will soon be announced. If interested see Mrs. Wilkinson in Room E202.



DECA is a business club designed to help prepare kids interested in Accounting, Finance, Marketing, and Management. **DECA will meet on February 27, March 20, and April 24 in B105 from 3-3:30pm.** If you have questions, please reach out to Ms. Mazur at lisamazur@u-46.org.

ORCHESTRA CLUB

Join Orchestra Club. We meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Orchestra room A106A. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14.

THE ESSENTIALS EXCHANGE

"The Essentials Exchange carries items from pants, dresses (formal, semi-formal, casual), jeans, hoodies, shoes (athletic, formal), etc., to items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, etc. All items are free of charge. Students can sign up to shop using a QR code posted throughout the school. Click [HERE](#) for QR code. Students can visit The Essentials Exchange only during their lunch periods.

FREE CLOTHING FRIDAYS
TODAY FRIDAY, FEB 21 3:30-6:30PM

SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL
Essentials Exchange
Free Clothing Fridays

Event dates:
1/24
2/21
3/21
4/25
5/16

**3:30
to
6:30
PM**

Please park in the back of the school by the mobile units (near tennis courts)

760 East Main Street; South Elgin, IL 60177
Questions: please email genevievehebeke@u-46.org

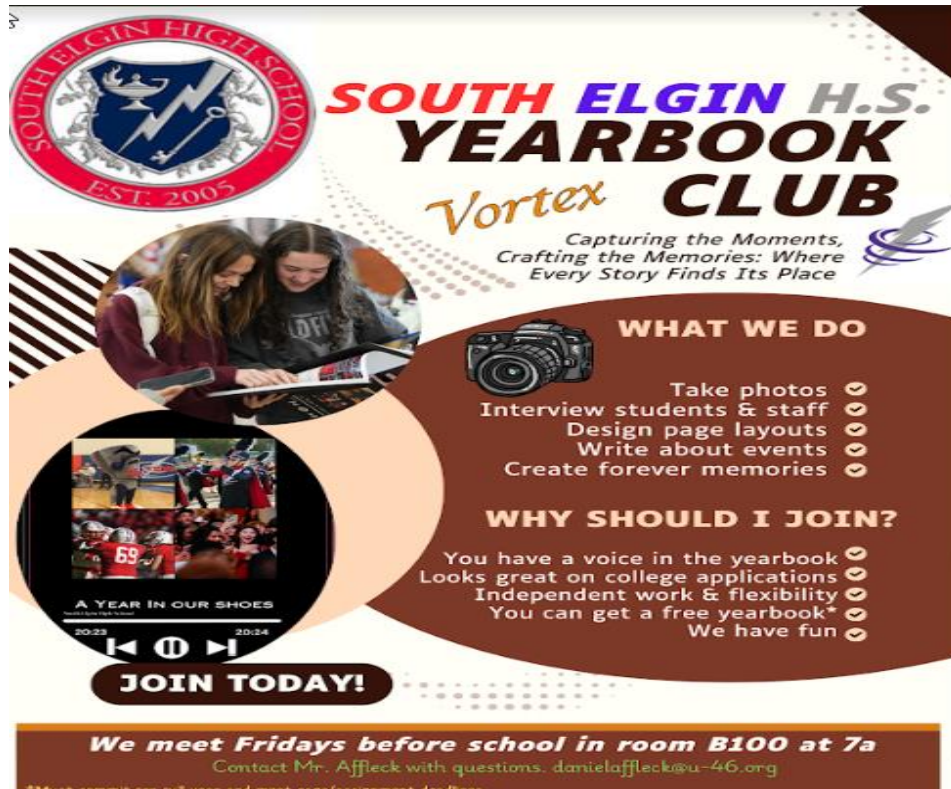
TIRED POETS' SOCIETY WRITING CLUB

If you love to write, come join The Tired Poets' Society Writing Club! Any kind of writer is welcome! We meet every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am in room F218. Please reach out to Mrs. Hennessey if you have questions.

Youth Activists Club

Interested in current events and how you can help? Join Youth Activists of South Elgin and make the world a better place! We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:10am in room F108. Meeting dates are: 3/4 and 5/6. Hope to see you there!

YEARBOOK CLUB



SOUTH ELGIN H.S. YEARBOOK CLUB
Vortex CLUB
Capturing the Moments, Crafting the Memories: Where Every Story Finds Its Place

WHAT WE DO

- Take photos
- Interview students & staff
- Design page layouts
- Write about events
- Create forever memories

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

- You have a voice in the yearbook
- Looks great on college applications
- Independent work & flexibility
- You can get a free yearbook*
- We have fun

JOIN TODAY!

We meet Fridays before school in room B100 at 7a
Contact Mr. Affleck with questions. danielaffleck@u-46.org

*Must commit for full year and meet page/assignment deadlines.

HANDS OF HOPE CLUB

Do you knit, crochet, or craft? Do you love sharing what you've made with family and friends and watching their faces light up? Don't know how, but want to learn. Hands of Hope meets every other Thursday before school from 7am-7:30am and after school from 3:05pm-4:15pm in Room F212. Check out our calendar of upcoming events. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 27. Hands for hope is making military care packages to send overseas and we need donations! Please see list below. Donations can be dropped off in room F212 or in the box located at Door 1. Questions, reach out to Mrs. Drendel at madelinedrendel@u-46.org



Upcoming events.

HANDS OF HOPE

JAN 16	TIE BLANKETS Help us make fleece blankets for kids going through cancer treatment.	JAN 30	CARE PACKAGES TO THE MILITARY Help craft care packages to those currently serving overseas.
FEB 13	VALENTINES FOR NURSING HOMES Help us make valentines day cards for those who may be forgotten during this holiday!	FEB 27	INTERNATIONAL AID Many kids world wide are struggling and we have the opportunity to help them! Join us in making them smile with crafts and needs.
MAR 13	T-SHIRT JUMP ROPES We'll be making jump ropes out of old t-shirts to send to children's homes	APR 3	MASKS FOR DRESS UP Did you know kids in hospitals get the chance to dress up? Help us make costumes to donate!
APR 17	PET BANDANAS Pets in shelters need to look their best for adoption day! Help us decorate bandanas for shelter dogs.	MAY 08	CAPE #1 dress up wish for kids in foster care or the hospital? Superheroes! Help us make capes just for them.

OPEN PROJECT DAYS!
2/6, 3/6, 4/10, 5/1

Knit, crochet, or craft in any other way? Come to an open craft day to join with other crafters and chat while you work on your project!



DONATIONS FOR MILITARY CARE PACKAGES NEEDED !!!

- Q-TIPS (COTTON SWABS)
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- COLORING BOOKS (ADULT & KIDS)
- EYE DROPS
- ZIPLOC BAGS SANDWICH SIZED.
- DRYER SHEETS
- WHITE OR BLACK ATHLETIC SOCKS
- TRAVEL SIZE HYGIENE CARE
- HAIRBRUSHES
- CHAP STICK
- SWEATSHIRTS
- OPEN BOTTOM SWEATPANTS
- PLAIN ATHLETIC SHORTS (NYLON WORKOUT SHORTS)
- WOMEN'S SPORTS BRAS
- GIFT CARDS (ANY BUT MAINLY VISA/AMAZON)
- GAMES & PUZZLES
- NOTEPADS
- PENS, PENCILS, ETC..
- ANYTHING ELSE (WILL BE REVIEWED BY US)
- HOME MADE GIFTS (CROCHET, SEWED, ETC)

Drop at F212

FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB

Are you interested in being a teacher? Join Future Teachers Club as we discuss pertinent topics in education, plan and implement lessons, observe classrooms, and learn all about being a teacher. **Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5 at 7am in room F216. We will continue to have meetings every other Wednesday for the rest of the school year.** All are Welcome! If you have any questions, please see Mr. Rupp (F216) or Mrs. Freitag (E108).

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SKILLS (EMS) CLUB

"Please join our Emergency Medical Skills (EMS) Club.

We learn and practice skills you might need during emergency situations. This year we are focused on hands-on skills. You may get the opportunity to visit the fire station or possibly even get CPR certified.

Follow us @ems.sehs on instagram to get the latest information on when our meetings will be held."

EmpowerHER CLUB

EmpowerHER is a club that strives to create a safe space for young women in our school centered around female empowerment and connection. Our mission is to empower, inspire, and educate! **We will meet the first Thursday of the month at 7am in room E218.** We will be reflecting on the past year and making resolutions for how we can better ourselves in 2025. Everyone is welcome! Feel welcome to email Apage05169@student.u-46.org for any questions!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elias Kent Kane Chapter Scholarship-DAR-Rosemary Caldwell College Scholarship:

- * Applicants must be a high school senior
- * Applicants must be college-bound in the fall of 2025
- * Essays must be approximately 500 words
- * Transcripts are required and should be submitted via email attachment to EliasKentKaneScholarship@gmail.com
- * Please use the following link to apply: <https://forms.gle/JhZVRkZRGY6yyCt39>
- * When awarded, scholarship funds will be sent directly to the recipient's college or university before the fall of 2025

Due Date 2/25/2025

BigSun Scholarship: The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits.

We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving high school senior student that currently involved in some sport at school or in the community. All student-athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Their participation may be in any capacity, whether as a player, coach, or official. Visit the website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply. **Due date 6/19**

A Salute To Our Heroes Foundation Inc./Sp. Ethan J. Martin Scholarship Fund: This scholarship is offered to individuals who have an immediate family member (mother, father, grandparent, or sibling) who is a veteran or on active military duty for the USA. Applicant(s) MUST reside in Kane County and be a high school senior. Applications are available in the guidance office. They grant scholarship money for students applying to Junior Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools. **Due Date 4/4/2025**

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: "How has your local community bank impacted you or your family?" Your submission should be made through a CBAI member bank. Applications are available in the guidance office. For more information, you can check their [website](#). **Due Date 3/3/2025**

American College Foundation (ACF): Eligible grades: 2025, 2026, 2027 & 2028.

Financial need is NOT considered to qualify. 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 details on award availability. **Due Date 6/1/2025**

Elgin Woman's Club Scholarship Fund: This scholarship will be awarded to senior students who pursue further education in a medically related field of study. Applicants must have an above-average GPA, be involved in extracurricular activities, and demonstrate leadership qualities. Please read the instructions letter and return the completed application and documents to the guidance office, or send them by mail or electronically to the scholarship chairperson. **Due Date 4/1/2025**

TUBC High School Scholarship-Tricoci University of Beauty Culture: Open to any current high school graduation date from December 2024 through November 2025.

Applicant must be conditionally accepted into a 2024 or 2025 program start.

Applicant must start class by December 31, 2025.

Apply online. **Due Date 3/31/2025**

FTF-Fueling The Minds of The Future: Graduating high school seniors beginning college in Fall 2025 are invited to visit their website for instructions, program guidelines, and access to the online application. This scholarship is sponsored by local gasoline stations and convenience stores owned and operated by Graham Enterprise, Inc. and Graham C-Stores Company. **Please note, that all scholarship applications must be submitted online by 3/14/25.**

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact them at 630.428.2412 or info@fuelingminds.com

Bartlett Lions Club Scholarship: Two scholarships for \$2500 each will be awarded to a Bartlett resident high school senior who a college or university has accepted. A copy of the student's acceptance letter must be attached to the application, plus a few additional requirements that will be found in the application itself. The students will be evaluated not only on their academic successes but also on their service commitment to the community. They must include an essay on their community service with the application. Special consideration is given to students with vision and/or hearing impairment. Applications are available in the Guidance office where you must submit the completed applications. **Due Date 4/15/2025**

Otter Creek Elementary School PTO Scholarship: Seniors; Must be a former Otter Creek student for at least three years. The student must plan to continue their education at a recognized college, university, or trade school. The scholarship is based on application, essay, transcript, and letters of recommendation. A hard copy of the application is available in the guidance office or you can fill out the google form directly. **Due Date 4/11/2025**

Abbott and Fenner (A&F) Scholarship Program: The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post-secondary institution. To apply for this scholarship, you will need to write an essay. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent by email at scholarships@abbottandfenner.com. Check the website http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm for full details.
Due Date 6/10/2025

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.:

Applicants must meet the following criteria and apply online:

https://scholars.horatioalger.org

- *Seniors, with plans to enter a college in the US no later than the fall following graduation
- *Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the US (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- *Demonstrate critical financial need (\$65,000 or lower)
- *Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- *Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- *Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and Be a US citizen

Due Date 3/1/2025

Those Who Excel Scholarship: Seniors if you are interested in pursuing a career in education (teacher, social worker, counselor, among others) do not miss the opportunity to apply for a chance to be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. **Due Date 3/21/2025. [Link to apply](#)**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: All seniors of African-American descent seeking financial assistance are considered to apply for the 2025 Scholarship "Profit Through Knowledge". Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded by 22 college-educated women who aimed to focus on scholarship, service, and sisterhood. Visit the website https://bit.ly/SHACScholarship24 for an application and more information. **Due date 3/1/2025**

Prairieview Elementary School PTO, Dr. Richard Carlson Scholarship Fund: High school seniors who attended the school for at least 3 years and plan to attend college in the fall may apply. Must have a minimum overall academic GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Math and English. Will be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university and must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 throughout college. Must be willing to volunteer service time at Prairieview Elementary School while attending college. Applications are available in the Guidance office or you can go online. **Due Date 3/31/2025**

TOI-The Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship: Graduating high school seniors to be eligible, you must meet all of the following criteria:

Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Illinois.

Must plan to attend a university/college in Illinois as a full-time student.

Must have a history of extracurricular activities that demonstrates a willingness to accept leadership responsibilities (student government, club officer, etc.) or a commitment to civic responsibility, social consciousness, and a willingness to serve the community (community service projects, volunteer activities with local service agencies or charitable institutions, etc.)

Must submit a 500-word essay on "*The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future*" that will include information gained from an interview with an elected township official.

Hard copies of the scholarship are available in the Guidance office. Please mail or email your completed application to debbie@toi.org

Due Date 3/1/2025

Fox Meadow Elementary School PTO Scholarship: Seniors; The PTO at Fox Meadow is pleased to award two scholarships to two students who were graduates of Fox Meadow Elementary and must have attended at least three years of school. The student must plan to continue their education at a recognized college, university, or trade school. The scholarship is based on application, essay, transcript, and letters of recommendation.

The application (here is the link to the Google Form 0https://forms.gle/6i3vGRiCo6j9wEdU6) and all documents can be scanned in and sent via email to FoxMeadowPTOmail@gmail.com or may still be submitted to Fox Meadow Elementary School. **Due Date 4/15/2025**

YWCA Elgin Youth Leadership Awards & Scholarship: To be eligible for this award, the applicant must:

1. Be a female high school senior.
2. Currently enrolled in a School District U-46 high school or home-schooled and living within the district's boundaries.
3. Be planning to continue their education, not limited to college.
4. Exhibit evidence of strong leadership ability.
5. Exhibit involvement in community service.
6. Exhibit involvement in high school activities.
7. Exhibit involvement in activities that embody the YWCA Elgin's mission.

Students can apply online at www.ywcaelgin.org/youthscholarship. Applications are available in the guidance office and can be submitted by email to info@ywcaelgin.org, online, or by mail/in person to YWCA Elgin, 220 East Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120. **Due Date 3/6/2025**

DLA Architects Scholarship: The scholarship is open to all graduating seniors who will attend college or university in the fall. Your challenge is to show us in a +/- 2-minute video (or essay) how your school space affected your ability to learn. Is there anything that makes the place special? What does the space make possible? How has it affected your learning? Tell us your story and be creative! Submissions must focus on/discuss any location on the campus.

See www.dlascholarship.com for specific instructions, examples of videos, and application form(s). **Due Date 3/19/2025**

Student-View Scholarship Program: is offering over \$13,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college, community/junior college, or career school. It's quick and easy to apply:

- * No minimum SAT/ACT score or GPA
- * No essay required
- * No lengthy application forms
- * No application fees

Simply log on to www.student-view.com and complete a 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in your area. **Due Date 4/23/2025**

For Samantha Scholarship: This scholarship is open to any high school senior regardless of grade point average or financial need! For complete scholarship guidelines and application visit their website at www.forsamantha.org. The student must be a US citizen and have been accepted by and plan to attend an institution of higher learning within the USA. **Due Date 4/1/2025**

The Kombrink Team-Real Estate Scholarship: This award's recipient(s) should be someone pursuing their goals within the real estate industry or as aspiring business owners. The scholarship award can be applied towards tuition, fees, or books, further assisting recipients in their educational endeavors. They should also exhibit the necessary leadership and teamwork skills through their involvement in extracurricular activities. To be eligible for The Kombrink Team Real Estate Scholarship, one must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a graduating Senior
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or above
3. Must be interested in a career in real estate or a business of entrepreneurship

Applications are available in the guidance office. **Due Date 4/30/2025**

The Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund: Seniors; with a minimum of 3.0 GPA must have personality traits similar to Stephanie's: strong work ethics, dedication to school work and sports, always cordial and polite to others, putting others ahead of self, and desire for completion and success. Applications are available in the guidance office. **Due Date 3/21/2025**

Blind Service Chicago Scholarship Application: The application can be filled out electronically by clicking the link below, or by filling out the form attached. If anyone has any questions, please inform them that they can reach out to me at any time. Scholarship App: <https://forms.office.com/r/MYr2xaj1YU>. **Deadline for submission is 4/1/2025.**

Dabrowski Foundation - Polish Heritage Scholarship:

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. The student is a graduating high school senior preparing to enter an accredited college, university, or trade school full-time.
2. Student demonstrates good character, high academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need.
3. The student is of Polish ancestry and is recommended by a school official (teacher, counselor, or principal).
4. The student cannot be a member, immediate family member, substantial contributor, or immediate family member of a substantial contributor to the Dabrowski Foundation.

Scholarships are available online. **Due Date 3/31/2025**

Blind Service Chicago Scholarship (BSC): The Blind Service Association will award up to \$40,000 in total, to young people planning to attend a professional school, college, or university. Applications are judged according to academic merit, evidence of community service, and need. This scholarship program is designed to support blind and low-vision students in the Chicagoland area and be enrolled/accepted in an accredited degree program during the fall of 2025. Applications are available in the guidance office. **Due Date 4/1/2025**

Rotary Club of Elgin: There are Scholarships for:
Community Service Scholarship: For those who have exceeded the required service to the community. Scholarships range from \$1250 to \$3000

DEADLINE: March 25, 2025

Rotary District Scholarship: For students pursuing education for a vocational or technical career attainable with less than a four-year degree. Grants will be limited to an Associate Degree or equivalent certification program.

DEADLINE: February 22, 2025

Ralph Helm Memorial Scholarship: For those pursuing a career in a small engine, lawn service equipment technology, or a similar line of work. It is also a vocational scholarship. **DEADLINE: March 5, 2025**

Information and applications can be found
at: **<https://www.rotary5000.org/scholarship.htm>**

There are also grants available for a Rotary Sponsored Leadership Academy (RYLA): (Open to all grades 9, 10, and 11)
Don't forget the deadline is coming up for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2/22/2025. There are two sessions
March 6-9 and April 3-6, 2025. There is a selection process. Please turn in your applications as soon as possible. The website for applications and more information is: **<https://www.rotary5000.org/ryla.htm>**

Fox Valley Beaux Arts Scholarship: This is a competition for Seniors planning to major or minor in the Arts by presenting monetary awards. Based on the application, essay, and letter of recommendation. Because of the pandemic, in-person auditions will not be held.

Auditions should be in the form of either a video, photos, or virtual. Copies of the scholarship application are available in the Guidance office. **Due Date 3/28/2025**

Hagan Scholarship Foundation: The scholarship application can be downloaded from the HSF website **www.hsfmo.org**

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must graduate from a public high school
 2. Must have achieved a 3.5 GPA
 3. Must enroll in an eligible college or university the first semester following graduation
 4. Must maintain a 4-year or less graduation schedule
 5. Must work 240 hours before commencement of the fall semester in college
- For more information and to download the application please visit their website.

Due Date 3/15/2025