

September 1,
2023

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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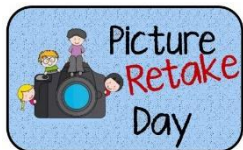
**No School
Monday, September 4, 2023**



**Have you checked your
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Important Dates

Sept. 4 - No School/ Labor Day
Holiday Observed
Sept. 21 - Bilingual Parent Night
Oct. 4 - Picture Retake Day
Oct. 5 - Homecoming Parade
Oct. 6 - Homecoming
Oct. 7 - Homecoming Dance



**Thursday, October 4
10-2 pm - Senior Lounge**



Booster

**Meetings are held the 2nd
Tuesday of every month
SEHS Library - 7 pm
All parents are welcome!**

Dear Storm Families,

The first three weeks of the new school year are behind us and I have never been more proud of our students and staff for such an amazing start! It was so nice to see many of you throughout the past few weeks during our Freshman Parent Night and Taste Under The Lights. These are the events that our students and the greater South Elgin community so desperately need, and I look forward to experiencing many more with you in the near future. The focus of this month's newsletter is to celebrate our students' academic accomplishments, review attendance procedures, and discuss morning arrival.

Student Celebrations: The following students have been selected as a College Board National Recognition Program awardee. These students earned recognition because of their academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and/or AP Exams.

Anna Christopherson: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Diego Ortiz: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Dylan Dy: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Gianella Hilario: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Ingrid Victoria Villagomez: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Kalia Verdino: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Marissa Clements: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Nicholas Martinez: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)
Sarah Serrano: National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)

Attendance: As we move forward, it is extremely important to continue our focus on attendance and encouraging your students to actively engage in the learning process. Now more than ever, our students need face to face interaction with not only their peers, but their teachers as well. However, if your student is unable to attend class, then I ask that you please follow our attendance procedures. This means you will need to call the Attendance Office (847.289.3760 ext. 3365) in order to excuse your child's absence.

Furthermore, as our students have become more comfortable with the school year, we are starting to see an increase in students arriving late to class. As a result, we will begin conducting random hallway sweeps throughout the day. Additional information regarding our hallway sweeps can be found in the Dean's Section of this newsletter.

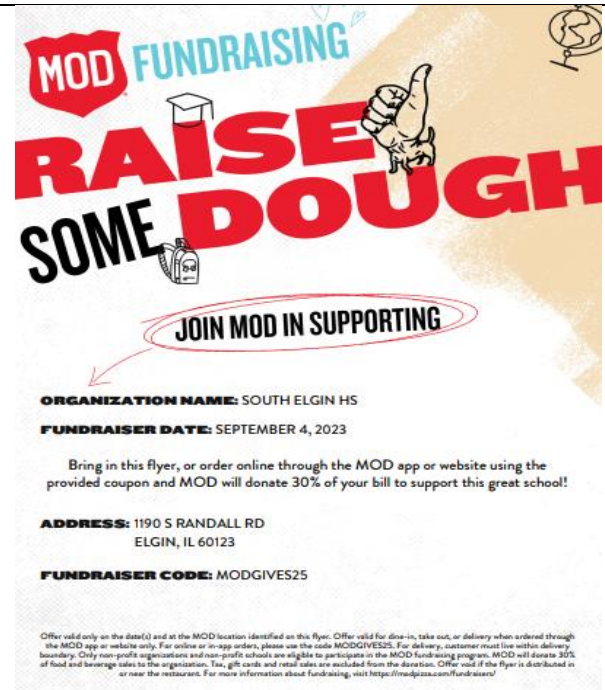
Morning Arrival: With over 1000 vehicles entering our parking lot during morning drop off, our parking lot can be quite congested during this time. Please know that there is minimal traffic between 7:00 a.m. and 7:20 a.m. so it would be helpful to arrive a little earlier in the morning to avoid this congestion. If you attempt to enter the parking lot at 7:35 a.m. there is a very strong possibility that your student will be late to school and you will be waiting an extended period of time to get through the parking lot.

Dr. Kurt Johansen
Principal
"Taking The Future By STORM!"

MOD PIZZA FUNDRAISER

South Elgin HS will receive 30% of fundraiser sales during this fundraiser.

Participate on **September 4, 2023** by ordering online using the code **MODGIVES25** or by visiting the **South Elgin MOD** location and showing the fundraiser flyer or mentioning the fundraiser at checkout.



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FUNDRAISER DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

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Environmental Club will meet next Tuesday, September 5th at 3:00 pm in Room B230. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Neville (markneville@u-46.org)

PSAT 8/9 & PSAT/NMSQT TESTING



Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be taking the PSAT 8/9 or the PSAT/NMSQT on October 11th. The PSAT will be digital and students will have to use their Chromebook. Students will need to bring their charged chromebook to school to participate. More information to come.



PICTURE RETAKES

If your students missed picture day or would like to retake their photo, VIP will be at SEHS on Thursday, October 4 – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Senior Lounge)



SEHS FALL PLAY - Sight Unseen

by Rosemary Foster and Warner Law

South Elgin High School Auditorium

Tickets \$10 each Performances:

Thursday, October 26th at 7:00pm

Friday, October 27th at 7:00pm

Saturday, October 28th at 2:00pm

Saturday, October 28th 7:00pm

Student Services – Guidance

Tony Venetico	Associate Principal	X3663
Karen Lawson	Admin. Asst.	X3803
Veronica Realzola	Registrar	X3690

School Counselors

A-Cald	Farrah Silverberg	x3364
Cale-E	Sarah Perez	x3399
F-He	Jessica Cullinane	x3325
Hi-Le	Chris Boden	x3336
Lf-Ne	Elizabeth Jovanovic	x3247
Nf-Rob	Jaclynn Powell	x3610
Roc-S	Andrew Holmes	x3477
T-Z	Dominique Zewde	x3460

Social Workers

A-E	Mike Grondin	x3703
F-Le	Genevieve Hebeka	x3056
Lf - Rob	Gianna Villanueva	X3489
Roc-Z	Megan Quinn	x3385

Do you want more information about social work services at our school? Please visit us at the [South Elgin U-46 website](#), under the Student Services tab in Guidance.

COLLEGE VISITS

Sept. 18 – University of Alabama
Sept. 19 – Nova Southeastern University
Sept. 21 – Aurora University
Sept. 22 – North Central College
Sept. 25 – Dominican University
Sept. 26 – Elgin Community College
Sept. 27 – Purdue University
Sept. 29 – Iowa State University

In the last few weeks, 56 students won raffle prizes for demonstrating STORM school-ready traits including: no cell phone out, chromebook charged and ready, earbuds out during class, wearing ID, and being on time to class. Prizes included school supplies, t-shirts, and positive stickers. All prizes were donated from the SEHS Resource Closet."

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back SEHS students! We hope everyone had a restful summer and a good start to the school year. We officially have three weeks under our belts! Your counselors at SEHS are eager to work with you. If you need to make an appointment with your counselor, please email them or use their appointment links. (available on canvas page)

ATTENTION SENIORS

Thinking about plans after high school? Please see the important information below.

- **College Representative Visits** - Interested in a specific school? Attend a College Rep visit in the Senior Lounge during lunch periods. Visits will begin on September 18th. Information on College Rep visits will be posted in the Student Bulletin.
- **College Applications** - The first step in the application process is to get your applications submitted throughout the month of September and October (4-year colleges have application deadlines starting as early as November 1st...check your schools!). To assist you with these steps, counselors presented and met with students during the past week. If you have a question, your counselor will walk you through how to apply, request transcripts/letters of recommendations, and search for scholarships. Click [here](#) to view the presentation that was shared in your English classroom.
- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - Colleges will use this document to determine what financial aid they can provide. The FAFSA will become available to complete in December. More info on the updated FAFSA and the financial aid process will be shared.
- **Scholarships** - Looking for ways to pay for college? Review the [current scholarships list](#)! 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!
- **Additional Postsecondary Planning Support** - Need help with post-high school plans? Elgin Community College (ECC) is here to help by offering various events to assist students with their plans after high school. Topics include financial aid, college/career search, creating an academic roadmap, and more. Click [here](#) to see the flier and register for the webinars.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

Check out these additional resources to help you stay on track:

Schoolinks

We are excited to introduce Schoolinks to all of our students. Schoolinks is our new college and career readiness system. Students can access it through Clever. Seniors and freshmen have already been introduced to Schoolinks.

Storm Center

The Storm Center is open for re-assessments! Please see your teacher to receive a pass during your study center or lunch. Please review the reminders below about procedures:

- Students must have their picture ID in order to take a test.
- Students must remain seated and quiet while in the Storm Center.
- No electronic devices (including Smart Watches) are allowed in the Storm Center.

Peer Tutoring

Keep an eye out for more information in the Weekly Bulletin.

SEHS now has a Resource Closet with items such as: school supplies, coats, jackets, shirts, pants, hoodies, sweaters, dresses, shoes, socks, and more. If your child needs to access the SEHS Resource Closet, please let Genevieve Hebeka know at genevievehebeka@u-46.org or call the school number, extension 3056. Items are as-is and are on a first come first serve basis."

Are you on Track for graduation?

Use [this](#) powerpoint to make sure you are meeting graduation requirements and staying on track.

Welcome Freshmen

This week counselors met and presented to freshmen in their Biology class. Counselors reviewed their roles, how to make an appointment, the importance of attendance, accessing Canvas, good high school academic habits, graduation requirements, and introducing them to Schoolinks. We look forward to getting to know and working with the freshmen students.



Athletics website:

<http://il.8to18.com/sehs>

Thanks to those who have shopped with the Mobile App from 8to18, we are getting a check, the more you use it the more we make. Please take 1 minute and **DOWNLOAD** the Benefit Mobile app (for [iPhone](#) or [for Android](#)) – it's your school's New + Free 8to18 Athletics Fundraiser.

1) **DOWNLOAD** app. 2) **SELECT** your school, and when shopping, 3) **USE IT** by purchasing digital gift cards in seconds on your phone and checking out with them. A % of the gift card amount directly supports your child's athletics program. Super easy and no cost to you!

Athletics

The fall sports season has started off strong with several things to celebrate. Taste Under the Lights was a huge success with thousands of people were here supporting the STORM. We would like to give a huge SHOUTOUT to Kaylin Olson for breaking the 6-dive record at her first diving event of the year against Fenton. Kaylin beat the record by over 20 points with a 273.4!! Way to go Kaylin!! Girls Swimming had an excellent showing against Fenton as well winning 97-44. Congratulations to Coach Teonic and our football program as they earned our program's 100th VICTORY on 8/25/23 against West Chicago 57-14. JV also had an excellent showing with a 70+ point shutout win over West Chicago. Freshman football finished the month 2-0 with wins over West Aurora and Glenbard East. Boys and Girls golf have had solid outings with our girls taking 5th overall in the Conant Invitational and boys golf beating Bartlett earlier this month. Girls Volleyball has been battle tested, losing close matches to Geneva and West Chicago at home. We need our bleachers full of people to help support our girls as we look to get our first varsity victory next week. Cross Country has been tearing up the course with Logan lott taking 5th place at the Elgin City Classic. SHOUTOUT to Josiah Lindsey for taking 1st place in the frosh/soph race at the Elgin City Classic, great job Josiah!! Boys soccer has been grinding this month as they look to get their first victory of the season. We finished the month 0-3-1 but have battled HARD and are well on our way to VICTORY in September. Girls Tennis dropped our home opener against Waubonsie, but are looking forward to tournament play this weekend as well as conference play Tuesday, 9/5 against Larkin.

Parents, put **October 5th** on your calendar, we would love to see you at our homecoming parade, starting at Pantan Mill park at 5pm. South Elgin Athletics asks for your continued support at ALL of our HOME events this Fall, we will be as strong as the village that supports us. #ROLLSTORM

