

Message from the Principal

One more week and we approach the start of the Holiday season. Thanksgiving is approaching and our students have been preparing many "boxes" of joy for our families and friends in need. IATD (I Am The Difference) Club sponsored their 4th Annual Food Drive and it has been extremely successful! We will be teaming up with the South Elgin Lions Club for another food drive for the month of December. This Food Drive will be held from December 7th thru the 11th. Please continue to send items and we will distribute them to families in need. The holiday season can bring a feeling of stress that often is not recognized. Try to minimize those feelings by **thinking about what you have, instead of what you want.** Take some time to read a great book, spend time with family and reminisce about the past. Time is the best gift!

Parents and students are invited to a presentation at South Elgin High School to learn how to interpret all the various scores your child received from our school wide testing day in October. SEHS has arranged a Parent Data Night on Dec 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium to help explain what all those numbers mean, receive general information on standardized testing and options for preparation. Please print and bring your score report to the presentation. You can access your students score report at www.revolutionprep.com. A ConnectEd will go out the night before to remind parents of this important opportunity.

This weekend I would like to invite you to come and see our fall play "**James and the Giant Peach.**" Show times are Friday at 7:00 pm and a Saturday performance at 11:00 am for all of our younger viewers and families. It opened last weekend with rave reviews from our elementary schools and evening patrons. Tickets are \$8/Adults and \$6/Students & Senior Citizens.

Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Take at least a 30 minute walk to accommodate for those extra calories that may be consumed in these next 2 weeks. Don't walk alone....bring the whole family!

~ Melanie Meidel, Principal

Scattered Storm Stories

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent / teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 23rd, 5 – 9 pm and Tuesday, November 24th, 7 am – 1 pm.

Note: Not all teachers are available all of the hours listed.

November 16, 17, 18 between 8 am – 2 pm - Call 847-289-3760 ext. 3378 to schedule conferences. Remember that, if you leave a message, the volunteers will try to return your call, but may not have time to return every call. If you don't hear back, you will have to contact the teacher directly beginning on November 20th.

Seniors! **College Application deadlines** are quickly approaching: Nov. 25, Dec. 1, and Jan. 1. Make sure you meet your deadline!

Juniors will be getting their registration sheets and **registering during the Week of Nov. 16.**

Check out the Chronicle's latest achievement honoree from South Elgin High School- **Congratulations to Shannon Averill.**

Don't forget to call our attendance office to **report absences**- 847-289-3760 Ext. 3365 Be sure to leave your students name, ID number, and reason for absence. Stay healthy by washing your hands regularly!

Students, remember to **not bring drugs, weapons, mace, alcohol or anything you should not have, into the building**, which would lead to you being expelled, dropped or sent to an alternative placement. Students may be searched in the Student Service Office, in the parking lot, and during random classroom searches.

Students being **respectful, thoughtful** and **considerate** includes telling staff members your name, having your ID and being respectful during the school day. Failing to identify yourself could lead to disciplinary actions.

Focus on **getting to school on time** for first hour and attending classes on time for remainder of the day.

Focus on doing things in the building and classrooms for **hailstones** and **positive intervention recommendations**.

~ D. Gibson, Dean of Students

Last week, in recognition of **National French Week**, the SEHS French Club sold over 77 dozen croissants in our school cafeteria. This club meets every Tuesday morning in F104. Officers include: President: Jessica Snype; Vice Presidents, Sonya Madrigal and Rachel Ramber; Secretary, Niveta Chandrasekar; scrapbooker, Viridiana Diaz; and photographer, Jordan Hantak. The average attendance at these meetings includes 21 students. Members Rinkesh Patel, David Bono, Jordan Hantak and Niveta Chandrasekar have set up **a website on facebook**, SEHS Club Francais. Club members post information about previous as well as upcoming meetings and poll club members for their opinions on various activities and information.

Wellness Notes: The incidence of flu-like illness is still low at SEHS. Please help us to keep it that way! Encourage your students to take the **SEHS Handwashing Challenge!** Next week, Mrs. Olsta, School Nurse, will have a Handwashing Challenge Station outside of the Commons' restrooms during a different lunch period each day. Students will get a squirt of glow lotion, go wash their hands, then return to the station to see how good a job they did removing the lotion and all of those nasty germs!

Winter Sports Informational Meeting Night: The early sunsets and chill in the air bring upon us the winter sports season. If your son or daughter is participating in bowling, basketball, cheer, dance or wrestling this winter, your presence is requested for the winter sports informational parent/athlete meeting on Monday, November 16th at 7:00 PM in the main gym at SEHS. We will meet for a brief general session before giving you the opportunity to meet your athlete's coaches to learn more about the program that your son or daughter will be participating in this upcoming winter.

In addition, **any athlete that is participating in their first ever sport at SEHS**, is **required** to attend a one time Target meeting that will take place at the conclusion of the individual sports meetings. If you and your student have already attended a Target meeting, attendance is not required. The meeting consists of information about the dangers of substance abuse for young adults.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the SEHS athletic office at 847-289-3760 ext. 3665, or email our athletic administrator, Jim Szymczak at jimszymczak@u-46.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Storm athletics.

Extended Forecast

November 13 & 14 – Final performances for “James and the Giant Peach”

November 16 - Winter Sports Informational Meeting – 7:00 pm in the Main Gym

November 16 -30 – Juniors begin registration process

November 16, 17, 18 –Call ext. 3378 to schedule Parent Conferences – 8:00 am–2:00 pm

November 23 & 24 – Parent Conferences – Hours will vary

November 23 – 27 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

November 25 & December 1 – College Application Deadlines

December 2 – Parent Data Meeting – 7:00pm in the Auditorium

December 1 -7 – Sophomores begin registration process

December 8 -16 – Freshmen begin registration process