

## Message from the Principal

Good morning, good afternoon or good evening, depending on when you have had the chance to open this 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of our **FRIDAY FORECAST**.

This month will be the indicator of how the academic year will be for your student at South Elgin High School. We are approaching the end of the first grading period (October 23, 2009) and first quarter grades will help families to assess how your students are doing in their classes. I encourage parents to check online grades, email or call teachers and ask your student about their classes, homework, grades and their day to day experiences at SEHS.

**Report cards** will be given to the students at the end of the month to bring home. A Connect Ed message will go out to inform parents on the day that they have been distributed and should ask their students for their report cards.

**On October 27<sup>th</sup>** we will be testing all freshmen, sophomores and juniors to assess their overall progress in all subject areas and will also be meeting with seniors to review graduation plans, caps and gowns, and end of the year expectations.

On October 29, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium, there will be a **NCAA informational meeting for juniors and seniors** who plan on attending Division I and II universities or colleges. There is an eligibility process that needs to be followed and those details will be covered at the meeting. This meeting is very important for any students who would like to continue participating in sports, activities or the arts in their post secondary plans.

A **huge thank you** to our **SEHS Parent Booster Foundation** for their continued and tireless support with all of our events. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers; your time is precious and we appreciate you sharing it with SEHS. The most valuable thing you can spend on your student is TIME. Thank you!! I invite parents to the **next Booster Event** this Saturday (10/17) at SEHS. Test drive a variety of new Fords, taste test Pizza from several restaurants and all profits go the SEHS Booster Foundation. This event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To test drive a new Ford from Ron Hopkins Ford in Elgin, meet near the Auditorium. Check out the Booster website for details.

Encourage others to subscribe to our **FRIDAY FORECAST** by going to our website at [www.u-46.org/sehs](http://www.u-46.org/sehs) and registering their e-mail address. Registration can be found on the top, right side of our homepage. Copies of previous Friday Forecasts can be found on our website under the tab labeled – Friday Forecasts. See you soon at an upcoming event.

~ Melaine Meidel, Principal

# Scattered Storm Stories

**Wellness Notes:** The Kane County Health Department will be having an H1N1 (Swine) Flu clinic on Monday, October 26, 4-9 pm @ Larkin High School. The vaccine is free and available to all Kane residents who fall in these at-risk categories:

- pregnant women,
- persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers),
- health-care and emergency medical services personnel
- persons aged 6 months--24 years
- persons aged 25--64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for
- influenza-related complications

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - **ECC** will be here 3rd hour in B100 to talk to **seniors** and **January** grads about their **plans for enrolling**. A representative will then be available during all lunch periods.

CFAST, a **financial planning company** will offer information to those who signed up for the workshop at 7:00 p.m. on October 20. Check out our web page for registration information.

Your student will be attending a **special testing** or meeting on **October 27 during period 1-3**. Seniors will report to the Auditorium for a special presentation about Graduation, Post High School plans, and other educational information. Juniors will take a mock ACT test, Sophomores will take the PLAN test and Freshmen will take the EXPLORE test. All of the tests that our students take will help us assess their learning and prepare them for the high stakes PSAE test which is a graduation requirement taken in the spring of the their Junior year.

Last years third place finish in the **Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Tear Down Competition** was published in this month's issue of Chevy High Performance magazine. A three page write up with pictures show our team competing. You can see the pictures on Mr. Schertz auto shop web site found under the CTE button of the SEHS home page

Looking for **free money for college**? Check out the CTE website for classes you can be taking now that will earn you college credit later. Click here for more information.

**Help us Feed the Storm Spirit.** Storm sports are off to the best start in school history. Storm supporters are hungry for their teams! Help us earn \$5000 to go towards athletics and activities by simply clicking the following link: [www.redgold.com/chicago](http://www.redgold.com/chicago) Show the rest of the world what we already know....Storm fans are the best, put your spirit to the test.

**Picture re-take day** for freshmen, sophmores and juniors is scheduled for Thursday, October 22. If your student was absent when pictures were taken in September, he/she may go during their lunch or study hall to have their photo taken. If, however, your student had photos taken in September but you are unhappy with them, the entire packet must be returned to the photographer on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to have them retaken. **All students should have their picture taken for the yearbook even if you do intend to purchase a packet.** Packet order forms are available at the security desk by the main entrance if you are interested in purchasing pictures. It must be filled out completely with payment included and given directly to the photographer.

**Math Tip of the week:** Algebra 1-2 classes are all working on percent of change. To reinforce those skills at home, have your students use mental math to figure out how much tax they may have to pay on a purchase or what the tip would be on a dining out experience or the cost of an item after it has been discounted a specific percentage.

## Extended Forecast

- October 17<sup>th</sup> – Booster Event – Test Drive a Ford
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Picture re-takes for the underclassmen
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Join the Guide Right Club in Dressing for Success – Be your BEST - Wear your BEST!
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grading Period
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – School Wide Testing Day – Special Schedule
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – 7:00pm Auditorium
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – NCAA Informational Meeting - 7:00pm Auditorium