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For the 9th year Stagg High School has participated in the annual St. Baldrick's Shave for a Cure. Every year students, staff, and community members raise funds by pledging to shave their heads in a show of solidarity with cancer survivors. All funds go to support pediatric cancer research.

2016-2017 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

April

- 1 CEC Dance
- 1 District 230 Foundation "Whoop It Up" Event
- 3-7 Spring Break
- 11 Music Booster Meeting
- 11 Student Services Committee Meeting
- 12 Evening with the Stars
- 12 ARV 8-12 and 4-8
- 13 Athletic Booster Meeting
- 13 Education Committee Meeting
- 14 No School
- 17 Building and Finance Committee Meeting
- 20 Senior Party Planning Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Parent Teacher Organization Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Institute Day, No Classes
- 21 Prom
- 27 Art Show Opening
- 27 Board of Education Meeting, Stagg H.S., 7 p.m.
- 28 Staggfest
- 28 District 230 Legacy Dinner
- 29 10th Annual Charger Color Zone 5K Run/Walk



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stagg Families,

Time for Spring Cleaning and preparing for the next school year!

As we enter into the final months of the school year, there are several important events and activities that are important for the following school year. Among these is the Annual Residency Verification Process. Every Stagg family must complete the ARV each year for their child to attend school for the following year. A number of dates are made available for parents to bring in their residency documents during the Spring.

The final dates for the Annual Residency Verification are:

April 12, 2017

8 a.m. to 12 noon and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

May 6, 2017

8 a.m. to 12 noon

It is important that this process is completed so your child can begin the 2017-2018 school year on time. Students of families who have not completed ARV will not be allowed to start school until the process is complete. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Guidance Department.

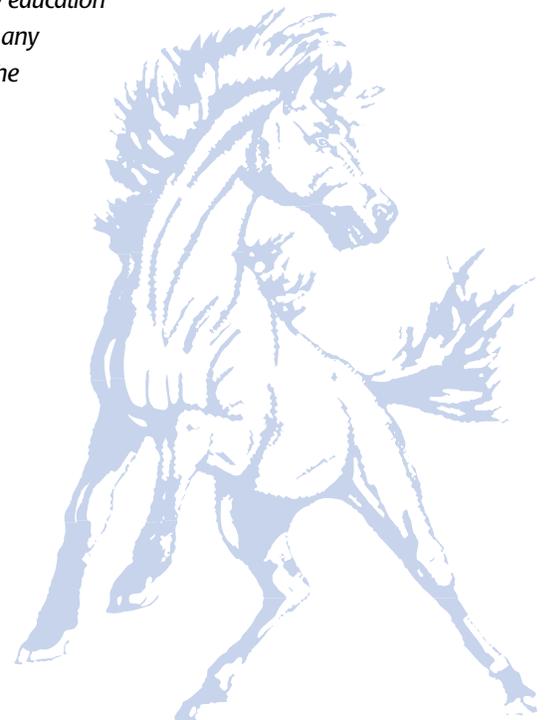
Freshmen physicals and senior vaccinations are also due prior to the beginning of the school year. Seniors must have a second Meningococcal vaccination before beginning their senior year.

Failure to have a freshman physical or having vaccinations updated will prevent a student from beginning the 2017-2018 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Health Services Office.

On a final note, any unpaid balances on school accounts must be paid in full before the end of the school year. Unpaid balances may prevent students from being able to obtain their Official Transcripts which are required for post-secondary education institutions and potential employers. If you have any questions, please contact our Cashier's Office or the Main Office.

Families of seniors who will be graduating the Spring should have received their Senior Mailing at the beginning of March. Please refer to this document for any questions you might have about end of the year events and graduation. An electronic copy is also available on our school website.

*Sincerely,
 Eric Olsen
 Principal*



10th Annual Charger Color Zone 5K Run/Walk

Come celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Charger 5K Run/Walk with a Color Blast in the Color Zone on April 29th!

There is a pre and post race color toss to celebrate the anniversary and it's guaranteed to be a great time. This is a great way to show your Charger Pride and support the Stagg Wellness Coalition and Student Council. Also, a portion of the proceeds will benefit **Relay for Life!** The event is open to the entire community.

Online registration is on the Stagg High School home page under "School News"!

Register before April 12th to guarantee your commemorative Color Blast Shirt.



Success with Pennies?

In February, students held a class "Penny War" called Pennies for Pooches and raised almost \$400 just within one week. Led by the Student Council Service Committee, Penny Wars was a competition among the classes where the winning grade received free tickets to a varsity game in addition to three of its advisories obtaining a free breakfast. Also, all profits from this event will be donated to K9S for Veterans, a local organization that contributes to provide veterans with a service dog.



When asked what inspired this event, Senior Nora Klein had this to say, "After the seniors went on the field trip to the psychology summit, where we learned about veterans with PTSD and the dogs that help them in their day to day lives, many of us felt inspired to help. The student body really stepped up and did something great for the local veterans." And indeed they did! The winning class was the Junior Class, but all the class donations were greatly appreciated.

Ms. Marinello, a sponsor of Student Council and the Student Activities Coordinator, was very proud of the

Student Council service committee members for how they handled the event. She proudly concludes, "The event's organization and planning was spectacular. As a result of their efforts, \$400 dollars will be to donated to this Non-for Profit organization that assists Veterans within our local community."

On behalf of Stagg's student body, the Service Committee hopes to initiate many other committee projects to assist other local organizations. It was friendly competition that not only connects Veterans with furry, friendly companions, but also unified Stagg students as a whole. Keep up the great work Student Council!

Student of the Month

1st row: Ginni Bouck, *Business Department*; Adriana Bojcevski, *Science Department*; Jessica Tatar, *Physical Education Department*; Natalie Byrdak, *Family and Consumer Science Department*

2nd row: Eric Kruszynski, *Applied Technology Department*; John Contant, *Social Studies Department*; Jacob Baburich, *World Language Department*; Amin Hussein, *Mathematics Department*; Ryan West, *Physical Education Department*

Not pictured: Melissa Hamilton, *Art Department*; Andrew Gray, *Family and Consumer Science Department*; Michal Szczerba, *Music Department*; Kamil Bartoszek, *English Department*



College Planning

Getting into college takes hard work, commitment, and attention to dates and details. An admission decision, GPA, or test score is not a full measure of your abilities. Students should....

- Research the colleges that you are interested in attending. Do they have the major you want to study? How much does it cost? What do you need to do to get admitted?
- Go visit the college!! Take a detailed tour and talk specifically with an advisor/admissions counselor.
- Be open-minded and trust your instincts in choosing a college. Make the best choice of where to apply and which college to attend based on information you gather and college visits.

There is a great deal of information to consider when planning for college. The guidance counselors at Stagg are here to help you go through the process. Counselors will meet with juniors during spring semester to discuss post-high school plans. If you have questions or would like to set up an individual meeting, please email your counselor.

Senior Seminar

The Orange Team will offer the third and final installment of the Senior Seminar series to the Class of 2017 during the school day on Friday, April 28. The purpose of Senior Seminar is to provide a relevant, life skills curriculum necessary for one's successful journey beyond high school as an active participant in our rapidly changing global community. Previously, the first installment of the Senior Seminar series was hosted by the White Team in November and the Blue Team in February.



How to Register for the SAT or the ACT

With the juniors completing the SAT in March, the ability to register for an additional SAT is relatively easy! To register online, visit www.collegeboard.com to sign up for the SAT and the same can be done for the ACT by registering online at www.actstudent.org.

Remaining National Test Dates for 2016-2017:

Test	Date	Registration Date
SAT	June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017
ACT	June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

Here are a few things students should consider when signing up for either test:

- Be sure to register for your test date at least 5 weeks in advance, otherwise, you'll be charged a late fee
- Allow yourself about 45 minutes to sign up for the test, you'll need to create an account, enter information and complete an interest inventory, and use a credit card to pay the test fee. You can start to sign up for the test and save the information and come back to it later.
- It's ideal to be finished with taking the either the ACT or SAT by the June test date after junior year. That means you don't have to worry about the test senior year and can concentrate on applications, etc.
- If you do take the ACT or SAT during senior year, strongly consider taking the test in the early fall so you don't run into any college deadlines.

Attention Students Registered to Take an AP Exam

Advanced Placement testing will take place May 1 to May 12. The Advanced Placement testing program is a way for students to earn college credit while in high school. If a student earns a score of 3, 4, or 5 on a particular AP test, then it is the responsibility of the student to forward their score to the college of their choice. Please be aware that credit is awarded based on the standards of that particular college.

It should be noted that standards for awarding credit vary from college to college, and this is strictly the decision of the particular college. For example, one college may award credit for a score of 3, whereas another college might not accept a score lower than 4. The testing schedule can be found on the College Board website: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/ap-calendar>

Stagg Offers Career Choice Assistance

In today's global economy, effective career and educational planning are more essential than ever. Stagg offers Career Cruising, an Internet-based college and career guidance and information system available to students both on school computers and at home. Good career decisions are based on an individual's unique characteristics. Career Cruising assesses interests, abilities and job values. It provides up to date information about

occupations, colleges, training institutions and scholarships.

An in-depth presentation of Career Cruising and how to use the program is part of the guidance curriculum at Stagg high school. Your child can access this website by going to www.careercruising.com and using the username D230-(Student ID#) and the password 8 digit student birthdate (no hyphens).

Job Listings and Summer Opportunities

The Guidance Department's website provides listings from employers who need help immediately or are accepting applications for summer employment. Enter the link to view the information <http://stagg.d230.org/departments/guidance/>

Guidance Video Series

The Guidance Department is proud to introduce a series of video tutorials on the Guidance Website to assist students and parents regarding specific topics throughout the school year. These videos can be found at <http://stagg.d230.org/guidance-video-series/>

Graduation Requirements/Credit Recovery

Students must successfully complete their grade level identified academic credits to meet District 230 graduation requirements. Please refer to the 2017-18 Course Selection Guide for specific credit requirements. Students have received a copy of their graduation requirements from their counselors. Access to the Course Selection Guide can be found at <http://chsd230.eduk8.me/>

If students fail a required academic class,

it will be necessary for students to repeat the class by re-taking it in summer school. Classes are sequential and cannot be taken without meeting the prerequisite or sequential requirements. Students will not be able to move to the next level class without successfully completing the prior level. To stay on track for graduation, it is imperative for students to attend summer school for credit recovery. There are also accelerated level classes offered in summer school.

Summer School

Counselors have registered students for first session summer school courses during their course selection/registration appointment in January. Counselors will register students for second session summer school courses upon completion of second semester in May. A link to the summer school website can be found on the district's website at www.d230.org. Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review the summer school website for more information on academic offerings.

Your student will not be eligible and enrolled the course until payment of \$150.00 is received for each applicable session. If payment is not received by the drop date of

June 2 for Session 2, your student will not be allowed to attend this class. Please see the summer school information on the district website for class dates and times. Enter the link for instructions regarding making an online payment for summer school course fees: <https://goo.gl/4stVYO>

In addition, most academic courses run at Carl Sandburg High School. If your child needs shuttle transportation from Stagg, please enter the link below and fill out this transportation form to ensure your child has a space: <https://goo.gl/2vYTrh>

Please note, Driver Education and most enrichment courses will run at Stagg High School.

Scholarship Information Available on the Guidance Website

The Guidance Department receives information on many scholarships available to Stagg seniors. Most scholarships are published from December to April. Seniors should check the

Guidance website for updates. Contact your school counselor for more information or if you have any questions.

Financial Aid Information

This is a reminder to college bound seniors and any juniors looking to graduate early to apply for financial aid now. You must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly referred to as the FAFSA form, to apply for federal student aid for college and for most state and institutional aid. The quickest way to apply is online using FAFSA on the Web at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Additionally, we will continue to offer Financial Aid Fridays to all students and parents seeking additional financial aid information. Representatives from ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission), will be available

during the lunch periods on select Fridays each month to speak with students and/or parents in our College/Career room. ISAC's goal is to assist in making college accessible and affordable for all Illinois students. We encourage any students and parents who have questions on how they will be able to afford college to take advantage of these opportunities. As always, additional information regarding college and financial aid can be accessed on our Guidance web page. Any questions regarding Financial Aid Fridays can be directed to Mrs. Samec, Stagg counselor, at (708) 974-7445 or esamec@d230.org.

Deans

Senior Prom Due Dates

- Prom Registration will be held during lunches in the Commons on April 10, 11, and 12 and from 8:00 to 9:20 a.m. (during late start) on April 12.
- Prom tickets may be purchased from the Cashier, April 10 to April 13, after the Prom Registration is complete.

Loitering After School

All students must be in a supervised activity after school. If a student is found loitering, consequences may be issued by the Deans' Office or a parent may be contacted to pick the student up from school. We highly encourage students to join a structured activity and be involved in extra-curricular activities! There is truly something for everyone at Stagg!

Dress Code

With the warmer weather approaching students are reminded to follow the dress code policy. Halter-tops, exposed shoulders, mini-skirts, tank tops, and bare midriff styles are NOT acceptable for school. All slogans and writing must be school appropriate also. Please refer to page 62 of the Parent/Student Handbook for specific guidelines and note that the Dean's discretion is final. Students not dressed appropriately for school will need to change their attire.

Parking Update

All juniors will receive information about on campus parking for the 2017-2018 school year during their Advisory by May. Parking Registration will be completed during Final Exams in May and Schedule Pick-up in August.

In order to be eligible for a parking permit, the following requirements must be met:

- Proof of all vaccines required for 12th grade must be submitted to the Health Office by April 13, 2017.
- Proof of completion of 24 hours of Service Learning Hours must be submitted to the Service Learning Office by May 12, 2017.
- Student needs to have accumulated 14.125 credits by August 1, 2017.
- Valid driver's license and proof of insurance.
- Anticipated yearly parking fee will be \$50.

News from the Music Department

Congratulations to the Percussion Ensembles, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, and Jazz Ensemble on a great performance at their March concert! Thank you to all of those who were able to attend. Our next band concert is Thursday, May 18th. We will send off our seniors on this concert. We hope to see you there!

Students Prepare for “Guys and Dolls”

Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat! Our pit orchestra has been working very hard on the wonderful musical “Guys and Dolls”. The experience for these students is sure to be one that they will remember for a very long time. Show dates are: Wednesday, April 26th through Saturday, April 29th. Hope to see you there!

Annual Recital Concert Series

The Band Department hosted the annual Recital Concert Series in March. These concerts allowed students to showcase their instrumental talents in a solo or small ensemble setting. Thanks to all those who were able to attend!

Wednesday, March 15 - Woodwinds
 Thursday, March 16 - Brass
 Tuesday, March 28 - Percussion

Thanks to everyone who helped out with our Spring Craft Fair in March!! Thank you to all for your continued support of our music programs!!

Health Services Department

Attention Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2018

All children entering 12th grade in the State of Illinois are required to show proof of having received one dose of Meningococcal (Meningitis) conjugate vaccine on or after their 16th birthday or two doses of the vaccine at least 8 weeks apart. If your child received a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine before the 16th birthday, he/she will need a second dose. The following action is required from you at this time:

Proof of one of the following:

- A dose of Meningococcal vaccine was given on or after your child's 16th birthday (only one dose is needed)

OR

- Your child received two doses of the meningitis vaccine at least 8 weeks apart.

Proof of having received the Meningococcal vaccine is required and must be submitted to the School Nurse as soon as the vaccine is given. We ask that completed forms are turned in no later than April 13, 2017.

It is important to note that your child will not be able to receive a schedule, begin the school year on the first day of class, participate in Athletics or apply for a parking spot on campus until proof of having this vaccine is received in the Nurse's Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nurse's Office at (708) 974-7426.

Attention Incoming Freshman Class of 2021

It is never too early to start thinking about the required school physical and immunizations for high school. Call your doctor to schedule your appointment early to avoid delays in schedule pick up in August.

Forms can be located on the Stagg Nurse's Page on the school website: <http://stagg.d230.org/resources/nurses-office/>

Students who attended Freshman Registration on Saturday, February 4, 2017

were given a packet with information and required forms. These forms were mailed to the home any student who did not attend Freshman Registration. Completed forms are due in the Nurse's Office by May 1, 2017.

It is important to note that your child will **not** be able to receive a schedule, begin the school year on the first day of class or participate in Athletics until a complete physical and immunization record is received in the Nurse's Office.

Keeping Medication Safe

As the American population ages, the need for and use of medications increases. According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) it is estimated that 59% of Americans over age 20 take prescription medication and of that, 15 % use three or more prescription drugs regularly. This does not **take into account** for use of over the counter (OTC) medications. This widespread use of medication heightens the focus on medication safety.

Though media attention often is directed toward side effects, drug interactions, and medication errors, it is important to consider proper storage and handling of

medications and supplies. With regard to keeping medicines safe, there are three major considerations: storage and stability, identification, and disposal:

- Always store medications in their original containers
- Keep medications in child-proof containers and out of the reach of children
- Only purchase as much medication as you need
- Dispose of medication properly. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District website (www.mwr.org) has guidelines for how to properly dispose of medication.

Medication at School

As a reminder: A student who must take **any prescription or non-prescription medication** during the school day must provide the school nurse with a written order for the medication from a licensed physician as well as the parent's written request for the nurse to administer the medication. Forms to allow

the administration of medication at school are available in the nurse's office or online at <https://district.d230.org/stagg/depts/nurse/default.aspx>

Any medication administered in the nurse's office will be recorded in the student's health record. All medication (with the exception of

inhalers necessary to control asthma and epinephrine for severe allergic reactions) is to be stored in the nurse's office and not carried on the student's person. Students are not permitted to dispense or receive any medication from other students. Doing so will result in a referral to the Deans' Office.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Booster Club is a volunteer organization comprised of parents, families and friends that help support Stagg Athletic programs through financial contributions and event sponsorship. This financial support supplements the athletic budget to provide the best experience for your student athletes.

Funds are raised through Booster Club membership, spirit wear sales, athletic event concession sales and other events. Stagg athletic teams have achieved excellence at the regional and state level through the dedication of coaches, work ethic of the student athletes, parental support, and Booster club efforts.

Volunteers are the foundation of our Athletic Booster Club! Meetings are held at 7p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the staff dining room. Our next meeting is April 13th at 7p.m. All are welcome! Please join us and share your ideas!

Boosters Have a Lot Happening So Mark your Calendars!

The Stagg Athletic Boosters will award eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Senior Athletes. The scholarships are awarded to be used in the pursuit of higher education and is in recognition of athletic participation, academic achievement and having exceptional character. The scholarships will be awarded to the seniors at Senior Scholarship Night. See your counselor for applications. Scholarship due date is April 14, 2017.

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

The next meeting will be April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in room 605 and is the last meeting for this school year! We will discuss the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and electing a new board member. Parents should also look for an email in a few weeks letting them know how they can help make the luncheon a success through food donations or volunteering that day.

Senior Party

The next meeting to plan for the senior party is April 20 at 6 p.m. in room 605. The PTO board works with a committee of parents and staff volunteers, and the committee is open to all those interested in helping with the party, whether they have a senior or not. The end-of-the-year Senior Party is scheduled for the night of May 20. Volunteers help solicit donations, put up decorations the night before, chaperone, serve food and help at the event and remove decorations afterward.

The Senior Party committee will meet on May 11 at 6 p.m. to provide a final update to the group. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to volunteer, email StaggPTO@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Join the PTO Board

The PTO elects board members in the spring, and additional members are needed! Anyone interested in joining the board should send a letter addressed to Stagg PTO to the main office or send an e-mail to StaggPTO@gmail.com with contact information and what grade your student(s) is in. The only requirement is having a student at Stagg.

The organization provides a forum for parents to make connections, supports students and staff by promoting positive change at Stagg, and offers scholarship opportunities to graduating senior students of members.

SpiritWear "Lunch Sale Dates" are April 13th and May 11th.

SpiritWear is having a "Spring Savings Sale" and items will be marked down. While supplies last, don't miss out!

Booster Board Member Elections will be happening soon. If you think you would like to help our Stagg Athletes and our wonderful school, share your ideas, plan and organize events, meet the moms, dads, teachers, and wonderful people in our community, then the Boosters is the right place for you! Board positions are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Committee chairpersons are: Membership and Communications, Sports Representatives, Volunteers/Management Chair, Supplies/Inventory Chair, Poms Competition Chair, Fundraising Chair, Spirit Wear Chair, and Senior Athletic Scholarship Chair.

If you think you may be interested in running for a position, please contact Terry Treasure at ttreasure@d230.org

Ways to contact us: E-mail us at staggboosters@gmail.com

Volunteers can sign up for game concessions at SignUpGenius - Enter the following into your browser: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/4090adad29aaffa7-fall>

Thank you for your support!
Go Chargers!

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Good Day Stagg Families:

As we are winding down this year, if your senior student is interested in pursuing a music education, please check out our Facebook for a scholarship application or ask Messrs. Betz or Mecozzi.

The spring concerts for choir and band went well. We hope you had an opportunity to listen to all our talented students.

The spring craft show went well. I want to personally thank all the people who have volunteered for it along with all those who have volunteered at any Music Booster fundraiser. Truly without your volunteer time, we could not have such fundraisers and we know the student costs may be higher and the program not as enjoyable. I would also like to mention, part of the Music Booster's budget is offered to Stagg's Music and Choir Directors and Color Guard Chair who use funds to better the programs.

The spring and fall craft shows provide more than half the Music Booster's budget, so it is critical that parents with students in choir, any form of band or color guard volunteer.

The Music Boosters will have five families which volunteer for nearly every event (chair band camp, run concessions, craft shows, guard shows, Jamboree and craft show raffles) who will have seniors that graduate next year. If you are interested in being the chair of any of these events, please let me know. Please know if you chair an event, the Music Boosters will still be there with you. There are books for each event to aid you too. The idea is simple: we want to keep what was set in motion nearly 15 years ago by two ladies, Patty Winker and Karen Lencioni, working to fundraise enough money to keep Music costs down and provide parent support at music functions.

Attention Senior Parents! We will need your senior student's Information Packet with photos for the end-of-year Band Banquet in May. We put together a video presentation honoring each senior. Please remind your student to gather 8-12 photos (baby to today) and complete the information packet (in the band room). This may all be emailed to: boostermusicbox@gmail.com

Enjoy the beauty of spring!

On behalf of Stagg Music Boosters, Dorothy Lennon, President





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