

Charger Pride



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Six Stagg students have been accepted to perform at the ILMEA (Illinois Music Education Association) All-State Convention in Peoria in January. Students pictured are (left to right): Inga Hokens, violin; Demetra Alikakos, bassoon; Joshua Melocoton, Bb clarinet; Jason Kazin, tenor II; Samuel Thomason, bass I; and Eliza Gallermo, soprano II.

2016-2017 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

January

- 9 Institute Day, no classes
- 10 Classes reconvene
- 11 Midyear Graduation Ceremony
- 12 Prom Fashion Show
- 12 Athletic Booster Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 12 Education Committee Meeting
- 13 Curriculum Fair
(during school hours)
- 16 Martin Luther King Day,
no classes
- 17 Building and Finance
Committee Meeting
- 19 Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Cheerleading Competition
- 24 College Information Night
- 25 Incoming Freshman
Information Night
- 26 Board of Education Meeting
- 26 Music Booster Meeting
7:00 p.m.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stagg Chargers,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the administration and staff at Stagg, I hope that everyone had an enjoyable, refreshing winter break! With the New Year comes a new semester. The beginning of 2017 is a very busy time for students and staff at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, and it is important to approach this time of year with a sense of renewal.

Stagg High School continues to make safety our number one priority as we enter the New Year. As always, all of our safety procedures are reviewed with students at the beginning of each semester. In addition, we work closely with emergency services including Palos Hills Police and North Palos Fire Protection District on our emergency plans and procedures. We ask that students and parents remember that school safety is everyone's responsibility.

We began this year with our pledge to "Say Something" and we continue to encourage our students and community to notify the school if there are any concerns about an individual student's safety, safety of the school environment, or safety concerns in the community. This program has been a huge success and we will continue to encourage students, staff, and parents to "Say Something." Together we can make a difference. The following guidelines will help ensure a safe place for your children to learn and grow:

1. Review Stagg High School's Student Handbook with your child.
2. Report any concern regarding school safety to the school immediately, even if you are unsure if it is rumor or hearsay.
3. Utilize Stagg's Safety and Security Tip Line at 708-974-7400, ext. 7222.
4. Please call the school and arrange an appointment if you need to see school staff. Drop in or unannounced visits are discouraged.
5. Remind your child that they must never prop open any school doors or open doors for ANYONE in the school.
6. As in the past, all visitors during the school day must present a valid form of identification.
7. Remember that 111th in front of Stagg High School is a School Zone and speed limits have changed. Please be extra careful when driving around our school to help keep our students safe.
8. Thanks to the Palos Hills City Council and Mayor Bennet for passing new traffic ordinances on Roberts Road. No parking or stopping on the entire west side of Roberts Road. Here is a link to The Reporter article.
8. Remind your child of safe behavior when they leave the school, including crossing at the crosswalks and on the bus.
9. Please discuss with your child the dangers and repercussions of the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Research shows that children, whose parents discuss these topics with them, are less likely to abuse them.
10. Students must keep their school ID on their person whenever at school or at a school function.

Many of our seniors have been anxiously awaiting acceptance letters to colleges, universities, and career preparation programs. Freshman, sophomores, and juniors are beginning the course selection process for next year. The Class of 2021 have completed their PSAT 8/9 placement exams and will begin to select their classes next month. Students and staff are also focused on high-stakes tests such as the S.A.T., A.C.T. and Advanced Placement exams. Pay close attention to deadlines. Information contained in the school newsletter, daily announcements, and the school and district websites contain important information.

Students will continue to receive information regarding graduation and events surrounding their senior year. Please pay attention to the information sent home this semester so you are aware of all the requirements surrounding this process. The course selection process will begin shortly for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. We believe that the course selection process should be a collaborative experience between students, their parents, and the school. We ask students to challenge themselves in making future decisions and stretch themselves when selecting courses of study...an "easy semester" is a wasted semester. Finally, we encourage parents to participate in your child's high school experience by becoming involved in one of our parent organizations.

Resolve to get involved!

Sincerely,
Eric Olsen
Principal

Stagg SuperFan App Hopes to Enhance Student Experience

A.A. Stagg High School has recently signed with SuperFanHigh, a leading fan loyalty and engagement company, to launch a new mobile app that will allow students, faculty, alumni and fans to earn points based on events and activities that they attend and 'check-in' to. The points can then be used to earn prizes and exclusive experiences from Stagg High School.

The app provides other information for student and fans including athletic team schedules, school news and an opportunity to share photos through a 'fan cam.' There's a leaderboard to fuel some friendly competition amongst fans, as well as a place to give feedback and answer trivia questions in the FanPoll module. Stagg Charger SuperFans can be downloaded for free at either the Apple iTunes or Google Play online stores.

"We are most excited about launching this new app with our students," says Gina Marinello, Activities Coordinator. "It will allow us to engage and communicate with them in a relevant and timely manner, while also helping create additional school spirit at events and activities. And the best part is that it rewards our students for supporting Stagg High School." Currently, the team is working on accumulating rewards for students and working to connect with the community and local businesses to contribute, i.e., coupons, gift certificates, etc. to award as prizes. This is an opportunity for local business to advertise, through the app, their support of Stagg High School.



French 3 and 4 Students Get Informed

French 3 and 4 students wrapped up an extensive unit on media, the press, and getting informed. As part of the French 3 and 4 curriculum, students are guided through talking about global issues, and this unit was no exception. As we started the unit, we quickly realized "getting informed" meant different things to different students. Students described how they learn about their hobbies and interests from Youtubers and social media, and this led to greater discussions about current events, reputable sources, reliable information, and other ways to get informed, such as online news, documentaries, and radio. We looked at infographics that talked about social media use in France and across the world, which led to discussions about cultural preferences and fighting stereotypes. For example, some students thought that many African countries don't have social media access, and instead discovered that Facebook and Twitter are widely used to share information across the continent. We talked about current events in social media, such as Algeria and Turkey blocking access to social media after events like exam cheating (Algeria) and violence (Turkey) had taken place. We were able to debate in French about whether or not such a thing could happen here.

The topic of media, information, and the press led to lots of great discussions which the students were able to conduct in French. The unit culminated in two exciting projects: a visit to the WBEZ Chicago Public Media studios and newsroom, and a group project where students put on a 3-minute televised news program. The students met with journalists to be able to ask questions related to the class discussions. When we reached out to WBEZ, they were very welcoming. I thought that our tour would involve standing outside a studio, watching a live broadcast. But WBEZ Audience Service representative Karin Mabin arranged a fantastic tour, which included going back into the massive newsroom and actually talking with journalists and their investigative practices. Students got to ask Education Reporter Linda Lutton and Reporter Dan Weissmann about a typical day in their line of work. They asked great questions about separating opinion and fact, and both reporters talked about the value of asking questions and talking to people, and being on a constant search for information. As we walked through the newsroom, reporters, producers and marketing staff came out of their workspaces to welcome us and talk to the students. Students even got to talk to Program Director Heidi Goldfein about voice work.



French 3 and 4 students talk to WBEZ reporters Dan Weissmann and Linda Lutton



WBEZ Program Director Heidi Goldfein shows Stagg French 3 and 4 students Malake Alazmah and Rini Theodoropoulos how to conduct and record a radio interview.

Ms. Goldfein answered questions about university studies and she even had two volunteer students, Rini Theodoropoulos and Malake Alazmah, conduct a mock interview in a studio, which she recorded and played back for our group.

Students returned to class and reflected, in French, on their experience. They were able to incorporate information from their visit on their unit exams, where they compared their practices for getting informed with those in France and in other parts of the world. Now, it'll be up to all of us to keep the conversation going and to continue to stay informed, to think critically about resources, and to ask questions.

Sophomores Revisit Career Cruising

The Guidance Department revisited Career Cruising with sophomores during the months of November and December with students assigned to Career Cruising Lab during Advisory period 2. A 4-year course plan was developed with each student. Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool your child uses to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

- **Interest and Skills Assessment**
a world-renowned career assessment tool to help people identify suitable career options based on their interests and skills
- **Career Profiles**
thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and college programs
- **Multimedia Interviews**
interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles
- **College and Financial Aid Information**
comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a number of useful search tools to help students find the right college and the right scholarships
- **Electronic Career/Education Portfolio**
available online, so students can develop their education and career plans from wherever they access Career Cruising
- **Resume Builder**
integrated with the portfolio to help students format and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

To find out more about **Career Cruising**, we encourage you to login using the school's general access information:

Login at: www.careercruising.com

Enter Username: Stagg

Enter Password: Careers

Click on "**Start Career Cruising**" to begin. Students login through their personal portfolio.

Username: D230-"Student ID #" and
Password: 8 digit birthdate.

Pre-Registration/Information Night for Incoming Freshmen and Parents

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Pre-registration/Information Night for the Class of 2021 will be held on Wednesday, January 25th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for parents and students of incoming freshman. Students will receive their placement test results and course recommendations for freshmen year. A presentation is scheduled to address questions.

There will be opportunities to ask individual questions and hear information about Stagg Honors and AP Programs from teachers and students. This is a very important evening that you don't want to miss. Also note that 8th Grade Registration will be held on Saturday, February 4th.

Course Selection and Registration Process

The Guidance Department will begin the course selection/registration process for next year in early January and will conclude by early February. Prior to registration, students will have the opportunity to attend a curriculum fair and will have general registration meetings given by their counselors. Ask your son or daughter to share what elective courses interest them.

During the first semester, counselors met with students in Advisory sessions to update student four-year plans on Career Cruising, review graduation requirements and discuss post high school options. Students can email their counselor at any time to make an appointment.

Registration is a very important process, and it is imperative for students to be pre-

pared at the time of their registration meeting with their counselor. Students/parents will receive registration materials from the Guidance Office in December (juniors) and early January (sophomores and freshmen) and teachers will have made course level recommendations prior to winter break. Students are requested to correctly indicate on their selection sheets the teacher recommended courses. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's classes for next year with their student. Parents must sign their student's registration sheet indicating their approval of the courses chosen.

Please direct all questions about recommendations to your student's teachers. Please direct other questions about registration to your student's counselor.

College Planning

Stagg's Guidance Department will host three separate college panel presentations during the school day in March. There will be a variety of universities represented including, Purdue University, University of Illinois, Indiana University, Grand Valley State University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Cornell College, University of Chicago, DePaul University, Loyola University, Lewis University, Michigan State University, Northern Illinois University, and many more!!!

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be invited to attend the panel presentations. Sign up will begin second semester and will be online via the Guidance Website. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about academic programs, scholarships, and much more! More information will be

announced second semester.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The Amos Alonzo Stagg High School Guidance Department presents a tremendous opportunity to learn about the college search, application process, financial aid and much more. Our presenters include representatives from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Iowa, and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Information will be geared towards juniors, but all are welcome to attend. Topics to be covered will include: the college search, application process, and much more.

Follow us on Twitter @aasguidance to get more college-related updates and information.

AP Testing

Attention parents and students, online registration is now open for the 2017 AP Exams. The deadline to register is Monday, February 27th, and all fees must be paid online by Thursday, March 2, 2017, in order for your registration to be complete. Registrations that are NOT paid in full by

Thursday, March 2, 2017, will be cancelled, and your exams will NOT be ordered. A link to the registration site can be found on Stagg's webpage under the Guidance Department. Please see "important links" and click on "AP Registration." Fee per exam is \$94.00.

Financial Aid Fridays

The Guidance Department continues to offer "Financial Aid Fridays" to our students and parents. On select Fridays each month, a representative from ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission), will be available during the lunch periods to speak with students and/or parents in our College/Career room located in Guidance. ISAC's goal is to assist in making college accessible and affordable for all Illinois students. We encourage college bound students and parents to take advantage of this free resource. As always, additional financial aid information 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.

As a reminder: College bound students seeking financial assistance will need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online. The FAFSA opened early this year on October 1st. Families may access this website directly at www.fafsa.ed.gov or we provide a direct link from our guidance web page. Students have been encouraged to apply early!

College Application Deadlines

Seniors, be aware of college application deadlines! Remember to request your transcripts through "Parchment." You can find a link to Parchment on Stagg's home page, or go to <http://www.parchment.com>.

Please allow two weeks for processing. In addition, if your college requests ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency, you will need to visit ACT.org or Collegeboard.org to order your scores.

PSAT/NMSQT Results for Juniors

In October, all juniors participated in the PSAT/NMSQT exam during the school day as a practice test for the SAT taken in March. The purpose of the practice exam was to help juniors and their families make decisions about preparing for the SAT in the spring.

Results for the PSAT/NMSQT were made available to students in December by College Board. Counselors

provided of an overview of the test results to the students in their junior advisory as well as advised students on how to link their College Board account to a new Khan Academy account the students will create. To create a student account, please visit the Stagg Guidance website and click on the SAT Suite of Assessments link for further details. <http://stagg.d230.org/departments/guidance/>

State Assessment: SAT Suite of Assessments

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Previously received was communication from District 230 pertaining to our assessment plan for student growth, accountability and student success as it aligns with the ruling from the Illinois State Board of Education. Illinois has accepted the SAT as the

test used to measure college and career readiness for students in our state. The SAT will be the college entrance examination our juniors will be taking this spring. The state assessment date for District 230 has been confirmed for Wednesday, March 1st.

What are the plans for each grade level for the March 1 testing day?

Stagg will administrator the full suite of assessments for grades 9-11 in-school on March 1st. Below you will see the plans for each grade level on that day. Seniors will have a day of non-attendance and are strongly encouraged to complete deficient service learning hours or complete college preparation activities on this date.

- Freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9. The PSAT 8/9 is closely aligned to the SAT and scores earned are predictive.
- Sophomores will take the PSAT 10. The PSAT 10 is closely aligned to the SAT and scores earned are predictive.
- Juniors will take the State Mandated SAT exam. SAT

scores are accepted as a college entrance exam at all major colleges and universities.

There **will not** be a late start on this day. Students will be in attendance from 8:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Zero hour will not meet. After testing, there will be a dismissal time of 12:45 p.m.

The SAT can be used for college entrance eligibility to all colleges and universities and students are signed up for the March SAT through school. SAT test sections include critical reading, mathematics, and writing. Please note that both the SAT and the ACT are acceptable for college admissions.

What steps can the students take right now to begin preparing for the test?

College Board www.collegeboard.org has partnered with Khan Academy to deliver preparation materials. Khanacademy.org has free practice tests, practice

sets, and the capability to build a personalized practice progression from PSAT results. In addition, juniors can participate in SAT prep opportunities offered at Stagg.

What is the SAT prep course offered at Stagg?

Designed for college-bound juniors, SAT 1600 is a test preparation program that will be offered at Stagg starting in January. Students will develop confidence about the SAT through analyzing this pre-college test, practicing with test questions, and mastering the pacing required to complete the exam. The SAT 1600 test prep course is an eight-week class that runs on either Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings in January and February.

SAT 1600 registration packets

were mailed to Stagg juniors in November. Enrollment closed in December before break. For information on remaining seats available please check online at www.exceledgeinc.com/ registration. You may also contact Carol or Dave Talabay of ExcelEdge for additional questions about test preparation and registration at 219-838-0740.

Additional SAT test prep options can be found on the Stagg Guidance website <http://stagg.d230.org/departments/guidance/>.

Business Law Class Stages Mock Trial

In mid-November, Mr. Duffy's Business Law class staged a Mock Trial. The trial was the culmination of three weeks of preparation. For the trial, students from the class were separated into two teams and then assumed the many different roles in the courtroom: defense attorney, plaintiff attorney, paralegals, and witnesses. The case they worked on consisted of a bullying incident involving two high school students. Each team worked to prove their side of the case - Was the accused bully liable? What about the school, the school district? Each team presented their case and then the team



members collaborated on closing arguments.

Judge John Hynes from the Bridgeview Courthouse was generous enough to come to Stagg and hear the case. After hearing all of the evidence and the testimony from various witnesses, Judge Hynes rendered his verdict as a split decision. Then, he spent time commending



the students on a job well done and offered them advice about their performances during the trial. He also spent some time answering questions about the different career options in law enforcement that could be available to the students after graduation.

The event culminated in a pizza luncheon for all of the Mock Trial participants. Job well done by all of our Business Law students!

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 needed 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 be 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's 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/>

A packet with information and required forms will be handed out to students at Freshman Registration on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Any student who did not attend Freshman registration will have the forms mailed to their home. Completed forms are due in the Nurse's Office by May 1, 2017.

Parents and Students as We Enter Second Semester: Here Is What You Can Do To Avoid Colds And Flu

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT – Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, avoid contact with others to protect them from getting sick.

STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK – Stay home from work, school, or day care when you are sick, especially if you have a fever (A fever is a temperature of 100 degrees and higher.) You need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Advil or any fever reducing medication. Following these guidelines will help prevent others from catching your illness.

COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE – Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, it will help to prevent others from getting sick.

WASH YOUR HANDS – Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH – Germs are often spread when a person touches things that are contaminated with germs and then you touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

Other ways to stay healthy during flu season and all year round:

- Get plenty of sleep
- Exercise regularly
- Manage your stress level
- Drink plenty of fluids
- Eat healthy foods

These guidelines are recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

What's Playing in the Music Department

Happy New Year!

Our 5th Annual Spectrum Concerts were held on Wednesday, December 14th and Thursday, December 15th, respectively. What better way to get into the holiday spirit than to hear our fine musicians at Stagg spread their holiday cheer!

ILMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) auditions are but the beginning of what culminates with the Illinois Music Education Conference taking place January 25-28, 2017 at the Peoria Civic Center. This year, the students who advanced to the State Festival are:

Demetra Alikakos	Junior	Band	Bassoon
Eliza Gallermo	Senior	All-State Chorus	Soprano II
Inga Hokens	Junior	Orchestra	Violin 2
Jason Kazin	Junior	All-State Chorus	Tenor I
Joshua Melocoton	Junior	Band	Clarinet
Samuel Thomason	Senior	All-State Chorus	Bass I

This is quite an honor to be selected, given that Stagg is part of District I, which is the largest of the nine districts in the state of Illinois. District I encompasses a large portion of the southwest suburbs, and the entire city of Chicago. Since it is the largest district in the state, it is the most competitive, with over 2,000 students auditioning for positions in one of the district ensembles! Congratulations!

Jazz Ensemble is in full swing! Upcoming Jazz events include the New Trier Jazz Festival on Saturday, February 4th, and a performance at the Spring Craft Show! In addition, the Jazz Ensemble and Business Casual will be performing at the annual Pops concert on February 28th. Come out and enjoy some wonderful entertainment by our talented musicians!

Thanks to all for your continued support of our programs!

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Music Boosters' fall craft show went well thanks to all the parent and student volunteers. The Madrigals added to the season's cheer with a number of songs during the craft show.

Shortly after the fall craft show, the Music Boosters hosted the Greens Fundraiser which was a student fundraiser which means students received 50% of their sales into their student account. Student account funds can later be used by the student to assist with private lessons or trips. Special thanks to Pam Paris for all her work with the Greens Fundraiser!

We truly hope you had an opportunity to experience Spectrum! What a delight to experience our talented students sing, share solo pieces



and perform mini concerts during a 75-minute continuous performance. The Music Boosters provided one of the Spectrum dinners for the students and provided volunteer help.

The next Music Booster meeting will be on Tuesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. in Room 605.

On behalf of the Stagg Music Boosters
Dorothy Lennon, President

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Booster Club needs your support. Each student athlete family has been asked to donate their time/talent for 2 volunteer opportunities. Please go to our SignUpGenius page to find a variety of events and shifts. Enter the following address into your browser to find our Winter Sports volunteer opportunities: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/4090F49ADAD29AAFA7-winter>

Mark your calendar:

The next Athletic Booster meeting is Thursday January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the staff dining room.

All are welcome, please join us!

The Athletic Boosters will be hosting a

fundraiser on January 28, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at: At The Office Sports Bar and Grill in Crestwood. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Look for an information flyer coming soon.

The Booster Club is recruiting for the following vacancies: Vice President and Volunteer Committee Chair. Please e-mail us at staggboosters@gmail.com if you are interested.

Please remember Booster financial support supplements the athletic budget to provide the best experience for our student athletes.

Questions? E-mail us at staggboosters@gmail.com
Go Chargers!

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)



PTO Meeting - January 19th

Learn about the resources the media center has to offer at the PTO's next meeting, on January 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. At the January meeting, Media Center representatives will give a short tour and provide a presentation on resources available to students. Parents are invited to learn about printing, tutoring, and other services provided by the center, the staff and student volunteers.

Senior party

The first meeting for Senior Party is January 19th at 6 p.m. in room 605. The PTO board works with a committee of parents and staff volunteers who organize the annual celebration for Stagg seniors in May. The committee is open to all those interested whether they have a senior or not. Chairmen are needed for the food and decorations committees. Volunteers help solicit donations, put up decorations, chaperone, serve food and help at the event and remove decorations afterward.

The committee will meet the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. to provide updates to the group. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to volunteer, email StaggPTO@gmail.com to be put on a list of volunteers.

Thank You

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to decorate, serve food or sent a food donation to Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch on December 20th. Teachers and staff so appreciate this annual event.

Join Us

Stagg PTO is open to anyone with a connection to Stagg interested in working together to build relationships and promote positive change. It's a great way for parents to get involved. Membership costs \$15 per family.

Dates for remaining meetings are February 16, March 16, and April 20, in room 605. During meetings, a Stagg administrator gives a short report on past and future activities and listens to questions and concerns from parents. Each month features a special speaker, and parents are invited to suggest topics. For details, email StaggPTO@gmail.com.



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Deans Office

Happy New Year from the Dean's Office!

A few reminders as we begin a new year and new semester:

- If you ever have a safety related concern, please contact the Deans' Office at 708-974-7494 so that we can assist you immediately.
- In the event that District 230 needs to close school or use a late start because of inclement weather or for some other emergency, check these sources for information between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.
 - ✓ **Radio:** WGN AM 720 and WBBM AM 780
 - ✓ **Television:** CBS 2, NBC 5, ABC 7, WGN 9, FOX 32 and CLTV News
 - ✓ **Online:** <http://district.d230.org> or www.EmergencyClosings.com
 - ✓ **School Activities:** A decision to cancel athletic competitions, co-curricular contests, concerts and other events scheduled on a day when the school has been closed will be made later that day.
- **Mark your calendars!** If your son or daughter is planning to attend the Prom, a parent must attend the Prom Parent Meeting on 3/1/17 at 7 p.m. We look forward to using that evening to share important information with you!

Digital Safety

In an ongoing effort to team with families to keep children safe and create a positive environment while they navigate a very complicated digital world, we share the following suggestions from the High Tech Crimes Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General:

- Establish a household "Online Agreement." Set your guidelines and boundaries clearly with your children. Limits may include how much time your child may spend on a device and at what times devices are not permitted.
- Enable parental controls and restrictions on your child's personal device.
- Learn the trends by accessing parent blogs, tech news sources (examples include Huff Post and Yahoo News), view App and Google Play Store to see what top apps are.
- Network with other parents about information they have about what their children are doing in the digital world.
- Engage in conversation with your child. They are "digital natives" who thrive on sharing their expertise.
- If you are not comfortable with an app, site, game, or the amount of "screen time" your child uses, say "no."
- Be aware of "vault" or "fake" apps that children may use to prevent their parents from viewing inappropriate content on their devices (for example an app that says "calculator", but is actually a photo gallery). When viewing your child's device, open a variety of apps to view their content.
- Remind children to always set all social media accounts to private so they can filter who can view their online content.
- Visit Commonsensemedia.org for more tips on ways to keep your children safe in a technological world.
- Feel free to reach out the school or police for assistance with any problematic electronic behavior.
- Remind your children to NEVER meet up with someone in person who they have met on line and to NEVER share personal information or pictures with someone they have met online.