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AMOS ALONZO STAGG HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • APRIL 2018



Congratulations to the Stagg Lincoln-Douglas Debate State Champs!

Debate Team members pictured left to right: Salma Kamni, Jessica Fajardo, Coach Mike Colletti, Baraa Alkhani and Layth Alkhani

Not pictured: Peter Gordan

2017-2018 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

April

2	Holiday - No School
3	Classes Reconvene
3	Music Booster Meeting
10	SAT Suite Testing, no senior attendance
11	Evening with the Stars
12	Athletic Booster Meeting
18-21	Spring Musical
19	Art Show Opening
26	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
27	Institute Day No Student Attendance
27	Prom

Looking Ahead – May

1	Music Booster Meeting
4	Staggfest
4	Relay for Life
4 & 7	Senior Checkout Meetings (split by Advisory classes)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stagg Chargers,

As I have shared in many communications this past month, our culture of "Say Something" is an important component of individual, group and community efforts to maintain a safe environment for all of our students. Where as recent events have shown schools across the nation adopting the "Say Something" motto, I am proud to say that at Stagg High School, we have embraced and supported the "Say Something" campaign for the past three years. It is not something new to our community and its focus on both individual and school safety has provided an excellent foundation to deal with the current societal challenges our students, parents, school and community face. We will continue to enhance and expand our efforts as we move forward, and we are encouraged by the adoption of the "Say Something" program by our partner districts and the support we have received from our first responders. With that being said, I am proud to share that...

Amos Alonzo Stagg High School has been awarded the 2017 Say Something Week Student Spirit, Creativity and Sustainability Award by the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation!

This award recognizes the following:

- **Student spirit, creativity and ownership:** Demonstrated that Stagg students led the Say Something Week efforts and used their own creative voice, spirit and expression to make the week a success.
- **Community Reach:** Demonstrated Say Something Week reached the broader Stagg community, including parents, school/youth organization staff, community leaders, media, first responders and community members.
- **Sustainability:** Demonstrates that the Stagg Community has concrete plans, a calendar and commitment to sustain Say Something throughout the year.

Our Say Something Committee will be heading to Raleigh, North Carolina this month to be officially recognized at the national Sandy Hook Promise Youth Summit.

Important Spring Reminders

As we enter into the final months of the school year, there are several events and activities that are important for the following school year. Among these is the Annual Residency Verification Process. Every Stagg family must complete 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:

- Wednesday, April, 11, 2018 - 8:00 a.m. to noon and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 5, 2018 - 8:00 a.m. to noon

It is important that this process is completed so your child can begin the 2018-2019 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 Office.

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 2018-2019 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.

Sincerely,

Eric Olsen
Principal

Congratulations Stagg Debate Team — Lincoln-Douglas State Champs!

The Amos Alonzo Stagg HS Debate Team competed at the Illinois High School Association State Debate Championships at University of Illinois, Springfield on March 15-17. The team earned the 1st Place Lincoln-Douglas Debate trophy. The winner is determined through a sweepstakes process, and we had the tournament-winning debater, senior captain Baraa Alkhani. Baraa defeated students from Palatine and Fremd High School in the elimination rounds to earn the championship. In addition, Baraa earned All-State honors in his event.

The topic of debate for the weekend was RESOLVED: The United States ought to provide a universal basic income. Scholastic debaters must argue both sides of the resolution during the course of the competition.

Other members of the Stagg Debate Team who competed include:



- **Public Forum Debaters:** Tahis Meza & Mariela Serna (octofinalists), Sireen Amra & Amal Choudhry, Mark Marino & Ayoub Razick, and co-captains Jack Bibbiano & Nate Haefelin
- **Lincoln Douglas Debaters:** Jessica Fajardo, Peter Gordan, and Layth Alkhani

Congratulations to the team for winning their first IHSA State Championship! The team is coached by Mike Colletti and Matt Colletti.

Congratulations to the 2018 Moraine Valley High School Art Show Winners:

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| 1st Place: | Allison Hart "Complementary Op Art" |
| 2nd Place: | Melissa Hamilton "Vicious" |
| 3rd Place: | Jemina Doon "Color Tree" |
| Honorable Mention: | Richard Rietjens "Pagoda" |
| Honorable Mention: | Julia Krol "Alter Ego" |
| Honorable Mention: | Kotryne Saprunova "Fun Slide" |
| Honorable Mention: | Yasmin Alyafai "Blue Thick Paint Study" |
| Honorable Mention: | Kassidy Frayne "IX-XI" |
| Honorable Mention: | Christian Johnson "Lady in Black" |
| Honorable Mention: | Jessica Bowden "Gazelle" |

Allison Hart's 1st Place painting "Complementary Op Art"



The Moraine Valley High School Art Exhibit was on display March 14 – March 19, in the Fine Arts Building at Moraine Valley Community College. It is an annual juried art exhibit showcasing the works of 11 area high schools.

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 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.

Thinking about going into Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics? Want to ask those who read your college applications what they are looking for? Join three great STEM Universities: Michigan Technology, University of Cincinnati, and Missouri University of Science & Technology as they visit Stagg H.S. on Wednesday, April 4, 6th hour in the Performing Arts Center. All students are welcome to attend. Students must sign-up online (Guidance page of the Stagg website) prior to the event.

Moraine Valley Community College Admissions Office will continue to offer office hours on Stagg's campus every other Thursday, in the commons, during all lunch periods. Stop by the MVCC table to learn more about dual credit courses, admissions, academic programs, financial aid and much more!

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 2017-2018:

Test	Date	Registration Date
SAT	June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018
ACT	June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018



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 things and come back to it later.
- It's ideal to be finished with taking 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 7 – May 18. 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)**.

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 in the course until payment of \$150 is received for each applicable session. If payment is not received by

the drop date Session 2 of June 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 below for instructions regarding making an online payment for summer school course fees. <https://chsd230.eduk8.me/summer-2018/>

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 Page of the Stagg 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 page of the Stagg website for updates. Contact your school Counselor for more information or if you have any questions.

Financial Aid Information

We will continue to offer FINANCIAL AID FRIDAYS to all students and parents seeking additional financial aid information. A representative from ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) will be available during lunch periods on select Fridays each month to speak with students and/or parents in the Commons. 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 the Guidance page of the Stagg website. Direct questions regarding Financial Aid Fridays to Mrs. Samec, Stagg Counselor, at (708) 974-7445 or esamec@d230.org.

Upcoming ISAC visit dates: 4/6, 4/13, and 5/4.

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 following 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 page of the Stagg 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/>

Senior Seminar

The Orange Team will offer the third and final installment of the Senior Seminar series to the Class of 2018 during the school day on Friday, April 6. 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 March.



Chicago Wolves Speak French at Stagg

French 2 and 3 students had a chance to meet and speak in French with Chicago Wolves players Bryce Gervais (Forward) and Stefan Matteau (Center). The event opened with Gervais and Matteau presenting a bit about themselves in French. Then, students were encouraged to ask questions in French and in English, depending on their level of language proficiency. The students then played a hockey-themed Kahoot (an interactive quiz game) in French, and Gervais and Matteau joined student teams. When Stagg sophomores Hanna Zeiler, Demi Wojdula and Koralia Kuruklis saw Wolves center Matteau without a team for Kahoot, they invited him to join their team. "Stefan was an awesome team member for our Kahoot," shared Kuruklis. "We must have laughed the whole time cracking jokes in French and English! I loved this experience!" Both players were open about how much hockey influenced their lives as children. As Gervais shared with the students, "J'ai patiné avant de me promener" (I skated before I walked).



Wolves Center Stefan Matteau joins Kahoot game team made up of French 2 students Hanna Zeiler, Demi Wojdula, and Koralia Kuruklis.

The Wolves runs a program where players who have studied French or are native French speakers can visit French classrooms all over the Chicagoland area. Gervais, a native of Saskatchewan, learned French in a French-immersion school, while Matteau, a native Chicagoan, spent lots of time in his father's native Montreal, a French-speaking city. "All language learners need to make an attempt to seek out opportunities to use their respective languages, and this was a fun way to do that" shared Stagg French teacher Nitya Viswanath. Stagg French students use conversation skills every day in class, and French 2 students in particular have been working all year on asking good questions. "It's a language survival skill," shared Viswanath. "If you don't have the vocabulary to say exactly what you want to say, you can always learn more by asking questions, then repeating answers that you hear offered." Stagg students were happy to hear both players using their French language and were able to understand answers to their questions. Students were able to get autographed player profile cards as well as take photos with the players. There were also 5 lucky students who won Chicago Wolves caps in a raffle for students who spoke French during the event.



Wolves Forward Bryce Gervais and Center Stefan Matteau answer questions in French during a visit to a French class at Stagg.



French 2 and 3 students take a group photo after French Q & A with Wolves players Bryce Gervais and Stefan Matteau.

Congratulations All-State Theatre Participants!

Please congratulate Amos Alonzo Stagg Drama students, Lucas Streit and Andrew Jackiw, who were selected to represent Stagg High School at the All-State Theatre in January.

The Musical Theatre production of "Big Fish", involved the best theatre students in the state of Illinois. This performance was so successful, it is now going to the National High School Theatre Conference in June. Congratulations to both!



Culinary Club Supports Feed My Starving Children

On Thursday evening, March 15, thirteen Culinary Club members and two French Club members



enjoyed a wonderful evening of sharing and giving. The club members made pizza dough on Tuesday, panned the pizza Wednesday, and enjoyed a pizza and salad dinner prior to heading to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), in Schaumburg. FMSC sends food packets to needy countries and our group packed for Jamaica and Haiti.

At the end of our shift we were told that we had packed 114 boxes = 24,624 meals which would feed 67 children for one year!!! The students were joined by Ms. Colleen Silk, Ms. Nitya Viswanath, and Mrs. Liz Starostka. This has been an annual event for the Culinary Club for the past three years and we plan to continue!

Deans

SENIOR PROM DUE DATES

Prom Registration will be held during lunches in the Commons on 4/9, 4/10, and 4/11 and on 4/11 from 8:00-9:20 a.m. during Late Start.

Purchase Prom tickets from the Cashier after Prom Registration is complete from 4/9 through 4/12.

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.

Please refer to page 62 of the Parent/Student Handbook for specific guidelines and note that the Deans' discretion is final. Students dressed inappropriately for school will need to change their attire.

School Safety Reminders

- Parents and all other visitors are reminded to only enter school through the Main Entrance at the North Door. All visitors will have their ID checked through school safety software and will be required to wear identification throughout their visit.
- All Stagg community members should "SAY SOMETHING" if they ever have a concern about student safety. Each report is taken seriously and thoroughly investigated.
- Students should always have their ID in their possession at school and school events and should produce it whenever they are asked.
- No student, staff member, or visitor should ever prop a door open as it jeopardizes the safety of the entire building.

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!

Parking Update

All Juniors will receive information about on campus parking during the 2018-2019 School Year during their Advisory by May. Parking Registration will be completed during Final Exams in May and Schedule Release.

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

- Proof of all vaccines required for 12th grade students must be submitted to the Health Office by April 13, 2018.
- Proof of completion of 24 hours of Service Learning Hours must be submitted to the Service Learning Office by May 11, 2018
- Student needs to have accumulated senior level credits by August 1, 2018
- Valid driver's license and proof of insurance
- Anticipated yearly parking fee will be \$50

Spring Fling 2018 Saturday, April 14, 2018

Stagg High School's Council for Exceptional Children is hosting its annual Spring Fling. The theme this year is "Welcome to Candy Land". The party is Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and is held at Stagg High School in the Commons. The CEC Club is inviting past and present Stagg, Sandburg & Andrew students, local agencies, schools, and programs for individuals with disabilities, ages 14 and up. We expect around 200 guests. There will be food, a DJ providing music and entertainment, as well as door prizes for all guests. If you are interested in attending, we are asking for registration and tickets (\$10 each) purchased by April 9, 2018, or you may purchase a ticket at the door the evening of the event. We do collect donations for the door prizes. Gifts can be sports apparel, toiletries, costume jewelry, or gift cards for local businesses and services. For more information, contact Allison Roberts or Melissa Zolk, (708) 974-7400 ext. 7209 or aroberts@d230.org in the Special Services Department at Stagg High School.



Amos Alonzo Stagg's Drama Club will be performing a Musical Comedy

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Book and Lyrics by: HOWARD ASHMAN • Music by: ALAN MENKEN
Based on the film by: Roger Corman Screenplay by: Charles Griffith
Originally Produced by the WPA Theatre, Kyle Renick, Producing Director
Originally Produced at the Orphen Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre,
David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

was originally
Directed by: Howard Ashman
With Musical Staging by: Edie Cowan
Vocal Arrangements by: ROBERT BILLIG
Orchestrations by: ROBBY MERKIN



Seymour Krelbourn, floral assistant in a failing flower shop, becomes an overnight success when he discovers and displays a new species of plant. Suddenly everything is right with the world for mild-mannered Seymour except for one small thing...the plant only eats fresh human blood!

PERFORMANCES ARE:

Preview Performance, Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.
(Free Preview for Students and Family Members)

Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

TICKETS ARE:

\$8 Adults • \$6 Students • \$5 Children and Senior Citizens

Save the date and come join us for a fun event.

March Student of the Month

Back row: Mateusz Bielanski, Applied Technology Department; Gia Pappas, Art Department; Destiny Alamillo, Science Department; Eddy Toledo, Mathematics Department

Front row: Tala Alrifaiy, World Languages Department; Tess Vasil, Social Studies Department; Miranda Procopio, Music Department; Mariam Hagagi, English/EL Department; Nada Razek, Special Services Department

Not pictured: Tyler Smith, FACS Department; Melissa Hamilton, Business Department; Sabina Tylka, Physical Education Department



The Early Late Show: School News & More

What does it take to write, produce, perform, and film an entire episode of *The Early Late Show*? Work. Lots of hard work. The Early Late Show is a monthly school news, entertainment, and comedy show that highlights the achievements and events that take place throughout the year at Stagg High School that airs during Advisory once a month. The format of the show is derived from popular late-night cable night shows such as *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, and *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. This unique platform allows for a broad range of content to be included in the 15-20 minute pre-recorded show.

Each episode requires countless hours of creative thinking and planning that happens to be very bountiful within the walls of Stagg. Student producers and crew members, Ayoub Razick, Miguel Hernandez, Abdul (Shaq) Shaqildi, Zaid Salem, Sabrina Vazquez, and Baraa Alkhani sit at a round table to bounce ideas off of one another to collaborate on content and begin the production of each month's episode. The effort required to produce the show is evident in the video segments and commercials that can be as short as three minutes in length but often take over a week to film. Film locations have occurred not only within the walls of Stagg, but at surrounding community locations and businesses such as The Children's Farm and Xando Cafe.

After a successful year since the premier episode of *The Early Late Show*, the production team decided to host an hour long, live rendition of the show in the form of a charity event to raise money for District 230 Relay for Life, as well as to help showcase the skills and experiences gained by the members of the show. The live episode that was performed in early March was no easy task, as Early Late Show co-host and producer Ayoub Razick noted that "The production of the live show involved over 75 Chargers, from dance choreographers to members of the Stagg Jazz Ensemble that all worked together in a seamless fashion that made for a very entertaining evening and a masterful success."

The Early Late Show crew is a team of bright-minded seniors and facilitated by Ms. Gina Marinello with the support of school Administrators and teachers. Since all students working on The Early Late Show are seniors, they are in desperate need of new talented and dedicated underclassmen to take the spotlight in the coming years. If you or any student you know may be interested in trying out for *The Early Late Show* crew, please email either Ms. Marinello at: gmarinello@d230.org or Ayoub Razick at: 181169@d230.org



Early Late Show Crew Members from left to right: Baraa Alkhani, Sabrina Vazquez, Zaid Salem, Abdul (Shaq) Shaqildi, Ayoub Razick, sponsor Ms. Marinello

STEM and CTE Expo

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018 Amos Alonzo Stagg High School hosted its first STEM & CTE Expo from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the PAC Lobby as part of the 6th and 7th Grade Transition Night. Teachers from Science, Applied Technology, and FACS were asked to gather students willing to present STEM or CTE related interactive projects.

Over 50 students at 13 different tables presented the amazing work

they have accomplished this year. There was representation from Biology, Science Club, Physics, AP Physics, Cultivation Club, Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, Robotics Club, and FACS. Some of the highlighted demonstrations were DNA extraction, rotational inertia, static electricity, mousetrap cars, kinetic energy, Vexs Robotics Clean Sweep classroom competition, gas laws, and Homes4Monarchs.



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 17. We will send off our seniors at this concert. We hope to see you there!

Students Prepare for “Little Shop of Horrors”

Our pit orchestra has been working very hard on the wonderful musical “Little Shop of Horrors”. The experience for these students is sure to be one that they will remember for a very long time. Show dates are: Wednesday, April 18 through Saturday, April 21. Hope to see you there!



Annual Recital Concert Series

The Music 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 14-Woodwinds
- Thursday, March 15-Brass
- Tuesday, March 20-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 2019

All children entering 12th grade in the State of Illinois are required to show proof of having received one dose of **Meningococcal (Menigitis)** conjugate vaccine on or after their 16th birthday. If your student received a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine before their 16th birthday, he/she will need a second dose.

The following action is required from you at this time:

Submit proof of the following:

- One dose of Meningococcal vaccine was given on or after your student’s 16th birthday

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, 2018.

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 feel free to contact the Nurse’s Office at (708) 974-7426.

ATTENTION Incoming Freshman - Class of 2022:

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 release.

Forms are located on the Nurse’s Office page of the school website: <https://stagg.d230.org/resources/nurses-office/>

Students who attended Freshman Registration on Saturday, February 3, 2018 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, 2018.**

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 the 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://stagg.d230.org/resources/nurses-office/>

Any medication administered in the Nurse’s Office is 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 of parents, families and friends that help support Stagg Athletic programs through financial contributions and event sponsorship. This supplements the athletic budget to provide the best experience for your student athletes.

Funds are raised through Booster Club membership, spirit wear sales, athletic events, 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 the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the staff dining room. **Our next meeting is Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.** All are welcome! Please join us and share your ideas.

Do you have gently used and or/new items that you want to donate? If you have a microwave, freezer or other gently new or used items, the Boosters are in need of these items for their concessions stands. Please email us at staggboosters@gmail.com.

Spiritwear "Lunch Sale Dates":

- April 12
- May 10

Contact us at staggboosters@gmail.com
Thank you for your support!

GO CHARGERS!

Athletic Booster Scholarships

The A.A. Stagg High School Athletic Booster Club will award eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating senior athletes. The scholarships are in recognition of athletic participation and achievement and will be awarded at Senior Scholarship Night on Monday May 14, 2018.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Student athlete's family must be a 2017-2018 Booster Club member and have been a Booster Club member for a minimum of 2 years. **Note:** Class of 2020 athlete families must be a Booster Club member for 4 years.
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.75 at the end of 7 semesters
- Participate in a sport during the student athlete's senior graduating year
- Must attend a secondary school during the 2018-2019 academic year

Senior Applicants: The application along with a **letter of recommendation** from an A.A. Stagg HS faculty member and the **required essay** must be submitted to the Guidance Office **NO LATER than April 13, 2018** to be considered for a scholarship. The application is available from the Guidance Office, ask your Guidance Counselor or Mr. Kowalczyk.



PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)



PTO and its volunteers will serve brunch to staff and teachers during lunch hours on Thursday, April 19, in the teachers lounge. Stagg Culinary students

will provide brunch entrees, muffins and salad. A few volunteers are needed between 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. that day to help set up, serve food and clean up. A little help is needed the night before for setup.

All parents are invited to donate fruit, veggie trays, finger foods or sweets. Students can bring in items that morning to the front desk or the teachers lounge. Let's show staff how much we appreciate them! To let us know you want to help or what you might donate, e-mail StaggPTO@gmail.com.

Senior Party

Do you enjoy spending time with other Stagg parents? If so, Stagg PTO needs you! Volunteers are sought for this year's party for seniors, set for 8 p.m. to midnight on May

19 at Stagg. It's only a commitment of a few hours. Volunteers help solicit donations, put up decorations the night before, chaperone, serve food, help at the event and remove decorations that night and the following morning.

PTO's Board works with parents who organize and staff this annual celebration for Stagg seniors the Saturday before graduation. The committee is open to ALL parents, especially those who have seniors and juniors. Evening meetings for updates take place each month, but parents can volunteer even if they cannot attend those meetings.

Email StaggPTO@gmail.com to receive a volunteer form if you have not signed up already, and get your friends to help too! Many hands make light work. Meeting dates will be posted on the PTO website, www.StaggPTO.com and on the StaggPTO Facebook page. Committee chairmen will be in touch with their volunteers.

Senior Party Tickets

Tickets for Senior Party, which cost \$20, will be sold soon during lunch hours. No tickets will be sold at the door. Students must show their ID. Tickets include a T-shirt, food, beverages, a gift bag and entertainment, as well as entry into a raffle. Typical raffle prizes include a TV, college baskets and gift cards. Listen for announcements during Advisory and at www.StaggPTO.com.

Join the Board

The PTO selects board members in the spring, and additional members are needed! Anyone interested in joining the board should send an e-mail to StaggPTO@gmail.com with contact information. The only requirement is having a student at Stagg or being employed at Stagg.

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



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Annual Residency Verification (ARV) for Current Students and Incoming Freshman

In the District's ongoing efforts to be fiscally responsible, all High School District 230 students need to show proof of residency within the District boundaries on an annual basis, similar to when students first enrolled at the high school. This procedure was put into place to protect the financial interest of taxpayers in District 230 by assuring that the students who receive an education in our schools are legally entitled to do so.

Incoming freshman start the enrollment process with residency verification at the registration event in February. *This proof of residency will satisfy the requirement for all students in their family.* A series of dates and times will be held throughout second semester for parents/guardians to provide the necessary documentation for all other students. Those dates are:

- **Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - noon and 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, May 5, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - noon**

Families must present all required documents at the same time; one item from Category A and three items from Category B (more documents are required when completing Consolidated High School District Form E2, *if applicable*). **Partial paperwork will not be accepted.** All bills presented must be at least 60 days current. The documents provided prove residency as of the first day of the upcoming school year. The District may require a home visit and/or additional documentation to verify residency.

Please contact the Guidance Office at 708-974-7423 if you have questions or need a District 230 form to complete residency.

CATEGORY A: ONE (1) document verifying residency is required:

- Signed and dated mortgage papers (*for new residents only*)
- Most recent property tax bill **AND PROOF of payment** (homeowners) (e.g., receipt, cancelled check, 1098 Form). You can obtain a copy of your property tax bill at cookcountytreasurer.com.
- Signed and dated lease **AND PROOF of last month's payment** (renters). *Lease must be valid for the first school day of the upcoming school year.*
- Letter from manager **AND PROOF of last month's payment** (renters)
- Housing letter (Military Personnel)
- Letter of Residence from landlord (In Lieu of Lease) (District 230 Form 7:60 E1, notarized)
- Letter of Residence when parents are living with another District residence (District Form 7:60-E2, notarized). *Host family must provide additional documentation.*

CATEGORY B: THREE (3) documents showing residency address are required (bills must be at least 60 days current):

- Driver's license
- Vehicle registration
- Voter registration
- Current cable or credit card bill
- Current letter from DHS
- Current homeowners/renters insurance policy and premium payment receipt
- Current gas, electric and/or water bill
- Receipt for moving van rental

For incoming freshman families, in addition to the requirements above, the documents noted below are also required:

- **STUDENT'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- **SPECIAL CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION (if applicable):**
Any court order, agreement(s), judgment(s) or divorce decree that awards or gives custody of the child to any person (first page, custody page and signature page only).