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AMOS ALONZO STAGG HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • MAY 2018



Stagg students perform in the Spring Musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, that ran April 18 through April 21 in the Performing Arts Center. Congratulations to all students and staff who contributed to the success of the production!

2017-2018 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

May

- 1 Music Booster Meeting
- 4 & 7 Senior Checkout Meeting
(split by Advisory classes)
- 4 Staggfest
- 4-5 Relay for Life
- 7-18 AP Exams
- 10 Athletic Booster Meeting
- 14 Senior Scholarship Night
- 15 Choir Concert
- 15-16 Senior Locker Clean Out Days
- 16-18 Senior Final Exams
- 17 Band Concert
- 18 Senior Last Day/Checkout/
Cap & Gown Pick Up
- 19 Senior Party 2018
- 21 Stagg High School Graduation
Ceremony
- 28 Memorial Day - No School
- 29-31 Final Exams
- 31 Board of Education Meeting at
D230 Administrative Office

Looking Ahead – 2018-2019 School Year

- August 15 School begins for freshman
and transfer students
- August 16 All school attendance



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Chargers,

Amos Alonzo Stagg High School is always busy, but never quite as busy as the final months of the school year. While students and teachers are preparing for high-stakes tests, final examinations, and end-of-year projects, Administration is busy preparing for next year!

The information we gather above assists in formulating and tracking the progress of goals and objectives, but ultimately our focus is the individual learner. The experience each student has in our school is what defines Stagg as an academic institution. If you have any questions regarding school improvement initiatives, or our progress on goals and activities, please do not hesitate to contact Administration.

As we prepare for the next school year, we are working closely with local first responders and safety experts to continuously improve our facilities, procedures and practices. We completed a safety audit with Palos Hills Police and are currently reviewing recommendations made through this process. The continuous improvement model allows for short and long term planning and you may notice some changes in both facility security and security procedures. As always, our nationally recognized "Say Something" program is the best proactive measure we can take as a community. "Say Something" does not end with the close of the school year, it is active 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There is always a trusted adult to say something to, whether it is your child's coach, summer school teacher, religious leader and of course law enforcement. Together, we make a difference.

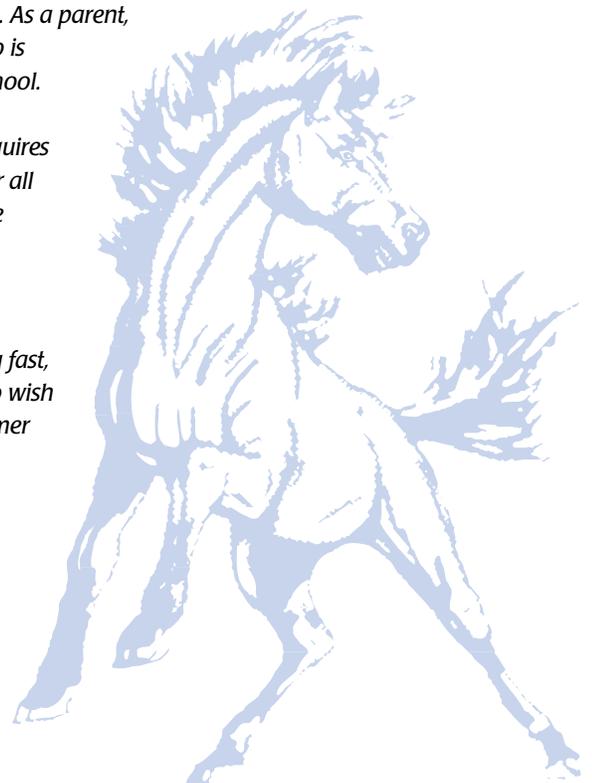
Stagg High School is committed to providing important information to the communities we serve. If you are a member of a community organization who would like Stagg to come out and speak about a variety of topics important to your organization, feel free to contact the principal's office at 708-974-7410 or by email at eolsen@d230.org. I, or any member of our administrative team, would be happy to participate in community and organization discussions related to our school, our students, and the communities we serve.

Finally, please remember to complete your Annual Residency Verification for the 2018-2019 school year. Students who do not complete this before school ends run the risk of losing course requests to students who have the process completed. As a parent, one of the most important things you can do is review your contact information with the school. Please check this information for accuracy in Skyward. In addition, the State of Illinois requires an additional Meningococcal vaccination for all senior students. Please contact the Guidance Office if you have any questions regarding residency verification and our Health Office regarding vaccinations.

With the end of the school year approaching fast, on behalf of the Stagg staff, we would like to wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Sincerely,

Eric Olsen
Principal



3rd Annual D230 French Immersion Night Fosters Global Communication Skills

Eighteen students from D230 enjoyed food, games and an evening of French language immersion. French 2, 3 and 4 students from Sandburg and Stagg High Schools participated in District 230's third annual French Immersion Night. Upon arrival, students took an oath where they promised to speak only in French for the following three hours. French teachers, Laura Schmuck (Sandburg) and Nitya Viswanath (Stagg), gave a 5-minute orientation in English before students signed a pledge to speak French for the entire evening. During the orientation, teachers reminded students that the evening wouldn't work unless everyone committed to the effort to stay in French the entire time. This year's participants were up to the challenge. "The students were amazed that they were able to stay in French the entire time," said Schmuck.

Students first engaged in "speed-dating" conversation activities to get to know one another. They then worked in teams to cook savory crêpes and a salad for dinner and sweet crêpes for dessert, and later participated in a trust walk while blindfolded. Table topic cards were strategically placed at each event to give students ideas for conversation starters at moments when there were awkward pauses or lulls in conversation. The students showed commitment to their language studies by participating in the event outside of the regular school day and engaging in only French conversation during the entire evening. Teachers and students reflected on the importance of using language outside the walls of a classroom. "Our students pick up so many life skills in language classes" said Viswanath. "They



Mira Azar, Ana Berdusis and Lauren Cowe guide one another through making crêpes at the 2018 D230 French Immersion Night.



Stagg and Sandburg French students participate in a meet-and-greet activity at the D230 French Immersion Night.

learn to think on their feet, communicate clearly, show politeness and respect, and show curiosity about others by asking questions and responding to others."

This event began three years ago thanks to a grant from the D230 Foundation. Immersion nights like this one offer students a chance to try out their language survival skills, and to find ways to improvise and still get their ideas across. "Immersion Night was a great experience! It challenged me while I still had fun talking in French with friends and cooking," shared Stagg French student Rini Theodoropoulos. "It really put into perspective, how much I really know about the language," shared Sandburg student Ahmad Abuisneineh, who also added "It was awesome to have the opportunity to try out a language outside of the classroom." After participating in the French immersion night, students felt a new confidence in their language abilities. Language immersion nights like this one are organized all over the country to help students engage in sustained language use, longer than the length of a typical class period. "French is spoken all over the world by more than 200 million people, so we want our students to be able to speak confidently whenever they meet a fellow French speaker," shared Viswanath. Immersion Nights give students a quick taste of what it would be like to be in a city where only the foreign language is spoken.



Stagg French students enjoy the fruits of their labors in the kitchen during the 2018 D230 French Immersion Night. Left to right: Karina Marquez, Rini Theodoropoulos, Isabel Rocha, Abdel Bayoumi

Second Semester Final Exam Schedule

Day 1 - Tuesday, May 29

Period 4	8:00 a.m.–9:40 a.m.
Period 5	9:50 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Period 6	11:40 a.m.–1:20 p.m.

Activity bus run - departs at 11:40 a.m.
Full bus run - departs at 1:30 p.m.

Day 2 - Wednesday, May 30

Period 1	8:00 a.m.–9:40 a.m.
Period 8	9:50 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Period 0	11:40 a.m.–1:20 p.m.

Full bus run - departs at 11:40 a.m.
Activity bus run - departs at 1:30 p.m.

Day 3 - Thursday, May 31

Period 3	8:00 a.m.–9:40 a.m.
Period 7	9:50 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Make-Up Time	11:40 a.m.–1:20 p.m.

Full bus run - departs at 11:40 a.m.
Activity bus run - departs at 1:30 p.m.

Senior Final Exams are scheduled for May 16, 17 and 18 as follows:

- May 16Periods 1, 6 and 8
- May 17Periods 0, 5, 7
- May 18Periods 3, 4

May 16, 17 and 18 are regular schedule days. There is not a special bell schedule on these days for **senior finals**.

Homework for All College-Bound Students

Summer is a great time to visit campuses in order to talk to college representatives and many families plan vacations based on possible college choices. This is the summer when JUNIORS should be narrowing their college choices. Remember to call ahead and arrange a tour and an

interview so that you can get the most out of your visit. Remember to ask a lot of questions!! Please visit the Guidance Page of the Stagg website for college planning resources.

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For Seniors Only

Colleges now require student immunization information and families receive a copy of their child's high school health record from the School Nurse. The Nurse's Office at Stagg

is closed over the summer. A copy of the student immunization record will be in the envelope containing your child's diploma after graduation.

Final Senior Transcript

Most colleges ask for a final high school transcript and, at no charge, it will be mailed to the college that the student indicates on his or her final Clearance

Sheet turned in on the last day of school. No transcript will be sent if there are unpaid obligations.

ACT

The next upcoming National ACT test date is June 9. Visit  ACT's website, www.actstudent.org, for more information and/or to find a testing location nearest to your home. Be sure to register by May 6 to avoid a late fee.

SAT

The upcoming tests dates for the SAT are May 5 and June 2. Sign-up for either of these tests at www.collegeboard.com. Please refer to College Board's website to locate the nearest testing site.



Important 2018-2019 Registration/Schedule Release Information

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be available online through the Skyward Parent Portal from June 18 through July 31. This allows families to pay student fees and complete consent forms online. For families who complete this process by July 31, their student's schedule will be posted in Skyward on August 2.

If you are unable to complete this process online, Stagg offers the following two days in August when families can visit the school to pay for fees and complete consent forms in-person:

- August 7**
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- August 9**
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

More detailed information regarding this process will be mailed home the week of June 11, 2018.

PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)

All juniors will take this paper-based test on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 with a regular school day schedule beginning at 8:00 a.m. (no late start for all students on this day). This PSAT is designed to be a Practice SAT as the testing times and topics are closely aligned to the SAT and scores earned are predictive of future SAT scores. Students that say "yes" to the Student Search Service when they fill out their answer sheet will be screened for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship program designates students as Commended, Semi-finalists, and Finalists. Scholarship opportunities are available to each of these levels. Please visit nationalmerit.org for more details. College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to deliver preparation materials. Khanacademy.org has practice tests, practice sets, and the capability to build a personalized practice progression from PSAT results.



Winter Guard Makes Finals At World Championships

The Stagg Winter Guard attended Winter Guard International (WGI) World Championships in Dayton, Ohio from April 12-14. The team won their round in prelims and did well enough in semifinals to qualify for finals for the first time in team history. The Guard finished 13th overall of the 132 teams in the Scholastic A class competing from all over the country.

Winter Guard is an activity that uses spinning of equipment such as flags, rifles, and sabres along with dance, acting, and staging to create a show about a particular theme. The 2018 show entitled "She Was..." was a love story using the ocean as a metaphor for the tale.

In addition to their success at World Championships, the Winter Guard also placed 3rd at the WGI Chicago Regional, 4th at the Flint Regional, and 3rd at the MidEast Power Regional in Cincinnati. The team also competes locally through the Midwest Color Guard Circuit and had numerous 1st and 2nd place finishes this year.

While most of the members were also part of the Color Guard team that performs with the Marching Chargers in the fall, the Winter Guard does take new members at their tryouts the last week of October.

Winter Guard members were Avery Ahrendt, Mary Allen, Ariana Cook, Abby Fasullo, Samantha Houlihan, Julia Jimenez, Spencer Miller, Angela Ruiz, and Savannah Rybka. Staff included Missy Pietruszynski, Kate Alstadt, and Becky Oziemkowski.

If you would like more information about the guard's upcoming summer/fall season tryouts, please contact Kate Alstadt at kalstadt@d230.org.

Stagg Business Students — Working on Interview Skills

In early April, a group of Stagg Business students took part in a workshop where they practiced their interview skills. Students from Stagg, Sandburg and Andrew assembled in the Sandburg Performing Arts Center for this annual event. The program was another of the district-wide events available to business students that allows them to work on real life skills.



The program was a round robin format where the students were able to interview with various professional volunteers. The interviewers had backgrounds in many different industries - banking, insurance, financial planning, retail and education. Each student had the opportunity to sit for three to four different interviews, thus allowing them to practice their skills with a variety of different professionals.

In addition to practicing their interview skills, the students watched presentations from two keynote speakers. Priscilla Steinmetz from the Teen Bridge Center presented to the group on the importance of setting personal goals and why it is important for everyone to tell their own story. Jeff Hofer of Liberty Creative Solutions discussed different strategies for networking and developing good communication skills.



The feedback from the interviewers was overwhelmingly positive. They were very impressed by how well prepared the business students were for the event and encouraged that our classes teach the students some of the important skills that they need after graduation.

STAGG TRACK AND FIELD IS EXCITED HOST OUR 1ST ANNUAL SUMMER TRACK MEET!

This meet will be a family friendly environment open to all members of the community from children to adults. We hope to see our Stagg family come out for an evening of fun and competition.

- Competitive Age Groupings!
- Field Events appropriate for children, teens, and adults!
- Track Events appropriate for children teens and adults!
- T-Shirts and Concessions will be available!
- Open to all!
- Register at Stagg on the day of the meet

Check the website for more details!
bit.ly/staggtf



STAGG SUMMER CAMPS

Below is a list of camps that Stagg Athletics is hosting this summer. Please visit our Athletic website il.8to18.com/stagg and click on link for summer camps (near the top of the page) for dates, times and location.

BASEBALL
BASKETBALL
CROSS COUNTRY
DIVING
FOOTBALL
SOCCER

SOFTBALL
TENNIS
TRACK
VOLLEYBALL
WRESTLING



News From the Health Services Office

Health Record Requirements For Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students

According to Illinois School Code, all students must have a complete physical on the Illinois Certificate Of Child Health Exam Form prior to entry into high school, including an up-to-date immunization record before receiving a class schedule. All students are required to have:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis series; Tdap booster
- Two (2) doses of measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR)-1st dose having been given on or after the 1st birthday
- Polio vaccine series with booster given on or after the 4th birthday
- Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine (the 1st dose having been given on or after the 1st birthday)
- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B according to the required schedule
- One dose of Meningococcal vaccine after the 11th birthday. A second dose is required for all incoming seniors (to be given after their 16th birthday).

The form for the physical is two sided.

- Your physician must sign and date to verify immunization record and again after the physical portion with his/her stamp, including phone number.
- Parents must complete and sign a comprehensive health history. This is a mandated portion of the state's physical form and it is on the top of the second page of the physical. Please be sure that all signatures are present before returning your form to school.
- The nurse is required by law to **RETURN** any physicals **NOT** in compliance with the law. **DOUBLE CHECK** that all signatures are present.
- **Always make a copy for your records.**

Important reminders

- Each student must also have a **yellow emergency sheet** on file in the Nurse's Office.
- Please remember that no student will be able to receive their schedule for the 2018-2019 school year until all medical records are in compliance with the state law and on file in the Nurse's Office.
- Send your forms in as soon as they are complete to avoid a delay in getting your class schedule.
- The Nurse's Office is closed in the summer. Physical and emergency forms are available online during the summer.
- Dental examinations are strongly recommended but not required for entrance into school
- **Completed forms should be mailed or turned into the Nurse's Office by May 1, 2018.**

Reminder For Freshmen Athletes

A separate sports physical is not needed for freshmen athletes.

If a student is planning to participate in a sport, his/her 9th grade physical is valid for 13 months from the date it was done.

- Please make sure the doctor circles YES for interscholastic sports
- This must be done prior to the student trying out for a sport
- Keep a copy, give a copy to your coach and send **the original** to the Nurse

SENIORS –

Immunization Records for College

A copy of your immunization record will be placed in your graduation envelope with your diploma. Please keep this in a secure location as you will need this for college and for your records. The Nurse's Office will be closed 6/1/18-8/13/18.

Attention Junior Parents/ Guardians (Class of 2019)

All incoming senior students will need proof of having at least one dose of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine on or after their 16th birthday.

The following action is needed from you at this time:

- If your child received a dose of this immunization on or after their 16th birthday, please bring your physician verified immunization record to the Nurse's Office.
- If your child has not had this required vaccine they must have it and bring the verification of having received it to the Nurse's Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Nurse's Office at (708) 974-7459.

Medications At School:

Please pick up medications in the nurse's office by the last day of school. Medication not picked up will be discarded.

If your student takes medication at school, please remember to send a new Medication Form prior to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This form needs to be updated each school year for your student to continue receiving his/her medication at school.



ATTENTION Parents of Incoming Sophomore, Junior and Senior students:

If there are any changes in emergency contact or health information, please complete a new yellow emergency form and turn it into the school nurse..

Health forms can be downloaded from the Nurse's page on the Stagg website

<https://stagg.d230.org/resources/nurses-office/>

Band Department News

Please be sure to join us for our final band concert of the year, held on Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Our guest conductor for the evening will be Katherine Hubbard, Student Teacher from VanderCook College of Music. As always, admission is free. We hope to see you as we send off the class of 2018!

Jazz Ensemble Wraps Up Season

Congratulations to the Jazz Ensemble on an outstanding school year! Highlights of the 2017-2018 performance season include: the Frank Mantooh Jazz Festival at New Trier High School, the Naperville Big Band Festival, the annual Pops Concert, the Fall and Spring Craft Shows, recruiting performances at Conrady and Palos South, Palos Hills Community Center, the Christmas Carol Dinner, Spectrum Concerts, and featured band for the Early Late Show Live! THANK YOU JAZZ ENSEMBLE FOR A GREAT YEAR!

Little Shop of Horrors Performance at Stagg

On April 19, 20, and 21, the Stagg Music Department and Drama Club presented its Spring Musical Little Shop of Horrors. The cast, crew, and pit worked tirelessly to put this musical on. Many hours are spent rehearsing the music and coordinating with the cast, which of course, culminates in an outstanding production! Special thanks go to Mr. Reiff, Ms. Schifano, Mr. Betz, Ms. Donahue, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Mecozzi for making this extraordinary musical come to life!

Marching Band Information

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, it is also time to gear up for the 2018-2019 Marching Band season! Marching Band (which includes the Color Guard) rehearsals begin in June, and continue through August, when the students attend camp for two weeks. The Marching Band trains in the summer for competitions, and can be heard playing at all home Charger football games. If you are interested in more information regarding the Marching Chargers, please call 708-974-7476 or email Mr. Mecozzi at rmecozzi@d230.org. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

PTO

(Parent Teacher Organization)

The Stagg Parent Teacher Organization can still use help for this year's Senior Party. PTO works with a committee of parents and staff volunteers who organize the annual celebration for Stagg seniors, and we need at least 60 volunteers to successfully run the party, which is set for 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 19, at Stagg. Last year about 325 students attended. The committee is open to ANY Stagg parent interested in helping, whether they have a senior or not.

Volunteers put up decorations the night before, pick up food that night, chaperone, serve food and help at the event, and remove decorations the following morning. In addition, parents of seniors (especially those who cannot volunteer) are asked to donate a finger food or dessert. Items may be dropped off that Friday evening or before 7 p.m. Saturday. Please add a note that it is for Senior Party.

Email StaggPTO@gmail.com 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.

Thank You!

PTO thanks parents who donated and volunteered for the teacher appreciation event for teachers and staff on April 19. Stagg Culinary students provided brunch casseroles and cinnamon muffins.

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.

Deans' Office

Reporting Concerns

Please contact the Deans' Office at 708-974-7494 with any concerns about student behavior or safety. Collaboration between parents, staff, and students is the best way to ensure a safe environment for all members of the Stagg community. If you see or hear something that may jeopardize or harm students in any way, please SAY SOMETHING immediately so that we may address it. We are happy to help and will involve your student's Team to ensure a resolution.

Appropriate School Attire

With the warmer spring weather coming, students are reminded about appropriate attire for school. Hats, halter-tops, exposed shoulders, excessively short skirts or shorts, tank tops, and bare midriff styles are not acceptable to wear to school. All bottoms should be worn at the waist. Please refer to the Handbook for a more detailed description of the school dress code.

Parking Update for Current Juniors

In order to be eligible to apply for a parking permit for the 2018-2019, students must be of senior status by the conclusion of Summer School 2018, must have turned in their completed vaccine requirements to the Health Office, and must have completed their Service Learning hours. More information will be given to junior students throughout spring.

Safe Arrivals and Dismissals

Parents and students are reminded to use extreme caution in our parking lots. Please remember that Illinois law prohibits the use of cell phones in the parking lot at student arrival and dismissal times. All drivers must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk and no driver is permitted to make a u-turn on Roberts Road, on 111th Street, or in the parking lot. Students may only enter school through doors that are supervised by staff and are never to open a door to let another student in the building.



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Annual Residency Verification

The scheduled opportunities for parents/guardians to provide residency verification for the 2018-19 school year have passed; however, the Stagg Guidance Office will accept residency on **Tuesdays and Thursdays only** during the summer hours of **7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The documentation necessary is listed below.

CATEGORY A

One (1) document verifying residency on the first day of the school year and proof of payment:

- Most recent property tax bill and proof of payment. Obtain a copy of your property tax bill/receipt at www.cookcountytreasurer.com.
- Signed & dated lease and proof of last month's payment. Lease must be valid on the first day of the school year.
- Closing statement for the recent purchase of residence
- Military Personnel Housing letter

CATEGORY B

Three (3) documents dated within the past 60 days with name and address:

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

If your family is living with a District resident, then documents are required from the following persons:

- **District resident**
 - One (1) document from Category A verifying residency on the first day of the school year
 - Proof of payment
 - Three (3) documents from Category B
- **Parent**
 - Three (3) documents from Category B
 - A notarized District 230 Form 7:60-E2/Letter of Residence

If your family is renting and a signed lease is unavailable, then the following documents are required:

- A notarized District 230 Form 7:60-E1/In Lieu of Lease. Form must show residency on the first day of the school year.
- Proof of last month's payment
- Three documents from Category B

Incoming freshman, in addition to the required residency documents, the following enrollment documents must be provided:

- Student's birth certificate
- Special custody documentation (if applicable):
 - Any court order, agreement, judgment or divorce decree that awards or gives custody of the child to any person (first page, custody page and signature page only)

Students attending Alternative Schools, Private Placements or Programs outside the District are also required to verify residency. It is imperative that all students, regardless where they attend school, complete these processes at their home school - Amos Alonzo Stagg High School.

Family residency must be confirmed for the 2018-19 school year by June 30 or students may face the loss of course registrations and delayed schedule release in August. To request a District 230 Form or if you have any questions, please contact the Guidance Office at 708-974-7423.