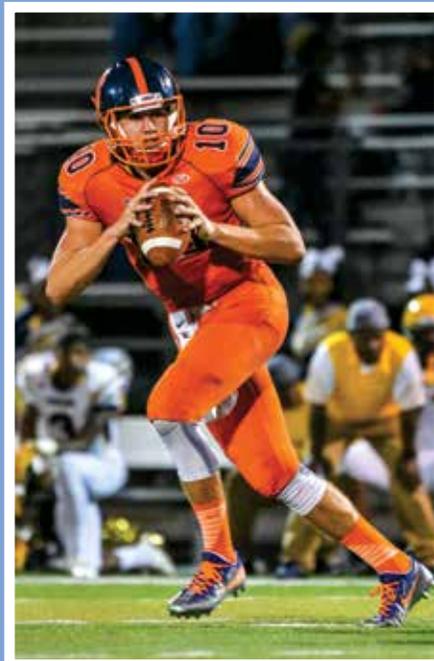
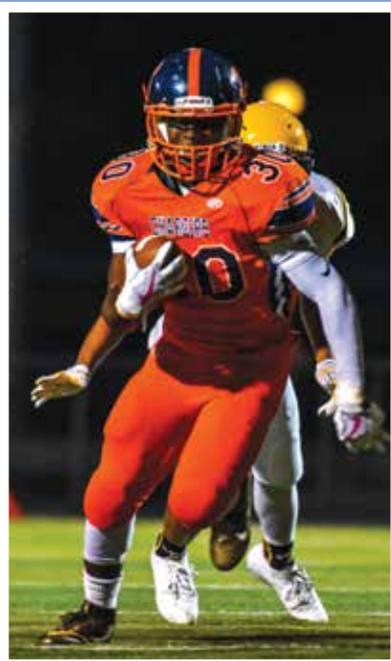


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HOMECOMING 2017



On Friday, September 15 the Chargers put together a spectacular 36-18 win in their Homecoming game against Thornwood. Thank you to all students, families and neighbors who came out to cheer the Chargers to victory!

2017-2018 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

October

- 9 Columbus Day Observation
- 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10 Senior Citizens Lunch
- 11 Parent Teacher Organization Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 Varsity Girls Swim Invite, 5 p.m.
- 16 Marching Chargers Fall Band Showcase, 7 p.m.
- 16 Building and Finance Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 16 Fall Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- 18 Fall Choral Concert, 7 p.m.
- 19 NHS Induction Ceremony, 7 p.m.
- 23-24, 26 Girls Volleyball Regional
- 25 PSAT/NMSQT, 8 a.m.
- 25 8th Grade Open House, 7 p.m.
- 26 Board of Education Meeting, Andrew High School, 7 p.m.
- 28 National ACT, 8 a.m.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stagg Families,

We have had a great start to the school year and are looking forward to the beginning of fall. There are many events and activities at Stagg including athletic events, band and choral concerts, theatrical performances and academic competitions. Stagg is a very busy place and we hope to see you at one of our many events.

School safety is always a priority at Stagg High School and District 230. We recognize that in order for instruction to take place and be effective, students must feel that they are cared for and their safety is important to the adults entrusted with their care. There are many ways that Stagg High School works to provide a safe environment for students, but we also recognize that parents and students play a vital role in maintaining a safe school. No one group can do this alone, we must all work together.

The following are safety tips and requirements that we ask all parents and students to follow while on our campus:

Safety Coming To and From School

- Traffic on campus has improved greatly, however, entry onto the campus can be difficult, particularly at the entrance on 111th. The entrance off of Roberts Road is also available for student drop off and we encourage parents to consider using this entrance for student drop off.
- Give yourself enough time when driving to and from school. If everyone tries to drop off their child at 7:50 a.m. there will be delays. Our commons area is supervised beginning at 7:30 a.m., so feel free to drop off students between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m.
- Students should NEVER be dropped off on the street or street side, this includes on 111th Street and Roberts Road.
- Students should ALWAYS cross at the crosswalk at 111th and Roberts Road, this includes students who use the parking lot at New Beginnings Church.
- There are NO U-turns on Roberts Road.
- Students should never run across 111th Street in front of the school building. Palos Hills Police will be ticketing students who do not cross at the crosswalk.
- Students must have school IDs to get on school buses.
- Cellphones are not to be used in school parking lots.

Medications and Health Concerns

- Any and all prescription/over-the-counter medication must be kept in the Nurse's Office with a doctor's prescription.
- Students may not carry prescription or over-the-counter medications on their person or in their locker while at school.
- The Nurse's Office must be made aware of any medical condition that requires assistance in moving about the building.

School Building Security

- Stagg High School has a School Resource Officer (SRO) in the building every school day. Palos Hills Police Detective Al Williams is a great resource and assists our students and staff in maintaining a safe environment.
- Stagg High School encourages students, staff, parents and community members to SAY Something if you see or hear anything that could be a threat to the safety of an individual, the school, or the community. Students at Stagg know that Say Something means to contact a trusted adult if they ever have any concerns.
- Students are required to have their school IDs with them at all times.
- During school hours, all visitors must enter through the North Door Security Station.

Red Ribbon Week October 23-27

Red Ribbon Week is a time for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon.

Red Ribbon Week was established as a tribute to a fallen hero, Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camarena. Agent Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. As a DEA agent, Camarena believed that even one person can make a difference. In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began wearing red badges of satin. Since then, millions of parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of

the destruction caused by drugs in America (National Family Partnership, 2017). By wearing a red ribbon during the last week in October, Americans demonstrate their opposition to drugs (SADD, 2017).

In support of Red Ribbon week, Amos Alonzo Stagg High School will participate in many different fun activities during advisory and lunch hours the week of October 23 – 27. Show your support by wearing a Red Ribbon or a red bracelet that can be won at lunch!

Red Ribbon week is hosted by The White Team and Snowball.



Operation Snowball Leadership Retreat - Fall 2017

We invite students to register for our Operation Snowball

Leadership Retreat to be held November 17 - November 19 at Camp Duncan in Ingleside, Illinois.

Operation Snowball is a weekend that focuses on building skills for leadership development. Some of the topics discussed include communication skills, decision making, problem solving, peer pressure, coping with stress, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD) information, relationships, positive mental attitude and the healthy family. All of the above information is presented in large group "general sessions" or in smaller groups called "mini-workshops". After each general session and mini-workshop, participants meet in their "small group" to discuss the information and its implications on their own life. The same small group meets throughout the weekend, and it is here that many thoughts and feelings are shared. Each small group is co-facilitated by trained teens, with adult staff support.

Participants at Snowball will be housed in gender segregated, bunk-style cabins that include heat and carpeting. Six balanced meals will be served beginning with lunch on Friday. All participants will receive workshop materials, a T-shirt, and a group photograph. **The cost of the weekend is \$130 (checks should be made payable to District 230 Operation Snowball).** Snowball applications must be turned in to the Guidance secretary by Wednesday, November 1. Due to camp deadlines, no participant refunds can be granted after November 1. All students attending this Snowball Leadership Retreat will receive an excused field trip from school on Friday, November 17 (parents need not call to report their child's absence). A Snowball Family Day presentation will be held on Sunday, November 19 at Carl Sandburg High School upon picking your child up from the weekend retreat.

Students are encouraged to pick up a Snowball registration packet, which contains more details regarding this retreat, in Guidance.

If you have a question, please contact one of your Snowball Directors:

Stacy Verble

Amos Alonzo Stagg H.S Director
708-974-7915 • sverble@d230.org

Jessica Kaffel

District 230 Snowball Director
708-671-4119 • jkaffel@d230.org

NHS

National Honor Society is a group that rewards students for scholarship, service, leadership and character. Students are invited to join junior and senior year if they have met the following requirements.

1. GPA of 3.8 or above
2. Two clubs or activities or combination of the two each year
3. Completion of 24 service hours for juniors and 44 for seniors

Students must have completed their service hours by the end of sophomore year. This means that their service hours must be turned in to the Service Learning Office by the last day of sophomore year. The same rules apply for juniors who want to

join senior year - they must have 44 hours of community service turned in to the Service Learning Office by the last day of junior year.

Once a student is inducted into NHS they are expected to complete another 20 hours of service both junior and senior years. That is a total of 40 hours in addition to their 24 required for graduation. In order to be recognized at graduation, seniors will need to have service hours turned in by March 1st of their graduation year. Students will also be expected to maintain their GPA, participation in sports and activities, and remain free of academic integrity and honor code violations.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- *If you would like to meet with a staff member or administration, you must have an appointment. Please make sure you arrange for an appointment ahead of time.*
- *Remind your child that they should NEVER let any student or adult into the building.*
- *Contact the Deans' Office if you have any concerns.*
- *Stagg High School has a Tip Line that is checked daily. The number is 708-974-7400 EXT 7222.*

School safety is everyone's business and we welcome the partnership with staff, students and parents in making Stagg High School a safe learning environment!

Have a great year and GO Chargers!

Eric A. Olsen

Principal

Standardized Exams: The Who, What & When

Test Date	Test	Grade Level
October 25, 2017	PSAT/NMSQT	All Juniors
October 28, 2017	National ACT	Optional for Juniors and Seniors
November 4, 2017	PSAT 8/9	Incoming Freshman

PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT will be given on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 during school hours for all juniors at Stagg High School. This is a regular school day; there is no late start. The PSAT/NMSQT is a practice test used to assist students in preparing for the SAT. Results include an estimated SAT score.

A student who does well on this exam and who meets other academic criteria may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. National Merit Scholars are the nation's top 1% of all test takers and are eligible for certain scholarships. Please see Mrs. Gulden in the Guidance Office with any questions.

National ACT

The National ACT will be administered at Stagg High School on Saturday, October 28, 2017. The ACT is typically taken in spring of junior year as well as in the fall of senior year. This test is used for college entrance eligibility to all colleges/universities in Illinois and around the country. Additional ACT test dates (not hosted by Stagg High School) occur throughout the year. Please visit the ACT website at www.actstudent.org for details.

Both the SAT and ACT are designed to measure a student's academic achievement in English, math and reading/writing. The ACT also includes a science reasoning section. Most colleges require students to take one of these tests and submit their test scores to them when they apply for admissions. Please note that colleges accept either the SAT or ACT. Students may also retake either test as many times as they need. Students can register and pay fees for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and the ACT at www.actstudent.org.

PSAT 8/9

The PSAT 8/9 will be administered to all incoming freshman in their eighth grade year on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Stagg High School. There is no cost to students and further information will be provided at the Incoming

Freshman Open House in October. The PSAT 8/9 will test students in evidence-based reading and writing as well as math. This is the first step in the SAT Suite of Assessments (PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10 & PSAT/NMSQT, SAT) process.

College Bound Senior Checklist

- Senior Meeting with Counselor - ask your student about this meeting
- Make sure your list of colleges is appropriate for your academic and personal needs
- Complete college applications
- Complete the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid
- Watch your deadlines!
- Request Transcripts, ACT and/or SAT scores and letter(s) of recommendation several weeks before the deadline
- Visit college campuses
- Sign up to meet with college representatives visiting Stagg!

Important FAFSA Filing Date Changes

Reminder: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) launches early this year. Students can now apply for financial aid. Apply early!

Charger University — Social-Emotional Learning Series

Charger University is a monthly series dedicated to social-emotional learning. Each month a guest speaker(s) will inform, educate, and provide an interactive forum for students to learn about significant topics facing teens in our area. These topics include health concerns, mental health issues, current social issues, community/school issues and topics related to social media. Charger University will be in session from September 2017 through April 2018, with one speaking agenda per month. Charger University connects directly to the District 230 Successful Schools Successful Students Touchstone by engaging students in their own social-emotional learning in an ever changing society, where they all face very unique challenges and needs.

Charger University students will be afforded the opportunity to develop relationships with community members and will have their access to services enhanced. Charger University will provide students with educational information in a way that they are not always exposed to. Access to experts in these fields is not typically offered within the regular school day in such an intimate setting, which makes this unique. Upcoming topics include: Motivation and Preparation, School Safety, Stressors for High Performing Girls and Safety with Social Media. If you are interested in your son/daughter participating in a Charger University session please contact Mary Pat Carr 708-974-7490, Shannan Sisk 708-974-7790, or Jessica Kaffel 708-971-4119.



Charger University welcomed a representative from the State's Attorney's Office to speak with Stagg students about social media safety.

Colleges Visiting Stagg

Did you know that last year over 100 colleges visited Stagg High School? There are a wide range of colleges and universities that come to AAS to share information and answer questions from our students. It is a wonderful opportunity and resource for student use. See who is coming and sign up online on the Guidance Webpage.

Also check out our "Class Pages." You will see a wealth of college-related information located on the "Junior and Senior Class Pages." You can find the Class Pages on the top right side on the Guidance Webpage. You can also follow us on Twitter, @aasguidance, for college-related updates, announcements and reminders.

Stagg Partners with Moraine Valley Community College for a College/Career Night - October 11

Moraine Valley College Career Night will be held on Wednesday, October 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. More than 175 representatives from colleges, technical schools, armed forces and apprenticeship training will be on hand! Flyers will be distributed to students during advisories!

Stagg will also be hosting Moraine Valley Community College every other Thursday throughout the fall in the Commons during all lunch periods. A representative from MVCC admissions is available to assist students with enrollment, submitted test scores, academic programming and much more.

Counselors Provide A Variety Of Assistance

Start Your Year on the Right Foot

All freshman met with their counselor in September to discuss their steps for success. Freshmen want to get off to a great start because it is easier to maintain a good grade point average than it is to raise one.

Stagg offers several opportunities to help students with their academic success. View a sample of information given to all students at <http://stagg.d230.org/resources/>.

School Counselors Meet with Seniors

During the month of September the school counselors met with each senior individually to present the framework of senior tasks regarding future plans. Students will be informed about information regarding the college application process, senior year timeline, financial aid information, scholar-

ship information, post high school planning, opportunities at Moraine Valley Community College, as well as other career related information by counselors in one-on-one meetings with all seniors. Counselors will detail the college application process and assist with individual post high school plans.

Career Cruising — An Exploration of Post-Secondary Possibilities

The Guidance Department provides assistance for students with developing their four-year plan and counselors will continue to meet with freshmen over the course of first semester to begin this process. Career Cruising is a self-exploration and planning program that helps students achieve their potential in school, career and life. Ask your student to show you their work on Career Cruising! Please call or email your student's counselor if you have any questions.

Need help making career choices? College, Trade School, Apprenticeship? What will your student do after graduation? Career Cruising, the web-based exploration and planning tool used by District 230, can help answer these questions. For information about accessing this site please call your child's school counselor. Parent access to step-by-step College and Career information can be found on our website at: <http://stagg.d230.org/departments/guidance/>.

Online Grades

Students and parents/guardians can stay on top of their grades by checking Skyward on a regular basis. They should enter the username and the password that was assigned to them at the beginning of the year.

Please keep in mind that the password is case sensitive. Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers if they are missing assignments. If parents/guardians need assistance accessing Skyward, please contact our Tech Department at 708-974-7499.

Tech-Prep Programs Provide Dual Credit

The Moraine Area Career System (MACS) and Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) are now offering area high schools an improved way for students to earn college credit while still in high school.

As a major initiative for both the MACS office of MVCC, Tech Prep courses will be offered to high school students as dual credit courses. Dual credit enables students to enroll for college equivalent courses while concurrently enrolled in their high school Tech Prep courses. Students will receive both high school credit and college credit if they successfully complete these courses with a grade of B or better.

By participating in the Tech Prep Dual Credit Program, high school students can take advantage of these fantastic benefits:

- Saving money on tuition and textbooks with FREE college credits
- Getting a head start on career by earning college credit now
- Applying course credits and grades to both high school and college transcripts at the same time
- Accelerating academic progress with challenging college-level coursework
- Eliminating the need to travel to a college campus to receive college credits
- Exploring exciting career options through work site visits and internships
- Acquiring cutting-edge technical expertise

To learn which Tech Prep classes qualify for dual credit and how to participate, contact your student's school counselor.

A Note from the Health Services Office

During the school year, the Health Office offers screening for vision and hearing. Signs of a hearing loss can include the inability to tolerate loud sounds, poor speech, speaking in a relatively loud voice and hearing a ringing or buzzing sound in the ears often. It is especially important for students to lower the volume in their iPod/ music headsets and wear ear protection when necessary. If others can hear the music from these headsets, it is too loud.

Signs of vision problems can include frequent headaches, squinting, sitting nearer to the television and holding a book or magazine closer.

If you have a concern and would like to have your child screened during the school year, please call the Health Services Office at 708-974-7459.



Noteworthy Band News

September has been a busy month for the Marching Chargers, with performances at football games, competitions, and parades. October will prove to be just as busy, if not even more challenging!!

The Marching Chargers will perform at the following three competitions in October:

October 7 Romeoville Marching Band Competition

October 14 Downers Grove South Marching Mustang Music Bowl

October 21 Illinois Marching Band Championships

Competitions are *all day* events, with high schools from all across the state of Illinois merging onto the same field to compete! Our students arrive early at school to rehearse on Saturday morning, and upon arrival at the venue, rehearse again prior to competition. Afterwards, the students watch the remainder of schools and await the awards ceremony, prior to departing for home around 9 p.m.

The Marching Chargers invite everyone to attend competitions and cheer them on!

Marching Band Jamboree

The Jamboree was a tremendous success, and was well received by all who attended. Special thanks go to our Music Booster organization and all of our many volunteers who put in so much time to make our Jamboree happen!

Other important news in October includes the ILMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) auditions, which take place on Wednesday, October 11. Initially, students are selected by the band and choir directors to audition for their district. Stagg falls under the purview of District 1, which is the largest and most competitive of the nine districts in the state of Illinois. District 1 encompasses a large portion of the southwest suburbs and the entire city of Chicago. As many as 2,000 students compete for only 600 coveted spots in the ILMEA District 1 band, choir, orchestra and jazz bands.

Band and choir students who will be participating have been earnestly practicing for their auditions. If selected, the students perform at the District Festival, and from there can be selected for the All State Festival. Selection into the ILMEA is a prestigious honor.

October also begins the first of the four formal concerts presented by the choir and band programs. On Monday, October 16 members of the Percussion Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony and Marching Chargers will showcase their talents in the Fall Band Showcase. On Wednesday, October 18, the Stagg Choirs will put on their Fall Choral Concert. Both concerts are free of charge.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS!

Be sure to visit the band and choir websites: www.staggbands.org and www.staggchoirs.org

Athletic Department — 2017-2018

Due to liability concerns and I.H.S.A. regulations, no student will be allowed to participate (including tryouts) in athletics unless the on-line registration process is complete and a current physical is on file.

All student athletes must register online at our athletic website @ www.athletics2000.com/stagg (click on "Registration: at top of page) or the registration website @ <https://stagg.8to18.com>.

All students will need a current physical on file. Freshmen can use their entering school physical for athletics as long as it is current (13 months from date of examination). Students are welcome to check the date of their physical at the athletic office. They can pick up a blank physical and return their completed physical to the Athletic Office.

In order to participate in Athletics at Stagg, each athlete must receive clearance from the Athletic Director's Office prior to tryouts.

To be cleared for participation, the following items must be on file:

- A current sports physical (Incoming freshman can use their school physical.)
- All parents of student athletes must complete the on-line registration @ <https://stagg.8to18.com> or www.athletics2000.com/stagg and select "Registration" at the top of the website home page. Registration for winter sports will open the beginning of October.
- All returning student athletes must have passed 25 hours of work in the semester prior to competition.

Some coaches may have an informational meeting 1 – 2 weeks prior to tryouts. Please check the Daily Announcements for specifics.

If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 708-974-7439 or the coach directly.

Tryout Dates for Winter Sports

Boys' Bowling
October 23, 2017

Competitive Cheerleading
October 23, 2017

Competitive Dance (Poms)
October 23, 2017

Girls' Basketball
October 30, 2017

Boys' Basketball
November 6, 2017

Girls' Gymnastics
November 6, 2017

Boys' Wrestling
November 6, 2017

Girls' Bowling
November 13, 2017

Boys' Swimming & Diving
November 20, 2017

Deans

Parking Lot and Pedestrian Safety:

In order to keep all members of the Stagg community (including students, staff and visitors) safe at arrival and dismissal, please adhere to the following:

- Per Illinois law, cell phone usage is prohibited in school parking lots and in school zones.
- Please yield to pedestrians in our lot and be alert for students crossing in the crosswalks.
- Please follow the directions from staff in the lots to expedite drop off and pick up.
- Please drive slowly and use caution at all times.
- In order to ensure timely arrival to class, please drop your student off to school at least ten minutes before the first bell.
- U-turns are not permitted on 111th Street or Roberts Road. To drop off or pick up your child, please enter our campus.
- We know that many of our students park in lots adjacent to our campus. Please remind your children who park there to cross at the intersection at designated crossing areas.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

2017-2018 New Booster Board Members are:

President: Toni Buralli
Vice-President: Tracey Ardizzone-Droesch
Treasurer: Donna Ebeling
Secretary: Karen Van Nieuwenhuysse

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

Funds are raised through Booster Club membership, spirit wear sales, athletic 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! GO CHARGERS!

MUSIC BOOSTERS

It's fall and the Marching Band season is in full swing! The Stagg Marching Chargers started the season off with one of the first marching competitions in the state, the Stagg Marching Jamboree. The Music Boosters were honored to host this major fundraiser - the school's 38th! The competition saw 16 bands march on our field to musical glory. A big thank you to all of the parents and students and everyone who volunteered and

Absences and Off Campus Passes:

- Strong school attendance is a leading contributor to a student's success in school. Please remember that each student is afforded five excused absences per period each semester. If your student struggles to get to school on time every day, please reach out to a member of his/her team so that we can develop a plan for success.
- To call in an absence: Please call 708-974-7500 by 9 a.m. on the date of any absence. We have 24 hour voicemail. When you call, please provide your student's name, ID number, reason for the absence, length of the absence, and your relationship to the student.
- For an off campus pass: Please call 708-974-7500 the morning your child will need to leave school. The student should pick up the off campus pass at the Attendance Office and show it to his or her teacher and may exit through the North Door.

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 October 12 at 7 p.m.** All are welcome! Please join us and share your ideas!

Boosters have a lot happening for the 2017-2018 school year - mark your calendars!

"Fall Orange and Blue" - November 15

Spiritwear "Lunch Sale Dates":

- October 19
- November 16
- December 14
- February 5
- March 15
- April 12
- May 10

Contact us by E-mail at staggboosters@gmail.com.

Volunteers can sign up for game concessions at SignUpGenius. The winter link will be available after winter "Orange and Blue" on the Booster website.

made it a rousing success! It's said often but bears repeating: we can't do this without you!

The Marching Chargers kicked off their competitive season at the Naperville Central competition held at Benedictine College. Despite marching in 95 degree heat, percussion and guard both took 1st place. The band took 5th place overall and returned perfectly healthy and hydrated (Never before has anyone wished for winter!).

PTO

(Parent Teacher Organization)

Stagg's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) had its first meeting of the year September 20. Principal Eric Olsen gave an update on recent school news and a service learning coordinator Mary Stelter presented. Mary explained how Stagg students can earn and document the volunteer hours they need for graduation and such organizations as Key Club and National Junior Honor Society.

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. Join us at the next meeting on October 11 and learn more about the fundraiser planned for late October. There is no meeting in December.

College Scholarships

At the meeting on November 14, PTO will host representatives of the Guidance Department to talk about college scholarship opportunities available for Stagg students through its boosters and community organizations. The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. in Room 605, right by the front desk. All parents are welcome.

Join Us

The PTO membership fee is \$15 per family per year. Sign up online by visiting the District 230 web store and clicking on Stagg PTO. For information, visit www.StaggPTO.com, email StaggPTO@gmail.com or visit the Stagg Parent Teacher Organization's Facebook page.

The organization is open to anyone with a connection to Stagg, especially parents, staff and faculty, interested in working together to build relationships and promote positive change at Stagg. It's a great way for parents to get involved. Stagg PTO also offers scholarship opportunities to senior students of members. In addition, it hosts two teacher appreciation events and oversees the planning and volunteers for the Senior Party in May.

Teacher Appreciation

PTO will host a teacher appreciation lunch on December 14. Anyone interested in volunteering to help decorate and set up the staff lounge the night before or to help serve and clean up during the event is welcome. Donations of finger foods, salads and desserts also are needed. If you would like to help in any way, email StaggPTO@gmail.com.



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AP Scholar Awards

One hundred fourteen students at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a significantly high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

At Amos Alonzo Stagg High School **3 students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award** by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 on eight or more of these exams. These students are Patrycja Gorska, Nora Klein and Baraa Musallam.

Twenty-nine students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Faisal Al-Qawasmi, Muhammad Al-Qawasmi, Konstantine Alikakos, Matthew Angellotti, Peter Fitzpatrick, Dinah Foley, Patrycja Gorska, Nathan Haefelin, Justin Hobart, Ada Kanapskyte, Caroline Kasprzak, Thomas Kazanecki, Konrad Kepka, Areeha Khalid, Nora Klein, Maciej Krzysiak, Cara Mahoney, Mark Marino, Abigail Minervini, Alexa Minervini, Baraa Musallam, Melanie Novak, Lauren Oh, Nicholas Pawlica, Margaret Polk, Jeremy Poynton, Jared Tarantino, Samuel Thompson and Michael Wegrzyniak.

Twenty-five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Baraa Alkhani, Garrett Bartle, Jacob Burgert, Rebecca Busch, James Cantorna, Michelle Guo, Rama Izar, Stephen Jackiw, Matthew Lalas, Aseal Liqa, Emma Lizzio, Patrick Lorenc, Spencer Mackovitch, Kyle Madura, Kyle Neputy, Thomas Oblazny, Peter Panagiotopoulos, Emanuel Pituch, Isabel Rocha, Robert Sievers, Dominykas Sipelis, Samuel Snell, Nathaniel Sumoski, Joseph Vasil and Alexandra Wierzbiak.

Sixty students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Majda Alazmah, Shada Atwa, Mary Baca, John Bibbiano, Josip Bilonic, Adrian Ciezobka, Lauren Cowe, William Deangelis, Andrew Demma, Darren Domingo, Madeline Duffner, Tyler Early, Elizabeth Ferguson, Conan Flanagan, Mason Folsom, Patrick Gabel, Nicholas Ginnada, Sebastian Greczek, Jordan Hass, Kathleen Hawkins, Madelyn Helson, Margaret Henning, Ingo Hokens, Alejandro Hucker, Othman Ibrahim, Andrew Jackiw, Bryan Jaski, Lauren Johnson, Michal Kaluzny, Malala Khan, Saran Khudeira, Sean Kim, Jarod Labrador, Arnas Liesis, William Lovell, John Mahoney, Karina Marquez, Jake McFarland, Alyssa Migier, Joseph Mullan, Caroline Nowak, Joshua Pappas, Theodora Parianos, Luke Peddemors, Olivia Piotrowski, Ridwan Rahman, Ayoub Razick, Andrew Rukujza, Ibrahim Shalabi, Lana Shanab, Kyle Siuta, Jacob Snell, Sarah Socha, Jordan Soohoo, Harsh Thakkar, Ernesto Valdez Michael Waleski, Kayla Wetzig, Haley Wiersma and Drake Wolan.

Of the 2017 school year's recipients at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, **forty-nine were Juniors**: Baraa Alkhani, Faisal Al-Qawasmi, Shada Atwa, John Bibbiano, Rebecca Busch, James Cantorna, Adrian Ciezobka, Lauren Cowe, Madeline Duffner, Elizabeth Ferguson, Peter Fitzpatrick, Dinah Foley, Nathan Haefelin, Madelyn Helson, Inga Hokens, Alejandro Hucker, Othman Ibrahim, Rama Izar, Andrew Jackiw, Lauren Johnson, Sarah Khudeira, Matthew Lalas, Arnas Liesis, Aseal Liqa, Patrick Lorenc, Areeha Khalid, William Lovell, Kyle Madura, John Mahoney, Karina Marquez, Kyle Neputy, Melanie Novak, Caroline Nowak, Lauren Oh, Peter Panagiotopoulos, Joshua Pappas, Olivia Piotrowski, Ayoub Razick, Isabel Rocha, Andrew Rukujzo, Lana Shanab, Jacob Snell, Samuel Snell, Jared Tarantino, Harsh Thakkar, Joseph Vasil, Michael Waleski, Kayla Wetzig and Haley Wiersma. One recipient was a sophomore, Andrew Demma.

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