

Charger Pride



AMOS ALONZO STAGG HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • OCTOBER 2018



Mike Kazanecki, Dan Russo, Nathan Schultz, Mike Kaufman and Darren Hall lead the Charger Nation student section at the Homecoming Football Game held at Stagg on Friday, September 21. Congratulations to Charger Football on their 46-6 Homecoming win over Thornridge!

2018-2019 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

October

- 2 Music Booster Meeting
- 3 Phi Alpha Theta Induction
- 4 Underclass Recognition Breakfast
- 3 PTO Meeting
(Please note Date Change)
- 4 Senior Large Group Photo
- 8 Columbus Day, No School
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences,
12 noon - 7 p.m.
(No Student Attendance)
- 9 Senior Citizen Lunch, Carl Sandburg
- 11 Athletic Booster Meeting
- 11 Building & Finance Meeting,
Stagg-Media Center
- 11 Picture Re-Takes
- 15-19 Say Something Week
- 15 Band Concert
- 17 NHS Induction Ceremony
- 18 Choral Concert
- 22-26 Red Ribbon Week
- 22 FAFSA Completion Night
- 24 PSAT/NMSQT Testing, No Late Start
- 24 Open House
- 25 Board of Education Meeting,
Andrew High School
- 27 National ACT

Looking Ahead – November

- 1 PTO Meeting
- 1-3 Fall Play
- 3 8th Grade PSAT 8/9 Testing
- 6 Music Booster Meeting



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stagg Families,

The weather certainly is an indication that fall has arrived. Even with the chilly weather, 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 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 who walk should ALWAYS cross at the crosswalk at 111th and Roberts Road.
- Students who choose to rent parking spaces at New Beginnings Church must cross with the crossing guard located at that parking lot entrance.
- There are NO U-turns and NO drop offs on Roberts Road, Palos Hills Police ticket vehicles who attempt to do either.
- Students should never run across 111th Street in front of the school building. Palos Hills Police will ticket students who do not cross at the crosswalk.
- Students must have school IDs to get on school buses.
- Cell phones 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.
- If you would like to meet with a staff member or administration, you must have an appointment.

Red Ribbon Week - October 22-26

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, 2018). By wearing a red ribbon during the last week in October, Americans demonstrate their opposition to drugs (SADD, 2018).

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 22–26. 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.

We Celebrate Red Ribbon Week®



www.redribbon.org



Say Something Kickoff Week

Your student will participate in Stagg's 2018 "Say Something" Kickoff Week October 15-19. Please reinforce with your student that they should always "SAY SOMETHING" to you or another trusted adult if they ever have a concern about safety. We take every report seriously and respond to each one of them! We all work together to keep each other safe!

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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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 9 from 12 noon until 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to discuss with the teacher how your student is performing within the curriculum and communicate face-to-face ways to work on skill deficiencies.

Scheduling an appointment with the teachers you would like to meet is easy and can be accomplished in one of two ways. The format more convenient to your personal schedule is the online scheduler.

Online scheduling

will be available from the school's home page at <http://district.d230.org/stagg>

Tuesday, October 2 at 9 a.m. through
Monday, October 8 (Window closes at 11:59 p.m.)

Phone in scheduling

to 708-974-7400 will only be available:

Tuesday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on each day. Phone requests for assistance with scheduling appointments will only be taken on these days.

Links to the online website will be on each school's homepage, along with step-by-step instructions that will walk you through the process. If you need assistance with the online process, please contact the school directly at 708-974-7400.

Standardized Exams: The Who, What & When

Test Date	Test	Grade Level
October 24, 2018	PSAT/NMSQT	All Juniors
October 27, 2018	National ACT	Optional for Juniors and Seniors
November 3, 2018	PSAT 8/9	Incoming Freshman

PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT will be given on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 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 27, 2018. The ACT is more often 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 test dates of the ACT (not hosted by Stagg High School) are available 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 3, 2018 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.

FAFSA Completion Night

Need help filing your FAFSA? Representatives from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will be available to assist families with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Monday, October

22 from 4:30-7 p.m. Space is limited. Please email Mr. O'Neill at mboneill@d230.org to reserve your spot today. Check out our website for more details regarding what to bring to this event.

Important FAFSA Filing Date Changes:

Reminder: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) launches early this year.

Students can begin applying for financial aid starting October 1, 2018. Apply early!

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 page of the Stagg

website. Also checkout 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 page of the Stagg website. You can also follow us on Twitter, @aasguidance, for college-related updates, announcements, and reminders.

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 - October 1!
- 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!

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. Freshman 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/>

PPS Teams

PPS members at Stagg High School provide a wide-range of services for your student. PPS members are divided into three teams made up of social workers, counselors, deans, student assistance coordinator, nurse, school psychologist as well as PPS administrators. Contact information for the staff members below can be found on the Guidance Department page on the Stagg website.

Team	Dean	Counselors	Social Workers/SAC	School Psychologist	Nurse
Orange	Jerry Palumbo	Mark Talbot/ Marcelle Karwowski Leah Ellis Beth Gulden	Randy James (A-L) Shannon Mongan Jessica Kaffel (SAC)	Frank Kowalik	Linda Vollinger
Blue	Shannan Sisk	Matt O'Neill Leigh Johnson Karin Stearns	Randy James (A-L) Paige Lombard (M-Z) Shannon Mongan Jessica Kaffel (SAC)	Frank Kowalik	Linda Vollinger
White	Chris Campos	Rich Kowalczyk Erin Samec Marcelle Karwowski/ Mark Talbot	Paige Lombard (M-Z) Shannon Mongan Jessica Kaffel (SAC)	Frank Kowalik	Linda Vollinger

PPS Team Spotlight Social Workers

School Social Workers advocate for and support student academic, social and emotional growth through collaboration with school, family and community. The school social workers at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School provide both individual and group services to students based on self-referral, parent request, teacher communication, and team concerns. Parent contact will be made and consent for further services will be required after a student's fourth visit. In those instances that involve suspected harm (by self or others), communication will occur immediately.

We look forward to being available to your student to help them succeed in all areas of their high school career.

Looking forward to a great school year,
Mr. James, Ms. Lombard, and Mrs. Mongan

School Psychologist Corner with Mr. Kowalik, Stagg School Psychologist

Executive functions are cognitive processes that occur in the frontal lobe area of the brain that allow us to plan, organize, make decisions, pay attention, regulate behavior, solve problems and evaluate decisions. Research supports that our brain does not fully develop until our mid to late 20's. Attention is something that we all need to do although nobody has really ever taught us how to pay attention. We can strengthen our attending skills by performing simple exercises. Try this exercise the next time you hear a bell, chime, or siren - attend to and listen to it as long as you can. As the sound fades make a conscious effort to listen for any lasting sound. This simple exercise will help build brain muscle and strengthen attending abilities

A New Space For Charger Corner

Charger Corner, the school store, has moved to a more central location this year. Formerly located just inside the North doors, the store has moved under the main staircase in the cafeteria. Students will have a short walk from their lunch tables to the store to purchase school supplies (pens, pencils, poster board, index cards), spirit items (Charger tumblers, flash drives, thunder sticks), and English novels for class.

The store is run by members of the Business Club, and they volunteer during their lunch hour to work in the store. There are hourly managers who do the training of the new members and create the weekly schedule. The club meets twice a month to discuss important news and ideas. Those who work for at least one year and are graduating, are eligible for a scholarship that is awarded in May at Senior Scholarship Night. Past recipients have won monetary awards towards their secondary education goals. The Business Club is headed by 3 to 4 students who are elected at the end of each year to give the club a direction and to make sure the store runs smoothly. All students who work in the store learn valuable skills that may help them in a job, and they may even pick up some leadership skills along the way.



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 708-974-7498.

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, scholarship 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 freshman 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 student'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/>

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 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 a 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.

Deans' Office

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.
- Yield to pedestrians in our lot and be alert for students crossing in the crosswalks.
- Follow the directions from staff in the lots to expedite drop off and pick up.
- 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 student, please enter our campus.
- We know that many of our students park in lots adjacent to our campus. Please remind students who park there to cross at the intersection at designated crossing areas.
- We are very excited to welcome our new Crossing Guard on Roberts Road. Please follow her directions and use caution on the streets surrounding Stagg.

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 and 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.

To Request an Off Campus Pass

Call 708-974-7500 the morning your student will need to leave school. The student should pick up the off campus pass at the Attendance Office, show it to his or her teacher, and exit through the North Door.

Operation Snowball Leadership Retreat: Fall 2018

We invite students to register for our Operation Snowball Leadership Retreat to be held November 16 - 18 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 for the Snowball weekend is \$140 (checks should be made payable to District 230 Operation Snowball). HOWEVER, participants



**Operation Snowball Retreat November 16-18.
Applications are due November 1.**

have two options for paying the fee. They can pay the full \$140 fee or participants can opt to fundraise for a portion of the fee. If a student chooses the fundraiser option, they will be responsible for selling a box of Charms Blow Pops (100 count box) and then pay \$100. **Snowball applications must be turned in to the Guidance secretary by Thursday, 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

16 (parents need not call to report their student's absence). A Snowball Family Day presentation will be held on Sunday, November 18 at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School upon picking your student up from the weekend retreat.

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

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

Unified Volleyball is Headed to State

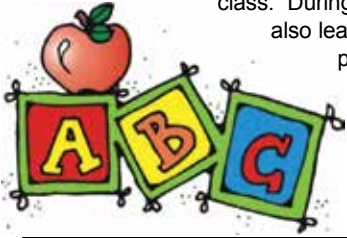
Our Unified Volleyball Team has been off to a great start. This school year we have volleyball games every Tuesday and several Saturdays against various teams in our area. Our team punched their ticket to State on September 15 when we placed first in our Region E Unified tournament. Our fighting Chargers will be headed to Rockford to compete for a chance at Gold the weekend of October 20-21.

You can follow along with our season on Twitter by following @StaggSpecOlymp. We are gearing up to learn the game of bocce ball and begin to compete in bocce ball tournaments. We hope that you will try to make it out to an event in the near future to support all of our athletes. GO CHARGERS!



Early Childhood Students begin their work in the Preschool!

Over the last few weeks, students have been hard at work, developing curriculum and setting up their preschool classroom. Students' grades 9-12 can enroll in Child Development and Early Childhood Education to participate in our preschool lab class. During class time, students learn about human development and working with preschool age children. Students also learn to develop lesson plans, teach 4-5 year olds, create bulletin boards, and plan field trips with their preschool partners.



Students in Early Childhood Education will be earning their ECE Level 1 Credential through Gateways of Illinois. This credential will benefit students when applying for part-time work in any early childhood setting. Scholarships are available for students who attend an Illinois community college and major in early childhood education.



Pictured ECE students: Emily Juarez, Anna Szymonik, Karolina Talaga, Alma Castaneda, Kirsten Clymer, Rebecca Sweeny, Ewelina Pawlak, Renee Podczerwinski, & Honorata Woznik

Healthy Reminders from the Health Services Office

Important Steps to Take to Avoid Influenza

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

STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK – Stay home from work, school, or daycare when you are sick or have a fever (100 degrees or higher). You need to be fever free (temperature less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications such as Ibuprofen or Tylenol. You will help others from catching your illness.

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

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

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

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

- Get plenty of sleep
- Exercise regularly
- Manage your stress level
- Drink plenty of fluids
- Eat nutritious foods
- Do not share water bottles, drinking cups or eating utensils

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

Vision and Hearing Screenings

During the entire school year, the Health Office does offer 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 often hearing a ringing or buzzing sound in the ears. It is especially important for students to lower the volume in their headsets and wear ear protection when necessary. If others can hear the music from these headsets, it is definitely 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 student screened during the school year, please call the Health Services Office at 708-974-7459.



Science Department Receives Grants

We are excited to announce that Stagg High School was awarded two grants in the last month related to STEM education.

The first grant is in partnership with the **Friends of the Chicago River** which was applied for last spring by Mr. Littmann. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded the grant to 37 organizations which will fund projects under the 2018 Environmental Education (EE) Grants Program. This grant will cover \$5,000 in teacher-training workshops on river monitoring and curriculum, the purchase of river monitoring equipment such as boots, nets, and chemistry kits, our attendance to the 2019 Chicago River Student Congress in March, and support different environmental projects that support river education. We are excited for the opportunity to work closely with the Friends of the Chicago River and the EPA to support a hands on approach to student learning environment sciences at Stagg High School.



The second grant is the **Robotics Education & Competition (REC) Foundation's Team Grant** for new schools. This grant is providing our first registered robotics competition team with a Vex's V5 competition starter kit valued at \$900 and a \$200 voucher to purchase additional equipment. The team is excited to have the upgraded equipment available for this winter!



Noteworthy Band News

September has been a busy month for the Marching Chargers, with performances at football games, competitions, parades, and hosting the 39th Annual Marching Band Jamboree. October will prove to be just as busy!

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

October 13 Downers Grove South Marching Mustang Music Bowl

October 20 Illini Marching Band Championships

These competitions are all day events, with high schools from 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.

The Marching Chargers invite everyone to attend these 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 Tuesday, October 2. Initially, students are selected by the band and choir directors to audition for their district, which is District 1. 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 I 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 I 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 as an ILMEA All-State Musician is quite a prestigious honor.

October also begins the first of the four formal concerts presented by the choir and band programs. On Monday, October 15, members of the Percussion Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony and Marching Chargers will showcase their talents in the Fall Band Showcase. On Thursday, October 18, the Stagg Choirs will put on their Fall Choral Concert. Both concerts are free of charge.

Special Concert - New Sousa Band to Perform at Stagg!

We have another concert opportunity you won't want to miss! On Thursday, December 20, the New Sousa Band, under the direction of Keith Brion, will be performing at Stagg in preparation of their concert at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic at McCormick Place West. The New Sousa Band is one of the finest bands in the country, so you definitely won't want to miss this! Be sure to email Mr. Mecozzi at rmecozzi@d230.org if you would like more information.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS!

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

Athletic Department

Winter Sports 2018-2019

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 completed and a current physical is on file. All student athletes must register online at our athletic website at <http://stagg.8to18.com> (click on "Registration" at top of page).

All students will need a current physical on file. Freshman 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 at

<https://stagg.8to18.com> 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 credits 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 22, 2018

Competitive Cheerleading
October 22, 2018

Competitive Dance (Poms)
October 22, 2018

Girls' Basketball
October 29, 2018

Boys' Basketball
November 5, 2018

Girls' Gymnastics
November 5, 2018

Boys' Wrestling
November 5, 2018

Girls' Bowling
November 12, 2018

Boys' Swimming & Diving
November 19, 2018



2018 Fall Drama Schedule

Save the following dates for Amos Alonzo Stagg's Drama Club Upcoming Performances!

Fall Play – Arsenic and Old Lace
November 1, 2 and 3, 7 p.m.

A Christmas Carol
November 29 and 30, 7 p.m. & December 1, 7 p.m.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

We are more than half way through our Fall Sports!

There is still time to become a Booster! Download our form on our website and get involved in the fun:

<https://sites.google.com/view/staggathleticboosterclub/home>

Parents of: Girls Volleyball, Girls Swimming, Boys Soccer, Boys Football

- Earn 10% of Revenue for Your Student's Team!
- Each athlete to identify a family adult volunteer for at least one shift per athlete

Athletic Boosters Upcoming Dates:

October 12

- Football Game (White Out - Wear Those White Shirts!): Team Concessions Needed*
- Girls Swimming Invite - Concessions Help Needed

October 16

- Girls Volleyball Game
- Boys Soccer Tournament - Concessions Help Needed

October 19

- Football Game (Senior Night): Concessions Managed by the Baseball Team*

October 20

- Boys Soccer - Concessions Help Needed

November 14

- Orange and Blue Meeting (Evening - Get Your Awesome New Spirit Wear)

December 15

- Poms Competition

****Have your team earn 10% of concession revenue by volunteering for a shift***

Baseball Team Parent Volunteers to Earn 10% Revenue for the Baseball Team: YOU CAN TOO!

Next meetings are Oct. 11 and Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Staff Dining Room

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Music Boosters and the Stagg Marching Chargers hosted the 39th Annual Marching Band Jamboree on September 8th. The event featured the Marching Chargers performing in exhibition, along with 13 other Marching Bands, including our sister schools Andrew and Sandburg. Many thanks to the Athletic Boosters, the Athletic Department, the Building and Grounds Department and especially our many volunteers that helped make our event a success. Other contests that the Marching Chargers and our Color Guard

will be competing in, include the Victor J. Andrew High School Marching Invitational, The Red & Black Fall Classic at Northern Illinois University, Downers Grove South Music Bowl and ending the season with the University of Illinois Marching Band Championships.

Also, the annual Fall Craft Show will be held November 10th and 11th at Stagg. This craft show features crafters and vendors from all over the area. Come do your Holiday shopping and support our students at the same time!

PTO - PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Tape a Teacher with PTO

You've heard about taping teacher lectures, but have you heard about literally taping a teacher to the wall? Students – and staff – have the chance to do just that during lunch hours, Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the Commons.

The Stagg Parent Teacher Organization will sell sections of tape for \$1 each to stick staff to the wall. Principal Eric Olsen and others, such as a dean and teachers, will take turns getting taped to the wall. Students can pay for sections of tape at a PTO table during lunches the week of Oct. 22 (their names will go on a list) as well as Oct. 30.

Watch for daily announcements. An email will also go out. For more information, email StaggPTO@gmail.com.

Baskets Raffled Too

As part of the fall fundraiser, students can buy raffle tickets for \$1 each the week of Oct. 22 at the PTO table during lunches and on Oct. 30. Two baskets will be raffled off after lunches Oct. 30. They feature teen-friendly things such as restaurant gift cards, cologne, candy and other items.

Help Needed for Staff Appreciation Lunch

PTO will host a staff appreciation lunch Wednesday, Dec. 12, during all school lunch periods. Anyone interested in volunteering to help decorate and set up the Staff Dining Room the night before or to help serve and clean up during the event is welcome. Donations of finger foods such as fruit and relish trays, chips and dips, cheese and crackers, and desserts also are needed. If you would like to help in any way, email StaggPTO@gmail.com.

November Meeting

The next Stagg Parent Teacher Organization meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in Room 605, near to the front desk. A member of the administration will discuss past and future events at Stagg. Parents are welcome to suggest topics for the monthly meetings. All parents are welcome. PTO does not meet in December.

Join Us

Membership fee is \$20 per family per year. Sign up online by visiting the District 230 web store and clicking on Stagg PTO. For information or a membership form, 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 teacher appreciation events and fundraisers.



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Distracted Driving Simulator Program

The Illinois Secretary of State's Office presented their Distracted Driving Simulator Program to all students in Driver Education Classes. The program provided students an opportunity to witness the effects of cell phone use, peer distractions and substance use on a driver. Students experienced distracted driving through the use of a driving simulator while texting and having conversations with peers. Students also used simulation goggles to go through a field sobriety test that would be given to an impaired driver.

Students were able to see first hand how easily it can be to become distracted while driving and discussed the impact it could have on their lives. The program directly aligns to the long-term goals of the Driver Education which is to empower students with a solid understanding of the knowledge, application of skills, and confidence necessary to become safe, defensive and responsible drivers.

