

Charger Pride



AMOS ALONZO STAGG HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • SEPTEMBER 2018



Stagg Welcomes New Students at Freshman/Transfer Day!

Maddie Forde receives her team t-shirt on Freshman/Transfer Day held Wednesday, August 15 at Stagg. Freshman/Transfer Day provides new students the opportunity to attend school one day in advance of the upperclassman to participate in orientation activities, such as practicing their class schedule, talking with returning students on the clubs and activities available at Stagg, and meeting with their Counselor. The day concludes with a pep assembly where students receive their team t-shirt and with the help of the Marching Band, learn the Charger Fight Song!

2018-2019 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

September

- 3 Labor Day, No School
- 4 Music Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 5 College Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Marching Band Jamboree
- 13 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21 Homecoming Assembly and Football Game
- 22 Homecoming Dance, 7 p.m.
- 26-27 Freshman Play
- 27 Board of Education Meeting, Andrew High School, 7 p.m.

Looking Ahead – October

- 2 Music Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 3 Phi Alpha Theta Induction
- 4 Underclass Recognition Breakfast, 1st Hour
- 4 PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 4 Senior Large Group Photo, 3rd Hour
- 8 Columbus Day, No School
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12 noon – 7 p.m., No Student Attendance



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back Chargers! The start of the school year has gone very smoothly with students and staff now developing the pace and rhythm that defines a school year. I have had the opportunity to work with Stagg's student leaders this year and we are very excited to begin defining the successes of the 2018-2019 school year. As the year progresses, please make sure that you take time to read newsletters and communications from the school so you and your child can plan for all of the events and important work of their high school career.

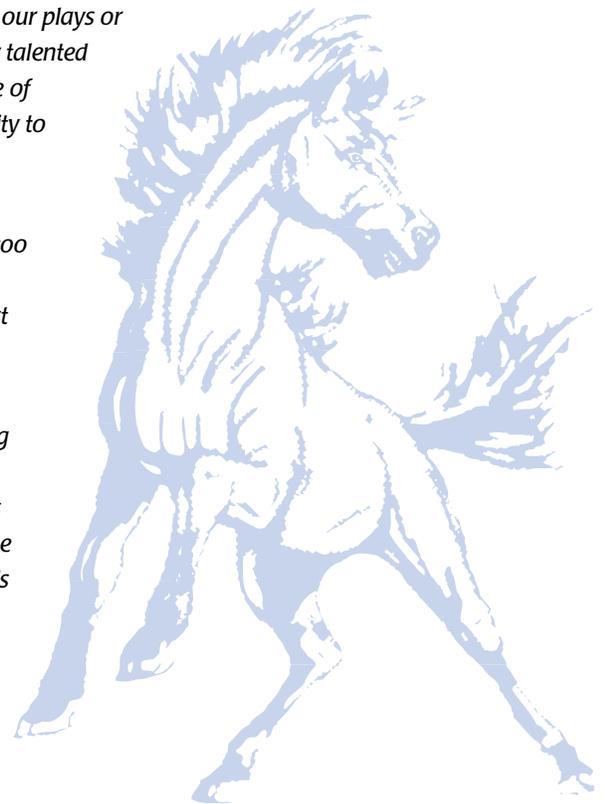
As parents, it is easy to distance ourselves from our child's education, as they grow older and more independent. However, the research is clear, involved parents increase the likelihood of their child's educational success. There are many ways to become more involved in your child's high school experience.

1. Take time each week to review your child's grades, attendance and discipline on Skyward. If you need assistance accessing Skyward, please feel free to contact the school and our staff would be happy to assist you.
2. Ask your student about their day! This might seem like a minor act, but the busy life of a student and a parent often makes this simple act difficult. Make sure to set time aside for this daily.
3. Join one of our parent organizations! Stagg's PTO, Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters and the District 230 Education Foundation are all ways to become active members of the school community while providing an opportunity to be social with parents of high school students just like you.
4. Come to our great school and watch an athletic event, attend a band or choir concert, or watch one of our plays or musicals! Our students are tremendously talented and whether your child is involved in one of these events or not it is a great opportunity to see Stagg's greatest asset, our students!
5. If you have a question, just email or call! Often parents feel like the high school is too busy to answer simple questions, but this is far from true. Our staff is ready to assist parents and students in whatever they may need.

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time. Schools are one of the few times in our lives that we can start fresh each year, refocus our efforts and set new goals. Please take time with your child to discuss what his or her goals are for the year and develop an action plan to make sure those goals are realized. If you have any questions or need assistance, your child's guidance counselor is a great resource to assist your family in planning for a successful school year.

Have a great start to the school year and GO CHARGERS!

Eric Olsen
 Principal



AP Scholar Awards

One hundred twenty four 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 1 **student 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. This student is Areeha Khalid.

Thirty 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, Baraa R. Alkhani, James C. Cantorna, Claire A. Conroy, Andrew B. Demma, Catherine H. Droesch, Sebastian Dziubek, Peter J. Fitzpatrick, Dinah A. Foley, Alexis G. Griffin, Cameron D. Kanofsky, Areeha Khalid, Aarthi Kottapalli, Arjun S. Kumar, Matthew R. Lalas, Kyle T. Madura, Mark D. Marino, Ibrahim M. Marou, Abigail R. Minervini, Alexandra V. Mroz, Kyle R. Neputy, Melanie L. Novak, Lauran M. Oh, Peter Panagiotopoulos, Ayoub A. Razick, Isabel M. Rocha, Samuel T. Snell, Jared V. Tarantino, Joseph A. Vasil, and Michael A. Waleski.

Twenty-two 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 Nur Alkodmany, Arta Amity, Alexa B. Barstatis, Lauren M. Cowe, Madeline C. Duffner, Jessica L. Florek, Rama Izar, Lauren A. Johnson, Salma Kamni, Magdalena Kasprzak, MacKenzie C. Kazin, Sarah Z. Khudeira, Erini Kosmas, Nandini P. Kumar, Alexander A. Labudzki, Arnas Liesis, Aseal M. Liqa, Margaret G. O'Leary, Samia F. Pagnotta, Nicole Patyra, Nicole M. Vacha and Wojciech J. Zawislan.

Seventy-two students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Nourhan M. Abdelbaky, Needah R. Abdelrahim, Saad S. Abour, Yasmeen Abuhayyeh, Matthew P. Aleck, Roqaeah A. Ali, Leonidas J. Angelos, Guadalupe Araiza, Shada N. Atwa, Urte Barauskas, Kate E. Barry, Ewelina K. Bobak, Sydney B. Brown, Sebastian Carrera, Magdalena G. Chlebek, Anna R. Christensen, Catherine M. Clough, Denise Collins, Amanda R. Davenport, Ann M. Djikas, Brigida Dockus, Ruaa E. Elkarim, Elizabeth D. Ferguson,

Alexander E. Filipek, Nina E. Filipek, Andrea N. FitzPatrick, Conan P. Flanagan, Lilian M. Georgiou, Zayna Ghouleh, Anthony M. Gogola, Normante B. Grabauskaite, Lindsey K. Grabowski, Ean M. Graff, Katelyn R. Hansen, Marian G. Hassan, Madelyn K. Helson, Esraa S. Herzallah, Amanda R. Hoeksema, Musa Ibrahim, Andrew N. Jackiw, Sean Y. Kim, Emma Klein, James C. Lizzio, William J. Lovell, Alexandra Loya, John E. Mahoney, Nicole M. Marsh, Julia A. Matusевичius, Tahis Meza, Jared J. Muhr, Adam M. Mukahhal, Joshua P. Pappas, Dylan M. Peddemors, Elizabeth S. Polk, Peter Radev, Wyatt T. Renfree, Juan A. Rojas, Lana Shanab, Jakub G. Sowa, Michal Stanisiz, Caroline B. Stoklosinski, Zubair A. Syed, Gabriella M. Synadinos, Sylvia O. Syp, Jesse Y. Tadeo, Harsh Thakkar, Justyna J. Tylka, Andrew M. Villalobos, Benjamin Villarreal, Haley R. Wiersma, Tyler T. Winkelmann and Josie A. Zielinski.

Of the 2018 School Year's recipients at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, **forty-nine were Juniors:** Nourhan M. Abdelbaky, Saad S. Abour, Nur AlKodmany, Arta Amity, Guadalupe Araiza, Alexa B. Barstatis, Ewelina K. Bobek, Sydney B. Brown, Sebastian Carrera, Magdalena G. Chlebek, Catherine M. Clough, Denise Collins, Claire A. Conroy, Andrew B. Demma, Brida Dockus, Catherine H. Droesch, Sebastian M. Dziubek, Ruaa Elkarim, Alexander E. Filipek, Nina E. Filipek, Jessica L. Florek, Zayna Ghouleh, Normante B Grabauskaite, Alexis G Griffin, Amanda R. Hoeksmena, Musa Ibrahim, Cameron D Kanofsky, Magdalena S. Kasprzak, MacKenzie C. Kazin, Emma Klein, Aarthi Kottapalli, James C. Lizzio, Alexandra Loya, Ibrahim M. Marou, Nicole M. Marsh, Julia A. Matusевичius, Alexandra V. Mroz, Jared J. Muhr, Margaret G. O'Leary, Nicole Potyra, Juan A. Rojas, Caroline B. Stoklosinski, Zubair A. Syed, Gabriella M. Synadinos, Sylvia O. Syp, Nicole M. Vacha, Benjamin Billarreal, Tyler T. Winkelmann and Josie A. Zielinski.

Fifteen recipients were Sophomores: Roqaeah A. Ali, Katelyn R. Hansen, Mariam G. Hassan, Salma Kamni, Tahis Meza, Adam M. Mukahhal, Samia F. Pagnotta, Dylan M. Peddemors, Elizabeth Polk, Jakub G. Sowa, Michal Stanisiz, Jesse Y. Tadeo, Justyna J. Tylka, Andrew M. Villalobos and Wojciech J. Zawislan.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,600 schools, colleges through major programs and services in college readiness, college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program (AP). The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity and the commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities and concerns.

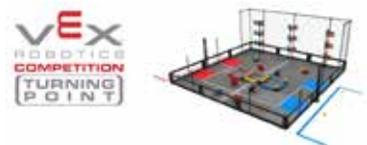
VEXS ROBOTICS CLUB

This year Stagg High School's Robotics Club will become the "Vex Robotics Club" and will be preparing to compete this spring in regional competitions. Teams will have the opportunity to move on to both state and national competitions depending on their success at a regional level. The game this year is called Turning Point. Turning Point is played on a 12' x 12' square field with two alliances each made of two teams. There is a fifteen second autonomous period followed by a one minute and forty five second "driver controlled" period.

There are a variety of ways students can earn points.

Each student team will be designing, building, and

programming their robots from scratch. If you'd like to learn more visit www.vexrobotics.com/competition. The Club will meet Tuesday and Friday when school is in session from 3:00-4:30 p.m.



Pass/Grade Option for Junior and Senior Students Only

A Pass/Grade option is available to all Grade 11 & 12 students in District 230 for a maximum of one non-required course per semester. The guidelines are as follows:

- A student must declare his/her intention to exercise this option by the end of the first quarter of a semester.
- If, using the classroom grading scale, the student earns a grade of A, B, or C, the instructor will assign a grade of P (Pass). A student earning less than a C will receive the earned grade. The student will be graded like all other students in the class.
- A Pass/Grade Option is available to sophomores in Drivers Ed only.

The purpose of this option is to allow all students the opportunity to take classes without having the grade affect his/her GPA (Grade Point Average). Students should contact the Guidance Office for the form that requires parent signature.

Withdrawal from a Class

Students who drop a class during the first quarter of a semester will not be penalized, but cannot add another academic class. The course will be removed from their record. Withdrawal will be permitted only with parent and teacher approval, consistent with building guidelines. Students who drop a class during the first or third quarter will be placed in a study hall and will not be permitted to transfer from the dropped class to another class. Students who drop a class during the second or fourth quarter of a semester will receive an "WF" unless illness necessitates a reduced course load, in which case the course will be removed from the student's record.

Counselors Provide a Variety Of Help

Each student's counselor can assist with many aspects of high school.

How students can see their counselor:

Students are encouraged to visit the Guidance Office on an as-needed basis. When they wish to see their counselor, students may make an appointment by emailing their counselor directly. Counselors will follow-up with the student by email and/or by a pass to the Guidance Office. All students need a pass for the Guidance Office. In an emergency, students should inform one of the Guidance secretaries to receive immediate assistance.

Students can obtain advice on good study habits, registration for classes, academic issues, social/emotional concerns, planning for post high school options, etc.

The Guidance Department Contact Information is listed below as well as counselor assignments:

Counselor	Freshman 2022	Sophomore 2021	Junior 2020	Senior 2019
Mr. Talbot	A - Ban		Tal - Z	T - Z
Mrs. Ellis	Bao - Dia		B - Da	Bb - Db
Mrs. Gulden	Dib - Gov		Db - Gum	Di - Go
Mr. O'Neill	Goz - Kan		Guo - Kam	Gp - J
Mrs. Johnson	Kao - Mah		Kan - Maj	K - L
Mrs. Stearns	Mai - N		Mak - N	M - N
Mrs. Samec	O - Rod		Parj - Sek	O - Ro
Mr. Kowalczyk	Roe - Sul		Sel - Tak	Rp - S
Mrs. Karowski	Sum - Z		A	A-Ba

Social Worker		Student Assistance Coordinator
Mr. James	A - L	Mrs. Kaffel
Ms. Lombard	M - Z	
Mrs. Mongan	Title I	

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.
- 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.

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.

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.

COLLEGE VISITS, MILITARY REQUESTS and NCAA ELIGIBILITY

MEET WITH COLLEGE REPS AT STAGG

Throughout first semester, college admission representatives visit Stagg High School to discuss admission requirements, the application process, scholarships, academic programs, and more! To sign up and view the list of College Representatives visiting Stagg, please visit the Guidance page of the Stagg website.

Counselors meet with seniors to discuss their individual post-high school plans. Please visit the "Senior Class" page located on the lower left-side of the Guidance page of the Stagg website. The "Senior Class" page contains a wealth of material to help navigate the college search and application process. Students are encouraged to reach out to their counselor with any questions.

 You can also follow us on [@aasguidance](https://twitter.com/aasguidance) for announcements!!

COLLEGE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 5TH

Stagg's Guidance Department will sponsor a College Information/Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). The evening kicks off with the Guidance staff hosting an

open Q & A. Bring all your college related questions! Immediately following the Q & A, will be a financial aid presentation featuring Frank Palmasani. All are welcome to attend this informative event!

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Reminder to college bound seniors and early grads: Apply early for financial aid! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1st, 2018 online. Check out the Guidance page of the Stagg website for details.

Need help filing your FAFSA? Financial Aid

Completion Night will be held on Monday, October 22 from 4:30-7 p.m. This is your opportunity to receive assistance completing your financial aid form for college. Space is limited so email Mr. O'Neill in the Guidance office - mboneill@d230.org - to reserve your spot today!

RELEASE OF STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION TO THE MILITARY

The National Defense Authorization Act allows military representatives to ask for unedited lists of juniors and seniors. The law says that the school must provide this information unless parents send a letter to

the Principal or Guidance Office indicating that their child's name be omitted from this list. If you wish not to have this information disclosed, please notify the Director of Guidance in writing by October 1, 2018.

STUDENT-ATHLETES AND THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Seniors who plan to play Division I or Division II college athletics must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Students should register after their junior year of high school. Eligibility is based on Core GPA (16 classes) and ACT score using a sliding scale.

Student-athletes may register on-line at <http://www.eligibilitycenter.org> and contact counselor Rich Kowalczyk in the Guidance Office at 708-974-7447 or rkowalczyk@d230.org with any questions concerning the NCAA eligibility center.

ACT NATIONAL TEST DATE

October 27 at Stagg High School

The ACT is offered at Stagg on the national test date, which is Saturday, October 27, 2018. You must register for this exam date by September 28. You will need to make your own arrangements for this exam by signing up through ACT at www.actstudent.org.

PSAT/NMSQT

October 24, 2018

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), measures verbal and reasoning skills important to performing well in college. It provides practice for the SAT taken in the spring of the junior year.

The PSAT/NMSQT, taken in a student's junior year, is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Programs. Test results provide valuable information concerning academic strengths and weaknesses. The PSAT Test will be offered on Wednesday, October 24 during school hours.



Drama Club

Upcoming performances in September:

- 26: Freshman Show Performance at 7 p.m.
- 27: Freshman Show Performance at 7 p.m.



Noteworthy Band News

The summer months have been very exciting for the band program at Stagg! Drum Majors Antonio Cruz and MacKenzie Kazin gave a great show at the Smith-Walbridge Drum Major Camp, held at Eastern Illinois University in July. The two put their talent on display at our Parent Performance on August 3. Congratulations Antonio and MacKenzie!

The Marching Chargers have had weekly rehearsals since the summer months began, and met as a full ensemble for the first time on July 23. The students have worked very hard the entire summer, and have done a great job so far preparing their show for the fall, "The Road Not Taken".

The Marching Chargers arrived at Camp Shaw-Wah-Nas-See in Manteno, IL on Saturday, July 28 and spent five days rehearsing music, learning marching movements, and participating in various team building activities. The students set a good pace at camp this year, and it is clearly a testament to their dedication and strong work ethic. The camp was a tremendous experience for all, and many thanks are in order to the parents and staff that helped make it possible.

On Friday, August 3, the Marching Chargers gave their annual Parent Performance to a very large crowd. Many thanks are again in order to the parents, administration, and maintenance department for making this large event possible!

The Marching Chargers have a busy fall schedule lined up.

Here is a list of their performances:

September 8th	39th Annual Stagg Marching Band Jamboree
September 15th	Autumn in the Park Parade and Victor J. Andrew Marching Band Invitational
September 21st	Performance at Home Football Game (Homecoming)
September 29th	Red and Black Fall Classic at Northern Illinois University

Other dates to mark on your calendar:

October 2nd	ILMEA Senior Auditions at Sandburg (interested students)
October 12th	Performance at Home Football Game
October 13th	Downers Grove South Marching Mustang Bowl
October 15th	Fall Band Showcase-7 p.m., Performing Arts Center
October 19th	Performance at Home Football Game (Senior Night)
October 20th	Illini Marching Band Championships

Your support of our programs is always greatly appreciated!

A Healthy Reminder from the Health Services Office

Should your student become ill, it is VERY IMPORTANT that they come to see the nurse in the Health Services Office and contact you on the phones available to them here. A student feeling ill at school should obtain a pass from their teacher to see the nurse. This will assure your student's presence in the nurse's office if you are picking them up. It also provides the opportunity for us to monitor your child's condition as we await your arrival.

The parent/parent designee must come to the Security Desk at the North Door to sign the student out. Please be aware that the use of cell phones to arrange to leave school will result in a referral to the Deans' Office.

Vision and Hearing Screening

During the entire school year, the Health Services Office offers screening for vision and hearing. Signs of 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 earbuds and 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. Screening for vision and hearing concerns are done annually for designated students receiving special education services,

on a referral by teachers or at the request of any student who feels he/she has a visual or hearing problem. Should there be any indication for further examination, notification is sent to the parents advising consultation with their family physician.

If you have a concern and would like to have your child screened during the school year, please call the Health Services Office at 708-974-7426.

Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision examination by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months.

A Reminder of the Medication Policy

All medication (with the exception of inhalers necessary to control asthma and epinephrine for severe allergic reactions) is to be stored in the Health Services Office. A student should not carry prescription or non-prescription medications with them during school hours. Exceptions include inhalers and Epi-Pens, again only with the medication form on file. If a student MUST take a medication at school, including Tylenol, Ibuprofen, antibiotics, eye drops, etc., the student must provide the nurse with a written order for the medication from a licensed Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), or Physician Assistant (PA) as well as the parent's written signature. Any medication administered in the Health Services Office will be recorded in the student's health record.

Forms to allow the administration of medication at school are available in the Health Services Office or online at <https://district.d230.org/stagg/depts/nurse/default.aspx>

If the student requests to call home for medication during the school day, they must call from the Health Services Office. A parent MUST come into the Health Services Office, wait for the student and administer the medication to the student. Medications cannot be left in the Health Services Office, the Security Desk, or the North Door for a student to pick up.

Students are not permitted to carry, dispense to or receive any medication from other students. Doing so will result in a referral to the Deans' Office.

Lastly, remember to contact the Health Services Office with any changes in your student's health conditions, medications or contact information such as home, work, or cell numbers. This includes all grade levels.

Thank you for your cooperation with this very important matter.

TEACHING INTERNSHIP HELPS CAREER CHOICE

The Stagg seniors pictured are preparing to begin their internship in a local elementary or junior high school classroom. These students will learn first hand what is necessary to become a successful teacher. The program provides the students an opportunity to learn about the teaching profession and this experience should assist the graduating senior in their decision making process of selecting a career to explore in the future.

Beginning in September, the students are placed into the local elementary and junior high schools to assist a teacher in the classroom. While at Stagg, their Family & Consumer Science instructor, teaches the students about teaching qualities, applying for jobs, learning activities, development of school-age children, creating unit plans and writing lesson plans. Each student prepares

a personal portfolio that can be used for application into college or applying for jobs. The surrounding school districts have agreed to host interns for fourteen weeks in their classrooms. Students select a school and subject area or grade level. The cooperating teacher from Amos Alonzo Stagg High School then places the students with supervising teachers. Any junior interested for the 2019-2020 school year, can pick up an application form in the Guidance Office beginning this November!

All applications need to be returned by Friday, December 14.



ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Athletic Boosters is off to an exciting new year! With some great veterans and new leadership, we are ready to take this year by storm. Already we have a great group of people volunteering, suggesting new ideas, and putting to action our list of "to do's". One of our main goals this year is to recruit a diversified team of volunteers to help with their student's sports enhancement. Our organization has been around for over 50 years helping the Stagg teams get more funds for items that they really need. Whether it's new uniforms or golf balls, the boosters are selling spirit wear, hosting fundraisers, and managing concessions so that we can use our profits to help the teams. And that's not all we do! There are scholarships that we provide to engage students that are moving on to further their education and can demonstrate proven successes in their efforts. Be on the lookout for these scholarship applications.

Please keep in tune to volunteer needs on our Athletic Boosters website at <https://sites.google.com/view/staggathleticboosterclub/home>. You can learn about what we are doing on our Facebook page, make sure to like it!

Time goes by, and then your child becomes an adult. You can still be a part of their childhood lives even from afar at high school! Our next meeting is Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stagg Staff Dining Room. Hope to see you there!

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Welcome to a new school year!

The Stagg Music Booster's 2018-2019 Board is Paula McDaniel, President; Judy Tran, Treasurer; Chris DeAngelis, Vice President and Ian Chafee, Secretary.

The Music Boosters started off this school year with a bang. The Marching Chargers and the Charger Color Guard are working hard on their competitive show, having started work in June. This fall, we hope you attend Stagg's football games and enjoy the pregame and halftime entertainment!

The Music Boosters need volunteers for Jamboree and the Fall Craft Show. Whether you have an hour or three, we need YOU! All volunteers are welcome. It is a great way to meet other families! Email us at: aastaggmusicboosters@gmail.com or attend our next Music Booster Meeting on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. in room 605.

STAGG PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Scholarship opportunities will be discussed at the next meeting of the Stagg Parent Teacher Organization, set 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in Room 605 – the room closest to the North Door.

Representatives from the Guidance Department will discuss scholarships available to Stagg students through booster organizations and other groups, as well as those offered by organizations in the community. The group will also discuss upcoming fundraisers and events, including volunteer opportunities for the teacher lunch held in December. All parents are welcome.

SERVICE LEARNING TALK

PTO had its first meeting of the 2018-19 school year Sept. 6. Mary Stelter gave a talk about service learning (volunteering) and how students can find opportunities and document them. All Stagg students must have 24 service learning hours to graduate. Some students, such as those in National Honor Society, need additional hours. For more information, contact Mary Stelter at 708-974-7472 or email at mstelter@d230.org. In addition, Principal Eric Olsen gave an update on school news and answered questions.



JOIN PTO

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 school. It's a great way for parents to get involved. It offers scholarship opportunities to senior students of members and hosts two teacher appreciation events.

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. PTO does not meet in December.

Membership fee is \$20 per family per year. Sign up online by visiting the District 230 web store and clicking on PTO. For additional information, check "Stagg Parent Teacher Organization" under the "Parent Organizations" tab on the Stagg website, e-mail StaggPTO@gmail.com, visit Stagg Community Organization's Facebook page or visit the website directly at <http://www.StaggPTO.com>.

BOARD MEMBERS

This year's board members are President Sev Kizlitis, Treasurer Nena Alayan, Secretary Melinda Moore, Doreen Dawson and Sara Muhr. They are looking forward to seeing parents at a meeting soon.



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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 \$140.00 (checks should be made payable to District 230 Operation Snowball). HOWEVER, participants 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 child's absence). A Snowball Family Day presentation will be held on Sunday, November 18 at Amos Alonzo Stagg 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:

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