

# Charger Pride



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Stagg students gathered for a picture to promote Stagg's first annual Conservation Expo held on Saturday, January 12. Student Peter Gordan spearheaded this free family event with the help of over 50 student volunteers. The event attracted over 1,000 people which featured 50 organizations focused on conservation such as the Shedd Aquarium and Cook County Forest Preserve.

**CONEX**  
Conservation Expo  
**FREE EVENT**  
**ALL AGES**  
SATURDAY JANUARY 12  
NOON - 4PM  
A.A. STAGG HIGH SCHOOL  
8015 111th St, Palos Hills IL  
Exhibits - Food/Craft Vendors  
Kids Activities - LIVE ANIMALS  
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# 2018-2019 School Calendar

## Dates to Remember

### February

- 2 Incoming Freshman Registration
- 5 Music Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6 Senior Academic Recognition Night, 7 p.m.
- 7 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7 Junior Parent College Info Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Winter Dance, 7 p.m.
- 18 Presidents' Day - No School
- 21-23 Stagg Drama Presents, *Clue*, 7 p.m.
- 27 Pre-Prom Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 Board of Education Meeting, Stagg High School, 7 p.m.

### Looking Ahead — March

- 4 Casimir Pulaski Day - No School
- 5 Parent Teacher Conferences - No Student Attendance
- 5 Senior Citizen Luncheon
- 7 Athletic Booster Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7 Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- 9 Spring Athlete Parent Meeting, 8 a.m.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Chargers,

Second semester is in full gear as we enter into the short month of February. Although our shortest month, February is a very busy month at Stagg. Our students are completing the registration process, many of our winter athletic teams will begin state series competition and we will recognize the achievements of our Senior Class. During the month of February our administrative staff will also begin building the master schedule and staffing for the 2019-2020 school year!

During February and the beginning of March there are a number of important meetings for parents to attend including Incoming Freshman Registration on February 2, the Junior Parent College Information Night on February 7, the Pre-Prom Parent Meeting on February 27 and Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 5. Please pay close attention to other announcements regarding events and activities happening throughout the semester!

### Parent Participation

We need you! Stagg High School offers a number of different opportunities for parents to actively participate in the Stagg Community. One of the ways is by joining one or more of our parent organizations. Make one of your New Year's Resolutions to get involved today!

### Stagg Parent Organization

The Stagg Parent Organization is a general parent organization that contributes to the school in a number of ways. Most importantly, they raise funds for Stagg student scholarships which are given out each year to our seniors. If you are not sure where to start your high school experience as a parent, this is a great place to begin.

### Stagg Athletic Boosters

Is your child involved in high school athletics? Are you a fan of high school sports? This organization is for you! The Stagg Athletic Boosters meet the first or second Thursday of each month.

### Stagg Music Boosters

The Stagg Music Boosters Organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and more specifically to support music education for the public high school students attending A.A. Stagg High School. Finally, the Music Boosters support and promote vocal and instrumental music education within the community and general public.

Sincerely,

Eric Olsen  
Principal



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## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled on Tuesday, March 5 from 12 p.m. 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

- Available Tuesday, February 26 at 9 a.m. through Monday, March 4 at 12 p.m.
- Visit the school's homepage at <https://www.d230.org/Stagg> to schedule

Links to the online Parent Teacher Conference website will be on the homepage of the Stagg website 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.

### PHONE IN SCHEDULING

- Available Tuesday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 27 ONLY from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on each day.
- Call 708-974-7400 during the above window to schedule
- Scheduling over the phone will only be available on these days!



## Stagg Drama Presents *Clue* February 21, 22, and 23 at 7 p.m.



Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$3 for seniors and children

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up.

Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, *Clue* is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.



## Athletic Department - Spring Sports 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.

Please refer to <http://il.8to18.com/stagg> for specific try-out dates and times or contact the coach directly. Please visit <http://il.8to18.com/stagg> to sign your student up to try-out.

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:**

1. A current sports physical (Incoming freshman can use their school physical)
2. All parents of student athletes must complete the on-line registration at <http://il.8to18.com/stagg> and select "Registration" at the top of the website home page.
3. 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 and some may have open gyms. Please check the daily announcements for specifics or contact the coach directly.

### 2019 TRYOUT DATES FOR SPRING SPORTS:

Boys' Gymnastics	February 11
Girls' Badminton	February 25
Boys' Baseball	February 25
Girls' Soccer	February 25
Girls' Softball	February 25
Boys' Tennis	February 25
Boys' Water Polo	February 25
Girls' Water Polo	February 25
Boys' Volleyball	March 4

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

## SAT Suite of Assessments

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

The Illinois State Board of Education previously ruled that the SAT will be used as a measure of college and career readiness for students and this is the third year Illinois students will take part in SAT school day testing. The state assessment date for District 230 is Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

### What are the plans for each grade level for the April testing day?

Stagg will administer the full SAT Suite of Assessments for grades 9-11 in school on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Students are signed up for the April SAT through school.

The SAT can be used for college entrance eligibility to all colleges and universities. SAT test sections include critical reading, mathematics, and writing. Please note that both the SAT and the ACT are acceptable for college admissions. Below you will see the plans for each grade level on that day:

- **Freshman: PSAT 8/9**  
The PSAT 8/9 is closely aligned to the SAT and scores earned are predictive.
- **Sophomores: PSAT 10**  
The PSAT 10 is closely aligned to the SAT and scores earned are predictive.
- **Juniors: SAT (State Mandated)**  
SAT scores are accepted as a college entrance exam at all major colleges and universities.
- **Seniors: Seniors will have a day of non-attendance and are strongly encouraged to complete deficient service learning hours or complete college preparation activities on this date.**

Students will be in attendance from 8:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. **Zero hour will not meet.** After testing, students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m.

### What steps can the students take right now to begin preparing for the test?

College Board [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) has partnered with Khan Academy to deliver preparation materials. [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) has free practice tests, practice sets, and the capability to build a personalized practice progression from PSAT results. In addition, juniors can participate in SAT prep opportunities offered at Stagg.

## Local Scholarships

Local scholarship applications are available for seniors online on the Guidance page of the Stagg website. Interested students should complete the application online by 3:00 p.m. on March 1, 2019. Upon completion of the application, seniors will be eligible for

various scholarship opportunities donated by local organizations, businesses, or individuals. Many other local scholarships have their own applications which can also be found on the Guidance page of the Stagg website.

## AP Testing

Students in Advanced Placement (AP) classes will have the opportunity to take AP exams in May. The Advanced Placement testing program is a way for students to earn college credit while in high school by earning a score of 3, 4, or 5 on a particular AP test.

It is up to the student to forward their test score to the college of their choice to be awarded credit based on the standards of that particular college. It should be noted that standards for awarding credit vary from college to college, and is strictly a decision of that particular college.

## AP Testing Online Registration

Attention parents and students, online registration is now open for the 2019 AP Exams. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 6, and all fees must be paid online by Saturday, March 9, 2019, in order for your registration to be complete.

Registrations that are NOT paid in full by Saturday, March 9, 2019, will be cancelled, and your exams will NOT be ordered. A link to the registration site can be found on the Guidance Page of the Stagg website. Fee per exam is \$94.

## Graduation Requirements/Credit Recovery

Students must successfully complete their grade level identified academic credits to meet District 230 graduation requirements. Students have received a copy of graduation requirements in their advisory classes. Please refer to the 2019-2020 Course Selection Guide for specific credit requirements. Access to the Course Selection Guide can be found at <http://chsd230.eduk8.me/>.

If a student fails a required academic class, it will be necessary to repeat the

class by re-taking it in summer school. Classes are sequential and cannot be taken without meeting the prerequisite or sequential requirements.

Students will not be able to move to the next level class without successfully completing the prior level. To stay on track for graduation, it is imperative for students to attend summer school for credit recovery. There are also accelerated level classes offered in summer school.

## College Application Deadlines

Seniors, be aware of college application deadlines! Remember to request your transcripts through Parchment. You can find a link to Parchment on Stagg's home page, or go to <http://www.parchment.com>.

Please allow two weeks for processing. In addition, if your college requests ACT/SAT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency, you will need to visit [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to order your scores.

## Summer School

Counselors have registered students for first session summer school courses (credit recovery or advancement) during their course selection/registration appointment in January. Counselors will register students for second session summer school courses upon completion of second semester in May.

A link to the summer school website can be found on the District's website at <https://www.d230.org>. Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review the summer school website for more information on academic offerings.

Your student will not be enrolled in the course until payment of \$150 is received for each applicable session. If payment is not received by the drop dates for Session

1 (March 15) and Session 2 (May 31), your student will not be allowed to attend class. Please see the Summer School Information on the District website for summer school class dates and times. You may use the link for instructions regarding making an online payment for summer school course fees. <https://chsd230.eduk8.me/>

In addition, most academic summer courses run at Carl Sandburg High School. If your student needs shuttle transportation from Stagg, please enter the following link: <https://d230.revtrak.net/>

Please note, Driver Education and some enrichment courses will run at Stagg High School.

## College Planning

What size college is right for you? Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Stagg Guidance will host, "BIG, MEDIUM, SMALL." Representatives from The Ohio State University, Michigan Technological University, and St. Norbert College will

share their expertise in the area of college admissions and finding the right fit. Look for more information coming soon!

Follow us on Twitter @aasguidance to get more college-related updates and information.

## Stagg Guidance Hosts Three College Panel Presentations in March

Students will be exposed to a variety of institutions, learn about academic programs, scholarship opportunities, have the opportunity to speak with college admissions representatives one-on-one, and much more!

Freshman, sophomores, and juniors are invited to attend the panel presentations. Students should look for specific dates and details in school announcements in the coming weeks.

## Financial Aid Fridays

The Guidance Department continues to offer "Financial Aid Fridays" to our students and parents. On select Fridays each month, a representative from ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission), will be available during lunch periods to speak with students and/or parents in the lunchroom. ISAC's goal is to assist in making college accessible and affordable for all Illinois students.

We encourage college bound students and parents to take advantage of this free financial aid resource. As always, additional financial aid information can be accessed on the Guidance page of the Stagg website.

Any questions regarding Financial Aid Fridays can be directed to Mr O'Neill, Stagg counselor, at 708-974-7446. You may also contact our ISAC representative, Nadia Calixto, directly. See contact information below:

Nadia Calixto  
ISACorps Member  
Illinois Student Assistance Commission  
Moraine Valley Community College  
[nadia.calixto@illinois.gov](mailto:nadia.calixto@illinois.gov)  
708-712-8082 | Hablo Español

### As a reminder:

College bound students seeking financial assistance will need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online. The FAFSA opened early this year on October 1.

Families may access this website at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> or click on the direct link from the Guidance page of the Stagg website. Students have been encouraged to apply early!

## SEL Enrichment

February is Random Act of Kindness Month! The Social Workers are hosting a February SEL Enrichment Workshop titled "Let's Talk About Random Acts of Kindness" on Friday, February 8 & 22 during 2nd period in Room 408.

The focus will be celebrating kindness and encouraging Random Acts of Kindness and promoting "RAKtivists". Students will have opportunities to engage in conversations and activities that will promote kindness. Space is limited.



## Deans' Office

### Prom Parent Meeting

Is your student planning to attend Prom? A required Prom Parent Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Performing Arts Center. Information regarding Prom events and making positive choices to ensure a successful evening will be discussed and there will be presentations by the Prom Coordinator, Deans' Office, and Cook County Sheriff Detective Tony Wasco.

This is also an opportunity to network with other parents to assist students in making safe plans for the evening. Students will not be allowed to begin the process for purchasing tickets without a parent signature at the meeting. Guest pass information will be discussed in detail at the Prom Meeting.

Please note that any guest must be under the age of 21 years old in order to attend a school dance. If you have any questions, please contact the Deans' Office at 708-974-7494.

### Safe Drop-Off and Pick-Up

In order to ensure safe arrival and dismissal each day, please remember that Roberts Road and 111th Street are "no stopping, standing or drop-off" areas. Please take a few extra moments to drop-off at designated areas on campus to keep our students safe.

### Say Something All Year Long

Please remind your student to "Say Something" if they are ever concerned about their safety, the safety of a friend, or the safety of the building. We thank our students who have reached out to a trusted adult to keep all members of the Stagg community safe.

If you ever have a concern, please call the Deans' Office at 708-974-7494.



## Music Department

### Jazz Band in Full Swing

Like Jazz? Then mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 26, and come out and enjoy some great music provided by the Stagg Jazz Ensemble and Business Casual at the Pops Concert in the Performing Arts Center. Performance starts at 7 p.m., and no ticket is required. Hope to see you there!

On Saturday, February 2, the Jazz Ensemble will perform at the New Trier Jazz Festival, held at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. This festival is one of the premier jazz festivals in the state!

### Notes from the Band Room

The curricular bands are busy preparing for their upcoming performances. On Thursday, February 8, the Symphonic Band will perform in the annual SWSC Conference Band Festival, hosted at Bradley-Bourbonnais High School.

On Saturday, February 23, the Wind Symphony will perform at the Carl Sandburg Concert Band Festival. They will be judged by three college band directors, and will receive a ½ hour clinic after their performance.

Finally, our annual Spring Band Concert will be held on Thursday, March 7. It's sure to be a great performance, and you won't want to miss it!

### Pit Orchestra Tryouts

This year's Spring Musical is *Chicago!* We are holding tryouts for the pit orchestra on Friday, February 8. For more information, see Mr. Mecozzi.



### Student Recognition

Congratulations to MacKenzie Kazin (All-State Chorus) and Andrew Demma (Honors Chorus) on being selected to perform at the 2019 Illinois Music Education Conference, held from January 23-26 in Peoria, IL. Of the 2,400 students that tried out from District 1, only a handful go on to the all-state festival. What an accomplishment for these students, and what a testament to their hard work and dedication! On behalf of the music faculty, we congratulate them on this terrific achievement!



### THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT!

Don't forget our Music Boosters Meeting on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.!





## Catch a Rising Star

### “Evening with the Stars”

is a very special recognition program unique to Stagg High School. This is an exciting opportunity to recognize students, teachers, parents, community members and staff whose important contributions to Stagg High School may go unnoticed.

Do you know someone who has made Stagg a stellar place to be?

## Nominate a Star



Nomination forms are available in the Main Office or you can email [kcorr@d230.org](mailto:kcorr@d230.org) with the following information: Person Being Nominated, Nominee’s Address (if known), and an explanation about this person’s exceptional contributions (beyond regular job duties) to making Stagg High School a better place! Please include your name (nominator), address, email, and phone number.

Nominations are due in the Main Office, mailed to Amos Alonzo Stagg High School 8015 W. 111th St, Palos Hills, IL 60465 ATTN: Kathy Corr, or emailed to [kcorr@d230.org](mailto:kcorr@d230.org) by Wednesday March 6, 2019 at 1 p.m. A reception will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

### PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

#### New in 2019 – Senior Trip To Six Flags Great America!

Instead of the traditional Senior Party held at Stagg High School in previous years, an overnight event will be available for seniors May 18-19 at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee.



Seniors will take a bus from Stagg the evening of May 18 and return on the bus the morning of May 19. Staff will help chaperone the event, which includes other area schools. Similar to the Senior Party at Stagg, students will not be allowed to leave the park once they enter. In addition, they will be expected to return to Stagg on the bus.

Ticket prices have not yet been determined but will be sold soon. For more information, visit the PTO website, <https://www.staggpto.com>.

Seniors at Andrew High School participated in a similar event last year as a trial run, and this year all D230 schools are planning to attend!

#### Support Student Scholarships by Purchasing a Window Decal!

Do you want to show your support for Stagg? PTO is selling 4-inch window decals for \$3 or two for \$5. The decals, which can be reused, feature the Stagg “S” and Charger horse and say “Stagg Chargers.” They are perfect for showing Stagg spirit on a car, bulletin board or scrapbook.

Decals may be sold during home basketball games at Stagg or other events. To buy at other times, drop off or mail a check written to Stagg High School and a note with your name, student’s name and contact information. Mark the envelope Stagg PTO. You can have your student pick it up in the Main Office after we contact you.



#### Join Us

Membership fee is \$20 per family per year. Sign up online by visiting the District 230 web store and click on Stagg 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 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 twice a year and fundraisers.

For information or a membership form, visit <https://www.staggpto.com>, email [staggpto@gmail.com](mailto:staggpto@gmail.com) or visit the Stagg Parent Teacher Organization’s Facebook page.

### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

#### Athletic Booster Club Scholarships

The Stagg Athletic Booster Club will award eight (8) \$1,250 scholarships to graduating senior athletes. The scholarships are in recognition of athletic participation and achievement and will be awarded at Senior Scholarship Night in May.



We want to reward your student’s commitment of becoming a well rounded student athlete. It takes hard work and dedication to balance academic work with an athlete’s schedule. We hope to support your student in their next adventure.

#### Qualifications:

1. Student athlete’s family must be a 2018-2019 Booster Club member and have been a Booster Club member for a minimum of 2 years. Juniors, be sure your family is a Booster member so you are eligible next year!
2. Cumulative grade point average of 2.75 at the end of 7 semesters
3. Participation in a sport during the student athlete’s senior graduating year
4. Attend a college/trade or vocational school during the 2019-2020 academic year

Please see your Guidance Counselor for an application.

Thank you and GOOD LUCK!



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## Health Services Department

### Attention Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2020

All students entering 12th grade in the State of Illinois are required to show proof of having received two doses of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine at least 8 weeks apart with the second dose given on or after their 16th birthday.

#### The following action is needed from you at this time:

Submit proof that your student received two doses of the Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine at least 8 weeks apart; and the last dose was given on or after your student's 16th birthday. Forms can be found on the Nurse's page of the Stagg website or your health-care provider may use their own form

#### Submit completed forms in ONE of the following ways:

Scanned and emailed to [staggurse@d230.org](mailto:staggurse@d230.org)

OR

Fax to the Nurse at 708-737-7717

Proof of having received the Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine is required and must be sent to the School Nurse as soon as the vaccine is given. We ask that completed forms be turned in no later than **April 12, 2019**.

It is important to note that your student will not be able to receive a schedule, participate in athletics, or apply for a parking spot in the 2019-2020 school year until proof of having the vaccine is received in the Nurse's Office.

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

### ATTENTION Incoming Freshman Class of 2023:

It's never too early to start thinking about the required school physical, immunizations and dental examination for high school. Call your doctor to schedule your appointments early to avoid delays in schedule release.

Forms are located on the Nurse's page of the Stagg website:  
<https://www.d230.org/domain/133>

A packet with information and required forms will be handed out to students at Freshman Registration on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Completed forms are due in the Nurse's Office by **MAY 1, 2019**.

### Wellness Tips:

The cold and flu season is in full swing. Please have your student stay home from school if they have:

- Been vomiting overnight or in the morning before coming to school
- A fever of 100 degrees or higher or any other symptoms that are flu related (vomiting, diarrhea, chills, etc.)

Students should not come to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medications such as Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin).

Handwashing has been found to be an effective means to decrease all type of infections. Hand sanitizers, while effective, should be used when soap and water is not readily available.

Thank you for your cooperation as we try to keep our student and staff populations as healthy as possible.

