

# Charger Pride



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# 2019-2020 School Calendar

## Dates to Remember

### February

- 1 Incoming Freshman Class of 2024 Registration
- 4 Music Booster Meeting
- 8 Winter Turnabout Dance, "Turnabout in the Tropics"
- 12 Athletic Booster Meeting
- 17 Presidents' Day - No School
- 20 PTO Meeting
- 20-22 Winter Drama Show
- 25 Pops Concert
- 26 Pre-Prom Parent Meeting
- 27 Board of Education Meeting, Stagg High School

### Looking Ahead

#### March

- 2 Casimir Pulaski Day - No School
- 3 6th/7th Grade Parent Night
- 3 Senior Citizens' Luncheon, Andrew High School
- 3 Parent Teacher Conferences - No Student Attendance
- 4 Music Booster Meeting
- 5 Spring Band Concert
- 9 Senior Recognition Night



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## 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 2020-2021 school year!

I am also excited to begin sharing important information about a partnership formed with North Palos Fire Department, Palos Hills Police Department, and Region 7 Emergency Services. Stagg High School has been asked to participate in a Full Scale Mass Casualty Training, coordinated with a grant through Region 7. This event is a reenactment of a mass casualty emergency used to train and prepare first responders in response, coordination, and communication if such an event were to occur in our community. Stagg High School has been asked to be the site of the reenactment, utilizing volunteer staff and students to act out a scenario of an emergency in our building. This event will occur on a weekend, during non-school hours. Our school and district benefits by allowing first responders to become comfortable with our building, understand our response procedures and allow our staff to improve our response to best meet the needs of first responders. We appreciate Region 7's commitment to our school's safety and for asking for Stagg's participation. More information will be forthcoming to our parents, students and community about this event, partnership and volunteer opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 708-974-7410.

During February and the beginning of March there are a number of important meetings for parents to attend including Incoming Freshman Registration on February 1, the Pre-Prom Parent Meeting on February 26 and Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 3. 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 Teacher Organization (PTO)

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. The Stagg PTO meets the third Thursday of each month.

#### 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 second Wednesday of each month.

#### Stagg Music Boosters

The Stagg Music Booster Organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and more specifically to support music education for 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 the general public. The Stagg Music Boosters meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Sincerely,

Eric Olsen  
 Principal

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## Athletic Department - Spring Sports 2020

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

Please visit [www.stagg.8to18.com](http://www.stagg.8to18.com) to sign your son or daughter up to try-out and for specific try-out dates and times, or contact the coach directly.

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

In order to participate in athletics at Stagg, each athlete must receive clearance from the Athletic Director's Office prior to tryouts. To be cleared for participation, **the following items must be on file:**

- A current sports physical (incoming freshmen can use their school physical).
- All parents of student athletes must complete the on-line registration at [www.stagg.8to18.com](http://www.stagg.8to18.com) and select "Registration" at the top of the website homepage.
- All returning student athletes must have passed 25 credit hours of work in the semester prior to competition. Generally, twenty-five credit hours is the equivalent of five .5 credit courses (2.5 full credits).

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.

### 2020 TRYOUT DATES FOR SPRING SPORTS:

Boys' Gymnastics	February 17
Girls' Badminton	March 2
Boys' Baseball	March 2
Boys' Lacrosse	March 2
Girls' Lacrosse	March 2
Girls' Soccer	March 2
Girls' Softball	March 2
Boys' Tennis	March 2
Boys' Water Polo	March 2
Girls' Water Polo	March 2
Boys' Volleyball	March 9

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



## Local Scholarships

Local scholarship applications are available for seniors on the Guidance page of the Stagg website. Interested students should complete the application online by 3:00 p.m. on March 6, 2020. 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. <https://www.d230.org/Page/1362>

## 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 students fail a required academic class, it will be necessary for students 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.



## 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.

## State Assessment Testing Schedule

Due to changes in the required state assessments, District 230 has had to make adjustments in the spring testing schedule. Changes in the required Illinois Science Assessment for juniors results in two days of state testing.

Stagg will administer the PSAT 10 and SAT test for sophomores and juniors in school on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. On

Wednesday, April 15, Stagg will administer the PSAT 9 to freshmen and the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) to juniors. Below you will see the plans for each grade level on that day. Seniors will have two days of non-attendance and are strongly encouraged to complete deficient service learning hours or complete college preparation activities on this date.

### SAT and PSAT 10 - Tuesday April 14, 2020 (No Zero Hour)

- **Freshmen** will not be in attendance. We encourage students to complete service learning hours, complete assigned course work, or participate in career internship opportunities.
- **Sophomores** will take the PSAT 10. The PSAT 10 is the spring version of the PSAT/NMSQT; however, it does not tie itself to the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sophomores should use this opportunity to prepare for their October 2020 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT). The PSAT 10

is also closely aligned to the SAT and scores earned are predictive of success on the SAT.

- **Juniors** will take the State Mandated SAT exam. SAT scores are accepted as a college entrance exam at all major colleges and universities.
- **Seniors** will not be in attendance. We encourage seniors to complete service learning hours (Graduation Requirement), complete assigned course work, or participate in career internship opportunities.

### Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) and PSAT 9 - Wednesday April 15, 2020 (No late start, 8 a.m. start)

- **Freshmen** will take the PSAT 9. The PSAT is closely aligned to the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT and scores earned are predictive of success on the SAT. Scores from this assessment will allow D230 to focus instruction for student success.
- **Sophomores** will not be in attendance. We encourage students to complete service learning hours, complete assigned course work or participate in

career internship opportunities.

- **Juniors** will take the State Mandated Illinois Science Assessment (ISA).
- **Seniors** will not be in attendance. We encourage seniors to complete service learning hours (Graduation Requirement), complete assigned course work, or participate in career internship opportunities.

## 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.

## Summer School

District 230 offers two types of summer school for credit-bearing academic courses:

- Accelerated Course: Blended Learning
- Credit Recovery: Online Edgenuity Learning System

Information that describes the different types of credit bearing summer courses can be found on the District 230 Summer School page <https://chsd230.eduk8.me/>.

Registration is now open! To register for summer school, the student/guardian should go to the D230 online Web Store <https://d230.revtrak.net/>. Registration is NOT complete until payment is made.

Most academic summer courses run at Carl Sandburg High School. Please note there is NO bus transportation provided. Driver Education and some enrichment courses will run at Stagg High 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 [www.parchment.com](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.

## College Planning

Throughout second semester, the counselors are pleased to present several opportunities for students to learn more about the college search. Mark your calendars for April 14, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. Stagg will host a series of presentations that will cover the college search, application process, and post-high school options.

Additionally, Stagg offers several panel presentations during the school day in March that are open to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. We host these panels to help younger students learn

more about the wide range of college options they have and to help them begin to create a list of colleges they might apply to. Past presenters on our panels have included the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Loyola University, the University of Iowa, and many, many more. Students will be able to sign up for the panels on the Guidance page of the Stagg website beginning in February.

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

## 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 the 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 directly at the following:

Thomas Semanic  
Illinois Student Assistance Commission  
Moraine Valley Community College  
District  
Corps member  
[thomas.semanic@illinois.gov](mailto:thomas.semanic@illinois.gov)  
708-710-0920

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 directly at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or we provide a direct link from the Guidance page of the Stagg website. Students have been encouraged to apply early!

## Stagg Student Named Illinois Champion

Stagg Freshman, Konrad Bialas, took a Business class called Computer Applications. In this class, students learn to manipulate documents in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. They work on programs that take them through many situations in preparation for the nationally recognized test they can take in class. With a seventy percent or better, the students become MOS Certified (Microsoft Office Specialist) in that particular program. Konrad not only scored better than seventy percent in all three tests, he scored a perfect score in PowerPoint and has been named the Illinois Champion for PowerPoint 2019. No other District 230 student has been awarded such an honor. He has been invited to participate in the U.S. National Championship in Dallas, Texas in mid-June. We wish him the best of luck at the competition.

Konrad Bialas holds his PowerPoint certificate after receiving a perfect score on the nationally recognized test! Konrad was named the Illinois Champion for PowerPoint and will go on to compete in the U.S. National Championship!



## Deans' Office

### Prom Parent Meeting

Is your son or daughter planning to attend Prom? A required Prom Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 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 guest speakers. 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 verification that a parent has attended 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. The North Drive is reserved for drop off for our Special Services buses from 7:40-8 a.m. Parents can drop their students off in the West Lot in front of the Charger Gym or the East Lot at the east end of the North Drive from 7:40-8 a.m.

### 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 25 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 8, 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 6, the Wind Symphony will take place in the annual SWSC Conference Band Festival, hosted at Andrew High School.

On Saturday, February 29, the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band 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 5! It's sure to be a great performance, and you won't want to miss it!

### Student Recognition

Congratulations to Dominic DeAngelis (Honors All-State Chorus), Kaleigh Fitzgibbons (Honors All-State Chorus) and Kinga Toczyłowski (Future Music Educators Seminar) on being selected to participate at the 2020 Illinois Music Education Conference, held from January 29-February 1 in Peoria. 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!



### Pit Orchestra Tryouts

This year's Spring Musical is *The Addams Family!* We are holding tryouts for the pit orchestra on Friday, February 7. For more information, see Mr. Mecozzi.



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

Don't forget our  
Music Boosters Meeting on  
Tuesday, February 4  
at 7:00 p.m.!





## Health and Wellness Information from the Health Services Office

### ATTENTION Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2021

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 the Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine was given on or after your child's 16th birthday.

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 10, 2020**.

Forms can also be found on the Nurse's page of the Stagg website or your healthcare provider may use their own form.

Completed forms can be submitted in ONE of the following ways. Submitting documents more than one way will delay processing:

1. Email to [stagg nurse@d230.org](mailto:stagg nurse@d230.org)
2. Scan and upload via Laserfiche program link <https://lf.d230.org/Forms/Medical>
3. Drop off in the Health Services Office between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on days school is in session

It is important to note that your child will not be able to receive a schedule, participate in athletics, or apply for a parking spot in the 2020-2021 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 2024

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 in August.

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 1, 2020.

Completed forms are due in the Nurse's Office by **MAY 1, 2020**.

Completed forms can be submitted in ONE of the following ways. Submitting documents more than one way will delay processing:

1. Email to [stagg nurse@d230.org](mailto:stagg nurse@d230.org)
2. Scan and upload via Laserfiche program link <https://lf.d230.org/Forms/Medical>
3. Drop off in the Health Services Office between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on days school is in session

### Important Steps to Avoid Influenza

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following:

**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, especially if you have a fever (a fever is a temperature of 100 degrees and higher). You need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Advil or any fever reducing medication. Following these guidelines will help prevent 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 healthy foods

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 of if they have a fever of 100 degrees or higher (or any other symptoms that are flu related).

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).

### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

#### Athletic Booster Club Scholarships

Attention 2020 Senior Student Athletes - The Athletic Booster Club will award eight (8) \$1,250 scholarships to graduating senior athletes. The scholarships are in recognition of athletic participation and achievement during your time at A.A. Stagg High School and will be awarded at Senior Scholarship Night on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

#### Qualifications:

- Student athlete's family must be a 2019-2020 Athletic Booster Club member and have been an Athletic Booster Club member for a minimum of 2 years.
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.75 at the end of 7 semesters
- Participate in a sport during the student athlete's senior graduating year

- Must attend college/trade or vocational school during the 2020-2021 academic year

See the Scholarship page on the Athletic Booster Club website or your Guidance Counselor for information on the application process.





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## *Nominate a Star from the Stagg Community!*

**“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?

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.

You can also visit the following link to fill out the form online:

<https://forms.gle/KhvQwhJRDeK9vJby7>

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 11, 2020 at 1 p.m., or filled out through  
the above Google link. The reception will be held on  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

