

District Reporter

STEGER
DISTRICT 194

Summer 2021

Steger School District 194 Honors the Class of 2021

In a year that has been like no other, it was only fitting that the annual graduation ceremony of Columbia Central take on a unique characteristic.

On June 3, 2021, Columbia Central held its annual graduation ceremony, with the Class of 2021 being recognized in an outdoor ceremony on the Columbia Central track, located at Mike Sarek Park. This celebration recognized the 166 graduates of the Class of 2021. Each graduate was allowed to bring two guests, with members of the audience sitting on the track portion of the area, and the stage for the graduation events residing in the middle field area. A beautiful 80 degree evening with no precipitation ensured that the ceremony was able to go on without delay.

Traditional practices, such as the valedictorian, salutatorian, Student Council, and NJHS student speeches were given. Dr. David Frusher, Superintendent of Schools for Steger SD 194 delivered opening remarks, and Columbia Central Principal Bruce



Nieminski delivered a graduation address. The ceremony concluded with the names of each of the graduates being read, and a diploma being given to them. Each student also had a photo taken of them with either Principal Bruce Nieminski or Associate Principal Tom Aguirre.

The 2021 graduation ceremony was the product of many hours of hard work from a multitude of SD194 educators and professionals. Many staff members chipped in with various duties to ensure the setting, sound, and security for the ceremony was in place. Other staff members worked

diligently on ordering supplies for the graduates and planning the actual ceremony from start to finish. The administration of Columbia Central would like to thank all of these individuals, as well as our colleagues at the SD194 District Office for assisting us through the process. We would also like to thank the SD194 Board of Education for their unwavering support and guidance as this special ceremony was planned.



Around the District

Staff Preparation in Full Swing

Teachers at the Steger Primary Center and Steger Intermediate Center spent their first days of summer break preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. Small group instruction will be the focus for students in Kindergarten through 4th grade.



8th Grade Award Winners

Valedictorian- Angelo Rodriguez

Salutatorian- Devin Smith

American Legion Award- Fatima Melchor and Isaiah Salazar-Botello

American Legion Scholarship- Angelo Rodriguez

Sons of the American Legion Scholarship- Devin Smith

Kiwanis Award- Natalie DeLaTorre and Carl Williams

Ricky Pendergrass Award- Meloney Cunningham and Aristotle Gonzales

Lorenzo Garcia Award- Ivón Chavez and Broderick Thomas

Mr. Lale's Science Award- Natalie DeLaTorre and Angelo Rodriguez

Mr. Devore's Einstein Award- Angelo Rodriguez

Mr. Devore's Mathematics Award- Meloney Cunningham

Sandy Siefert Social Studies Award- Ayden Albrecht and Brianna Farmer

Susan Boyko Visual Arts Award- Domenico Nirchi

Cheri Marzke Award- Lasha Jackson

Family Movie Night is a Continued Community Success

On Friday May 21st, Steger School District 194 and the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library continued their ongoing drive-in movie series by showing 80's classic "The Goonies" in the Columbia Central Parking lot. Special thanks to SD 194 Board of



Education, Technology Team, Maintenance & Custodians, Food Service, Steger Police Department and Steger Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.). Follow our website and Facebook pages for the next upcoming movie dates.



Curriculum and Instruction Corner

SD 194 Summer Learning

Steger School District 194 is committed to ensuring that learning continues for all students during the summer months. Summer materials were sent home with students and distributed to remote learners.

This summer, students will be participating in a Summer Reading program along with their teachers and classmates to encourage all of our students to continue learning during the summer months. Books were provided to students entering 1st-8th grade along with a learning packet full of activities related to the story.



Students entering 1st-4th grade received a Power Up! workbook for summer practice of grade level skills. This workbook contains engaging cross-curricular activities focusing on preventing learning loss, reviewing grade level skills and practicing upcoming skills. Are you ready to power up your student's learning?!

SD 194 students will have access to the online learning program IXL. With thousands of skills that match what is being taught in our classrooms, this is a great resource to help your child continue to learn this summer. Students will use their current Log-in information for IXL. You can visit their website at <https://www.ixl.com/signin/steger> or you can access the program by visiting our district website and finding the link under the "Parent Resources" tab found at the top of the page. If you are in need of any technical support while using the program, please send an e-mail to mclark@sd194.org with your child's name and the best way to reach you.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To the parents of all Steger School District 194 students, please see the following information regarding registration for the 2021-2022 school year.

- The registration fee has been waived by the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year. All other fees do still apply. Such as gym suits, technology fee, and classroom parties if applicable.
- Registration Portal Access ID # and Password was mailed July 8, 2021.
- Registration Portal opened July 10, 2021.
- Any NEW student to the district will need to provide a copy of their birth certificate to receive access to the registration portal. Please attend the HELP Days or any Registration Day.
- To receive NEW students Access ID #'s & Passwords or to utilize the computers and printers, please visit Columbia Central School on the following dates:

Registration HELP Days

Location: Columbia Central School

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 22, 2021 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Registration Days

Location: Columbia Central School

Monday, July 26, 2021 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 2, 2021 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Acceptable Documents for Registration

All documents must be CURRENT and show your name and address

Three documents are required to verify residency at registration. Without these documents, the family will not be able to register. One (1) document from Category A and two (2) documents from Category B are required. If you are residing with a Steger resident, the homeowner is required to prove residency. Additionally, you must supply at least two documents from Category B, if residing with a Steger resident. Everyone must have all required residency information to continue the registration process. If not, you will be asked to return with the necessary documentation.

Category A – Provide One (1) Document

- Current mortgage document
- Current signed lease
(Lease from the Colonies must have child's name)
- Current real estate tax bill
- Section 8 letter
- Military housing letter
- Residency Attestation form(for third party residents)

Category B – Provide Two (2) Documents

- Homeowners/Rental Insurance document
- Current utility bill (Gas, Electric, Water or TV)
- Paycheck Stub
- Vehicle Registration Card

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3753 Park Avenue, Steger, IL 60475
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Columbia Central
94 Richton Road, Steger, IL 60475
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Steger Intermediate Center
3411 Hopkins Street, Steger, IL 60475
(708) 753-4200

Steger Primary Center
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A Word From Superintendent Dr. David Frusher

Dear Steger School District 194
Community Members,

It is an exciting time in Steger School District 194, as we will be returning to full time, in-person learning, for the 2021-2022 school year beginning on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

This decision aligns with the May 19, 2021, resolution from the Illinois State Board of Education. This resolution passed unanimously, and supports a planned declaration by Illinois State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen Ayala that all Illinois schools must return to full in-person learning for all student attendance days in the 2021-2022 school year.

In Steger School District 194, families will be registering their children for the 2021-2022 school year starting at the end of July through the beginning of August. The COVID 19 pandemic has been difficult in many different ways. Our Board of Education recognizes and understands the impact that the COVID 19 pandemic has had on our communities, especially the economic impact on our families. At the February 2021 Board of Education meeting, our Board of

Education unanimously approved a resolution to waive the \$135 student registration fee for the 2021-2022 school year.

For the latest information and updates, please visit our Steger School District 194 website and Facebook page.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students into our buildings on Wednesday, August 25, 2021!

Yours in Education,

David Frusher, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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