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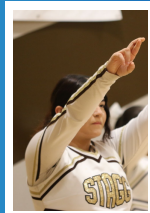
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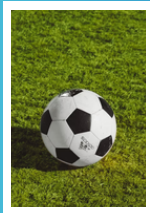
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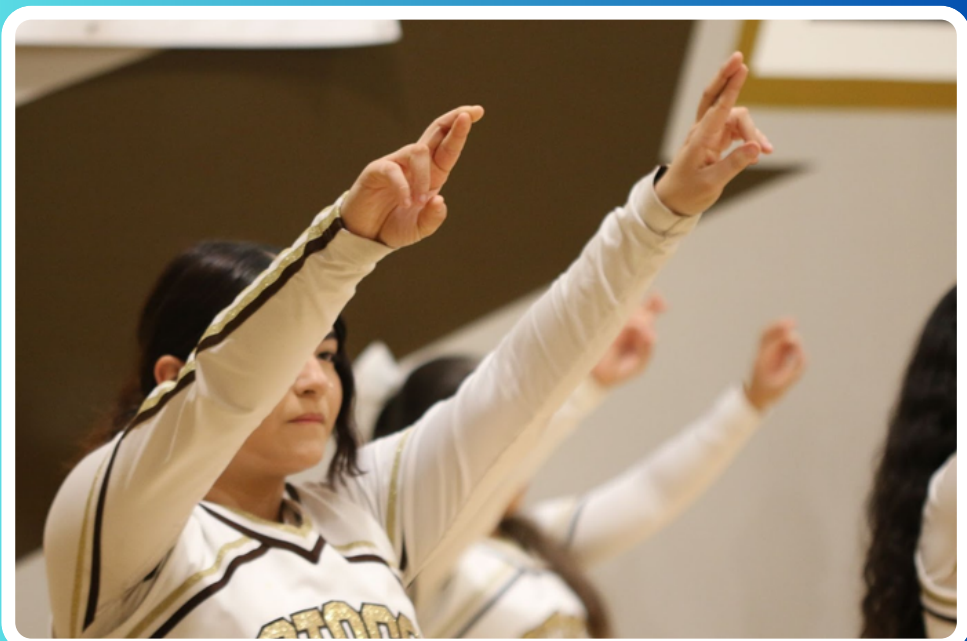
(Freshman Fabian Garcia signals to his teammates that he is open. Garcia catches the ball afterward. Aaliyah Leon / Stagg Online)

There were many students that participated in this season for basketball, leading them to open up a Freshman, JV, and Varsity team. Freshmen scored 8-6 overall. While Jv placed 5-23, and Varsity 2-24.



(Wrestling team poses for the camera before they enter the wrestling room for practice. Aaliyah Leon / Stagg Online)

In the opinion of Ngyuen, this season of wrestling was an overall success, “They did well individually on the weekend tournaments during the season.” Varsity Sophomore Noah Hernandez’s statistics are evident proof, having a record of 3-1 for Varsity. As for the teams overall records, they scored 6-1. Henandez adds on, “We could have done better, but we have a lot of new people on the team”



(Junior Varsity Cheerleader Darlene Navarro shows support for a free throw. Aaliyah Leon / Stagg Online)

Unlike the other sports, Cheer continues on for two seasons from Fall to Winter. However, they haven't just done cheering for sports. Coach Joy Rialubin Trajo said that both cheer teams were granted the opportunity to participate in battle cheer. Although Battle cheering isn't new to them, permission needed to be granted by the AD.

During football games, the cheerleaders faced complications due to injuries which ultimately led to players having to take a step back, but those players have returned for the winter. Trejo spotlights one JV student athlete, Tatiana Hernandez.

Hernandez shared that the winter season is much more fast paced in comparison to the fall, mainly due to game schedules, "We have more games a week," Hernandez said. Whereas in football season, they were limited to one game a week.



(Varsity number 15 attempts to throw the basketball in the hoop. Varsity walks away with 63-39. Aaliyah Leon / Stagg Online)

Girls Basketball remains “undefeated” in the words of Coach Nguyen. Girls Varsity claimed back their SJAA league title on February First in a game against Mcnair High School’s Lady Eagles.

Varsity’s overall win for the season is a 19-9 and a

14-0 total for league games topping Mcnair, Chavez, Edison, Weston Ranch, Bear Creek Franklin, and Linden High School. JV nearly mirrored Varsity’s wins with an 8-5 league score.

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On February 2, Nguyen said boy's soccer was in contention for a playoff spot. Senior Diego Gutierrez shares his experience playing on this season's team. "The energy on the team really sets us up for success." Similarly to Cheer, soccer also faced complications due to injuries. Overall, the score is set to a 6-9 win, and a 6-8 league score. Placing the team sixth place in the San Joaquin Athletic Association League, topping both McNair and Bear Creek High School. JV's scores for the season was an overall total of 3-6.

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The JV girls soccer team had the upper hand of having many returning players. A majority of the team was composed of second or even third year players. Lilliana Zuinga, one of the third year returning players, shared that the season has gone well. However, Zuinga believes there are things that could be improved. "Some of the things we need to work on are getting our players to understand their positions more," Zuinga said. JV Girls Soccer's statistics are 4-8, and Varsity Girls Soccer is 5-11-2, placing them fourth in the San Joaquin Athletic Association League.