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## In Mock Trial, Students Learn: THE LAW

Luckily for all aspiring lawyers who study at Carter High and a couple other schools in the county such as Bearden, Gibbs, and Farragut, there is a club called the Mock Trial. In this club, schools meet up and compete by having fake trials in front of real judges and lawyers (who also decide who wins). The club at CHS meets around once a week, sometimes more depending on if they have a trial soon. These meetings are right after school and last until around 5:30 or 6:00. Currently the club is going over laws and reviewing a previous case to understand all the details more in

depth. So what is so important about Mock Trial? Well, according to Mr. Martinez, who just so happens to sponsor the Mock Trial, "Mock Trial [can really help] high school students gain exposure in talking to adults in a professional manner, build confidence, Mock Trial students do things that most college kids aren't prepared to do; it's very challenging and a lot of times we've had attorneys tell us that what we're doing and what our kids are doing up there in the courtroom they didn't even do in law school." Mock Trial attendee Kelsea Mcglothlin states that even though she does not

plan on a career in law, she feels that all people would benefit from acquiring lawful knowledge (which Mock Trial can teach you), since laws are apart of everyday life.



Above: Mr. Martinez is the Mock Trial sponsor.

## Opinion: Senior Advice to Freshmen

By Aliyah Trammell

Want to know how to survive high school? Just ask the seniors. They've been here for four years. They know the school like the back of their hands. They know the quick ways get to classes, the secrets to maintaining a good GPA, and how to deal with relationships between friends and teachers. We really don't want you repeating our mistakes, so here's a guide to how to survive high school. When arriving, if you believe you have to get a boyfriend or girlfriend and have to have your life figured out as soon as you walk through the doors: you thought wrong! High school is so much more than that, it's a very social and challenging environment that prepares you for your future. As freshmen, most of us believed that it was a breeze; we did not study, nor did we really have to try to achieve the

grades we wanted. Yet as we got into sophomore and junior year, we quickly realized our old ways of doing things were not going to cut it. We had to apply ourselves, stay up late studying, attend tutoring and make up tests. High school is far from easy and we are here to help you succeed. Jacob Clifton, a senior suggests, "Challenge yourself to take AP classes. Don't try to just get by; push yourself!" High school can be rough. It's full of stress and other obstacles, yet you just have to keep going and move forward. "Cheer up, chap, you've only got three years left," said Zack Smith, another senior. Freshman year and the next following years can be awkward, with annoying braces, breakups and the struggle to keep your grades up. But it can be a lot easier having great friends. If there was any advice most important to give, it would

be to stick by the people who you care about, those who support you, and make you happy. Having reliable and loyal friends are how you survive the final four-year transition to adulthood.



Above: Author Aliyah as a freshman.

Below: Author Aliyah now, as a senior.



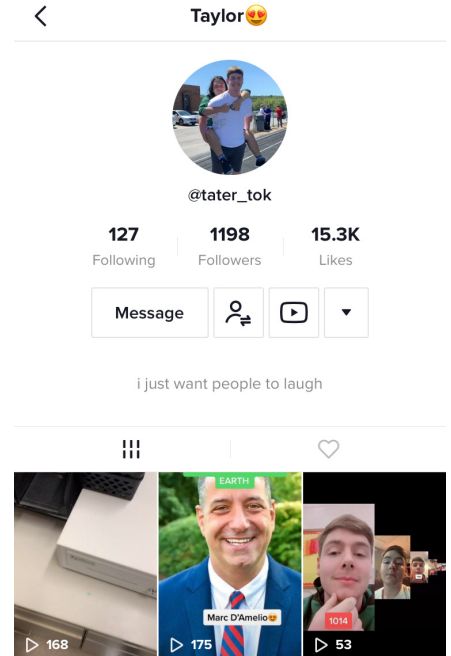
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## Taylor Brogdon - TikTok Famous?

Taylor Brogdon, a senior at Carter High School, is on his way to becoming a TikTok star. Taylor has been making TikToks since August of this year, and since then, he has produced over 100 videos. He has been gaining popularity within the school, and many people have commented positive feedback about his account. Sophomore Brylea Cardwell said, "I love it! It's the best TikTok page ever. Hilarious." Taylor's account consists of 30 second or less videos where he is seen doing a mix of popular trends and whimsical skits. Taylor's humor and originality is what caused his TikTok account to gain popularity. Taylor has reached over 9,000 likes on one of his videos: the one where one of Taylor's classmates gets locked out of a

window. 9,000 likes is over nine times the amount of students at Carter High School, and a considerable amount of likes for anyone on the app. TikTok has recently gained rapid growth, and becoming "TikTok famous" has become an obsession among the youth in 2019; however, Taylor did not even mean to obtain this much popularity. Starting off as a joke, Taylor said the reason he does TikTok is to "make someone laugh and put a smile on their face." He then followed up with, "Follow me on TikTok: @tater\_tok." He is now trying to grow his account to share his content with as many people as possible to spread even more laughter and joy. Taylor Brogdon may not have intended to gain anything from making a twenty second TikTok video at the start of the school year,

but it is safe to say that since then, he has brought many smiles to the faces at Carter High School.



## Teacher Profile: Mr. Bailey

Mr. Bailey is a math teacher here at Carter High School. He has been teaching for a good 35 years. "I just like being around school and the students," Mr. Bailey says. He's also a Carter High school graduate. His classroom is such a fun and remarkable learning environment for students. He is very considerate and supportive. Zoey Finley, a senior, says, "He's very kind and sweet and he assists everyone when they need it. He uses a lot of examples which really helps me as a visual learner. I feel he should be a teacher of the year because he is very productive with his work and he cares about his students and wants them to succeed." Mr. Bailey has an impact on every one of his students' lives. As soon as one walks through his classroom doors the mood changes into something spectacular. He makes sure he says hi to everyone and asks how their day is going. Another senior in his class, Zackary Smith, says, "He's a great teacher. He works at the perfect speed to make learning simple and effortless. He's hands down one of the best teachers I've had at this school. The way he explains things makes it easier to learn and he encourages us to help our classmates. He should be the

teacher of the year because he shows compassion and cares for every student. He's also very understanding when you talk to him." He is very talented and is a very positive influence on everyone around him, and as is obvious from the testimonies here, many students love him.



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