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## Book Club to Have Its December Meeting Next Week

Many people might not know about this, but Carter High School has a book club that meets once a month, every month. During the book club meetings, Ms. Davenport and Mr. O'Malley discuss the book that had been chosen in the previous meeting with everybody who would like to come. There are snacks, and both teachers would love to hear everybody's opinion on the most recent book. Ms. Davenport, the librarian, explained how a normal meeting works: "We meet after school

and eat snacks while we discuss different opinions of the book," she said, before adding, "It is a really relaxed club that doesn't require a lot of commitment. We make sure to choose books that we can provide to the students so they don't have to buy them." Ms. Davenport even tries to ask librarians from other high schools to get more copies of the books. Mr. O'Malley and Ms. Davenport want everybody to feel welcome to go to one of the meetings, even if they just want to see what is like. Their next

meeting is on December 11th and everybody is welcome.



For the next meeting, students should bring a graphic novel of their choice to discuss with the group.

## Carters Band's Making Headway Through Competitions

With autumn in full swing and giving way to winter, the CHS band continues to work tirelessly to achieve higher scores on band competitions. Every year, the band and the color guard travel to multiple competitions with the intent of achieving a good impression with the judges. When asked about what the judges are looking for when making their decision, Mr. Milligan, a former competition judge and the current director of the band, answers, "The two biggest factors are the music and the visuals." He explains that both are important to receiving a higher rating from judges. The band and the color guard perform together to provide the appealing visual paired with the music to match. While both factors are graded, each section of the band is individually judged as well, bringing their average up or down based on their own independent score. This year's theme

follows the American dream, paired with flags and bandanas to match the patriotic production which push the visual appeal and create an effect with the judges/audience. "Effect is also important," Mr. Milligan continued, explaining how essential it is to get the emotion and the message they're pushing through to the viewer. With props, music and much effort from all included, the color guard and the band are able to take everyone on a journey of being American. When asked about his thoughts on the latest theme for the competitions, Tyler Savoy, a senior saxophone player for the band, says, "I'm really excited. I'm enlisted in the army, and the fact that I will be leaving with an American themed show, it makes me really happy." They've received great success for their efforts so far. With receiving a superior rating at their competition on September 21st and placing 3rd on their October 5th competition (not to

mention the subsequent performances at later competitions), it leaves a lot of anticipation for upcoming competitions and seasons.



Above and Below:  
The Carter High band marches for a football game.



Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

## Opinion: Irrelevant School Projects Are Counterproductive

By Mary Grace Neal

Projects are often assigned by teachers for students to take home and complete on their own time; but what exactly is the purpose of these projects? Students have regular homework, sports, other classes, and their own personal lives to deal with, let alone having huge projects to work on whenever they have any sort of free time. Projects are unnecessary and usually irrelevant to the curriculum going on in that class. For example, when learning about a Greek tragedy in English, it seems odd to be doing a book report outside of school on a completely different topic. Projects seem as though they are just activities that have

a lot of sway over a student's grade but little to do with their actual learning capabilities. It is important to teach kids responsibility; however, overloading a student with endless tasks is redundant, especially since most of the time the student has work for other classes in the meantime. Too much stress can have negative impacts on students that can end up being counterproductive to the responsibility trying to be taught, like symptoms of stress. On the topic of school projects, sophomore, Regan McKeehan says: "I think that they are beneficial sometimes but overused by teachers who don't have enough time in class to do all they want." Projects

that are simply to be taken home and completed with little relevance to the teacher's curriculum are the main issue. Projects that are started in class that students just do not finish are, however, the students' problems to take care of. There are some types of projects that are effective to students learning, like research projects for a topic in science, but these projects are often for much lower points and are not seen as often. Overall, projects are not a bad learning tool in general; however, relevance and balance are important to making sure the projects assigned are more beneficial to the student rather than harmful.

By Jordanna Rutherford

Does the public display of affection (PDA) in the halls disgust you? The public display of affection here at Carter High School is beyond what it used to be. Student couples in the hall three years ago only hugged or did a pop kiss. Now the student couples kiss each other's necks, make-out, etc. Some public displays of affection are okay, but that kind of business takes it way too far. Hugging and a quick pop kiss is acceptable, but eating each other's face and kissing necks should be conducted elsewhere, not in the stairwells at school. I am not the only student who thinks this. Another senior student (who wished the remain unnamed) says, "Some couples take the public display of affection way too far. It's great that you love your significant other, but it's not eye-pleasing to see couples doing that while I'm walking to class; it always makes me sick." Meeting your significant other during class change is great but you don't have to suck faces. If you would not do it in front of your grandmother, do not do it in the halls. If these students studied their books as much as they suck each other's faces, their grades would be at least above average.

## Opinion: PDA - Stop It!



Holding hands is fine but don't cross the line.

### Don't Forget About Holiday Spirit Week 2019



- 12/9 - Ugly Sweater day
- 12/10 - Santa's Workshop Day
- 12/11 - Christmas PJ Day
- 12/12 - Christmas Movie Day
- 12/13 - Flannel & Fuzzy Socks Day

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