

# CARTER CORPS NEWS

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## Carter Wide Awake Provides Coffee to School

The Carter Wide Awake coffee cart is now available to students and teachers during 3rd period! There has been quite a few changes to Carter over the past semester. One of them is the coffee cart, facilitated by the CDCA class. Carter Corps asked Ms. Hunter Chollman, who teaches CDCA, a few questions about the coffee cart and how it works. Ms. Chollman said, "We send emails to the teachers and ask where there located and then we will go to the room." The cart is run by a teacher and two CDC students. We also got the chance to

talk to Ms. Chollman about why they are doing this. She said, "It helps allow our kids to navigate around the building and not just sit in a room all day. It also allows the student to learn money management skills and make coffee and just overall follow task." What inspired the coffee cart is that most of the kids have work-based learning but can't go out and do a community job, so they decided to do an in-school job. They have big plans for the money generated by the cart. Ms. Chollman said, "A lot of the kids haven't been to the zoo, so we are

going to be saving up some money to go on some field trips." This coffee cart is a great thing for the CDC kids.



The Wide Awake Coffee Cart in action!

## Special Issue: What Policies Would Seniors Change?

### Opinion: The No Hats Rule is Absurd

By Aliyah Trammell

The No-Hats rule has been highly contested among students. Students often find this rule ridiculous, as we are allowed to wear bracelets and hairbows. What is so wrong with hats? They allow students to express themselves and can be worn in so many intriguing ways: front, backward, curved, and even sideways. After school, a variety of students put on their hats anyway. From beanies to ball caps to cowboy hats, the possibilities are endless. "I really like hats!" says Isaac Shoopman, a sophomore; he explained that he would wear a beanie everyday if the rule was taken away. "There's no reason to have this rule; it doesn't make

sense," he added as he shook his head. It's not just men that this rule affects; girls want to wear hats, too. "I do not agree with it. Kids deserve the right to wear what they want," said Jayde Trammell, a sophomore who, every day after school, puts on her red ball cap. Even some teachers would prefer to wear a hat. I questioned numerous teachers and students, and no one can really explain why we even have the rule. "It's just Knox County policy," said Head Principal, Mrs. Messer. Some individuals argue that it is a distraction in the classroom, that students gain an attitude while wearing hats, and that they can even become disruptive and draw attention away from the

lesson. Yet disruptive students will continue to find a way to be disruptive, hatless or not. It is not the hat's fault that the student chooses to act like an imbecile. Why must others who have done nothing wrong suffer? If this rule is so controversial, we shouldn't have it.



Above: Jayde Trammell, wearing her illicit red hat

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## Special Issue: Senior Policy Recs, Continued

### Opinion: There Should Be More Time Between Classes

By Maya Piper

With 80 minute long classes and little time in between, many students in the Carter Community scramble to find time to use the restroom in between class periods or schedule a time they'd be able to talk to a teacher about a subject they didn't understand. Some are left interrupting their classes to use the bathroom to avoid receiving a tardy slip for it. This creates a problem within the classroom and prevents students from participating in class time, though, there is a simple solution. By adding a few minutes extra in between periods many students would have the ability to use the bathroom, get prepared for their next class, or just to catch their breath

and lower stress. While students travel to and from classes throughout the day, many are left to wonder how much time they have left to make it to class on time or if they have a minute to spare to use the bathroom. Most are left with two options, they could use the bathroom and risk being late to their next period or wait and potentially interrupt their learning to step out for something that's a human need. Neither option is favorable, but this could be resolved with a few extra minutes added to the 7 minutes we have. It would allow teachers to get through their lesson uninterrupted and permit students time to use the bathroom. While some may argue that students would abuse that extra time or

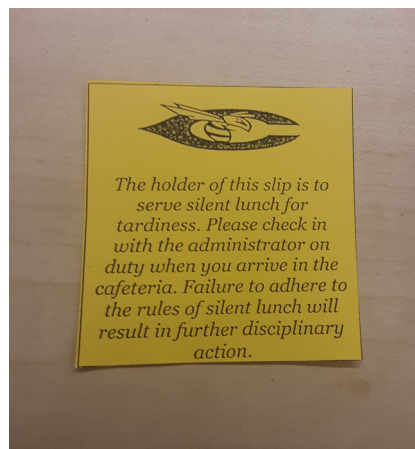
that it's redundant, in many recent studies, it has been proven that frequent breaks in between learning allows students to retain more focus and remember more of what they were taught. By giving students a break to recall the information they were given, the students have demonstrated higher productivity, a boost in brain function and a decrease in stress/anxiety levels. These aren't redundant results, they are the reality of allowing students to learn in the best environment using better techniques. Increasing the gap time would show similar results and leave less of an excuse for any student to show up later to their next period.

### Opinion: CHS Should Give Silent Lunch Less

By Alexis Talley

During this school year, there has been a lot of debate on whether or not office should give silent lunch to people that enter the school late or come to class late. You could be 30 seconds late or even walking in the door and if you don't have both feet in the door you are considered tardy. A lot of students know that if they come in late they are going to have silent lunch so they just decide not to come. Some teachers may even tell you that you have to be in your seat by the time the bell rings. I think it is unfair for people to get silent lunch unless its repeatedly happening. Stuff happens such as a flat tire, a family emergency, or etc.... A senior said that, she had to go help her granny in the hospital and had a doctors note and they barely let her slide. Another senior said, That she had to pull over on her way to school because there was a wreck and somebody had

flipped over, but they still didn't excuse that. In my opinion i think you should not have silent lunch unless you have been tardy repeatedly or after your 5th one then you can get silent lunch. Some people have stuff that they can't help whatsoever. I mean at least there here at school they could have skipped school.



Above: Students get a Silent Lunch slip like this for being late to school or class.

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