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## **CHS Football Team Begins Season With Wins**

The CHS football team has opened its season with a 3-0 winning record. Their first game, on Friday, August 20, provided a formidable opponent: Webb. Despite a tough rival, Carter won, 26-21. This is an improvement over previous seasons. Coach Wagner, one of the CHS football coaches, has taken note. He says his players "have gotten stronger" compared to the last years. Wagner has high expectations for his players. When asked what his expectations for a CHS football player are, he responded that he wants them to "lead from the front." He says he just wants them to be successful and diligent young men of society. Prior to the first game, against Webb, Coach Wagner was excited about the game. He said, "Carter has always been the underdog ever since I've been here, and I want to change that." He says he had been putting the boys though situations in practice (what he calls "adversity during practice") to prepare

them for the upcoming games. But although the coaches play a big part in the season, the players are the stars of the show. Carter Corps News talked to two of the CHS football players. Player #1: Damion Daniels. Damion said he expects all his teammates to try their hardest no matter what. Prior to the Webb game, he thought the game would be very exciting. "Webb has some very skilled/fast players, but Carter definitely has a better defense," Damion said. Clearly, the defense won out. Damion has been doing many things to prepare for this season. These things include: eating right, working out, and just preparing himself mentally for the season. Player #2: Presean Brown. Presean says he expects all his teammates to give their all and try their hardest. Presean says he has also been eating right, working out, trying hard at practice, and preparing himself mentally for this season. Presean says, "This will be the best season at Carter." Coach Wagner also added, "Those who don't come to work can't do the work," implying that those who don't try their hardest can't do their job on the field. So far, all the boys' work has paid off. In addition to their 26-21 win over Webb, Carter also beat Sevier County the following week, 42-35, and Gibbs, 42-35, last Friday.

Correction: An earlier version of this article incorrectly identified Coach Wagner as the head coach. The head coach is in fact Coach Pressley.





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## **CHS Band Prepares Accompaniment for Games**

Every year, the band has a busy slate of events in the fall; this semester is no different. The band's director, Mr. Needham, has assembled a little over 60 people, all of whom will participate in multiple concerts and events coming up for both this semester and the next semester to follow. According to band student Devin Cantwell, for every Friday night football game, "Band will follow behind and play a variety of songs at those games," as is traditional for the band. Some of these songs will be pop songs as opposed to the typical band pieces. According to another band student, Carley Smiley, "Band will be performing a variety of songs such as 'Phoenix' by Fall Out Boys, 'Sound of Silence' by Simon and Garfunkel, 'Seven Nation Army' by the White Stripes." Many other types of songs can be expected to be played as well. One of many events the band will be participating in is various competitions in which they will compete against different schools. The band students are looking forward to the many events that will be held soon.





### **Traffic Causes Frustration for Students**

Traffic has been a talked about issue this year, due to the fact that everyone wants to leave as soon as school lets out. Students who drive are assigned a certain parking spot for the school year. Students park in what is known as "The Cage," the gated area located in front of the school. Teachers, on the other hand, have more flexibility on where they park; teachers can park anywhere on campus. The school day ends at 3:30, and most students try to leave at 3:30 (teachers can't leave until 3:45), which creates heavy traffic after school. Junior CJ Carmichael stated, "Traffic is really bad leaving school. Everyone wants to leave at the same time, which makes it really congested." Another student who

parks in the cage, Chase Delaney, described the traffic as "annoying," but he also stated that it's just something everyone has to do every day to leave. CJ made the suggestion that the school release a certain number of people at a time, every few minutes or so. "That way there would be no traffic. It would make it less stressful for everyone." Chase Delaney stated, "The school is doing the best with what they have, but the traffic leaving school can be a bit overwhelming." Parking and traffic can be very frustrating for students, and many students have spoken and stated that they do not like all the congestion in the afternoon.



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