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CHS Students Take CTSO Leadership Conference Field Trip, Learn Leadership Skills

On Friday, October 25th, there was a CTSO leadership conference field trip. Students from DECA, HOSA, and FCCLA all represented Carter at this conference. The conference was centered around the Career and Technical Student Organizations (TSO) that align with Career and Technical classes. Ms. Wade said, “CTSO Leadership Conference is an opportunity for students from Career and Technical Education

classes to learn about being a leader in their school and community.” The conference included four workshops, into which the students were split and rotated through. These workshops touched on topics like how to greet someone, what role you play in a group, and many other character building activities and lessons.

Right: The Carter FCCLA group poses on their field trip.



Carter High Gym Gets Overhaul

Carter High School has a huge upgrade in progress for the gym. The gymnasium is in the process of getting a new paint job, new flooring, and new bleachers. Getting the bleachers in particular will be a huge upgrade for the school and a much needed one. Coach Roach, a gym teacher at Carter High, says, “I’m super excited for the upgrade, and I’m glad the wooden ones are gone.” On

the other hand, this project has become a huge disruption for the gym classes that have to use the gym during this time, and he also talked about how the construction on the bleachers can be a distraction. Roach adds, “The construction is a distraction for the PE classes, but it is much needed.” A lot of students and teachers are saying that with all the time it is taking for the bleacher, it will definitely be worth

it when they are completed. The time taken to complete the bleachers is taking a lot of time out for the gym classes, causing them to just sit in places or walk on track; it’s interrupting their class time. But the teachers and students are saying that it will definitely be worth it and be a great upgrade to our school. In the end, the nice new gym will make up for all the class time interrupted.



Workers have been diligently renovating the gym for the past several weeks.

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The Clothes Closet: Carter High School's way of helping students in need

Last year, Ms. McManus started the Clothes Closet when she saw a need for students here at Carter High School. The Clothes Closet is a room full of donated clothes for kids who get dress coded or just need something to wear. In an interview she said, "After teaching for 21 years, I decided that this was something that had always been on my heart, and I asked Mrs. Messer, and she told me to run with it." She says that she knew that Knox County School had a clothing center on Central Avenue in Knoxville but that some kids could not get transportation out of Strawberry Plains to access it. She asked the faculty to donate nice used clothes to the cause. Many people from the school and Carter community

donated to the clothes closet, including Mrs. Myers and her husband. She went on to say, "I have applied for two grants to help with needed things in the clothes closet such as hygiene items and undergarments, one through the Carter High foundation and the other was through a community grant. I have not heard back from either one just yet." When asked on the subject, former Carter High School student Camden Shaw says this: "I never knew the closet even existed; I'm glad to hear that they have these resources for kids that need it. Some kids may not want to admit it, but they need a little help sometimes; and I'm sure this will do it in a manner where no one is embarrassed or anything."



Above & Below: The Carter High School Clothes Closet is located in the Freshman Academy.



Opinion: Students and Teachers Should Not Have School on November 1st

By Alex Britton

Do you think we should go to school November 1st? The last time Halloween was on a Friday was 2014; the next time it will be on a Friday will be 2025. So, as you can see, for the next five years - then after another 11 years after that - students, teachers, and administration will have to go to school the day after celebrating their Halloween festivities. (not including Halloween on Saturdays) Halloween is a once a year opportunity to dress up as your favorite celebrity, character, or monster; go to haunted houses; stay up late and binge watch horror movies; or throw Halloween parties. Even though Halloween does not have religious purposes, it's just like any other holiday, and we deserve at least one day off for it. If Knox County would allow this, students and teachers get the extra rest they need after a holiday like this.

Teachers and students could use the extra day to catch up on the sleep they've missed because trick or treating is a popular event that happens on Halloween. Students could take the time to work on unfinished homework or projects. Don't forget that many teachers have children that they take trick or treating; and some students have to take younger siblings. Overall, I think students and teachers should not have to go to school on November 1st.

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