

# CARTER CORPS NEWS



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## Profile: Carter ELL Class, Led by Mr. Doty

Have you ever wondered what that room is in the bottom of the library? That's Mr. Todd Doty's classroom. A lot of people don't know it, but Mr. Doty teaches English Language Learners (ELL). According to Mr. Doty's syllabus, "ELL is a rigorous class that aims to develop students' English proficiency levels in all four domains of language (reading, writing, speaking, and listening)." Basically, it is a class for people who did not grow up speaking English as their primary language. Mr. Doty began his teaching career in Los Angeles as an English Teacher. 19 years later, he decided he was ready for a change in his teaching career. He moved to Knoxville about three years ago and has been teaching ELL for two years now. Mr. Doty teaches at both Carter and Fulton High Schools. Here at Carter, he has 6 students and teaches one class period. At Fulton however, 20% of the schools' popu-

lation are in an ELL class. There, he teaches two class periods with about a dozen students in each class. Here at Carter, his students came into the classroom already at an intermediate level, meaning that most of his students started the program knowing some English. However, at Fulton he has students coming in as newcomers, meaning they know zero or very little English. This year is extra hard, though; because of COVID-19, students have struggles with hearing and understanding through the cloth mask. Miriam, one of Mr. Doty's students explains, "I can't see their mouth so it's more difficult for me to understand what they said." "The students rely on facial expressions, and the mask makes it difficult to understand English even more," Mr. Doty adds. There is, however, a clear face shield made to help students in foreign language classes and ELL classes where the teacher stays more than six feet away from students. But

when a student needs one-on-one help, or the teacher doesn't have the space in their classroom to distance (like in Mr. Doty's classroom), a regular cloth mask has to be put on. "I prefer that they are closer to me so I can hear them better," Miriam says, adding, "I like to have my ELL class because when I can't understand something in my other class, Mr. Doty helps me so much, especially English class with my essays and he explains to me a lot of my classes." Mr. Doty is obviously very appreciated by his students.



Above: Mr. Doty, the ELL teacher

## Student Offers Math Tutoring for Peers

Taking initiative as a 16-year-old junior in high school is quite uncommon for students, but Braygen Jones is breaking the mold with his new tutoring group. Jones's idea is this: to tutor students over Microsoft Teams. He explains, "I see some of my peers struggling with math, and I'd like to think that I could help them by being there for them." This operation started when the Math Club in which Braygen previously tutored was disbanded due to COVID-19. Jones wanted to find a way to continue tutoring other

students, so Mrs. Briano helped him set up a Teams group. Though he wants to be an actuary in the future, he enjoys teaching and is currently trying to expand his tutoring to the middle school, too. He is only tutoring in classes he has already taken: Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, and below. To get in touch with him, email him at: [braygenjones@gmail.com](mailto:braygenjones@gmail.com). He checks his email every day to make sure he never misses one. If you can't email him, he is also in the counseling office Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM.



Above: Braygen Jones offers free math tutoring for students.

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## Homecoming Delayed to Spring 2021, Possibly Later

Homecoming fundraising won't be taking place until the spring semester. Homecoming is an event that usually takes place in the fall that lets young women raise money for a certain club, class, or sport event. Whoever raises the most money gets announced Homecoming Queen until next year, when it all starts back up again. Any sport or club can participate and be a part of the Homecoming court. Cosmetology teacher Elizabeth Flatford and Health Science/Nutrition teacher Rebecca Pollard run the Homecoming Court. These ladies make it their priority to give the court a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Due to COVID-19, Mrs. Flatford and Mrs. Pollard decided not to do Homecoming this fall because they were afraid Carter would "go red." "We are looking at possibly doing it mainly in February, and again it all depends on how Covid goes," Mrs. Flatford

says. The money raising is all between the candidate and their sponsor. Mrs. Flatford says, "Whether it's a car wash, doing the tents at football games, or just selling candy during the day, it's all between you and your sponsor." When Mrs. Flatford was a student at Carter High School, she ran for Homecoming, so she says, "It kinda takes me back to when I was in school. My favorite part is to see all the girls dressed up the day of and watch them take pictures, and walk out on the field." Mrs. Flatford also gets nostalgic when she says, "It just reminds me of when I was in school and how exciting it was then and I like to see the community come together." Carter High School senior JaDejsha Arnold was the Homecoming candidate for the CHS Marching Band her junior year. JaDejsha fundraised by doing a multitude of things such as: a car wash, serving teacher lunches, selling concessions during

football games along with t-shirts, and baskets of candy during the school day. She says, "If you're willing to take on the headache, go for it." JaDejsha also says, "It's a nice time for everyone to come around, and it's a good way to raise money for school and their activity."



*Above: A CHS student sells candy for homecoming in 2019.*

## Opinion: Vending Machine Prices Are Too High

*By: Lexie Vandergriff*

Paying \$1.75 for a water (or any drink) is ridiculous. All bottled drinks in the Carter High vending machines have gone up in price by 50 cents. When the Carter Corner Store (right across the hall from the vending machines) has prices that are at reasonable prices (\$1 for a Yoo-hoo, for example), there is no reason to raise the drink prices for the vending machines. Last year at Carter High School, the drink prices were already \$1.25 (which is ridiculous enough), but raising them 50 cents is just insane. Some might just advise students to use the nearby water fountain, but just because there's a water fountain doesn't mean it's as good as the vending machines;

the water isn't even cold. The Carter Store doesn't even open until lunch; the vending machines are definitely taking advantage of students! Carter High School should try to get these prices lowered.



*Above: Vending machine drinks run for a steep \$1.75 at CHS.*

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