

CARTER BUZZ

CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 2020/January 2021



OWEN'S ORACLE

Dear Carter Middle School Family,

We are entering the holiday season! I hope you all take time to be with your families and enjoy some sort of normalcy during this unusual time. Below are some news items and tidbits of information that I wanted to share.

Attendance:

Our attendance goal is 95% or better. We are currently short of that goal due to illness. This cannot be helped when we are hit with unexpected illness. We encourage you to turn in doctor's notes and or notes excusing students from absences. Please try your best to encourage your students to wash hands and eat healthy.

Please click the link below to see more about how attendance impacts student achievement.

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/5-Key-Findings-MG-Final.pdf>

Parents Beware of the Vape:

It seems like vaping is becoming a fascination for some high school and middle school students. It has been a problem at the high school level for a year or so around the county. Now it is starting to seep down to middle schools, including Carter Middle. What are E-cigarettes? According to the Centers of Disease and Control (CDC): E-cigarettes are electronic devices that heat a liquid and produce an aerosol, or mix of small particles in the air. E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes. Most have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid. Please see the link below for more information about Knox County's policy on vaping.

<https://www.knoxschools.org/Page/21567>

PTA Membership Drive:

Starting after Thanksgiving we will try to return to some normalcy with our PTA membership drive. Parents will be able to join via our payment on-line which is located on our school website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the school office.

Sincerely,

Jack Owen
Principal
Carter Middle School



"The only person who can limit your possibilities is you."
~Jon Gordon, Author



STANLEY'S SECTION~

To the 7th Grade Parents/Guardians:

The holidays are quickly approaching and our students are right in the thick of things.

The semester grading period will end on Friday, December 18th. All students are encouraged to make up any work they may have missed before winter break begins. On Monday, January 18th we will celebrate Martin Luther King Day. As we celebrate this holiday, let's remember what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for, combating racial inequality through nonviolence. We, at Carter Middle School, believe in teaching tolerance. The Carter Middle School students focus on their social side of the middle years and getting along with each other. In order for our students to grow socially, it is important to understand how to have positive relationships and be able to coexist with each other. Students must know when it is okay to tell an adult when he or she may need help. Students must develop self-confidence within themselves, take ownership of their actions, and accept the consequences. Parents, please help us to help our students mature into responsible citizens.

Happy Holidays

Jennifer Stanley
Assistant Principal
7th Grade

MISTAKES
are proof
that you
are
TRYING

RAMSEY'S REVIEW~

Hello Hornet Family,

We are approaching the holiday season and the end of the first semester. Our students have been wonderful and I am so proud of them. The start of basketball season has been a success and I want to thank you for your patience. I would like to remind you to follow Knox County guidelines when you are in our building. Make sure you keep an eye on our basketball schedule as we have already postponed a few games. Thank once again for allowing me to serve as your assistant principal

GO HORNETS!!!!

Joey Ramsey
8th Grade Assistant Principal



I Love Winter

I love winter! Winter is cold.
It's Christmas with sleds.
It's warm, snuggly beds.
It's silver snowflakes.
It's skating on lakes.
It's snowmen that stand
In a snowy, white land.
It's blue jays that feed
On sunflower seed.
It's angels that pose
In wintertime clothes.
It's a polka-dot sky.
It's winter. That's why.....
I love winter.

Author unknown



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CMS Turkey Teachers

WINTER



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Yummy Holiday Cookies

RED VELVET SNOWBALL COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

2 1/2 c.
All-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
1/4 c. cocoa powder
2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. Kosher salt
3/4 c. unsalted butter (1 1/2 sticks), at room temperature
3 c. confectioners' sugar
1 tbsp. red food coloring
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 tsp. White vinegar

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F with racks in the upper and lower thirds. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk together flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. Beat butter and 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar on medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Reduce mixer speed to low and gradually add flour mixture, beating just until incorporated, 1 to 2 minutes. Add food coloring, vanilla, and vinegar; increase mixer speed to medium, and beat just until dough is crumbly and holds together when squeezed, 15 to 20 seconds. Squeeze dough into balls (about 2 tablespoons each). Place balls, 1 inch apart, on prepared baking sheets; freeze 10 minutes. Bake, rotating sheets halfway through, until dry around the edges, 15 to 18 minutes. Cool on baking sheets on wire racks 5 minutes.





2020-2021 Carter High School Basketball

November

Tues	17	South Doyle (HOF)	Away	6/7:30
Fri	20	Volunteer(VG)/Lakeway(VB) HOF	Lakeway Academy	5:00/8:00
Mon	23	Karns (JVG)	Home <i>Senior Night</i>	5/6:30/8:00
Tues	24	Seymour (JVG)	Away	4:30/6:00/7:30

December

Tues	01	Sevier County (JVG)	Away	4:30/6:00/7:30
Fri	04	Gibbs (JVG)	Away	5/6:30/8:00
Fri	11	Union (JVG)	Home	5/6:30/8:00
Mon	14	Gatlinburg (JVB)	Away	5/6:30/8:00
Thur	17	Austin East	Away	5/6:30/8:00
Tues	22	South Doyle	Home	5/6:30/8:00
Mon	28	Loudon (Girls), West(boys)	Lenoir City	10:00 & 11:30
Tue	29		Lenoir City	TBD
Wed	30		Lenoir City	TBD

January

Tues	05	Pigeon Forge (JVG)	Home	5/6:30/8:00
Fri	08	Northview (JVB)	Home	4:30/6:00/7:30
Tues	12	Sevier County (JVB)	Home	5/6:30/8:00
Fri	15	Gibbs (JVG)	Home	5/6:30/8:00
Tues	19	Scott County (JVB)	Home <i>Coaches vs Cancer</i>	5/6:30/8:00
Fri	22	Union (JVB)	Away	5/6:30/8:00
Tues	26	Gatlinburg (JVG)	Home	5/6:30/8:00
Fri	29	Pigeon Forge (JVB)	Away	5/6:30/8:00

February

Tues	02	Scott County (JVG)	Away	5/6:30/8:00
Fri	05	Northview (JVG)	Away	4:30/6:00/7:30
Tues	09	Seymour (JVB)	Home	5/6:30/8:00
Fri	12	Karns (JVB)	Away	5/6:30/8:00
Tues	16	Fulton	Away	5/6:30/8:00

****District Tournament @ Northview High School, Feb 18-22.**



DECEMBER 2020



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Second Harvest Food Drive thru 12/9	3 BB @ WHITTLE SPRINGS	4	5
6	7 BB @HOME W/POWELL	8 BB @ HOME W/ EDGEMONT	9 Last Day of Food Drive	10 BB @ VINE	11	12
13	14 BB @ NORTHWEST	15	16 BB @ HOME W/ HALLS	17	18 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS END OF 1ST SEMESTER	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE 	WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 21- JANUARY 1 SCHOOLS CLOSED	

COUNSELOR'S CORNER~

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Do what is
RIGHT,

Not what is
EASY.



JANUARY 2020



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Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

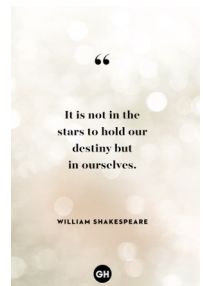
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3	4 Teacher In-Service	5 Back to School for Students BB @HOME W/ HOLSTON	6	7 BB @KARNS	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day School Closed	19	20	21	22	23
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PUZZLE ANSWERS



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| 1. tsboo – boots | 11. ntweri—january |
| 2. gisdelnd - sledding | 12. ftsro - frost |
| 3. nwegnsaal— snow angel | 13. thrcsaims—christmas |
| 4. efauryrb - february | 14. codl— cold |
| 5. lsbnwlaso—snowballs | 15. swmonan— snowman |
| 6. cfsar— scarf | 16. tah—hat |
| 7. mecdreeb—december | 17. oklnsfwae—snow flake |
| 8. fgrnizee— freezing | 18. gniiks— skiing |
| 9. cie—ice | 19. esolv - shovel |
| 10. naryaju - january | 20. selogv—gloves |



A decorative border in green and white surrounds the page. Scattered throughout are various holiday ornaments: red and blue spheres of different sizes, and several red, six-pointed starburst ornaments with small red dots at their tips. The word "happy" is written in a large, light blue, dashed font, and "holidays" is written in a smaller, red, cursive font below it.

happy
holidays

The Staff at
Carter Middle School
want to wish you and
your family a
Happy Holiday Season
and a wonderful
2021 New Year!