

CARTER BUZZ



CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

May 2019

WATSON'S WORLD~

Wow, how time flies. It is hard to believe we have less than a month of school left. These last few weeks will be very busy with concerts, awards, field trips, and other events. It is our goal to make sure you have all the dates of the events in order to help you plan. We have also tried to contact our feeder schools to make sure our dates did not conflict with their events the best we could. Please look at the calendar on this newsletter for the events and dates. You can also look on the school website

TN Ready News

We had a successful testing week for TN Ready. Students worked hard and gave their best effort. I appreciate all the parents working with the school on scheduling and making this year's testing a success!

PTSA

I want to thank the PTSA for supporting our school and students. I especially want to take the opportunity to thank this year's officers: President-Gary Dupler, Secretary-Greg Green, and Treasurer- Sarah Henderson. This is not an easy job and they spent several hours volunteering their time to help support our students. Thank you PTSA Officers! If you would like to get involved with the PTSA or become an officer you can contact any of the officers or the school.

IPADS

On May 15th we will be taking up the IPADS for summer storage. Students will have to turn in their IPAD on this day. Parents check your child's IPAD for any damage prior to this date. Students will receive a receipt when they return their IPAD.

Thank You!

I want to thank all the parents, students, and staff this year for your hard work in making CMS successful. I love working with the students and seeing them grow and mature. We will continue to work together to make CMS the best middle school! Let's have a great end to a terrific year at CMS. Remember to continue to show your Hornet PRIDE!

Thanks,

Mr. Watson

*"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
- A.A. Milne, Author*

STANLEY'S SECTION~

To the Parents/Guardians of the 7th Grade Class:

As the year comes to an end, I would like to say it has been a great year. We have endured the good and the bad, but persevered through it all. Thank you again for all of your support.

7th Grade End of the Year Activities:

Friday, May 3, 2019

Field Trip to the Aquarium in Chattanooga, TN

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Band and Chorus Concerts

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

IPad Turn In

Friday, May 17, 2019

PBIS Carnival

Monday, May 21, 2019

Field Day

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Awards Day @ Carter High School

Thursday, May 23, 2019

½ Day for Students

Have a great summer!

Jennifer Stanley

Assistant Principal

Carter Middle School

End

This school year,
has come to an end.
Say goodbye to each,
teacher and friend.
You've clearly done,
a lot of work.
Summer vacation,
is your reward or perk.
Just remember,
to continue to read.
That will help,
your brain cells feed.
During the summer,
you'll get to relax.
Play outside,
and eat healthy snacks.
Remember to show,
your parents your grades.
Just be honest,
don't hide behind shades.
Your school year,
has reached its end.
Enjoy your summer,
I recommend.

~Author Unknown

RAMSEY'S REVIEW~

Hello Hornet Family,

Another year is already over! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 8th grade assistant principal.

We do have a few important things to remember in May:

May 2 – Dollywood field trip

May 11 – 8th grade dance (Hilton)

May 28-June 1 – Washington/New York

I would like to wish each of you a fun and safe summer.

GO HORNETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Joey Ramsey

8th Grade Assistant Principal

A Note from the Nurse~

6th Grade Parents!

"Has your Child received their 7th Grade vaccination?"

Prior to starting 7th Grade, all students must show either proof of receiving Tdap immunization or provide a letter from medical provider stating medically exempt from receiving vaccine or a parent/guardian letter stating religious exemption.

Make appointments now to avoid the rush!!

Thank you,
Nurse Davina Morgan

~To Our 8th Grade Students~

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

Class of 2023

PTSA NEWS~

Thanks for your support and for caring so much for the Carter Community. With your help we were able to stock the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) store with sought-after items that our students requested. They spent their Pride tickets rather than money. We also supplied all rooms with facial tissues and hand sanitizer. PTSA sponsored three dances where the kids had loads of fun. Additionally, incentives were purchased for students throughout the year, most recently after each TCAP test. And let's don't forget those fun dine-outs.

Yes, it was a busy year, but it could be better. How, you ask? The answer is simple—with YOU! We would love to have more people get involved and helping guide us in the direction that you feel would serve our school and students best. Please consider becoming an officer, attending meetings, volunteering at events, or just contributing money to an event if your life is so hectic that you have no time.

Each year the PTSA grows and gets a bit better, but it would be a whole lot better if you were involved this upcoming year.

Thank you,

Gary Dupler—President
Sara Henderson—Treasurer
Greg Green—Secretary
Diane Allred—Business Liaison
April Kinchen—Faculty Liaison

News from the Library~

Thank you for supporting the Carter Middle School library. We hope you have a wonderful summer. Remember to keep reading!!!

Rachel Smith
Librarian



Thank you to all of the students that volunteered to help with 5th grade night.

Jazz Band, Cheer Squad, Beta Club and Project U.

Y'all Rock!!!



Thank You!

To all of the parents that donated and set up snackS and treats for the teachers and staff during testing week.



Your love and support for Carter is simply amazing!

PTSA NEWS~

Thank you for supporting PTSA and Carter Middle School.

Have a wonderful Summer!!

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"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we are curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

~Balt Disney

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

~Dr. Seuss

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April 25 - May 1

BLINK & CAUTION

by Tim Wynne-Jones, read by MacLeod Andrews (Candlewick on Brilliance Audio)

SWING

by Kwame Alexander, Mary Rand Hess (Blink)

May 2 - May 8

OTHELLO

by William Shakespeare, read by Chiwetel Ejiofor, et al. (Naxos AudioBooks)

YOU

by Charles Benoit, read by David Baker (Full Cast Audio)

May 9 - May 15

THE EPIC CRUSH OF GENIE LO

by F.C. Yee, read by Nancy Wu (Recorded Books)

SHADOW OF THE FOX

by Julie Kagawa, read by Joy Osmanski, Brian Nishli, Emily Woo Zeller (HarperAudio)

May 16 - May 22

SPILL

by Leigh Fondakowski, read by Elisa Bocanegra, et al. (L.A. Theatre Works)

MEET THE SKY

by McCall Hoyle, read by Morgan Fairbanks (Blink)

May 23 - May 29

A NIGHT DIVIDED

by Jennifer A. Nielsen, read by Kate Simses (Scholastic Audio)

TEAR DOWN THIS WALL

by Romesh Ratnesar, read by Wes Bleed (Oasis Audio)

May 30 - June 5

THE FIRST TIME SHE DROWNED

by Kerry Kletter, read by Jarjeana Marie (Listening Library)

WILD BIRD

by Wendelin Van Draanen, read by Alex McKenna (Listening Library)

June 6 - June 12

AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

by Henrik Ibsen, read by Richard Kind, et al. (L.A. Theatre Works)

A GIRL LIKE THAT

by Tanaz Bhathena, read by Firdous Bamji, et al. (Recorded Books)

June 13 - 19

THE GOLDEN DAY

by Ursula Dubosarsky, read by Kate Rudd (Candlewick on Brilliance Audio)

GULP

by Mary Roach, read by Emily Woo Zeller (Tantor Audio)

June 20 - June 26

OLIVIA TWIST

by Lorie Langdon, read by Pearl Hewitt (Dreamscape Media)

ASTRAY

by Emma Donoghue, read by Kristine Hvam, et al. (Hachette Audio)

June 27 - July 3

YAQUI DELGADO WANTS TO KICK YOUR [REDACTED]

by Meg Medina, read by Roxanne Hernandez (Candlewick on Brilliance Audio)

HERETICS ANONYMOUS

by Katie Henry, read by Michael Crouch (HarperAudio)

July 4 - July 10

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

by Oscar Wilde, read by Rupert Degas (Naxos AudioBooks)

THE NAME OF THE STAR

by Maureen Johnson, read by Nicola Barber (Brilliance Audio)

July 11 - July 17

VINCENT AND THEO

by Deborah Heiligman, read by Phil Fox (Dreamscape Media)

BECOMING KAREEM

by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, et al, read by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Hachette Audio)

July 18 - July 24

THE GO-BETWEEN

by Veronica Chambers, read by Karla Souza (Listening Library)

KIDS OF APPETITE

by David Arnold, read by Phoebe Strole, et al. (Listening Library)

July 25 - July 31

ALL THE CROOKED SAINTS

by Maggie Stiefvater, read by Thom Rivera (Scholastic Audio)

AKATA WITCH

by Nnedi Okorafor, read by Yetide Badaki (Tantor Audio)

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Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



Short Stops

Prepare for exams

Your tween will remember more information if he studies for finals over a longer period of time rather than cramming. Suggest that he create a study schedule and stick to it. He could also join a study group to stay on track.

Words inspire confidence

The way your middle grader talks about herself can affect her self-esteem. If you hear her make a negative statement like "I can't do this" or "I'm just not good at this," have her turn it into a positive one. *Examples:* "I'll try" or "I'm working on it." Then, set an example by doing the same for yourself!

A first aid kit

Ask your child to make a home first aid kit. He can fill a container with bandages, gauze, adhesive tape, and antiseptic wipes. Show him how to use the supplies so he learns what to do if he or someone else is injured. Encourage him to put the kit where family members can find it easily, perhaps in the hall closet.

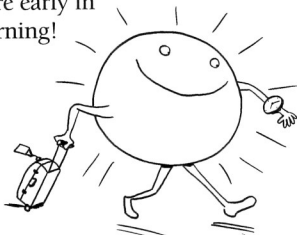
Worth quoting

"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity."
Dorothy Parker

Just for fun

Teacher: How fast does light travel?

Student: I don't know, but it sure gets here early in the morning!



Keep your brain in gear

When the school year ends, the learning doesn't have to. Keep your tween's mind active all summer long with ideas like these.

Take up a hobby

A hobby gives your child a meaningful way to spend time while she practices various skills. For example, knitting requires math and attention to detail. And chess promotes strategic thinking and patience. She could take a community center class or watch how-to videos. Then, suggest that she set a goal like knitting a scarf or beating you at chess before summer ends!



Explore the community

Visiting new places will build your tween's general knowledge. You might tour a museum or hike in a state park, for instance. During your adventures, encourage her to ask a docent or ranger

questions or to read signs to learn about the exhibits or wildlife.

Look ahead to fall

Your child can get a head start on a subject she'll study in school next year. For example, if she'll take Spanish, she could download a free app to begin learning greetings and other phrases. Or if she signed up for engineering, she might look online for projects to try like designing a water bottle rocket or a solar panel. 👍

Summer routines

Setting up a routine can add structure to your child's summer on days when he's home. Try these tips.

■ **Eating.** Plan regular family meals to stay connected with your middle grader. Also, have him help you stock healthy snacks and lunches he can prepare on his own if you're not home.

■ **Sleeping.** Getting enough sleep is important for good health year-round. Set a reasonable bedtime, and have your tween get up by a set time. This is especially important toward the end of summer so he'll be ready to return to his school schedule.

■ **Chores.** Keep your child in the routine of having regular responsibilities. You might give him a list of jobs for the week (laundry, vacuuming) and let him decide which day he'll do each task. 👍



Ways to handle peer pressure

Peer pressure can be positive when friends motivate your middle grader to read a good book or work out. But when he's pressured to do things that *aren't* good for him, he needs to be able to resist. Share these strategies.

Listen to instincts. If your tween is pressured to do something he knows isn't right (shoplifting, bullying), suggest that he ask himself, "Would I want my parents to know?" or "Is this safe (legal, kind)?" If the answer is no, he should listen to his instincts.



Practice responses. Together, brainstorm ways to say no, such as, "No thanks, I'm not into that" or "I don't want to get kicked off the swim team." Also, help your child think of ways to get out of uncomfortable or unsafe situations like being pressured to try alcohol. Agree on a phrase he will use in a call or text to you if he needs a way

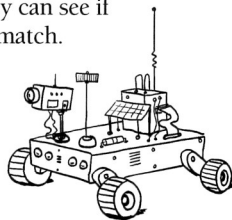
out. Example: "Can you put my clothes in the dryer?" That's your cue to pick him up right away. 👍

Break into coding

Learning to code will make your child a better logical thinker and problem solver. It could even lead to a career one day. Spark her interest with these suggestions:

- Can your tween and a friend draw identical pictures without seeing each other's papers? First, each person draws a 10-by-10 grid on her own paper. One person secretly chooses a crayon and draws a shape in any box on her grid. Then, she writes code telling the other person how to copy her drawing (starting in the bottom left-hand corner of her paper). Example: R3 U2 BT = move right three boxes, move up two, draw a blue triangle. Now it's the other person's turn to draw a shape and write code. After a few rounds, they can see if their drawings match.

- Help your middle grader find a computer class or club at school or the public library. Maybe she'll create a mobile app or build a Lego robot. Or she might use coding to make online games at a site like code.org. 👍



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Q & A Building sibling bonds

Q My daughters are busy with their own friends and don't spend a lot of time together. How can I help them be closer?

A Suggest that your girls set aside "sister time" on a regular basis. They could take turns deciding what to do. Maybe your older daughter will teach her little sister to bake. Or perhaps your younger one will show her big sister a science project she did in school. They might even find ways to combine their talents or interests—say, by doing food-related science experiments.

Encouraging your daughters to support each other will also strengthen their relationship. Say your younger one is disappointed about not getting invited to a sleep-over. Quietly suggest to your older daughter that it would mean a lot if she comforted her little sister. She might show her funny videos or write a note about why she's a great sister, for instance. 👍



Parent to Parent 'Zines by tweens

My son Brian recently submitted a short story about pet adoption to a teen magazine. That gave him the idea to publish his own 'zine, which he explained is a mini print magazine. He decided to focus on animal welfare and call his 'zine *Paws and Claws*.

In each issue, he highlights an animal in need of adoption. He prints a photo and

description from our local shelter's website and pastes them into his 'zine. The 'zine also features the adventures of his rescue hedgehog. He takes pictures of Hedgie curled into a ball or snuggled up in a blanket and writes funny captions.

Now each month, Brian makes photocopies of his 'zine and mails them to friends and relatives. Sometimes he even gets "fan mail," which motivates him to keep writing. 👍





MAY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			iPad Wellness check	8th Grade Field Trip to Dollywood Middle School track preliminaries	7th Grade Field Trip to Chattanooga Middle School track finals Open Court for girls volleyball 4-6	Beta Club trip to Dollywood 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6th Grade Field Trip to Wonderworks Cheer Camp		Cheer Camp	Cheer tryouts		8th Grade Formal @ Downtown Hilton
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day 	Dance Clinic	6th grade Field Trip to the Smokies 6th Grade Band/Chorus Concert @6:00 7th & 8th Grade Band/Chorus Concert @ 7:30	iPad turn in day Dance Clinic	Dance Tryouts	PBIS Carnival Open Court for girls volleyball 4-6	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Volleyball Tryouts 5:30-7:30	Awards Day @ Carter High 7th Grade: 8:45 AM 8th Grade: 10:30 AM 6th Grade: 1:30 PM Volleyball Tryouts 5:30-7:30	Last Day for Students 1/2 Day 	Last day for Staff	
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	
8th Grade DC/NYC trip						

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain
 is waiting, so get on your way!"
 ~Dr. Seuss