

# CARTER BUZZ

CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 2020

## OWEN'S ORACLE



Dear Families,

Time seems to be going by quickly! We are into November!

If you are like me, I cannot wait to waive goodbye to 2020. However, I think we have all learned some valuable lessons along the way. We are very resilient people. Our ability to adapt and change is amazing. I have also been reminded that life is fragile and to not dwell on the negative but rather embrace an attitude of positivity, giving grace, and asking for grace. With all this in mind, I thought I would recommend a book that helped put things in perspective on a personal level. The book is [The Traveler's Gift](#) by Andy Andrews, a great read!

### Homework and Work Completion

It is also my hope that all kids will be able to return to in-person learning. While the on-line learning has gone well, we still have many aspects upon which to improve. One issue we have with both virtual and in-person learners is work completion. Our teachers work hard and often take work that is weeks late. Unfortunately, this has come to be somewhat of a norm. Students have become accustomed to knowing they do not have to meet a deadline and can turn work in late. We are in the process of coming up with a school-wide late work policy to ensure we are teaching our students about the importance of deadlines. We will get that out to parents as soon as it is complete. In the meantime, we are sending out a link this month on how parents can better monitor their student's work through ASPEN. The link is a video which shows you easy steps that can be taken in order to better monitor your student's work completion and grades. This link will also be on our web-site.

### Covid Notes

You may have noticed the occasional letter sent home when we become aware of a COVID-19 case at our school. These letters are sent out whenever we become aware of any cases at our school. We have been fortunate to have few cases to this point; however, that could change at any moment. We will always be transparent and do our best to minimize risk. The students have been great about keeping on their masks!

### Holiday Season

The holidays are upon us. I hope you will have time to be with your families. If there are any families in need, please contact us. We think of ourselves as a community school. And we have access to many resources for mental health help or simply helping families experiencing financial hardships.

Go Hornets!

Sincerely,  
Jack Owen,  
Principal

"Failure exists only for the person who quits."

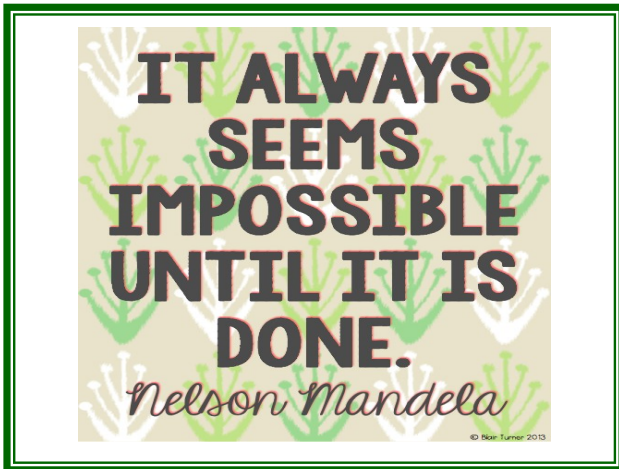
~Andy Andrews, author of "The Traveler's Gift"



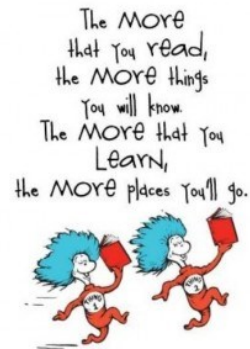
## STANLEY'S SECTION~

To the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Guardians,  
The holidays are vastly approaching and our students are right in the thick of things. Here are a few things to remember. The first nine weeks report card can be seen online on Aspen. So parents, please talk to your child about his or her academics. Ask your child to show you what he or she is learning in school. Parents, if you don't already know about Canvas, please ask your child or refer to the Knox County Website for help. You can check Canvas for student assignments. The more help you can give your child, the better chance they have to succeed.

Jennifer Stanley  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal



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## RAMSEY'S REVIEW~



Hello Hornet Family,

It's hard to believe we've made it 9 weeks. Our first basketball game of the year is at home against Bearden on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Girls will start at 4:30 with boys following at 5:45. I ask that you be patient these first few games as we iron out some unknowns. As we work our way through the school year I want to encourage you to be involved in your child's education. The impact an involved parent can make is invaluable. Thank you once again for allowing me to serve as your assistant principal and for making CMS the best middle school in Knox County!!!!!!

GO HORNETS!!!!

Joey Ramsey  
8th Grade Assistant Principal

**Congratulations to the  
2020-2021  
Carter Middle School  
Prep Guard Members**

Gabby Shores  
Julianne Shippers  
Emily Garrison  
Megan Firth  
Cadence Chudley  
Alanis Phipps  
Lily Clark  
Kayleigh Evans  
Chloe Rogers  
Hailey Garner

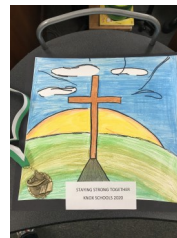


Congratulations to Quentin King our  
School winner for the Knox County  
Schools Art Contest.  
The Theme:

**Staying Strong Together 2020**

**Thanksgiving Colors**

Orange is a pumpkin.  
Yellow is the corn.  
Brown is the turkey  
With stuffing to adorn.  
Red are the cranberries.  
Green are the beans.  
Five delicious colors-  
In a feast of my dreams.



***~From our Home to Yours~***



***Carter Middle School would like to wish  
you and your family a  
wonderful Thanksgiving.***

***May your heart be filled  
With gladness and your home  
Be filled with joy.***



# November 2020



Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 BB @ HOME W/ BEARDON	3 In-Service Day Student Holiday	4	5 Picture Make-Up Day BB @ FARRAGUT	6 Last Day to Request Changes for On-Line/ In-School learning	7
<b>BOOK FAIR IS HERE! ONLINE ONLY!!</b> Our Scholastic Online Book Fair will run from Oct 26-Nov 8. All orders ship directly home, with FREE SHIPPING for orders over \$25. All purchases benefit the Carter Middle School Library.						
8	9 BB@ HOME W/ HARDIN VALLEY	10	11  Veteran's Day	12 BB @ SOUTH DOYLE	13	14
15	16 BB @ WEST VALLEY	17 BB @ EDGEMONT	18	19 BB @ HOME W/ CEDAR BLUFF	20 End of 2nd 4 1/2 weeks Grading Period	21
22	23 BB @ HOME W/ GIBBS	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30 BB @ HOME W/ GRESHAM			<b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>		

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