

# CARTER BUZZ

CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 2020

## OWEN'S ORACLE



Dear Parents,

### Five Weeks In

We are approximately 5 weeks into our school year. I will admit I was worried about the health and well-being of our students. For this reason, we spent much time revamping our procedures, planning for virtual learning, and getting Chromebooks ready. To this point, the year has gone very well considering the challenges we faced. I am so proud of our teachers and the fervor with which they took on this challenge. As a matter of fact, our motto for the year is "20-21 Challenge Accepted"! So if you have the opportunity to send a quick e-mail or send a note of encouragement, please do. Those words of encouragement coming from parents are like gold bars to our teachers!

### The Virtual Challenge

Challenge is an appropriate word when you talk about our shift to on-line learning. The students have done well with the shift to on-line learning. They are becoming more proficient with Canvas and other platforms necessary for learning. I know some parents have had frustrating moments during this process and I thank you for working with us. I would encourage you to reach out to teachers or the school if you are having any problems. It is our policy that teachers return e-mails within the next business day. If you have a pressing concern please call the office, and I am confident that we can help.

### Coupon Books

We have another month in the books! Speaking of books, we have begun our coupon book sales! We are working to incentivize students to sell if they wish to do so. We have cash prizes and various other incentives that may be seen on our website. That being said, our fundraising opportunities this year are diminished this year due to the pandemic. So, we are hoping to sell 1000 books this year. After week one, we have sold 400+ books!! Remember, books may be purchased on-line. Virtual students may sell books as well. Parents may purchase the books on our website, and may be picked up on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 2:30 in the office. Please help us reach our goal of 1000 books!!!!

### Attendance

This is the time of year when we start to see more absences. Aside from Covid-19, we will be hitting Flu season, and various other types of ailments. Please remember that a student with a fever of 100.4, will have to be picked up. Should your child be sick remember to send a note or medical excuse to account for the absences. We want our kids at school and our virtual students to show up for class! Our goal is a 94% attendance rate! We can achieve this!!

### Our Kids Are Amazing!

On a final thought, your children are some of the most resilient and kind kids I've ever had the privilege of educating. The first few weeks without kids was miserable. After the students arrived, we felt reenergized and a feeling of some normalcy. The behavior of the students has been the best I have experienced in my 20+ years in education.

### Final Note

I want to thank all the parents for the kind words and patience you have shown over the past month and a half. We will continue to do our best to minimize risk, keep your children safe, and provide the best education possible!

Respectfully,

Jack Owen  
Principal

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."  
- John Wooden

## STANLEY'S SECTION~

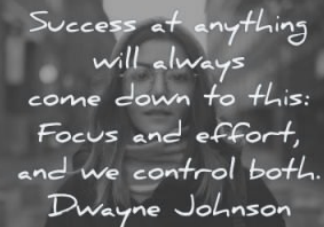
The 9 weeks grading period ends on Friday, October 23rd. I would like to encourage all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to complete any classwork, homework, or makeup work before the 9 weeks grading period ends. Parents, please encourage your student to ask their teacher questions if they do not understand an assignment in class. Please feel free to contact your teachers by email.

Thanks parents for making our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students' first 9 weeks a successful one.

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



Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Owen and Ms. Stanley



Success at anything  
will always  
come down to this:  
Focus and effort,  
and we control both.  
Dwayne Johnson

## RAMSEY'S REVIEW~



Hello Hornet Family,

We have had a different but fantastic start to this year. I can't believe September is already over. The students have been great with all the new changes to our school day. This is a testament to how great our community is. Fall break is October 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and basketball season is right around the corner. Thank you for your continuous support and encouragement!!!!

GO HORNETS!!!!

Joey Ramsey  
8th Grade Assistant Principal

## Helping Your Student Manage Stress

- 1. Help your student figure out how they're feeling** - Try to put a name to the feeling (sad, angry, frustrated, stressed, overwhelmed, etc.). Simply talking about feelings can be a relief!
- 2. Take homework apart** - A large assignment can seem overwhelming! Breaking it down into chunks can make it more manageable.
- 3. Celebrate even the smallest victories** - Watch for opportunities to praise your student's accomplishments! In this challenging time, everyone needs to know what they are doing "right", and that their efforts are noticed.
- 4. Help your student create a "can do" attitude** - Suggest phrases your student can repeat when facing stressful situations. "I am not afraid to try" or "I can do this" are two good examples. These thoughts will crowd out negative talk ("I'm too stupid to do this!") and repeating the words over and over can be soothing.
- 5. Make sure you have routines at home** - Organized spaces and routines that stay the same can give your student security both during and after the school day. Keep to a schedule for meal times, bed time, homework time and place, and virtual class time.
- 6. Blow off steam** - Stress can build up like hot air in a balloon. Help your student find healthy ways to release that pressure. It could be talking to friends, exercising, listening to music, playing a game, spending family time together doing something fun...
- 7. Be clear and reasonable about what you expect** - You may simply want your student to give his or her best effort. But they may think they have to get all A's. Tell your student what you actually expect—that will lessen their stress.
- 8. Get support if you need it** - Remember that teachers, principals, social workers and counselors are available for questions if you need us! We can also provide referrals to outside services if needed. You are not alone!

# Sports News

Congratulations  
to the 2020/2021  
Carter Hornets  
Cross Country Team!

Ava Beacham  
Alexander Berry  
Lawson Branch  
Shan Chohan  
Sky Cohen  
Kylie Hancock  
Stephanie Igwe  
Blake Jackson  
Tatum Keith  
Natileigh McNulty  
Sara Miller  
Lillie North  
Brody Paradis  
Georgia Sharpe  
Peyton Smith  
Alyssa Woody



Congratulations  
to the 2020/2021  
Carter Hornets Cheer  
Squad!



Alyssa Allen

Alyssa Woody

Kaylie P'Simer

Kayla Areola

Georgia Sharpe

Reece Holbert

Maddie Lewis

Gray Boyer

Tessa Buckner

Josie McCreary

Congratulations  
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Carter Hornets Dance Team!



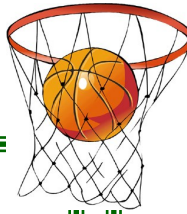
Macey O'Connor  
Katelyn Hunter  
Malea Humphrey  
Havannah Branch  
Marlee Major  
Jocilyn Kenner  
Makenzie Pannell  
Kaitlyn Fisher  
Camryn Finley  
Annaliese Manis

**CARTER**  
**ONE TEAM**  
**ONE DREAM**

Sign-ups for the CMS Majorette line are happening now. Download the flyer from the school website for more information on signing up. There is no tryout. Practice will start Wednesday October 7th from 3:45-5:00 on the grassy field between the middle and high schools. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Manis

Join the Carter Middle School Color Guard Prep Team. No experience necessary! We will teach you everything you need to know. The first practice will be on Tuesday October 20th from 4pm-6pm in the Carter High School Band Room. All students are welcome!! Any questions, see Mrs. Manis





**Congratulations  
to the 2020/2021  
Carter Hornets Girls Basketball Team!**

Caleigh Wilson  
 Gabby Stinnett  
 Olivia Craig  
 Marah Yeo  
 Aleeya Blair  
 Kinley Troutt  
 Ansley Williams  
 Jenna Wilson  
 McKinley Grubb  
 Blakely Shiverdecker  
 Laken Catron  
 Leliana Thompson  
 Arianna Gentry  
 Hailey Evans  
 Hailey Fitzsimmons  
 Micah Rymer  
 Marlee Stout  
 Lily Cox

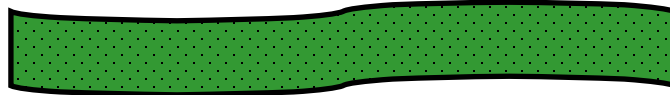
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Carter Hornets Boys Basketball Team!**

**VARSITY**

Luke Burnette  
 Luke Cannon  
 Cooper Cardwell  
 Caleb Chittum  
 Bryson Hall  
 Hunter Evans  
 Damion Gentry  
 Brody Martin  
 Jackson Stuffle  
 Ty Wilson

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

Jake Coffey  
 Cannan Crowe  
 David Piller  
 Billy Romines  
 Andrew Brown  
 Parker Ferguson  
 Mason Lampkin  
 Gavin Morgan  
 Bryson Pressley  
 Wyatt Trull



**~YOKE NEWS~**



Dear Students and Parents,

We're excited to bring YOKE to Carter once again for the 2020-2021 school year! Through the challenges of this past year, we understand the trials and uncertainty the future holds. However, as always, we are here to walk alongside you and support your students.

YOKE is a weekly club that meets on Tuesday nights from 7-8 pm. Usually, weekly club takes place in the school cafeteria; however, with the current precautions, we will be meeting at Marbledale Baptist Church. The facility at Marbledale is large enough to provide an ample amount of social distancing space for safe interactions through games, songs, and skits. During drop off we will be taking temperatures, asking students to wear a facemask, as well as YOKE Folk. The health and safety of our students is our top priority!

Our first club meeting will be Tuesday, September 29, from 7-8 pm at 5935 Thorngrove Pike Knoxville, TN 37914. We will start drop off at 6:45 pm, and club will begin at 7 pm. If you have any questions about what we do, our meeting location or anything feel free to contact Janet Bailey at (865)659-8680.

Have more questions about YOKE Youth and what we do and stand for?

Check out our website [www.yokeyouth.com](http://www.yokeyouth.com), contact our main office at (865)522-6907 or contact Janet Bailey (865)659-8680, Carter's team leader.





## LIBRARY NEWS~



Yes, you CAN check out Library Books!

While students cannot visit the library in person to check out or return library books, library materials are still available for everyone. In the Carter Middle Library Canvas course, students can find a video describing the new procedure for checking out books. The service is available for both In-Person students and Virtual Learners. Students should have received an invitation to enroll in the Carter Middle Library Canvas course, but they can also self-enroll in the Library Canvas course by using this URL-- <https://knoxschools.instructure.com/enroll/TD6NDJ>. Alternatively, they can sign up at <https://knoxschools.instructure.com/register> and use the following join code: TD6NDJ

When students are finished reading their library books, they may return them in our new book drop locations in the front lobby and gym lobby. Big THANKS to the Carter Middle PTSA for helping provide this alternative so that our students can continue to foster their love of books and reading!



"What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it feels about education."  
— Harold Howe

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<b>FALL BREAK 12 -16 SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>						
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				COUPON BOOK CAMPAIGN ENDS	END OF 1st 9 WEEKS	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>BOOK FAIR IS HERE! ONLINE ONLY!!</b>						HALLOWEEN
<p>Our Scholastic Online Book Fair willful 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.</p>						



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER~

It's hard to believe that it's already October! This has been a very interesting school year so far, full of changes and differences that are stressful at times, both for students and adults. It's important to know how to manage that stress, and how to help your student manage it as well. In this newsletter, we've included several tips on how to help your student manage stress. We are also in the process of setting up Counselor Canvas pages to better communicate with students and provide additional resources. Be on the lookout for further information! And as always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your student.

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