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Carter Schools recognized for exemplary academic achievement in Knox County

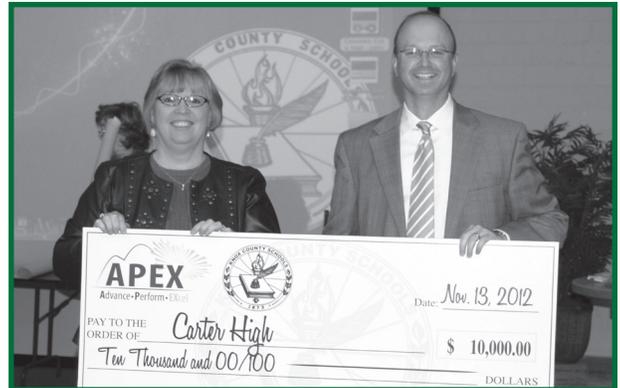
Carter High School and Carter Elementary School were recently recognized for their academic growth as APEX Award Schools. Both schools were awarded with Exemplary Performance APEX awards receiving \$10,000 for their efforts in achieving their Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs).

In order to be eligible for APEX awards, schools must show measureable gains toward individual goals. Carter High School goals are based on raising graduation rate along with scores on the ACT. Increasing scores in Math, English, and Language Arts across all subgroups is another goal at Carter High. In all of these areas, Carter showed significant growth and improvement leading to their nomination for the award.

ACT Test Prep tutoring available at CHS

Carter High School was recently chosen as one of only five schools to pilot a special ACT tutoring class. Because this test can be such a deciding factor on student post-secondary decisions, students need to do their best.

The ACT test prep class is being offered primarily to juniors this school year. Eight weeks tutoring times will help students study and prepare for success on the ACT. Initially, the after school class was going to be offered to sixty students. Since then, eighty students have enrolled in the class.



CHS Principal Cheryl Hickman and Superintendent Dr. James McIntyre receive \$10K Award

They have attained 50% of their AMOs for both achievement and gap closure. They have both had strong Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) growth. Carter High was able to score highest in value added and narrow the achievement gap. Says Mrs. Hickman, "this is a tribute to all the teachers and students who work so hard every day!"

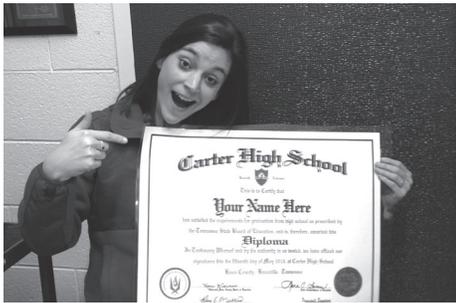
That number has now increased to eighty five students.

The afternoon classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be taught by Mr. Glenn, Ms. Haun, Mrs. Chollman, and Mrs. Sharp.

The class has been taking place since November and will start again when we return on January 7. Students preparing to take the ACT should not miss this opportunity. There is still a chance to sign up for tutoring classes. For more information on ACT tutoring or test prep, please see Mrs. Terry Sharp in the Carter Counseling office.

Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Carter grad returns to CHS as graduation coach



Melissa Stowers, Graduation Coach

Melissa Stowers, a 1999 graduate of Carter High School, returned to her alma mater this year at the position of Graduation Coach. As graduation coach, her goal is “to support students and encourage them in their pursuit of a high school diploma.”

Previously, Mrs. Stowers taught English for eight years at West High School while also attending the University of Tennessee where she obtained her Undergraduate and Master’s Degrees in Education. She is currently working on her Ed.S. in Education at Carson Newman.

Mrs. Stowers works to keep the graduation rate above the goal of ninety percent. Keeping students motivated and forming mentoring relationships with them provides them with extra moral support. This year, there are approximately two hundred seniors at Carter High School. To exceed the ninety percent goal, one hundred eighty nine seniors must graduate and receive their diplomas.



GO HORNETS!!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

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Carter High School just won the APEX Exemplary School Award! What an honor. Of 5 schools who won this award in Knox County, Carter was the only high school! I just can’t tell you how proud I am to be able to share this information with you. So, I would like to explain how we won the award, what was necessary to reach those goals, and how we can continue on this path of excellence.



Cheryl Hickman, CHS principal

Achievement Gap
Closing the achievement gap entails pinpointing those students who are in subgroups that may not perform as expected. Subgroups include economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and ethnic groups. Our school data indicates that Carter High School has the lowest achievement gap of any high school in the county.

First, three factors determined which schools won the award-

1. Achievement of school goals
2. Most growth in closing the achievement gap
3. Highest teacher value added scores

All those factors may mean nothing to you, but they are the daily language of teachers here at Carter.

Schoolwide achievement

Each year our leadership team sets schoolwide achievement goals for our school. These goals are determined by the benchmarks set for us by the federal government. So, our goals include scores on English I and II, Algebra I, and Biology. They also include graduation rate. Last year, our student scores on these tests showed significant improvement. In addition, our graduation rate was 92.4%.

Value Added

The last consideration for this award was teacher value added scores. The scores are determined by results on benchmark tests. Teachers of those subjects are rated on a one to five scale as to how much growth their students have experienced. Carter High School received a “5” on schoolwide valued added scores.

I know that all this sounds like a bunch of gobbledegook....It is, however, what we live and die by in the world of education. What I would like to add is that

We consider each student and his or her needs.

Cheryl Hickman, principal

none of this, the award, the scores, or the recognition, would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the teachers at Carter High School. We make a concerted effort to focus on our goals with a laser like focus. We consider each student and his or her needs. We work tirelessly to move our students to a higher level.....All this work has helped earn this award.

Guidance counselors urge students to finish their college applications

With the fall semester coming to a close, seniors are beginning to think about college and what they want to do. College and scholarship applications are musts for scholars. Most 4-year colleges' deadlines have already passed, but for those wishing to attend 2-year institutions, there is still time to submit applications.

Most colleges like Pellissippi State or Walters State have deadlines in the spring. Students should not procrastinate and wait until the last minute. Submit applications now and get the process started.

For those planning on applying for the FAFSA scholarship, there will be a FAFSA workshop on January 10 from 4-7 PM in the computer lab where students and their parents can fill out the FAFSA together at the school.

Remember, completed applications should include letters of recommendation. Students should select family members who have seen their academic work and know their potential. School counselors are another great source for these letters. Make sure you give teachers plenty of time to get these prepared. Letter of recommendation request forms can be found in front of Mrs. Bennewitz's office.

A college application checklist can be found on Ms. Bennewitz's fusion page on the school website under the folder "Class of 2013 Important Documents." See Mrs. Bennewitz if you have any questions.

FAFSA
Federal Student Aid

Food City school bucks returns to Carter High School for the sixth consecutive year

Parents and teachers can help Carter High School by supporting Food City School Bucks Educational Program. Each student can get a copy of the program sheet displaying the school's ID and barcode information from the library.

Parents and teachers simply take the program sheet (or the barcode printed below) with them to Food City and while at the cash register, present the code to be scanned along with their Food City Value Card. This action will link the two together initiating this code each time the Value Card is used. Parents can also link this code to their Value Card online by visiting www.foodcity.com.

After registering, just Shop, Scan, and Save to earn school bucks to benefit Carter High School. Last year, the school made over \$500 dollars in points. The money was used to purchase new databases for the Carter High library. With help from parents, teachers, and other members of the Carter Community, they are hoping to exceed that amount this school year.



Operation Christmas Child helps to initiate the spread of Christmas cheer throughout Carter High School

Operation Christmas Child is a program giving people an opportunity to create a shoebox and provide Christmas for a child that otherwise might go without this season. Samaritan's Purse is the group that operates and distributes the shoe boxes while ministering to children before Christmas day.

The shoebox must contain appropriate items such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, hard candy, and toys for a specific gender and age group. Many people include a picture and letter in their shoebox to stay in contact with the child, and part of the time, letters are written back and forth between the two, which could continue for many years to follow.

Carter High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club sponsored the program this year and pre-purchased the shoeboxes. Each hivetime was given a chance to participate. This is Carter's ninth year working with this program. Seniors, Lorraine Todor and FBLA President, Kaitlin Suffridge, supervised the event.

The school's deadline for the shoeboxes was November 14th at which

time forty-eight boxes were given to Mrs. Sharp to deliver to the distribution point at the Knoxville Expo Center. Mrs. Sharp said, "This year freshman and seniors were the main contributors of the shoeboxes." FBLA is hoping to get the other classes more involved next year. For more information on how to get involved with Operation Christmas Child, contact Mrs. Sharp at: amanda.sharp@knoxschools.org.

REMEMBER!

**Return to school
January 8, 2013**

Don't be tardy!

**Have a safe and
enjoyable winter
break!**

Learning through Technology takes center stage in the Carter High Library

The Carter High Library has been an active center of technological creativity this semester. Classes have written countless research papers and crafted presentations on a variety of topics. Many teachers are incorporating technology into their lessons with the help of the Carter High Librarians. Some of the highlights of the semester include Mrs. Hawkins' Advanced



Emily Davenport,
Media Specialist

Art class using Evernote to create a research portfolio on a famous artist. Mrs. Norris's AP Language and Composition learned how to give a Presentation Zen-style persuasive speech. Mr. Glenn's AP Literature class designed Ignite-style presentations about famous poems. Students in both classes were challenged to speak about a topic without help from any words on the slides. Mrs. Strutz's Music for Listeners class utilized GarageBand to create their own musical compositions. Mrs. Stanton's Financial Planning class created Prezis and then published them on a classroom website using Weebly. Mrs. Lingerfelt's US History class created historical documentaries using iMovie.

Also, the Library's iPads have become popular addition to the school's instructional technology. Students

in Mrs. Baker's ecology class and Mrs. Riley's JAG class got to use the devices in their classes recently. In Mrs. Messer's Music for Listeners class, students used the iPads to research the works and biographical information of an artist of their choice to prepare an essay, poster, and class presentation on the artist and their works. Ms. Rosloniec uses the iPads for students to type research

papers in her own classroom if the library is unavailable.

Partly in thanks to the rapid growth of iPads, e-books are revolutionizing how students read and learn. The Library has a growing collection of ebooks available for students and teachers. "We have almost 100 e-books available for students to read online or download to a mobile device. They range from popular authors like Rick Riordan and Kristin Cashore to nonfiction titles that can be used in writing a research paper or exploring a topic like anatomy or ecology," says school librarian Mrs. Davenport. "I am really excited about the possibilities of e-books, and I hope our students and teachers will check them out."

Other happenings in the library include the return of the Carter High

Book Club. The club meets once a month to discuss a title. This month's selection is *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Past selections include *Witch Child* by Celia Rees and *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin. Any student interested in the book club is invited to talk to Mrs. Davenport for more information.

Three CHS advanced art students participate in the KMA Student Art Show

The seventh annual East Tennessee regional student art exhibition at the Knoxville Museum of Art began on November 23 and will end on January 13. This competition is for 6th to 12th graders to show off their artistic personality. Ms. Hawkins, art teacher at Carter High School, stated "the students really gave it their all this year." From her advanced art class, she chose three pieces of art to be entered into the show. They were from Hunter Chollman, Aaron Free, and Katelyn Janowicz.

The student who created the best-in-show artwork will be presented with a \$500 award and the honor of their artwork placed permanently in the Knoxville Museum of Art. For more information visit www.knoxart.com.

ACT Test Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Date
February 9	January 11
April 13	March 8
June 8	May 3

**Tutoring opportunities
available at
Carter High School!**

**Visit the Counseling Office
for more information!**

FAFSA

Federal Student Aid

WORKSHOP

**JANUARY 10, 2013
4:00-7:00pm**

CHS Computer Lab

Carter Corps News

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Second annual Carter High “CTE Goes Pink” has an even greater outcome than expected

The Carter High School Career and Technical Education department set a goal to raise more funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation than in previous years. This year several teachers of the CTE department collaborated and organized multiple events and fundraisers that took place throughout the month of October.

On October 1, the Susan G. Komen Foundation provided a mobile mammography and two nurses to give members of the Carter community a chance to get their annual mammogram. To encourage student buy-in, a car was provided for a car bashing contest during lunch, and students in Mrs. Flatford’s Cosmetology class painted the nails and styled the hair of breast cancer survivors. Mrs. Wade’s Nutrition and Foods class

prepared snacks and cupcakes to be sold, while Mrs. Stanton’s Desktop Publishing class created flyers to advertise the event. Mrs. Riley sold CTE Goes Pink t-shirts and pink-out t-shirts for the October 12 “pink-out” football game against Fulton High School.



CTE students offer beauty services to raise money

On October 26, CTE also held a dodgeball tournament where the JAG Allstars were named champions. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Flatford set up a “pink” table at every home football game throughout October to sell pink apparel. The representative for

the Susan G. Komen Foundation was at CHS on November 15 to receive a check for \$2,500. Mrs. Riley stated, “We couldn’t have raised the money we did without the students and the Carter community.” Next year they are hoping to have an even better turn out.

Carter Elementary scores in top 5% of Tennessee

Carter Elementary School scored in the the top 5% of 167 schools in Tennessee to earn the title of a “Rewards School.” The honor, awarded by the Tennessee Department of Education, is based on two areas of improvement: overall achievement and academic growth as a whole.

Carter received the award based on their overall growth as a school. The school’s principal, Shay Siler, says “We are very excited to be recognized as a Reward School for the state of Tennessee; our teachers have worked diligently and have collaborated to ensure positive student outcomes.”

Knox Co. Superintendent Dr. Jim McIntyre makes visit to Carter High School

Periodically throughout the school year, Knox County Superintendent Dr. Jim McIntyre visits different schools in the district to address any concerns the faculty may have. Dr. McIntyre normally holds these meetings with a small group of faculty, primarily no more than ten, to insure that attendees get all their questions answered.

These meetings are beneficial to both the faculty and the superintendent; they help the faculty to resolve issues, and they also help Dr. McIntyre see things from the perspective of the faculty.

Recently, Dr. McIntyre visited

Financial Aid night helps students prepare for post-secondary education options

On November 13th, Mrs. Bennewitz, counselor at Carter High School, held a meeting for students and their parents to provide them with information regarding financial aid opportunities and to answer any questions about the financial aid process.

Mrs. Bennewitz stated that the purpose of the meeting was “to inform students and their parents about financial aid options on post-secondary planning such as college, workforce, technical school, etc.” A T-SAC or Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation representative discussed how one could apply for scholarships, where the money comes from, and their dates and deadlines.

The representative also previewed the FASFA Night/Workshop coming up on January 10, 2013. This is a night where students and their parents can receive help from counselors on how to properly fill out their FASFA application that could provide them with additional scholarships.

Carter High School. At Carter, the most pressing issues were regarding the new initiative that all teachers must now take part in a weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meeting, end of course testing, and differentiating between TAP Cluster meetings and weekly PLCs. Mrs. Sharp attended the meeting and said that “it was very beneficial being able to voice [her] concerns and have questions answered.” Dr. McIntyre’s optimism and enthusiastic responses led to the attending teachers becoming more confident about the 2012-13 school year and the future of Knox County Schools.

Performing & Fine Arts

Carter musician accepted into All-East Tennessee Men's Choir

Brennan Sullivan, a senior at Carter, has been a member of the vocal music department and band program since his first day at Carter High School. Brennan has enjoyed being a part of the various vocal ensembles, including the elite CHS Ensemble during his tenure.



Brennan Sullivan

This year, all of his hard work paid off when he was accepted to participate in the East Tennessee Vocal Association's All-East Men's Choir. This choir is comprised of the best male voices from all over east Tennessee.

Brennan auditioned in October along with hundreds of other students and later received the news that his scores earned him a spot in the choir as a Bass II, the lowest vocal part. Hearing

Brennan speak, this came as no surprise.

This year's Men's Choir was led by University of South Carolina's Director of Choral Studies, Dr. Larry Wyatt. Brennan said, "This was my first experience ever singing in an all-male choir."

The choir performed in the new Clayton Fine Arts Center in Maryville on November 17 performing 7 selections, many in different languages.

Brennan stated about the performance, "I have never sung with a choir of that skill level. It was a brand new experience for me." Brennan encouraged all choir students at Carter High to audition so they can experience this for themselves.

Contestants return for third annual Carter Idol

Carter Idol is back for its third consecutive year with a bang. Mrs. Riley, CTE teacher at Carter high school, is in charge of the competition and said, "This competition exposes a lot of the talent that we have at Carter and allows others in the school and the community to hear and see that talent." The initial number of auditioning students this year was 19 which was narrowed down to 10 in the first round of competition on November 15.

The final round of the competition was on December 13 when Michaela Russell, Timmy Ellison, Jordan Dolan, Hayley Smith, Bri Hutchins, Elizabeth Benn, Lisa Richards, Sarah Hunter, Jordan Satterfield, and Destiny Hicks sang against each other for a chance to compete at Market Square during the Dogwoods Art Festival for the title of Knox County Idol. Hayley Smith will be representing Carter at the final round competition. The winner of this competition wins a one track record deal.

ATHLETICS

Two CHS Golfers qualify for State

The successful 2012 Golf season recently concluded. This year's team compiled a stellar 19-4 regular season record. The team also captured the District 3 A-AA Championship after winning the District Tournament at Whittle Spring, with senior Jake Mendenhall claiming the individual championship. Carter then continued their success at the Region 2A-AA Tournament



Jeremy Fultz concentrates on a putt during a match.

by claiming 2nd place, Jeremy Fultz, a junior, earned the Individual title. Both Fultz and Mendenhall qualified to play at the State Tournament, and Jeremy was tied for the lead after the first round of competition. He managed to cap his successful season by finishing twelfth overall. Coach Rudolph says, "the golf team and junior Jeremy Fultz are very excited to build on the year's success next year."

CHS Basketball strong in Tip-Off Classic

The 2012-2013 Carter Hornet Boys Basketball Team returns several players that had plenty of opportunities to see the court last year. This year's team hopes to make up for its small line up with "determination, execution, and hustle," says Head Coach Tony Buell. Carter will have several outside players returning from last year's team. However, the small lineup in the past will be where this team can make it or break it. The Hornets opened up the season in the Tip-Off Classic against Karns where they won 13-11. Opening the season will help the team to get rolling and gain momentum, as they look toward a winning season on the court.

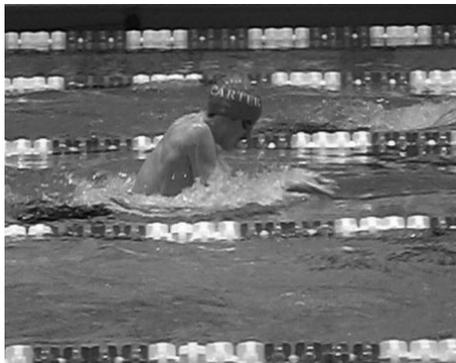
Carter High Hydro Hornets dive in strong

The Carter High Hydro Hornets 2012-2013 season is underway and going strong. Their first meet against Central was a strong showing for all swimmers, but they fell slightly short due to the team's lack of size. Even though the team's inexperience showed, they came through with some first place finishes including: Grant Burroughs in the 100m free, Phillip Carter in the 100m backstroke and 100m breaststroke, and Kaitlyn Cox in the 500m free and the 100m backstroke.

Since receiving their acceptance to swim on the team in 2006, the middle school swimmers have worked hard to prepare themselves for the rigors of the high school swimming ahead.

Coach Kate Walker says, "The team has made many improvements since the start of the season and we can continue to work hard so many of our swimmers can qualify for City and State."

Their next meet is on January 17 against the Powell Panthers at the Carson-Newman Maddox Student Activity Center. High school swimmers with the qualifying times will attend the KISL City-wide swim meet at the Allen Jones Aquatic Center on January 27th; the TISCA Sate swim meet is February 8-9, also at the Allen Jones Aquatic Center, for those select few who achieve the qualifying time necessary for participation. The team also urges high school and middle school students to join. They will take anyone who is willing to put in the effort needed to benefit the team.



Phillip Carter swims the 100 breaststroke.

Clayton Bank donates state of the art scoreboard to be showcased at home football games



The new scoreboard came to life for the first time at the Homecoming game against Gibbs.

After years of mishaps and malfunctions with Carter High School's football field scoreboard, Clayton Bank has come to the rescue with the donation of a new, state of the art, scoreboard sys-

Cross Country team includes three stand outs

The Carter High Cross Country team began a new era this year under the direction of first year coaches, Kevin Hurley and Jarrod Read. "This year was a rebuilding year for us, but we showed great improvement throughout the year," said Mr. Hurley.

This year's squad had thirteen members, and was led by Senior Kaitlyn Cox, and Freshman Brayden Fulton. The team participated in

Lady Hornets soccer team improves record

The Lady Hornets' Soccer team had a much-improved season this year, finishing with 6 wins, 8 losses, and 1 tie (6-8-1), a step in the right direction after last year's 0-12-2 record. This year, the Lady Hornets defeated district foes Fulton, Union County, Austin-East, and Grainger County. They also beat King's Academy and Harritan and tied Berean Christian Academy.

Head Coach Mark Proctor said, "This year's team had a great attitude. We had several games where we fought back to either tie or win the game. Even some of the games

tem. The new LED-based scoreboard is complete with two play clocks strategically placed on either side of the field and is controlled via wireless network.

Clayton Bank approached the Carter High Football Booster Club with the idea of donating the scoreboard in August. The proposal was accepted with no hesitation. The significantly larger score-

board lit up the field for the first time against the Gibbs Eagles on October 5th. The old scoreboard will be utilized in the future but its destination has not yet been determined according to Athletic Director Chad Smith.

several meets throughout East Tennessee. Kaitlyn posted an impressive 5K time 24:54, while Brayden's best time of the year was 18:18. Sophomore Robert Boatman said, "this has been a great season and I've really enjoyed spending time with this team." Mr. Hurley said, "I'm really proud of our teams accomplishments and am really looking forward to improving for the next season."

we lost we fought until the end. We had some great young players that made an impact and give us reason to believe that next year will be even better."

Junior Olivia Hosey and Senior Courtney Maples made the All-District first team, while Sophomore Kirby Hill and Junior Taylor Freeman made All-District second team. Olivia and Courtney also made the All-Region second team. Mr. Proctor stated, "The soccer team hopes to continue improvements into next year and plan on making a run in the district tournament and possibly having a shot at district."

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Carter Corps is bringing together students, parents, teachers, staff, administration and the Carter Community for the advancement of Carter High School. We know it takes everyone, actively involved, to make Carter High a safe, well-organized, and productive learning environment. Carter Corps is about getting information and getting involved in Carter High School!

Carter Corps News brings you the latest and greatest happenings at Carter High School in newsletter form.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS sent directly to your email keep you informed of the daily announcements at Carter High School. Make sure you are up to date with what students are hearing daily.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES abound at Carter High School. Email your child's teacher or call the main office to see what the needs are at Carter High. We would be glad to have you at our school!

**School Volunteers
Make the Difference!**

NOT GETTING ANNOUNCEMENT EMAILS??

If you are not getting the daily announcements or would like to be added to the list, please send an email to carter.corps@knoxschools.org and ask to be added. You will start receiving the Daily Announcements to your inbox the very next day. We want to keep everyone informed of the great things that are happening at Carter High School!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

21 End of 2nd 9 weeks
21 1/2 Day for Students
24 - Jan 4 Winter Holidays

January

7 Inservice/Student Holiday
8 First Day for Students
21 ... Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

February

4 Writing Assessment
5 End 4.5 Week Grading Period
18 Student Holiday

March

13 End 1st 9-week Grading Period
19 State-wide ACT
25-28 SPRING BREAK
29 Good Friday Holiday

April

1 Holiday
14 End 13.5 Grading Period