# CARTER CORPS NEWS

A Newsletter for Students, Parents, and Community Members Who Support Carter High School

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As graduation nears, seniors need to make sure that they have all of their supplies ordered. For full story, see page 4.

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### Carter High School Receives School Excellence Award for Second Consecutive Year



or the second year in a row, Carter High School has received the APEX School Excellence Award. This award is given to schools based on growth and the percentage of students achieving growth in school subject areas. A school must also achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in order to receive this award. All schools, including TAP schools, are eligible to receive this recognition. There are five awards for elementary schools, three for middle, and another three for high schools.

Carter has met the standards for achieving this award, and has become the only school in East Tennessee to receive this award twice in a row.

The school will use the benefits granted by the School Excellence Award, which is 10,000 dollars to support education. The 10,000 dollars that Carter has received in addition to the APEX award will be used for buying extra equipment and providing extra professional development for both teachers and students. The school is making future collaborative days for the school's teachers to plan out the continuation of their work.

Principal Ryan Siebe commented, "I'm both proud of the award and excited for the continued recognition of this great school. The APEX award is a sign of all of the hard work that goes on at Carter High School."

#### Class of 1984 Begins to Plan 30-Year Reunion

arter High School will be hosting a class reunion for the Class of 1984. The date will be posted later and more info can be found on the Facebook page, Carter High School 1984 (Strawplains), which will be updated regularly. Graduates could also send an email to either tina.eastrigde@

knoxschools.org or CHS1984class-reunion@gmail.com. More info can be found through these resources such as the cost, which can be handled through PayPal. Tina Eastridge, CHS Special ED teaching assistant, says, "We'd like to get in touch with as many classmates as possible if they could pass info around."

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#### **Scholarship Deadlines Around the Corner**

s deadlines for most scholarships fast approach, students must consider applying for them. Carter students have many options when it comes to what scholarships and financial aid to apply to. In the college and career center, Mrs. Hooper will help students in finding and applying to various schools and scholarships, and the counseling office will do their best to help. Many scholarships can be found on the bulletin board outside of senior counselor. Mrs. Sharp's, office in counseling and a few more are posted in the library. Mrs. Sharp commented, "If you have not been looking for scholarships you need to be doing that now. We have resources in the counseling office and on the counseling page of the school website to help." Come January 1st, students can apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA offers over \$150 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds every year for students who cannot afford college otherwise. Applications should be filed no later than February 1st, but greater amounts of financial aid are made available to those who apply

#### Yearbooks on sale now - order soon

rder your yearbook today! This year's Dial yearbook is on sale now for \$85. To order vour vearbook, see Mrs. Stanton in room 368 or order online at Jostens.com. Checks should be made out to Carter High School. The deadline is January 31. Olivia Hosey, coeditor of the yearbook, says "I'm excited about people seeing the yearbook, because we have really tried to include evervone in it in a special way this year. It's all about how unique our students are." Don't miss the opportunity to have your copy of this vear's vearbook.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Greetings Hornet Nation,

Our bountiful year continues and again I've realized again how lucky I am to be at Carter High School.

As you may remember, we were named a Reward School earlier this year by the state. We have now been named an APEX award school in Knox County for the second year in a row. The APEX award celebrates not only incredible student growth, but our ability to

close learning gaps between ethnic groups and between varying socioeconomic groups. In simple terms, all the students at Carter High School are learning at a high rate.



Ryan Siebe, CHS principal

through in the quality of instruction being implemented throughout the school.

This year the TAP Leadership Team has begun assisting our teachers in teaching text-based literacy strategies as part of the implementation of Common Core Curriculum. These strategies. well as the curriculum implementation, will allow our students to utilize greater critical thinking

skills and begin to show the students' reasoning behind choosing answers rather than simply bubbling in multiple choice answers as students have been asked to do in the past.

Implementation of Common Core

These continued awards and

continued growth demonstrate the quality incredible of the students and staff at Carter High. Additionally, these awards are a testament to the growth that our school has shown since implementation of the TAP Teacher

Advancement Program in the '11-'12 school year. The additional support for our teachers shows

The Carter way IS the best way.

Curriculum is not a problem at Carter High School. We already have the building blocks in place. The quality of instruction at Carter Ryan Siebe, High School is some principal of the best in the State of Tennessee. Both

the Reward School

and APEX awards are a testament to that fact. It's a great time to be a Carter Hornet!

#### Carter High NHS provides gifts for Angel Tree

ach year many people do-■ nate to The Angel Tree, among them are the members of Carter High School's National Honor Society. The Angel Tree is a program started in Knoxville in 1975 to provide underprivileged children with gifts for Christmas. Thirty-eight years later this program has spread to other cities and has given Christmas gifts to thousands of needy children who otherwise would have little or no Christmas. The program begins every year on the day after Thanks-

giving. Students of National Honor Society work together to provide a child with the gifts they ask for as well as extra gifts that have not been listed. Carter High School has participated for over 25 years. Anyone can get involved by picking up an angel from various locations, which can be found online at http://www.angeltree.info/locations.html. Due dates for gifts are posted at the location of the Angel Tree. Nate Ault said, "It was a fun, rewarding experience knowing we are giving to people in need."

#### Food City helps Carter High School Library for seventh year

Parents and teachers can help Carter High School by supporting Food City School Bucks Educational Program.

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. With help from parents, teachers, and other members of the Carter Community, they are hoping to exceed that amount this school year.

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### **Carter Corps News**

is produced by the Carter High School Media and Public Relations class. It is intended to inform parents and the community of the great things happening at Carter High.

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#### TN Achieves Scholarships Available

to increase higher education opportunities for Tennessee public high school students by providing last dollar scholarships with mentor guidance." It began in 2008 as "knoxAchieves," a program only for Knox County Schools, but due to its success, the program was made statewide. The goal of TN Achieves is to eliminate the hassle of tuition cost when a student decides to go to either a community or technical college. For those students who apply, they must complete eight hours of community service each semester of college, but the program has no GPA or ACT minimums to be eligible. According to the official website, "since the inception of tnAchieves, Knox County has experienced a 7.61 percent college-going rate increase." According to a former Carter High school student, "tnAchieves has given me the opportunity that will help me become anything I want in life."



# CHS wins Food Drive Challenge this year

This is Carter's third year competing to win the Second Harvest Food Drive against Grainger County and for the second year, Carter has beaten the Grizzlies in the competition. Carter ended up raising 5,307.6 total pounds of food. This averages to a donation of around 5.7 pounds per student at Carter High. By raising money and food donations, CHS was able to provide 3,991 meals for people



in need.
Blake Jackson, CHS
junior, has
contributed
the greatest amount
of food

all three years he has been here at Carter. Claire Adams, English teacher, had the most cans brought in per student and Lauren Adams, visual art teacher, had the most freshman participation in this event. Mrs. Sharp the organizer of the food drive says, "Big thanks to the students, staff and community for all the help and donations." – Go Hornets!

# CHS Library remains popular with students with new staff and many new additions

The Carter High School Library continues to be a popular place for students and teachers. So far, there have been thousands of student visits to the library over the past few months. The library is by far the busiest it has been in six years. Book circulation statistics are up, and the library staff is excited

that students want to be in the library to find books and use the computers. A familiar face is now in the library to greet students and teachers. Robin Nelson, the former College and Career Coordinator, is the new Library Assistant. Mrs. Nelson still has a pas-



Emily Davenport, Media Specialist

sion for finding students scholarships, so if you need help in this area, don't be afraid to stop by and ask.

Another new addition to the library is Carter High's very own Little Free Library. This is a small wooden structure built by Construction Core teacher Greg Jones's class in May 2013. It fea-

tures an ever-changing collection of free books that students and teachers may take, or leave for others to have, if they desire. The Little Free Library's motto is "Take a Book, Return a Book." For more information on this, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

#### Carter Idol competition coming back to CHS on January 16

This year's annual Carter Idol will be held on January 16th, Thursday, at 6 P.M. in the CHS auditorium. The CHS Career Technical Education (CTE) Department hosts Carter Idol and there is no cost this year. The performers this year are Elizabeth Benn, Aaron King, Bryce Massy, Kayla Newman, Nate Paul, Lisa Richards, Ronnie Rogers, Micaela Russell, and Alisha Smith. Judges for this year's contest are Abby Ham, WBIR anchorwoman on 10News Today and Fox 43, and Mike Witcher WBIR broadcast meteorologist, and the CTE department will also have a third judge who would be a local music professional. Last year, Carter introduced another branch of the judging system for Carter idol, the text to vote system. It was very successful last year and will be used again at this year's performance. Not only do the performers get judged by three in-house judges, but the audience



The 2013 CHS winner, Hayley Smith, entertains the crowd at Market Square

#### a cool reason to come and support the local talent in the Carter Community." Seniors order supplies as Graduation nears

also gets to participate and voice

their opinion on their favorite Carter

Idol. The audience is given a number

to vote for the winner and the votes

are tallied. While this process is go-

ing on, Last year's Carter Idol winner,

Haley Smith, will perform for the au-

dience. Mrs. Natalea Riley. Jobs for

Tennessee Graduates Specialist and

Marketing teacher, states, "Carter

Idol is a time to do something fun at

our school and the text to vote gives

niors! Graduation is approaching fast and each student must be sure to be prepared for May 15th. Before school breaks for Christmas several things must be taken care of. Each student needs to make sure they have ordered their gap and gown and either ordered or have plans to order their graduation invitations and thank-you cards. Seniors who are graduating early must also be sure to take care of all financial obligations before leaving school on December 19. If you want to order a class ring, you should do so very soon to ensure it gets here by graduation. Senior Anna Gagnon said, "Ordering my cap and gown made it feel real! Graduation is coming a victory against McMinn fast!" Remember graduation is less than 5 months away!

#### An Exciting 2013 Spirit Week & Homecoming

arter students showed their week before homecoming by dressing in their best spirit week attire. Monday was 'Merica Day, Tuesday Dynamic Duo. where students dress as a famous couple or group, Wednesday was Wild West Day, Thursday was throw-



Students participate in Dynamic Duo Day

back Thursday, Friday was Spirit Day. Senior, Jordan Satterfield, says "Spirit week is always a fun way to kick off the school year. This year's spirit week was so much fun and getting to go to the ball game on Friday night made it even better." Following Spirit week was the homecoming football game. The CHS Alumni Choir sang the Alma Mater and Star Spangled Banner directed by Dr. Sonny Melton, former choir legend. A total of 21 girls that walked on the field and represented Carter High and various clubs from the swim team to the Art department. The grand total from all the homecoming candidates was \$30,904.20. Second run-

ner up was Alicia Smith representing CDC-A. First runner up was Hannah McGill representing baseball. The homecoming Queen, representing the band, was Marena Allen, crowned by last years queen, Samantha Childress. To follow all the success, the Carter High Football team took Central.

#### Students At Carter High Participate In Operation Christmas Child

very year Carter High School participates in Operation ■Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child was started by Samaritan's Purse in 1993 and is celebrating twenty years of offering Christmas to needy children around the world. Everyone who participates in this yearly event puts together a shoebox full of items for children in need worldwide. Some of the items that are suggested to enclose are: Toys, school supplies, hygiene items, clothing items, and a personal note.

Also included with your shoebox should be a \$7 donation to pay for shipping. Collection Week for the boxes this year was during the week of November 18. This year Carter High School was able to contribute to Operation Christmas Child by donating over sixty shoeboxes to children in need all over the world. Amanda Sharp, teacher at Carter High School and organizer of Operation Christmas Child was thrilled to have so many students participate.

# Performing & Fine Arts

#### **Guys & Dolls has Successful Opening Night**

In mid December the Carter High School musical theatre cast and crew presented "Guys and Dolls". Guys and Dolls is set in the 1920's and is filled with sharp dressers, high rollers, and betting machines. The cast has been working since mid September on developing their characters, acting,

that they have never practiced before and precede to act out the piece of the script for a panel of judges.

Auditions were a three-day process and the casting list was posted at the end of the last audition day. When asking director Jessica Strutz her thoughts on the cast and show she said, "I cant believe how much

they have grown since they auditioned for the class February. They have all grown not only as a group but individual performers as well. " Though the cast play big roll in



Members of the final scene of "Guys & Dolls" outside the 'Save-a-Soul' Mission Set.

choreography, and singing. While the crew has been working on the set, costumes, props, lighting and much more. The show ran over a course of three days December 12, 14, and 15. Many families and community members came out to support the show. The tight-knit class went through many trials and tribulations during the months before the show. Auditions for the main and supporting rolls were held not long after their Musical Revue in September. When auditioning cast members had to sing either a selection from Guys and Dolls, or another selection that was approved by Mrs. Strutz. After the singing portion of the auditions cast members were put into groups and did several dry readings. Dry readings are mini acting sessions in which cast members are given a section of dialogue from the script

making the musical, people often forget about the people behind the scenes, or in this case behind the wings. Carter High School is one of the only schools in Knox County that has a stage tech class along with a musical theatre class. The stage tech class is lead by Mrs. Strutz. You may be thinking, "What is stage tech?" A stage tech class is made up of separate groups that all play a major roll in producing the musical. The class consists of costume crew, set crew, and business crew. These three groups are the brains of the operation. Mrs. Strutz added, "The cast is very important, but the techies are who help the musical run smoothly in many different aspects, therefore; they are just as important as the cast." She continues, "I could not be happier with the outcome of the

# Carter Indoor Drumline Returns as a "Mirage"

The marching season has come to a close, with its close marks the beginning of the CHS concert band, and the CHS indoor drumline. When concert band begins, students transfer from moving on a football field while playing loud, accented music, to sitting down and playing more balanced sound on a stage before an audience. However, when the indoor drumline season begins, it is completely percussion and movement oriented.

The Carter High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble is under the direction of Mr. Chuck Brock, the CHS Director and director of head of percussion for the Carter Band. He has been a part of and worked with drumlines for over a decade, and he has been rather tenacious in the Carter drumline's progression. In short time, the percussion group has had consistent success. It is currently in its fourth year and has already won two 1st place in the Carolina Indoor Percussion Association (CIPA) Championships, and had the distinct opportunity to go to the WGI Indoor Percussion Championships at Dayton, Ohio in 2013. They are now starting from scratch with their new show, "Mirage."

As the name suggests, this show's focus is based around a nomad's struggles in the desert, suffering from lack of water and vivid hallucinations. At the end of the show, the nomad(s) find a bountiful source of water and proceed to enjoy it to the fullest. The show will be roughly five and a half to six minutes in length and will include three movements.

Chuck Brock summarized, "We have done very well for the past three years, but my goal is for us to be promoted to Open Class." This is complemented by the fact that this class is the usual ranking for the Box Six show of "Mirage." Carter began in A-Class and was quickly promoted to A-advanced. They now hope to be placed in Open class early in the season.

Their practice has already begun, and they will be performing in five competitions in 2014.

#### Carter Band Places TOP TEN in TN with Pearl Harbor Show

The afternoon of November 2, was a tense and rainy one as the Carter High School Marching Hornet Band quietly headed

over to the back gate entrance of the Independence High School football field. All of the practice, sweat, stress, and preparation that had gone into to developing their 2013 show had come to this.

Mr. McCurry, the Director of Bands, did not simply design the § 2013 marching show to entertain people to the point of cheers, tears, and standing ovations, the band had been working on the Seventh Day of December with the purpose of becoming a highly Band members listen intently in the show as competitive show.

On the morning of Saturday, November 2, the Carter band departed on three coach buses for the three hour-long trip to Nashville. There, they would perform for judges and spectators with the hope of becoming a Top Ten finalist in the Tennessee Division II State Marchina Championships.

Upon arrival, the band students eagerly waited while the 22 other preliminary bands performed. The CHS Marching Hornets took the field at 3:00 for their preliminary performance, which was done very well. Following



the December 7th announcement is made.

the last preliminary performance, hundreds sat on the edge of their seats awaiting the announcement of which bands would go on to finals round performance. After a few introductions and scholarship awards, the Top Ten finalists were announced. All bands were given their ratings, where the Carter Band would receive an overall Superior rating, the highest possible.

When the words Carter High School were announced, cheers and clapping erupted over the Middle Tennessee high school grounds. As best described

> by Ms. Kristin Arp, "We were all super excited, and the celebration that followed was well justified for an incredible season." Band members hugged each other with the revelation that, for the first time, Carter High School was one of the Top Ten bands in the state of Tennessee.

> The band re-entered field for their 8:00pm Finals Round performance following competitor, McNairy High School. After eight other marching shows, the awards for Finals commenced at 11:00. Carter again received a

Superior in Band Performance, Color Guard, and Field Commander, as well as a final score of 82.88. Reggie Coleman was also recognized with a trophy for third place best soloist in the finals competition. With a long, twenty-three hour day over, the Carter High Marching Hornets returned to Strawberry Plains for a long rest after finally achieving a long awaited goal.

#### Carter students represented in Art Show

his year many Carter High students entered their best pieces into the East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition. The show runs from November 29 to January 12 at the Knoxville Museum of Art and includes student work from grades 6-12 to from 20 counties. The KMA is open from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. from Tuesday to Saturday and 1 to 5 P.M. on Sunday for anyone to go view the show. Out of all of the pieces submitted two got in, one from Lindsey Fisher and one from Alyson Sliger. This is great especially when considering the fact that only 300 out of 3,000 entries were chosen for the exhibition. Art teacher, Mrs. Andrea Hawkins, said, "I have really challenged my students this semester with their art projects and I am really glad the committee recognized the quality of work that the students produced."

#### Carter Winterguard season gets F-I-E-R-C-E

arter High School's Winter Guard had audition prep clinics on November 7th and 12th and tryouts were hosted on the 13th. The 2013-2014 Season performers are Caroline Coppock, Kaylie Dees, Katie Dyer, Briana Gaylor, Kayla Hoffer, Destini Maples, Hannah McGann, Lacy McMillan, Tori McNish, Amber Meese, Rachel Stoutt, Kannedi Thomas, Karen Thompson, Ashley Underwood, and Rachel Witt. The rifle and saber line will be auditioned later in the season. The winter guard began practicing on November 28th on Tuesdays and thursdays from 4-7 until January. Throughout January, there will be staging camps to learn this year's show themed, "fierce," The guard will be showing their tribal, animalistic side and will have voiceovers that explore the characteristics of tigers on the hunt in the wild. CHS Colorguard instructor, Kristina Seabolt, commented "I am proud of the direction that Carter Guard

is heading toward. As a program we are aiming toward a higher demand in training, choreographing, and presentation, a goal that will lead to a higher level of competition, achievement, and understanding of perseverance. I have seen this group grow extensively in the past two years, and I expect to see that growth continue this season." The guard competes in scholastic regional A-class and will begin competitions on January 25th at Dobyns-Bennett HS. The following competitions are on March 8th at Gibbs HS. On March 15th the CHS Indoor Drumline will host a Drumline competition and the winter guard will perform in exhibition before the awards are given. The winter guard will be building their show to CIPA championships on March 29 at Western Carolina University. After that performance there will be a home show for the CHS Indoor Drumline, Winter Guard, and CMS Winter Guard to show the community their final product

#### CHS Football goes 9-2 in exciting season

The Carter High School football team did an exceptional job this year by going 9-1 in regular season play with wins over Gibbs, Cocke county, Pigeon Forge, Austin-East, South-Doyle, Union County, Mc-Minn Central, Gatlinburg-Pittman Grainger County. The fightand ing Hornets fell in the last game of the season to Fulton High after a hard fought game. The Hornets then moved on to post-season play but were not able to conquer Sullivan South in the first round of TSSAA 4A play-offs. Head Coach Heath Woods said, "I'm proud of how we did overall, I wish we could have gone farther, but that's okay."

#### CHS Runnin' Hornets start strong

he Carter High School Runnin' Hornets has had a strong start in their 2013-2014 season. The team is coached by new hire, Joseph Boydstone. The results of the Runnin' Hornets' practicing has been dramatic by high school standards with a current 6-1 win-to-loss ratio, a #2 ranking in the district, and a game score average of 93.8 per game. The crowds have been outstanding, as many fans have come to see these high-scoring games for themselves. Coach Boydstone had this to say: "This season has only begun, but I'm confident that these young men are going to do well." For more information, visit the Carter High School Athletics Webpage regarding the team and scheduling.

#### 2013 BB Varsity Schedule (Remaining Games)

Dec 19-21...... Gatlinburg Christmas Tour. Dec 27-30...... Seymour Christmas Tour.

Jan 7	Pigeon Forge (H)
Jan 10	Austin-East (H)
Jan 13	Gibbs (H)
Jan 14	. Berean Christian (A)
Jan 17	Fulton (A)
Jan 21	South Doyle (A)
Jan 23	Sweetwater (H)
Jan 25	Central (H)
Jan 28	Union County (A)
Jan 31	Gibbs (A)

Feb 4	Gatlinburg=Pittman (H)
Feb 7	
Feb 11	Berean Christian (H)
Feb 14-19	District @ Union County
Feb 22	Region Tournament
Feb 25-28	Semi-Finals @ Alcoa High
March 12-15	TSSAA State Tournament

For more scheduling information, please visit:

boysvarsitybasketball. carterhs.knoxschools.org

#### Softball Tryouts soon with new head Coach

he Carter High Softball team has started the vear off with a new head coach, Mike Cox. Coach Cox coached once Central High School in Knoxville. The team has started workouts and looking forward to a great season. They have batting practice connects with the ball. - Go Hornets!



CHS Softball player

two days of week and another two days of the week is dedicated to conditioning. The head coach always tells the girls, "There is two things you can control and that is attitude and effort." They are holding tryouts on February 10th at Carter Park.



The CHS Football Team breaks through the banner during pregame at the Austin-East game



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### WHAT IS CARTER CORPS?

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, login to your SchoolFusion account and select receive email notifications under preferences. 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**

<b>December</b> 20 End of Second Semester 23-Jan 3 Winter Break
January
6 Administrative Day
7 First Day for Students
20MLK Day (Holiday)
February
3-7Writing Assessment
7 End of Grading Period
17Student Holiday
March
13 End of Grading Period
14Student Holiday
17-21 Spring Break
April
18 & 21Student Holidays
23End of Grading Period