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New Club at CHS This Semester: Robotics

The Robotics Club is an after-school program hosted by Mr. Adamson in his classroom, 622. He just started it this semester. They will be building and programming robots to do certain things and then enter them into the VEX Robotics competition. The club currently has 7 students but they wish to have more since the competition teams have to be 5-6 members. I asked him why he decided to start the Robotics Club, and he replied, "Before I became a teacher, I did quite a bit of programming

and electronics work. Those skills transferred surprisingly well to many seemingly unrelated aspects of life (concisely communicating ideas, giving instructions, practical problem solving, etc). In addition, the operation of a robotics club requires students to exercise important social skills (marketing, team work, leadership, fundraising). This club gives the students at Carter another avenue to develop these skills in a context outside of the classroom." The club is going to be competing at

VEX Competitions.(2019-20) They will mostly be working with VEX Robotics products. That includes the hardware needed to construct the robot and the software used to program, and operate the robot. I also asked how they got the equipment for the program and he said, "We were lucky enough to qualify for a grant that covered our startup costs and equipment." If you are interested in joining the robotics club you can talk to Mr. Adamson in Room 622 in the freshman academy.

DECA Club at CHS Gives Students an Opportunity to Use Marketing Skills, Volunteer with Operation Christmas Child

DECA stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America. To put it in a nutshell, it is related to all types of basic marketing: sports and entertainment marketing, travel, tourism and entrepreneurship expertise. It gives the students of Carter High and other schools a chance to put to use the marketing skills they have learned in class, or marketing skills they are naturally aquired with through competitions, leadership conferences, and service projects. It is also preparing emerging student leaders and entrepreneurs for college and careers. It is not too late to join the club. A student can join DECA for the 2019-2020 school year by attending a meeting before the end of October or going to room 324 to discuss obtaining your membership

with Mrs. Wilson, the sponsor. The meetings are held once a month at 8:05 in room 324. Mrs. Wilson said, "Members are able to network with other students interested in business. DECA club at CHS is participating in Operation Christmas Child and encouraging first period classes to bring in filled shoe boxes with small items for underprivileged children. DECA will also sponsor a breakfast for the first period class that fills the most boxes!" The deadline for these boxes is November 22. A previous member of DECA said, "I encourage all students to join DECA it is a lot of fun, and has many enjoyable activities." In conclusion, DECA allows students to become more familiar with the world of business and allows students to grow in leadership skills.



Above: The national seal for DECA shows the organization's values of Marketing, Finance, Hospitality, and Management.

Correction: In Issue 11 of the CarterCorps News, the article "In Mock Trial Students Learn: THE LAW" said that Mr. Martinez is the Mock Trial sponsor. However, the article did not give the whole picture, as Ms. Wimer and Mr. Peters are also sponsors. We regret the error.

Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Movie Review: *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*

By Maya Piper

With so many movies and TV shows to choose from thanks to streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu, it isn't always easy to find the good content in a sea of bad, so upon the release of the Netflix original, *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*, my attention was definitely caught on the diverse cast and relatable concept. After watching the movie fully on numerous occasions and binging it with my friends, it's easy to claim that director Susan Johnson's Netflix Original is the summer film all teenagers were waiting for. By including an inclusive and diverse cast and wonderful production values, Johnson's created a binge-worthy movie to spend your Saturday night on. Although some may argue the movie follows unrealistic ideals for teenagers, the personalities shown and the awkward-but-educational moments that Lara Jean (played by Lana Condor) experiences, I'd counter that by saying it is a more accurate film than most before it. Lara Jean, the main pro-

tagonist, promotes the idea of growing, changing, learning how to love, and navigating the ropes of high school. She teaches the idea that sometimes you just have to step out of your comfort zone to welcome a world of opportunity and relationships, a message many teenage movies forget to focus on. While a wonderfully romantic movie filled with good humor, it also has meaning to it, something I know I and many other teenagers want more of. The cliché and overpopularized romance shows and productions have long since been outdated, and 2018 was welcoming something way more. Lara Jean gets stuck in an unfavorable situation when all of her love letters she wrote gets mailed to every boy she's ever had feelings for. She navigates this chaotic event all the while, handling the loss of her mother and possibly learning a bit more about love. Lara Jean isn't your static cliché character, she has dimension and she carries that throughout the movie. Where many movies before have failed

through the use of teenage-tropes and cheesy/impractical romances, *To All The Boys I've Loved Before* contrasts all expectations of a high school love story, making it easily one of the best highschool movies that teenagers everywhere can relate to.



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Opinion: Vending Machines Are Essential

By Katrina Hillard

Are vending machines serving an important purpose in school, or are they just being abused? Some people dismiss the vending machines as just being full of junk food, but actually, they are a great resource for the school. The vending machines at Carter High School are accessible to everyone in the school. Even visitors can use them if they please. No, not everyone has to use them, but they are available to your services. Carter High School is a lucky school to have vending machines. Vending machines are useful in schools so kids can find something to eat; some kids do not eat the school lunch that is provided, so they tend to get things out of the vending machines and snack on that. Vending machines didn't exist in the schools up until the 1950s. Some people may not

think they are good because some may think they are only encouraging students to eat junk foods. However, the federal regulations have gotten rid of the worst junk foods in school vending machines and only are allowed to put in things that have calorie, fat, sugar, and sodium limits to them. They are very useful for when someone doesn't eat lunch or breakfast, so it keeps them going. Plus, some profits from the vending machines go to the school so that CHS also gets some resources out of the machines. So overall, it is a win-win situation for everybody. The vending machines play an important role here at CHS.

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