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Carter Wrestling Prepares for 2020-21 Season

The Carter High School Wrestling team's season is approaching, so they're hard at work on the mat. Led by Coach Tim Free and the current team captain, Austin Weir, the team looks very promising, as they have in the past. The team consists of a small but hard-working group of 9 wrestlers who have been grinding as hard as possible to get ready for the upcoming wrestling season. And, the wrestlers themselves are enthusiastic about the year. Dahentay Pope, one of the team's 195lbs wrestlers says, "I'm excited! I've learned a lot more moves since last season that I've wanted to try out." Not only are they ready to wrestle, but they're also excited to win, too! Despite their small number of people, some have got skill on their side. When asked about any possible upcoming state qualifiers, Coach Tim Free said, "I think Austin and our

newest wrestler, Jai, are going to do great. We're also expecting a few football players coming in, so hopefully we'll have more." Last season, Carter had 6 wrestlers qualify for state, proving that the team has what it takes to do so again. That said, the wrestling team is always looking for more people to join. Anyone, any orientation can join. Tim Free's reason as to why he recommends wrestling is: "Well, you make a lot of good, long-term friends in wrestling. It's also the most physically demanding sport you can participate in during your high school years, so you're bound to get in shape. A lot of my kids tell me that wrestling has really helped with their anger." You can **send Coach Tim Free an email at tfree@utk.edu if are interested in wrestling.** With the season being just a month and a half away, everyone is excited for the matches and to see the wrestlers throw each other.



Above: These members of the CHS wrestling team made the all male 2019 state qualifiers last year.

2020-21 Wrestling Schedule

Nov. 24 @Carter 5:30
Dec. 1 @Carter 5:30
Dec. 4 @Catholic 5:00
Dec. 8 @Fulton 5:30
Dec. 11 @Farragut 5:00
Dec. 15 @Fulton 5:30
Dec. 17 @Carter 5:30
Dec. 19 @William Blount 5:30
Dec. 29 @Gibbs 5:30
Jan. 5 @Cocke County 5:30
Jan. 7 @Seymour 5:30
Jan. 8 @Anderson County 5:30
Jan. 12 @Pigeon Forge 5:30
Jan. 14 @Union County 5:30
Jan. 15 @Farragut 5:30

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Opinion: Enrichment Is Unnecessary

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How would you feel about getting out of school at 3:00? Taking enrichment out of the school schedule would allow a shorter school day for students. Along with getting out at 3:00 students would still be completing their normal classes as usual. At Carter High, enrichment class is at the end of the day from 3:00 until 3:30 when students get to go home. At the end of the day, students go to different classes depending on their schedule. For example, on Monday's students go to their first period class and on Tuesday's students go to their second period class and so on. Senior Aashna Desai gives the typical student perspective, explaining, "In enrichment, we all mainly just play on our phones or talk to our friends. You rarely see anyone do-

ing homework because we are all so tired and ready to go home." If enrichment gets taken out of the school schedule, it will allow students to have more free time after school to do things they need to get done for the day such as: homework, sport practices, and work. Senior Ploomie Messer, one of the band majors and who participates in extracurricular activities, says, "It would be nice to get out of school at 3:00 because I usually always have a busy schedule after school." Most stress in students is caused by school, so if we remove enrichment then students would get extra time to relax and have a break from school. Aashna Desai also explains, "School is just so long and stressful that sometimes I feel like I never get a break." Many students leave early during the school day

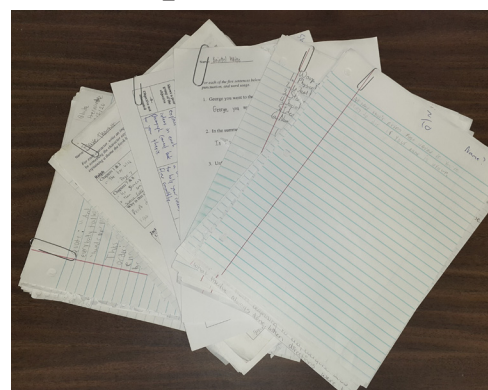
anyway because they do not want to stay the whole time, so getting rid of enrichment could even cause an increase in student attendance rates. If students know they will be going home at 3:00, then it will be less likely to cause them to want to ditch school or get signed out. Some claim enrichment is helpful in some ways by providing extra time to catch up on school work, time to catch up with your friends, or to ask your teacher about class/home work. But removing it from the school schedule can allow more free time for students, relieves stress, and increase the student attendance rate, which would be more beneficial. Enrichment is unnecessary because it causes less free time for students to do extra activities, increases stress, and decreases the student attendance rates.

Are Paper Assignments Going Away for Good?

Paper assignments in class may be going away due to health regulations. This may also be caused by students now all having personal laptops and access to the internet. Mr. Adamson, a science teacher here at Carter High School, stated, "The Chromebooks have mostly been a blessing. There's a plethora of fantastic online resources for science classrooms, so the Chromebooks enable the use of these resources without displacing the entire class to the computer labs. Additionally, certain research tasks are made simpler when every student has access to the internet." Now, due to some students being completely virtual, many teachers put most work assignments and homework online. This reduces person-to-person contact by making it so teachers don't have to hand out assignments to students and can just do it virtu-

ally. When Mr. Adamson was asked about the circumstance that paper assignments disappear and switch to online, this was his response: "Most elements of classroom operation will be streamlined (like organization, submissions, and grading) with the removal of paper assignments, but that streamlining comes with some costs. I have noticed that a not insignificant portion of my time is spent doing tech support, but I'm hypothesizing that portion will decrease over time. The onus of responsibility has shifted more on the student as well. Before, I had a stash of pencils and paper if a student forgot to bring supplies, but I can't order a box of Chromebook chargers on amazon prime in case a student forgets to charge their device. This isn't a bad thing, just something that requires adjustment."

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Above: Old paper assignments from students--will these stacks become a thing of the past?