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Profile: Ms. Sharp Shows Dedication on All Fronts

In the fall of 2019, Carter High School welcomed a new English teacher and colorguard/winterguard coach with open arms: Ms. Alicia Sharp. She joined the Carter family originally to take over the colorguard and winterguard coaching position but was soon offered a teaching job for junior English. One of the things that Ms. Sharp is most recognized for is her fun and inviting classroom. She chose to set up her room with open seating, which means practically no desks. Upon entering her classroom, you will see welcoming tables and comfy chairs, along with a remarkably comfortable couch. This isn't just for looks though: "There's research that shows that comfortable environments and flexible seating can promote student engagement and learning," Ms. Sharp explains, "so when I came to Carter I wanted to give it a shot, and Ms. Messer was supportive! It's important to me that my classroom is

inviting and warm," Ms. Sharp explains. This is just one of the many reasons why students consider Ms. Sharp to be a fantastic teacher. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, she has a very important role in the Carter High Marching Band. Not only is she the head coach and director of the colorguard and winterguard, she is also the Visual Coordinator (someone who makes sure the show that is performed looks professional and is visually pleasing) for the band. She works alongside her coworker of six years and close friend Mr. Milligan. They consider themselves a team, and he says that it wouldn't be the same without her. Mr. Milligan says, "I think she understands young people, and how to treat them." Other than being an outstanding teacher, Ms. Sharp is also considered by her coworkers to have an amazing personality and is said to be a great friend. She manages to balance school, teaching, a family,

a color guard and a marching band all at once. She claims her secret to be her planner, which she says keeps her sane. She has two adorable kids, Atticus and Elliot, who she says are her biggest inspiration for moving forward. Altogether, Ms. Sharp is a kind, generous person who puts everyone else above herself.



Above: Mrs. Sharp tosses a color guard flag

Students Disappointed by Lunch Beverage Changes

Carter High School has removed the juice from lunch this semester. Last semester the students had apple and grape juice at lunch and now all students have is milk. Students have things to say about it. A student named Kaitlyn (who wishes to only go by her first name) says she was very upset because now there's not enough to drink at lunch. She said, "I don't feel like the milk is enough for me to drink during lunch." What about the people who are allergic to milk?

Kaitlyn wonders. What are they supposed to drink? They have nothing to drink for 20-30 minutes. But many people don't even drink or eat school lunch so many students might not realize the issues this change might cause for others. For example, a student named Landon (who also only wants to go on the record with his first name) said he didn't care about if there was juice because he doesn't even eat the school lunch. But for everyone else, now there's less to drink in the cafeteria.



Above: Milk is now the only beverage option served in the cafeteria.

Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Album Review: Taylor Swift's New Album *Folklore* is Amazing

After winning the American Music Artist of the Decade, Taylor Swift proved herself to be an even greater artist when she produced her newest album *folklore* (written intentionally in lowercase). This album is full of love, wonder, and suspense. Swifties were definitely surprised by the release of this album. *folklore* has various songs that all include love, revenge, wonder, and mystery. This album includes alternative music that is well written by Taylor Swift herself. A few of her popular songs from this album are, "the 1," "cardigan," "the last great american dynasty," "my tears ricochet," and "betty." The video for "cardigan" really gets you in the mood of the song by making you relate to the words and feel different emotions throughout the song. These songs include the overview of the

main idea of love and wonder in the album. This is the first time Swift has released an album in a one year span without giving hints or clues that she is coming out with another album. This album is more sentimental and relatable than her other albums which makes this album unique and one of her best. *folklore* is well written and sung by Taylor Swift along with a few other artists, making you intrigued to the songs that will have you screaming the lyrics by the end of the album. This album goes to prove how great Swift's vocal abilities are and how great of an artist she is. Although I was uneasy about this album when I first listened to it, feeling like it was too slow and sentimental at times, it grew on to me. Overall, *folklore* is just what swifties needed: an album full of every emotion that could be experienced. Not

only has Swift written an amazing album, but she has also won many awards including: American Music Award for Favorite Female Artist Pop/Rock, American Music Award for Artist of the Year and more. She truly is an artist of the decade.

Review by Bailey Watson



Custodian Chris Lane: An Overlooked Foundation of the School

Chris Lane is Carter High School's new custodian of six months. A typical day in his life starts 4:30 AM as he makes his way to the school. The first thing he does is take out all the trash and sweep the floors. Lane then gets started on the bathrooms, cleaning up the previous day's filth. Once the students start to file in after their routine temperature checks, Lane begins serving breakfast, the most important meal of the day. Afterwards he cleans the lunch tables. Now, Lane does not leave the school until 1:30 PM, so the man is not done yet. He serves the students lunch and aids the other custodians in cleaning up the mess from the hoarde. Once it is 1:30, strictly 1:30, Chris Lane exits the building and heads home "No matter what, I'm walking out that door at 1:30," he says. At first

glance, all these routines seem like a lot, which they are, but all his hard work pays off (literally). Custodians are given paid holidays, vacations, and sick days. Lane has been a custodian for four years as of right now, working hard in many other schools just like he is at Carter.



Above: Custodian Chris Lane

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