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Two CHS Seniors Look Back on Their Time in Band

The Carter High School Band has been progressively more successful throughout the last four years. In the band there are different sections depending on instrument. Carter Corps News interviewed Sadie Coffee and Karter Smiddy, both seniors in the band. Each of these ladies plays different sections in the band. Karter plays trumpet and mellophone, which is a part of the brass family, and Sadie plays clarinet, which is a part of the woodwind family. As a senior looking back over her four years in band, Karter said she would tell upcoming band members, “Stay motivated, practice, and step over your boundaries. If you see a piece of music you don’t understand, study it, don’t give up and push yourself to be able to

play it. Practice quite literally makes perfect.” Sadie added to that and said, “Never give up, even if you’re burning up outside marching. It’ll be all worth it in the end when you get that trophy at competitions.” Sadie also said, “The hardest part about playing an instrument isn’t getting



the sound; it’s keeping the rhythm and staying in tune with everyone else.” Lastly the girls were asked to share what’s their favorite memory

with the band throughout the years, Sadie said, “It was at the Carter and Gibbs game when we performed at halftime and the student section and football team came and danced with us after we won!” Karter says hers is “Sophomore year, at the foothills classic competition held at Seymour. We were given the title of grand band champions and placed 1st in everything.” She has another favorite memory, which goes along with Sadie’s: “My senior year at the Gibbs game when after the football team won the game, the football team and the student section came over to the band and they got super hype as we played our stand tunes for them. The environment was honestly amazing and we’ve never felt so loved by our school and community.”

More Than a Principal: Angie Messer

While there are some who know Mrs. Messer as a friend, family, acquaintance, most people know of her as the Carter High School head principal, for example, Mrs. Gilbert has known her professionally for almost 10 years, most of which was as a fellow teacher when she was in the middle school, but more recently as our principal. In these 10 years, Mrs. Gilbert has also taught two of Mrs. Messer’s children, describing them as very self-motivated with great grades. She also says this about her work relationship with Mrs. Messer: “We get along well, I feel comfortable talking with her when I need to.” But Mrs. Messer is more than just a principal. She also has quite the life

out of school. She has a big family, with five siblings and three children herself! She’s always having family gatherings; whether it’s birthdays, celebrations, or holidays, she is always asked to bring her mashed potatoes. She says while they may be easy to make, her family loves them. When not cooking from home, Mrs. Messer’s restaurant of choice would be Carrabba’s: a nice Italian cafe near Cedar Bluff. She would recommend the Mezzaluna, a traditional Italian pasta dish consisting of stuffed pasta with their tomato cream sauce. And we all like to relax at home watching TV sometimes, and while Mrs. Messer is mostly busy with the school, when she decides to sit down for some TV she enjoys

watching whichever sport is in season at the moment. While she prefers college-level sports to professional, she still likes watching both. Sometimes when not watching sports she likes to watch HGTV. So while most of us see her outlook and attitude at school, there are many parts of her that we don’t normally get to see.



Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Carter Represents at UTK Engineer's Day

Every year, UTK holds a competition at the Tickle School of Engineering for high schools across the state. Due to Covid-19, the competition was held virtually last year but the Carter Physics class had the luck to be able to attend in person this year on October 19. The day started with a presentation by UK's first African-American engineering student and graduate: Harrold Conner. From there students made their way to the various events of the day. The team participated in the Balsa Wood bridge competition, the egg drop competition, and the spaghetti structure competition. The bridge was a competition of architecture in which the strongest bridge won. For the egg drop, each person had to create a project that would keep an egg from

breaking from a 35 ft drop. As for the spaghetti tower, the team had to design and build the tallest tower out of spaghetti, tape, and string, then place a marshmallow on top. Each member of the team put in their best effort in order to succeed to great results. Leigh Ann Cannon, a member of the class and a CHS senior, said, "Even though we had issues, our hard work gave us an advantage in competition. We were dedicated to our projects and the results showed that." Their hard work did pay off; the bridge came in 5th and the egg drop came in 15th out of 66 entries. The students also had the opportunity to visit a ca-

reer fair at the college. This exhibited booths from many engineering clubs on campus, along with companies there to advertise their area in business. Students even had the opportunity to participate in a simulated car crash that exhibited the job of a seat-belt. The class encourages other students to take physics next semester and participate in this enlightening event, especially if you are interested in the engineering field. Mr. Adamson, the physics teacher, encourages students to look into engineering because "Engineering is just professional problem solving, and there are a lot of problems that need solving in the world." All in all, the event was a huge success; so if you see any of the students who participated in this event, wish them a big congratulations.



Opinion: Enrichment Should Be Optional

By: Brandi Large

Enrichment is a time for students to catch up on work and bring their grades up. Enrichment should not be a thing to all students at Carter High School. Enrichment is held the last 30 minutes of the day in the class you were in before in your same schedule rotation. Enrichment should only be held for the students who really need it in order for them to bring their grades up so they don't fail; the other students would get to leave and go home when the bell rung. If you think about it, half the students who are sitting there the last 30 minutes of the day could be at home doing chores or their academic sports or even be heading to work already. However, it is a good time for students to go and talk to their counselors or teachers about anything

if they didn't have time during the school day, so it shouldn't be gotten rid of entirely. But the majority of us don't even like going, so many will skip the 30 minutes cause we don't like it like that. Enrichment should be optional to the students at Carter High School. Other school districts start at eight on the dot in the morning and get out at three on the dot. Even if we get to start a little later, we still get out of school thirty minutes later than other schools, which isn't great. Therefore the enrichment program it should only be for the students who actually need it and not for the other students who are just here because they have to be.

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