



## The Backstory of Mr. Koh's Mysterious Rooster

Do you perhaps want to know about Mr. Koh's best friend/taxidermied rooster that resides in his classroom? Mr. Koh, a math teacher in the freshman academy, has an oddly placed taxidermied rooster on the top of his file cabinet. One may ponder why the chicken is in a math class, since it serves no purpose being there. But Mr. Koh has an interesting story on the rooster. Apparently he keeps the rooster in his room because of its backstory and the fact that he liked the rooster very much when he was alive. The name of the rooster was Rocky. Mr. Koh bought a few dozen chickens, and when you buy them in a dozen, you get an extra. Rocky was that extra. He was a very lively young

rooster that would always protect both the hens and the chicks of the flock, hence why Mr. Koh took a liking to this brave rooster. But one day Mr. Koh's wife came up to him and told him that Rocky was vicious everytime she passed him. Rocky would jump on her back! Mr. Koh didn't believe that his beloved rooster would do such an outrageous thing, so he went on with his life being peaceful until one day he walked past his rooster and then the most unfathomable thing happened his beloved rooster brutally betrayed him and showed the utmost disrespect and jumped on Mr. Koh's back violently. At that point Mr. Koh felt bad that he didn't believe his wife, so he decided that his rooster had

to go. Mr. Koh had a friend who did taxidermies, so he would get a good deal. He sent Rocky to his friend, and he got the meat of the rooster. So in the end he got some delicious chicken and a statue of his old friend.



## Incentives Available for Student Achievements

Since the beginning of the school year, there have been multiple changes within the school, some of which have to do with finding ways to encourage good academic performance and behavior among the student body, like the new ice cream machine (which will hopefully be operational soon), candy for honor roll, and mentions over the intercom for athletic feats. Specifically, one of these newly developed incentives is student of the month parking located at the

top of the school, in front of the gym/auditorium. There are spaces reserved for class president and senior, junior, and sophomore students of the month, provided that those students of the month can drive. In order to be able to have access to these parking spots, one must be nominated by a teacher for outstanding behavior or works that the teacher deems worthy of student of the month. Until the first students of the month were determined, the class officers oc-

cupied the spaces, and many officers are still able to park there because most of the students of the month cannot yet drive. Brylea Cardwell (SGA Secretary, parking in one of the spots) says, "It's much more convenient than having to walk from the cage; it's a great idea!" Mrs. Messer, who got the idea from surrounding schools in the area, is looking forward to sharing this opportunity, along with the other rewards, with students moving forward in the year.

## Mrs. Dottley's Late Semester Starts Off Promising

English teacher Mrs. Dottley started this semester a whole week later than most teachers because of her filling a last-minute vacancy when Mrs. Parker left to become a counselor. Yet impressively, Mrs. Dottley has still managed to become integrated into Carter High School life as the semester has gone on. She is new to Carter this year, so students may not know her if they aren't currently her students. Even students in her classes may not know much about her aside from the typical assignments on 12th grade literature like *Beowulf* and *Grendel*. But she has had a full life before arriving at Carter. Some students might be curious about her last name. Her unique last name comes from the fact that her husband's grandfather changed his original name, Dattoli, to something that sound-

ed more American during a time period of discrimination against Italians. As for her career, before her late arrival here, Mrs. Dottley was substituting in Pennsylvania. Before being in Pennsylvania, she taught in Texas, where she also grew up most of her life. Before she decided to become a teacher, she had other ambitions; as a kid she wanted to be a race horse jockey because her parents would take her out to watch horse races. Once she had gotten older, in her high school years, she thought about also becoming a lawyer before finally deciding that she wanted to be a teacher. Her inspiration to teach began with her love of reading and writing when she was younger. As a kid, she would play school with her younger brother and sister, where she would play the role of a teacher. Eventually,

Mrs. Dottley was teaching high school and middle school full time in Texas. After having left Texas, she went to Pennsylvania, where she focused on her family life and substitute teaching. When Mrs. Dottley finally arrived here in Knoxville, she was a substitute teacher before finally becoming an official teacher at Carter High School. "It has been a bit of a whirlwind! The first couple of days felt a little bit like substitute teaching, because I was walking into classes that had already been underway for some time. Even though it was now 'my' classroom, I was the new person in the room," Ms. Dottley had said, describing how her year as a new teacher had started at Carter.

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