Welcome back Wolverines!

I hope you’ve had a great summer! Here at Carver, summer is just as busy of a time as the school year. Many of our teachers have spent their summer attending professional development to enhance lessons, engage students, and promote student achievement. Back at the building, our staff has been busily preparing for our students to enter a new year by deep cleaning the building, working on student schedules, setting up athletic and club events, and many more exciting surprises!

I would like to introduce a few of our newest staff members to you. Ms. Jones has transferred to Carver from Matoaca HS and will be teaching English, including the dual enrollment college classes.

Ms. Paoletti will be our Agricultural Science teacher. She is coming here from Delaware and is excited to be helping to develop our school farm and to sponsor FFA.

One of the things I’m most excited about is the addition of agricultural sciences to our Academy offerings. We have begun the process of turning our courtyard and the field behind the school into an urban farm. We will eventually raise chickens, fish, fruit and produce that can be used in our culinary arts classes. The excess will be sold or donated. Every student will have the opportunity to participate in this project through their core and academy classes! Look for more updates on this project in our future newsletters.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer, do not hesitate to reach out to us via email or phone!
Food deliveries from restaurants or fast food establishments are NOT accepted during school hours.

Please provide your student with lunch from home, lunch money, or be sure their lunch account is up to date. Thank you!

School Counseling

Meet your counselors:
Ms. Samantha Brown: Students with last name Q-Z ext 5150 Samantha_Brown@ccpsnet.net
GED and Fast Track
Mrs. Laura McGrath: Students with last name A-P ext 5135 Laura_McGrath@ccpsnet.net

New Student Orientation:
Orientation for students new to Carver Academy will be on Tuesday, August 29th. We will offer two sessions; one session will begin at 8:30AM and another will start at 2:00PM. You may attend either session.

Class Schedules:
All students will receive an official copy of their class schedule on the first day of school. Students met with their counselors individually last spring to go over graduation requirements and to choose courses. Every effort was made to schedule students into those courses. Students also chose alternate courses in case there was a need due to a scheduling conflict.

Class Meetings
Beginning in September, counselors will meet with students in each grade level to go over grade specific concerns and answer questions. Parents of seniors, please be on the lookout for a senior folder of information coming home soon after school begins.

Fall Athletics

This fall we will be participating in three sports: Girls Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Boys & Girls Cross Country. No experience is necessary to participate. Practice will begin on July 31st. In order to participate, students MUST meet the following criteria:

- Submit completed and signed VHSL physical exam and concussion awareness forms. These are available on our school website.
- Under 19 years old on July 31 taking at least 3 classes in the fall term and have completed less than 8 semesters in high school.
- Have passed either 3 of 4 courses or 5 of 7 classes in the spring of 2017. First-time 9th graders are exempt from this rule.

If you have any questions, call us.
**Chromebook Distribution**

Chromebooks will be distributed through students Den Time grade level classes on September 14, 2017. The $50 Chromebook fee must be paid and the Mobile User Agreement and Code of Conduct forms signed and returned for a student to receive the Chromebook.

Additionally, students will NOT be issued a chromebook to take home if they have not turned in a Chromebook or charger from a prior year. This includes missing equipment from other schools.

Per the CCPS Mobile Device Agreement, the replacement cost for a lost Chromebook is $100 and $25 for a missing charger.

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**Course Fees**

Course fees will be collected during den time the first 3 weeks of school. Fee sheets will be given to each student based on their class schedules. A printable fee sheet may be found on the Carver Academy school website.

Fees may be paid by cash, check, or money order in the building. Fees can also be paid online by credit card at:

https://osp.osmsinc.com/chesterfieldva/default.aspx

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**Dress Code**

All students are expected to be in dress code at school. This consists of:

- Solid color polo style shirt
- Solid color pants worn at the waist with no rips
- Shoes with a back and hard sole
- Headwear and hooded outerwear are not permitted

For more details, visit our website.

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**Attendance**

Did you know that absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year? Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. Attendance has a direct impact on a student’s academic success and chronic absenteeism is a leading indicator that a student may drop out of high school.

Start the year off for success by aiming for perfect daily attendance the first month of school!

Remember that absences and tardies add up quickly and seat time must be within acceptable limits to not lose credits for classes. SUCCESS STARTS DAY 1!

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**Help Fight Childhood Cancer**

The Optimist Club of Chesterfield is holding a 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run on September 30, 2017 in support of finding a cure for childhood cancer.

Let’s get as many Carver Academy students and families involved by volunteering before and during the event, running, walking, or being a sponsor!

Interested in more information? Check out:


Or pick up a registration packet in the Carver Academy front office!
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**MCD Award for Initiative and Innovation**

Congratulations to Ms. Deanna Gravelly, School Media Specialist, as a spring recipient of the MCD Award for Initiative and Innovation in Educational Practices. This award, presented by the Chesterfield Education Foundation, was established to provide support for pioneering new instructional strategies. With the help of this award, Ms. Gravelly will be continuing her work on building a Broadcast Journalism program in which students will produce a school news broadcast. Students will be responsible for interviewing others, filming, and editing videos in order to produce the broadcast to air school-wide on a biweekly basis and be posted on our social media sites.

**Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association (VTEEA) Program of the Year**

We are proud to announce that Carver Academy has received the 2017 “Program of the Year Award” for it High School Technology Education program. The Program Excellence Award is one of the highest honors given to Technology and Engineering Education programs at the High School level in Virginia. It is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the profession and students.

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**CIS News**

Carver Academy is the only high school which hosts a Communities in Schools of Chesterfield Site. The mission of CIS of Chesterfield is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. On-time graduation, academic achievement and a successful transition to work and/or higher education are our primary goals. CIS at Carver achieves these goals through various supports such as recognition efforts, connecting students and families with resources, as well as supporting enrichment and college/career learning. Information about CIS supports can be found in your student’s first day packet.

One of the partners of CIS is MegaMentors, which mentors students in a group setting twice a month. The goals of MM are to instill hope, goal orientation and leadership skills, as well as increase personal and scholastic achievement. This is achieved through facilitated discussions, as well as experiential field trips throughout the year. If you would like additional information about the MegaMentors program or any other CIS support, please contact Jennifer Grossnickle, Site Coordinator:

Jennifer_Grossnickle@ccpsnet.net
768-6156, ext. 5139.

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**PTS O News**

Carver Academy’s Parent Teacher Student Organization will have the first planning meeting of the 2017-2018 school year at 6:00 PM on August 9 in the school library. All parents interested in helping support our teachers and students are invited!

Membership forms will be available during new student orientations and included in the “Back to School Packet” given to students the first day of school.

The PTSO supports Carver Academy by selling concessions at sporting events to support our athletics programs, volunteer as guest speakers, chaperone field trips, and sponsor school activities such spirit week and teacher appreciation activities.

All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and guardians are welcome to be members. No contribution of time or effort is too small!

Stay in touch with Carver Academy PTSO through email at CarverAcademyPTO@gmail.com or by following us on Facebook at Carver College and Career Academy PTSO @CarveracademyPTSO.