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## Musical Theater Continues with New Director

By Sara Sprinkle

tudents in the Carter High School's Musical Theater department say that they love being in theater and how it has changed with a new teacher, Mr. Berkley, as the director. Jasmine Worley is a sophomore in Musical Theater. She says that she loves being in the class. What she loves the most about being in musical theater is the people. Jasmine says, "Although we had a rough year there's a few selection of people who make theater completely worth it." Jasmine says what it is like with Mr. Berkley, the new musical director. "Yes, we have an amazing new teacher who actually teaches us how to sing and we have a lot less people in the class now, which makes things a lot easier and there's little to no arguing anymore," Jasmine says. The new director, Mr Berkley, for the Carter high's musical theater department talks about what

it is like as the new director for musical theater. Mr. Berkley says, "It is a bit difficult being the director of a musical, especially because I came in the middle of a show and in the middle of the year. That being said, the students have been very understanding of our circumstances and are working hard to put on the best show possible. I appreciate that everyone at Carter has been so supportive and helpful." Mr. Berkley says that he loves teaching the musical theater class. "I love teaching the musical theater class and I love directing a show for several reasons. First, it is fun: the students and I have already made great connections, and I can't wait to grow the program in the future. I think storytelling is at the center of who we are, and I think theater teaches students how to be positive members of society who know how to communicate those stories. That

is what I love most about teaching theater," Mr. Berkley said.



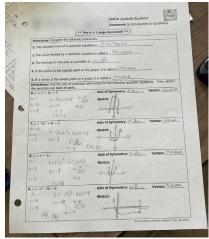
Above: Mr. Berkley is the new musical theater teacher

## STUDENTS AND STAFF HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ON HOMEWORK

By Sami Provenza

omework is a very controversial topic among students and Lteachers. Many students believe that homework is too much with work, chores, practice, and more. Many students think that homework is a waste of their time and that it doesn't help. However, teachers don't always agree. Mrs. Shoemaker is a math teacher, and she said, "Homework is to provide extra practice so students can master the skills being taught. Students who complete homework have better retention and an easier time remembering and applying what they learn. Students can learn time management and how to know what needs to be prioritized compared to what doesn't. Homework being overused can be an unnecessary weight on students and can cause more harm than good."

Students see homework as a punishment and pointless. Teachers believe it is preparing you for the real world. For instance, Mrs. Myers, an English teacher, said, "Teachers often assign homework to assess student's comprehension outside of the classroom or when working by oneself. The same way that adults are expected to manage their work, life, and hobbies. You learn to prioritize things that mean the most and make time for things you enjoy. Most jobs have some form of 'Homework' whether it's preparing for a presentation, studying a case, going over patient or client history, etc. This is a normal part of life and homework is practice for the real world. Often the result of homework is a grade, but also preparation for continuing classwork, a quiz, or test." Most teachers are not giving students homework to punish them, but prepare them for the real world. Teachers want you to understand the topic being taught and know that you know it.



Math: one of many classes to assign homework

## Mysterious Ice Cream Machine Says Its Final Goodbyes

By Alexis Montgomery

n infamous ice cream machine was removed from the lobby of the main building at Carter High School on January 26th, and yet few people knew the whole story behind it. The machine spent its days in the building for almost two years now and yet had been broken since the second it arrived. It was a rather large bright orange and white machine that laid waste in the lobby with a label that read, "Jeff's Best Soft Serve Ice Cream" printed across it. It was twice the size of a normal vending machine and offered three-cup sizes in a small variety of flavors vanilla, chocolate, or swirlwith the option of up to four toppings. Was it tasty or not? Nobody can truly tell because this machine never was capable of actually producing anything in its lifetime- or at least while it was in the school's possession. Karyn Lee, a princi-

pal here at Carter High, was interviewed before the disappearance of the ice cream machine and talked about how "The ice cream machine [belonged] to Cruze Farm... A partnership with the school." She went on to explain that Cruze Farm itself has a partnership with the school and was planning to do maintenance to fix the machine, and eventually, sell fresh ice cream to the students. In theory, the student body would benefit by having more snack options, and both Cruze Farm and the school would be making extra profit. It was a winwin scenario if it was not for the misfortune error of the machine. As most can assume, this plan never was enacted to fix this beautiful machine because technical issues arose. Nobody could truly pinpoint the exact fallacy, but they had tried on multiple accounts to fix it. Plans have been made since before the removal of machine to replace it with some extra vending machines once it had finally left. Some students like Jazylnn Jefferson, a sophomore here at this school, believe that it was absurd to take away the vending machine, and instead they should have put more effort into fixing it because of how much potential it had. Sadly, the deadlines have already taken place--and the problem was unfixable. Many may think about the potential the machine had, and while it is sad to think about how the old thing left, hopefully, these new vending machines actually work. Carter Corps News is a product

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Jeff's Best Ice Cream machine that arrived the beginning of the last school year



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