



Guest Column: Why We Chose to Use E-Hallpass

By: Brad Corum (CHS Head Principal)



Many factors went into the decision-making process concerning the implementation of the E-Hall-pass software. First, I have had experience with the software in previous school settings and have seen the program implemented very effectively in dealing with monitoring classroom hall passes. The great aspect of the E-hall-pass system is the ability to monitor the system electronically. When students create an “exit ticket” from a classroom, an electronic time-stamp is given to the ticket. With this information, it is very easy to determine when a student is cutting class by giving actionable data via the time-

stamp. Also, in situations where the security cameras are not available, the software gives the administration details as to where a student was supposed to be and the amount of time the student was out of class. In the light of the highly publicized issues with school shootings and violence, E-hall-pass gives our school another added layer of security by enabling the administration to have actionable data concerning student whereabouts and the exact times students leave and return to the classrooms. Likewise, in the event of a school emergency, the software provided first responders with a list of students who are unaccounted for in classrooms. During times of crisis, this could be life-saving information. Given the many benefits of the E-Hall-pass software, it was an easy decision to implement something that helps keep our students and campus safer. In my opinion, anything that aids in the safety process is worth the cost and effort.

Ms. Shoemaker Makes the Most of Freshmen Algebra



By: Jacelynne Pratt

Ms. Shoemaker is upstairs in the main building. She teaches her freshmen students algebra every day. She teaches year-long freshmen algebra classes, such as Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B, to her students. Ms. Shoemaker says she has always loved math since she was a child and wanted to be a teacher so that she could make a difference in her students lives. She says teaching freshmen is difficult because, “They are a different breed.” But they also keep life more exciting and, typically, more challenging. Ms. Shoemaker says that math is not an easy subject, but she also says nothing is really an easy subject to teach. She says her biggest challenge is that the students honestly don’t try or they will just shut down before even putting in effort because they do not think they are good enough. Ms. Shoemaker offers tutoring in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and in the afternoon on Mondays and Thursdays. Hannah Cate, a freshmen, says, “Ms. Shoemaker’s classes are chill, and it’s probably my favorite class.” She enjoys going to Ms. Shoemaker’s to hang out with her

friends. “I don’t really like math, but Ms. Shoemaker is a good teacher so I really like that class.” If given the opportunity to have any other job, Ms. Shoemaker would still choose teaching because, as she says, she truly enjoys teaching and shaping young minds!



Ms. Shoemaker doesn't like having pictures taken of her, so thank you for letting us use this one!

Carter Hornets Baseball Season Begins

By: Malaney Etherton

Carter's baseball team just started their regular season recently, and they have had a nice start to the 2023 season. Led by Coach Armstrong, Coach Hayes, and Coach Griph, the Hornets have had 4 wins and 7 losses as of March 29. They have only played 11 games in total, so their beginning stats are pretty good. The baseball team plays a lot of games, at least 31, during their season, and they will have many more chances to win even more. "It's good, we're young, we are just trying to learn. We are rebuilding the team, figuring out new positions since we lost eight seniors and five of them started for three years," said Coach Armstrong. It is hard to move new players in new open spots. Baseball is a tricky game that can be won by being smart with players. The coaches have themselves in a pickle; they are constantly changing the line-up, and it is a constant question who is going to start. "I am excited for the rest

of the season because we are good at the game, and we have lots of fun playing," said Jackson Baker, a freshman baseball player.



The Carter Hornets baseball team smiles and poses for a picture.



Students and Teachers Share Spring Break Experiences

By: Gabi Lawson

Knox County Schools were on spring break March 13-19. Elementary, middle, and high school students along with teachers got a break from school as spring began; this break was highly anticipated by the teachers and students, and they used it well. Mrs. Chun, a teacher at Carter High, talks about how she watched a band performance, house cleaned, and visited a friend. Mrs. Chun says, "My husband is in a band, and they had three shows. I went to one of them. It went well. It was a lot of fun, and they had a larger than usual crowd." The band is Burn the City. She also talks about how she cleaned house and visited a friend from high school. She says, "I have a toddler, and he is 2, so I handed him over to my mother in law for a few days so that I could get some house organizing completed. I went to visit a friend from high school and ate some really good food. She has two little boys near my son's age, and they had a blast playing together." Mr. McGee, another teacher, split his time between errands and family. Mr. McGee says, "I bought a big playground for my daughter. I watched March Madness. I took my daughter to daycare." He also says that it was his nephew's first birthday and that he took his little girl to the dentist for the first time. Mr. Rimmer joins in while laughing, "We both spent all spring break planning for class." Students had fun, too. Zee Thomas, a senior at Carter High School, did some shopping, among other things, over spring break. Zee says, "I went to the mall to look for a prom outfit. I worked and cleaned cabinets. I went on a roller coaster through the woods." Trinity Whitson, a sophomore at Carter High School, mixed family duties with fun. Trinity says, "I took care of my sister after her surgery." She also says that she talked to her boyfriend and ate and played checkers at Cracker Barrel. Not one person had the exact same spring break. Each person had different things they did for fun while also being productive. It sounds like people really enjoyed spring break.

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