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Mr. Taylor Takes a Roundabout Journey into Teaching

By: Olivia Riffey

Mr. Caruso-Taylor (or just Mr. Taylor for short) is an English teacher here at Carter High School. He is also currently teaching World History and Geography. Mr. Taylor has been a teacher for eight years. He taught three years at a dropout recovery school in Columbus, Ohio. He also taught four years at Anderson County High School, and now he has been at Carter for this year. Mr. Taylor did not originally want to be a teacher: "I wanted to be a biologist. I entered college as a biology major. However, I was dismayed to discover that biology and math were much closer than I knew. So, I was at a loss, I didn't know what to do; I knew that I did not have the math skills to continue in biology, but I also had no idea what else I would, or could, do." He also said, "I was taking an extra composition course at this time, and my professor overheard me complaining about my predicament. He pulled me aside after class one day and suggested that I consider teaching English." He said, "He had noticed that I had a strong grasp on the foundations of reading and writing, and that I was great at breaking down complex concepts in my essays. So, I tried it, and loved it. I basically stumbled backwards into teaching after failing at what I thought I wanted to do, and I don't regret a second of it." Mr. Taylor is from Cleveland, Ohio. He has four younger siblings, the youngest of which is 22. He also attended Catholic Schools from K-12 and was on the track and chess teams in high school. He also graduated with a degree in AYA English Education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He has been married for seven, almost eight, years. He also has a 2 year old son. He took last year off of

teaching, and the reason why he did was because, "I wanted to spend time with my son, especially during his formative years. I was very nervous about leaving him with someone else. I left teaching in 2021 and planned on never returning, but I realized about halfway through the year that I could not stay at home full time. I was on edge and bored. I needed to do something besides sit at home or take my son out in between naps." He also worked for two years as a children's pastor and here is what he says about it: "It's funny, I said that I never wanted to be a teacher, but I have been teaching in a church setting since I was 15." He adds, "I like working with kids, I always have. I have been volunteering in children's ministries for the past 17 years. I was given an opportunity a few years ago to go on staff at my church as their part time children's pastor. I accepted the position and did it for 2 years." After two years, he made a change, "Eventually I burnt out and couldn't keep doing it. My church kind of fell apart. It was a very hard time in my life. However, the time I spent teaching kids in that setting was amazing, I loved every second of it." Mr. Taylor is a really good person all you need to do is just get to know him and once you meet him he will be one of your favorite teachers because he is my favorite teacher.



Students and Teachers to Take Trip to England and France

By: Kylie Hancock

Are you enrolling in AP Language, AP Literature, or French 3 next year? If so, you will have an opportunity to go to England and France during the summer of 2024! This will be an amazing opportunity to see amazing places, learn more about the French language and just their culture overall, and learn lots about their history by visiting museums in France and England! It will be so exciting to see all the amazing places and eat such good food. Especially since France is the food capital of the world! The trip will consist of England and France and will be ten days long. We will be visiting D-Day beaches, WWII museums, The Louvre, The Palace of Versailles and more! An exciting thing to note is that your parents can come along too! They will have to pay for themselves as well though. The price for students will be roughly \$4,700, and the price for parents will be roughly \$5,300. These prices include all transportation costs, hotel

rooms, entry fees for museums and other sites, and breakfast and dinner each day, but they do not include lunch. People who are going on the trip will make payments every month or every two weeks, depending on what payment plan they pick when they sign up. To inform students and parents about this trip, Ms. Wimer, the trip's faculty leader, held an informational meeting in the CHS auditorium on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30pm. A group of parents and students (plus assistant principal Mrs. Lee and English teacher Mr. O'Malley) attended this meeting, and several have already signed up to go. The deadline to sign up for the trip is April 28, but those who sign up by April 23 will get \$100 taken off of their trip cost. There are only 20 slots for the trip, and at the time of the publication of this article, 13 slots have already been filled, so if you plan on going, please talk with Ms. Wimer for more details and then sign up as soon as possible.

Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Opinion: What's Wrong with the A/B Schedule?

By:Lexi Hunt

There are many types of schedules that schools can follow. Carter High School has been going by the block schedule (most classes last one semester and then change at Christmas) - until now. Next year, students will follow the A/B schedule. With this schedule, classes will last all year. Students will take four of their eight year long classes on Monday (this could be represented by A), the other four on Tuesday (this could be represented by B), and that pattern will repeat throughout the week. We may have alternating Fridays as well (for example, one week's Friday will be A and the next week's would be B). Many students are talking about their dislike for the new schedule, as it would just feel hectic and stressful. I think that we shouldn't change the schedule next year from the current block schedule to an A/B schedule. First of all, students may find this new schedule to be stressful, as we will be taking eight classes at once for the whole year. Having to juggle eight classes rather than four at a time will

be difficult, especially when it comes to having to do homework and studying for tests. In addition, students who have been here while we've had the block schedule may find the new schedule to be chaotic. We're so used to the block schedule with four class-

of Knox County Schools' goals is to get all of its schools on the same schedule (the A/B schedule) so that it's easier for transfer students within the county to navigate their new schools. The new schedule is also supposed to give students more time with subjects, as the classes will be year long rather than semester long. Even though this is a good reason for the new schedule, the cons just outweigh the pros. All in all, though the new A/B schedule has its benefits, it's overall just not a good idea. Students

feel that keeping the current schedule would be much more beneficial.

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Period	Term	Subject	Teacher	Room	Class	Section
05(M-F)	FY	ADVISORY	OMALLEY, M	404	935200000	404
1(M-F)	S1	AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	MARTINEZ, R.	204	345005000	110
1(M-F)	S2	HON ENGLISH 1	MYERS, R.	620	300104000	210
2(M-F)	S1	HON GEOMETRY	KOH, J.	519	310804000	120
2(M-F)	S2	HON CHEMISTRY	DAVIDSON, R.	380	322104000	220
3(M-F)	S1	VISUAL ART 1	MELTON, B.	103	350100000	130
3(M-F)	S2	HEALTH SCI ED	POLLARD, R.	505	599800000	230
4(M-F)	S1	MUSICAL THEATRE	BERKLEY, S.	157	222223000	140
4(M-F)	S2	LIFETIME WELLNESS	BAIN, S.	106	330300000	240

An example of a student's schedule following the block schedule.

es each semester, so this is going to be a huge and difficult change, especially for us. Finally, this new schedule may affect fine arts, like band and musical theatre, and make them chaotic and difficult to plan meetings and practices. For example, if a student is in both the Marching Band and Concert Band (which is the case for most Band students), they would have to take both classes at the same time, which could be more overwhelming to the student. Yes, this new schedule is implemented for a reason. One

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Over 5.4 million U.S adults have a diagnosed autism spectrum disorder. That does not even include children, the undiagnosed, or even the rest of the world! April is dedicated to spreading awareness of this complex brain disorder. It often inhibits a person's ability to communicate, respond to surroundings, and form relationships with others. Be kind, and remember to be inclusive!