

# Warren Consolidated Schools

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## CARTER COUGARS



May, 2012

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## From the Principal

Middle School students learn best when they are actively engaged with content. When students participate in hands-on, inquiry-based learning, they develop lasting skills that often translate into higher levels of student achievement. Lessons that include technology applications provide teachers with ways to motivate students into becoming active, real-world learners.

Computer-based strategies help students develop higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. Participation in real-life applications included in technology-rich teaching environments promotes the ability to draw analogies, infer relationships, predict outcomes, and analyze data.

Carter Middle School is committed to continual advancement and knowledge of computer-based strategies to enhance the learning experience for all students.



Cyberbullying occurs when someone sends hurtful messages online or by cell phone. It can take many forms, such as writing rude comments, spreading rumors, and posting embarrassing pictures.

Your child can discourage cyberbullying by giving personal information (name, email address, cell phone number) only to friends. If he/she receives nasty emails or text messages, do not respond. Explain that replying just gives the person the satisfaction of having upset him/her. A good thing to do is simply log off the computer or turn off the cell phone.

Let your youngster know he/she should tell an adult if experiencing cyberbullying.

### REMINDER

**Friday, May 25 – HALF DAY**  
**(Dismissal at 11:14 a.m.)**

**Monday, May 28 – NO SCHOOL**  
**Memorial Day**

**\*\*\*\* LAST LATE START MONDAY IS**  
**Monday, May 21!!!! \*\*\*\***

### HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Carter students who made the honor roll third cardmarking. These students will receive honor roll certificates, and are invited to a celebration on Friday, May 4, where they will be congratulated by Ms. Hendry and feast on cinnamon rolls. To make the honor roll, students must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 (B), with no "N's" or "U's" in conduct.

The Principal's Breakfast will be held June 1.



# TORNADO WHAT WE DO IN SCHOOL



In the event of a tornado emergency, one of the following three plans

1. **Classrooms Immediately Take Shelter** - Teachers will direct students to take shelter underneath their desks. Students should securely hold the legs of the desk. Teachers are to maintain quiet and listen for further directions. One window should be left open in each classroom; blinds should be down and closed; door should be closed. Gym teachers should assemble boys and girls into their respective locker rooms. Teachers without classes and unassigned will report to the office.
2. **Building Take Shelter** - (In best possible areas, if there is time.) Students will be moved to the best known areas in the building in case of a tornado strike.
3. **Early Dismissal** - (Provided there is sufficient time.) Students will be sent home in an orderly procedure. Parents should have a place for them to go in case they are not home.

**IMPORTANT:** Parents will not be allowed to pick up their child from school if students are taking shelter as in plan 1 or 2 above. **Also,** phones will NOT be answered, as all staff will be in shelter areas.

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## BAND NOTES



The seventh and eighth grade Carter bands competing in the M.S.B.O.A. State Band Festival at SHHS on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade band received I's, which signifies a 'Superior' rating; the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band received II's, which is an 'Excellent' rating. **CONGRATULATIONS to both bands for a truly awesome job!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The spring concert is **Tuesday, June 5.** All concerts will be held at the Performing Arts Center at Sterling Heights High School beginning at 7 p.m.

The Chicago trip this year is scheduled for **May 10 through May 12** where the band will be competing in the Music in the Park Festival. Good luck!

Thank you to all the students for making our band program what it is . . . simply the best!



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*Festival of the*



Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Opening Festivities 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Awards Ceremony 6:30 P.M.

**Warren Community Center**

5460 Arden Ave., west of Mound Rd., south 14 Mile Rd.

(Park in south parking lot & use main entrance)

**Art Show Open to the Public May 9 - 23, 2012**

Monday - Friday 6:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Cousino  
Jazz Band

Raffle Prizes

Presentation  
of Awards

Refreshments

Make & Take Art Station

## Summer Career Exploration Camp

Oakland University – Macomb  
Antony/Frankel Center  
20 South Main Street  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

July 23-26, 2012

Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 5pm

This camp is designed for students in the 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Students will explore various careers in this interactive, hands-on camp. All sessions are presented by Oakland University faculty and will cover:

- an overview of what types of jobs are available
- the knowledge, skills and abilities required
- the projected job outlook
- what students can do now to enhance their high school studies to prepare for college

The camp will wrap up on Thursday afternoon with an interactive presentation on goal setting and online career exploration tools.

- **Monday, July 23, 2012: Careers in Engineering and Computer Science**  
*Students will construct and take home their own solar model*
- **Tuesday, July 24, 2012: Criminal Justice and Social Work Careers**  
*In this session, students will visit local social service and court house facilities*
- **Wednesday, July 25, 2012: Careers in Health Sciences and Nursing**  
*Students will have the opportunity to work hands on with mannequins to learn blood pressure, heart and lung, and blood transfusion*
- **Thursday, July 26, 2012: Careers in Business and Planning for the Future**  
*In this session, students will have the opportunity to ask questions of a panel comprised of business professionals*

Program Fee of \$95 includes breakfast and lunch each day.

REGISTER NOW AT:

[www.oakland.edu/macombcamp](http://www.oakland.edu/macombcamp)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

**S**asha King, a seventh grade Carter student, who traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, for a dance/cheer competition. Sasha's team, the "Cowboy All-Stars" took first place in the dance category.

Congratulations to Sasha and her team and good luck in all your future endeavors!

## SHELLY DIPIAZZA VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

The City of Warren held its Third Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony on April 25, 2012. Mrs. Shelly DiPiazza, Carter Booster Club President, along with Ms. Hendry, Carter Principal, attended the function. The Cousino High School Sax Quartet performed, remarks were made by Warren Major Jim Fouts, and a certificate was awarded to the "Outstanding Volunteers for 2011". Refreshments were also provided.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help make Warren a better community and for making Carter the excellent educational opportunity it is. Thank you especially to Shelly DiPiazza for the time and energy she exerts to make Carter such an amazing place for staff and students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!!!!!



## BOOSTER CLUB

The next Carter booster club meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, in the Media Center at 7 p.m. Please attend and be informed of end-of-the-year events.

Also, there is plenty of help still needed to make the 8<sup>th</sup> grade farewell a success. Please volunteer your time and help send the students off to high school with a happy celebration as the year closes.

## CMS INVITED TO PRESENT KICK-OFF AT FORD FIELD

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60  
September, 2012

This year has been a wonderful year for Carter Middle School with the Fuel Up To Play 60 program! Through many grants we have been able to offer events such as family badminton night, volleyball night, and a Walking Club during lunch hours with pedometers purchased through a grant from FUTP (Fuel Up To Play).

Many students have taken advantage of the fitness room after school on Wednesdays. During the month of May there will be open basketball on Thursdays and a kickball night, along with a barbeque!

Our smoothie recipe challenge earned \$250 to purchase many raffle items used at volleyball night and the upcoming kickball event.

**Our biggest accomplishment to date is the invitation Carter recently received to return to the Fuel Up To Play 60 KICK-OFF at Ford Field next September and present our program!!!!** The Carter team of student ambassadors and program advisors are very excited about the chance to showcase the great events and challenges Carter students were able to experience this year through the FUTP 60 program.


***Great job student ambassadors!!!!!!!!!!***

## TITLE I

Under Federal law, you as parents may request the following specific information about the professional qualifications of your children's teachers:

- Whether the teacher has met the state qualifications/licensing for their grade level/subjects.
- Whether the teacher is on a temporary permit or waiver.
- The teacher's majors, graduate certificates/degrees, and discipline fields paraprofessional services and qualifications.

For further information, please contact your child's Principal.



## CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL Returnable Bottle & Can Collection Battle of the 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Classes

*Congratulations to Mrs. Fannon's and Mrs. Beauregard's classes who tied for first place in the bottle drive, which was held on April 23, 2012.*

*The collection was sponsored by Carter's Ecology Club and the two winning classes will be treated to ice cream.*

*As always . . . thank you for your support, Carter community!!*

## ECOLOGY CLUB

The following students make up the Ecology Club and have helped make Carter a "greener" school. As mentioned last month, Carter received the great designation of Emerald status for the 2011-12 program year. *Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to making CMS a "greener" environment.*

Brianne Bennett	Emma Nacker
Kaitlyn Blowycky	Hayley Piekarski
Courtney Clark	Caitlin Polisuk-Balfour
Justin Cuevas	Sophia Popkin
Austin Delie	Rida Qureshi
Sarah DeSantis	Henry Sale
Kimber Doerr	Gabby Schwab
Autumn Gratti	Casey Selewski
Carlie Grech	Will Simmons
Callie Guigneaux	Rachel Smiglewski
Lejla Husic	Andrew Taylor
Jason Kazmierczak	Daniel Taylor
Morgaine Kolp	CinClaire Viviano
Andrew Lewis	Natalie Waske
Natalee Mace	Veronica Weisenbach
Ben Mayfield	Eric Wilson
Jordan McDonald	Camryn Witt
Michael McMain	Matt Yost
Melissa Meadows	

# 2012 YEARBOOK STAFF

At this time we would like to give a special THANKS to the yearbook staff who worked so hard this year getting together the many, many photos needed to make the yearbook so amazing!

Please keep in mind yearbooks will be distributed some time in June once they are available.

Haley Ball  
Noah Banick  
Ava Carlson  
Rebecca Gielegem  
Hannah Gilbert  
Dallas Kieler  
Tiana Kilgore  
Brianna Kubiak

Alexandra Nash  
Sarah Nevedal  
Megan Raudabaugh  
Ciara Regan-Moore  
Lauren Saelen  
Brittany Sharrow  
Hannah Skierski  
Elizabeth Wynne

## DRESS CODE EXPLAINED

District policy states that nothing should be worn to school that is "indecent, unsafe, unhealthy, causes a distraction, or has the potential to damage school property". However, the general rule of appropriateness

should always be applied. For example, tank tops, short blouses, and short shorts are not in good taste for school and are not permitted.

Also, any clothing that displays profanity, offensive words or symbols, as well as substance abuse advertising, is prohibited. Nor is it appropriate for the school to promote the advertising of alcohol or tobacco products. In addition, **holes in pants are NOT allowed at Carter Middle School.**

Parents are urged to maintain a high standard. Call us if you have any doubts, concerns, or questions. Carter students and parents are to be complimented for expecting and maintaining high standards and have always taken great pride in their students' appearance, behavior, and accomplishments.

*Any teacher that feels a student's dress is inappropriate will send the student to the office. At that time an administrator will deal with the student and contact parents if necessary.*



## COUNSELING INFORMATION

Any eighth grade student wishing to "test out" of a high school course should contact Ms. Bonnici, Carter Counselor, to complete a "Test-Out Request" form as soon as possible.

Please note that the district-wide test-out exams will take place at the end of May.

All students will receive a letter with the dates and corresponding study materials/ information.

## ADDITIONAL COUNSELING INFO

**May 8 & 9:** Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders visit Cousino

**May 22:** Fifth graders visit Carter



# Notes from Nursing



The end of the school year is fast approaching; hope these helpful hints will keep everyone safe during the summer months.

Water activities are a great way to stay cool and have a good time with your friends and your family.

Here are **Ten Top Tips to keep safe near the water:**

- **Learn to swim.** If you like to have a good time doing water activities, being a strong swimmer is a must.
- **Take a friend along.** Even though you may be a good swimmer, you never know when you may need help. Having friends around is safer and just more fun!
- **Know your limits.** Watch out if you are too tired or the activity is too hard. Don't drift too far from safety or stay in the sun too long.
- **Swim in supervised areas only** and follow all signs and warnings.
- **Always wear a life jacket** when boating, jet skiing, water skiing, rafting or fishing.
- **Stay alert to currents.** They can change quickly! If you are caught in a strong current, don't fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until you have passed through it.
- **Keep an eye on the weather.** If you spot bad weather (dark clouds, lightening), pack up and go inside or find shelter.
- **Don't mess around in the water.** Pushing or dunking your friends can easily get out of hand and cause an injury.
- **Don't dive into shallow water.** If you don't know how deep the water is, don't dive.
- **Don't float where you can't swim.** Keep checking to see if the water is too deep, or if you are too far away from the shore or the poolside.

Look out for signs warning you that the water is not clean because polluted water could make you sick.

If you are outside, you need to guard against the sun. The burning rays reflect off the water and sand and

onto you. Use sunscreen whenever you are outside – not just when you are in the water.

If you see someone struggling in the water, go get help. You can also throw out a life preserver or other object that floats, **BUT DO NOT JUMP IN YOURSELF!**

If you jump in without anyone else around, who will save YOU if there is a problem?

## Preventing Dog Bites

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog
- Do not run from a dog and scream
- Remain motionless (like a tree) when approached by an unfamiliar dog
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog
- Do not disturb a dog who is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies
- Always ask the owner if you can pet their dog; do not pet the dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first

## Beat the back-to-school rush!

Get your immunizations throughout the summer. New school immunization rules went into effect last September for children entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as for all students 11 – 18 years of age changing school districts. These are the vaccines pre-teens and adolescents need to stay healthy: Meningococcal, Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis, Human papillomavirus, Varicella, Influenza, Hepatitis A & B, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, and Polio. Check with your doctor to see which ones your child needs.

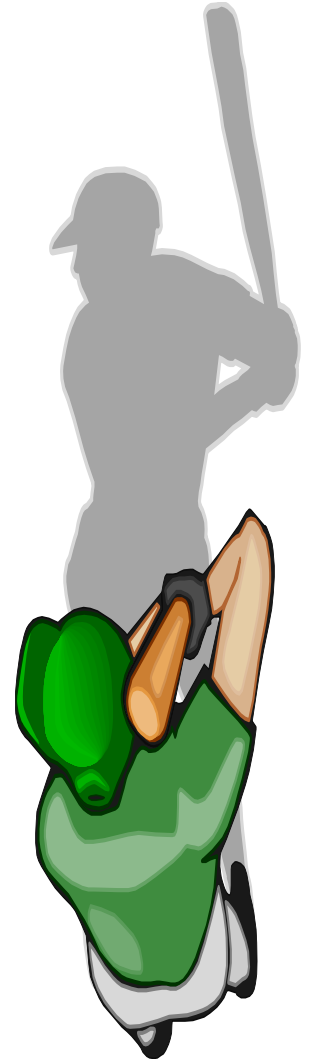
Enjoy a safe and healthy summer.

Marjorie Racine RN BSN CSN  
Warren Consolidated Schools  
School Nurse  
May, 2012  
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## A Parent Talks to a Child Before the First Game

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This is your first game, my child, I hope you win.  
I hope you win for your sake, not mine  
because winning's nice, it's a good feeling.  
And what you learn about is life.  
That's what sports is all about. Life.  
The whole thing is played out in an afternoon.  
The happiness of life,  
the miseries, the joys, and the heartbreaks.  
There's no telling whether they'll toss you out  
in the first five minutes  
or whether you'll stay for the long haul.  
There's just no telling.  
Too much depends on chance,  
On how the ball bounces.  
I'm not talking about the game, my child.  
I'm talking about life. But it's life that the game is all about.  
Just as I said, because every game is life.  
And . . . life is a game. A serious game. Dead serious.  
But that's what you do with serious things ~  
You do your best. You take what comes. And you run with it.  
Winning is fun. Sure. But winning is not the point.  
Wanting to win is the point.  
Not giving up is the point.  
Never being satisfied with what you've done is the point.  
Never letting anyone down is the point.  
Play to win. Sure. BUT lose like a champion.  
Because it's not winning that counts  
. . . What counts is trying.



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**VISION**

Our vision for Carter Middle School is to ensure high levels of learning within a diverse, safe, and positive environment.

**MISSION**

The Carter Middle School community is committed to providing a caring environment in which all students have the opportunity to learn responsibility, respect, critical thinking skills, and to achieve academic excellence.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**NO SCHOOL:**


May 28 – Memorial Day Break

**HALF DAYS (Dismissal at 11:14):**

May 4

May 25

June 14 – Last Day of School

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