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Dear G.W. Carver High School of Engineering and Science Family:

With the summer coming to a close, it is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2019-20 school year. A special greeting to the incoming 9th grade Class of 2023 and our 7th grade Class of 2025! As I enter my 7th year as the principal of Carver E&S, I remain as excited as ever to continue the 40-year tradition of excellence in our school. We can't wait to see everyone on Tuesday, September 3 to kickoff the 2019-2020 school year!

Carver HSES remains the premier STEM high school in the city of Philadelphia based on the unique features of our program, our high levels of academic achievement, and the success of our students after they graduate. Both our middle school and high school programs remain among the top ranked schools based on the School District of Philadelphia's School Progress Report. As a clear sign of our continued progress, the Class of 2019 earned a school record with \$17.2 million in scholarships!

Please continue to stop in my office when you visit the school to introduce yourself, as I enjoy the opportunity to meet as many of our families as possible. Open lines of communication are essential to ensure we work together in the best interest of the students. If there are any issues that you feel are not being addressed by the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As we prepare for another successful year, it is critical that your child starts the year off on the right foot. Following this letter, you will find detailed information with fall events and important school policies and procedures.

Thank you for enrolling your child at Carver HSES. We appreciate your confidence in our school and the School District of Philadelphia. We pledge to do our best for your child. *We are committed to providing every student with both the educational skills and tools to be prepared for college and the experiences to serve as a productive and engaged citizen beyond high school.*

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer vacation in preparation for a challenging and successful school year.

Sincerely,



Ted M. Domers, Ed.D.
Principal

Check the updated Carver HSES website daily – www.carverhses.net

Our website is utilized as our primary means to communicate with our students' families. On our website, you can access a variety of critical tools, such as:

- Monthly Calendar
- Exciting News about Our Students
- Notice of Special Events and Schedule
- Home & School Meetings
- Athletic Events
- Teacher Contact Information

Every Sunday evening, I send out a weekly phone call and email. **If you are not receiving these updates from me, please contact the school so we can make sure we have the most up-to-date contact information.** You can also gain updates from our twitter account - @CarverHSES.

School Opening

All students are to report for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 3. The school day begins at 7:50AM and concludes at 2:54PM. Upon arrival, students will enter the building at our entrance at 16th & Berks Streets. The student cafeteria is accessible from the entry; breakfast is served daily from 7:00-7:45AM. Your child should come prepared in uniform, with supplies, and on time.

Fall Calendar

Carver HSES Uniform Shirt Sales

Monday, Aug 26 – Friday, Aug 30 9:00AM-2:00PM

New Student Orientation

Thursday, August 29 9:00-11:30AM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3

Breakfast – 7:00AM, Advisory – 7:50AM

Back to School Night

Thursday, September 12

4:20PM – Registration begins

4:30-5:00PM – Student & Family Resource Fair

Meet our club sponsors & partners

5:00-5:30PM – *What's going on at Carver E&S?*

Presentation from Dr. Domers

5:30-7:30PM – Meet your child's teachers

7:30-8:00PM – Title I Informational Meeting

PSAT / SAT Day (More information below)

Wednesday, October 16

College Day (More information below)

Thursday, October 17

School is CLOSED:

Friday, September 27

Monday, September 30

School closes at 12PM

Friday, October 25

Wednesday, October 9

Important Reminders – School Policies

School Safety

Safety is our top priority. If your child feels unsafe at school for any reason, please contact us right away so we can address the situation. We strive to keep our school a safe place for all of our students and staff. If you wish to report any suspicious activity or credible information in or around our school, please call the school. You may also contact the District's hotline 215-299-SAFE, which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Student/Family Handbook

On the first day of school, students will receive Carver HSES Student/Family Handbook which includes the School District of Philadelphia's Code of Student Conduct. It is also posted on our school's website. *Please review these carefully with your child as it includes essential information about school policies and procedures that will support your child on the path to success.*

Uniforms

To ensure the safety of our students and school community, we require the following uniform policy: Our high school uniform consists of a Carver HSES **black** polo shirt and black or khaki bottoms. Our middle years uniform consists of a Carver HSES **gold** polo shirt and black or khaki bottoms. In addition to the polo shirts, throughout the year, uniform alternative shirts are sold as a part of events and athletics. An approved Carver E&S shirt must be worn as the top visible layer. Students who arrive to school out of uniform will be provided an appropriate uniform alternative with a charge to the student's account. Uniform shirts will be available for purchase before school begins and also during the first week. All uniform shirts cost \$10.

Food and Beverage Policy

All eating and drinking must be confined to the cafeteria. *Students will not be permitted to bring food and beverages into the building before or after school with the exception of a bagged lunch which remain in the student's backpack or locker.* As a means to support the well-being and success of our students, we provide a nutritious and complete breakfast and lunch. The School District of Philadelphia revised its policy, and now all students will receive a free breakfast and lunch. Families are no longer required to complete a form to qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

Cell Phone Policy

For your child's safety, we recognize that many students require cell phones for their travel to and from school. However, cell phones may become a distraction to our learning environment or become damaged or lost if not secured during the school day. *We, therefore, require students to secure their phones in their locker during the school day;* we reserve the right to confiscate a phone, which can only be retrieved by a parent or guardian after school hours. Please see our handbook for more information. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call our main office phone number, 215-400-7380.

Transpasses

All students who live more than 1.5 or more miles from Carver HSES will receive a free weekly transpass. If a student loses the transpass, we will not replace it; we are provided an exact number of transpass for qualified students. School District staff members are working diligently to ensure we are able to distribute transpasses on Tuesday, September 3. Still, please plan accordingly with a Septa Key to ensure your child is able to travel to and from school.

Additionally, please speak with your child about the most direct, timely, and safe transportation route to and from school. *Please assist us by reviewing and reinforcing the use of the safe corridor route, which all students are directed to use to and from Carver HSES.* This route extends from 16th and Berks Streets, down/south on 16th Street turning left/east on Montgomery Avenue and then right/south on Broad Street to Cecil B. Moore Avenue. We advise new students to practice this route prior to school beginning; we continue to advise that all students travel with a friend or fellow student who resides in your community as an extra measure of safety.

Important Reminders – Academics

On-Track to Graduation

Our bell schedule consists of eight 48-minute periods and a 15-minute advisory period to begin the day. Lunch periods are included as one of the student's periods. Students will likely have one double period during the day. *This schedule affords your child the opportunity to earn seven credits per year to ensure s/he is on track to graduate above the required 23.5 credits.* Please review our Student/Family handbook for more information about the bell schedule and graduation requirements.

Summer Enrichment Assignments

All students received assignments in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science to complete over the summer based on their roster. All AP classes have an assignment. The grade for each project is included in the first marking period. Assignments are posted on the website.

Supplies

Students are expected to come prepared to school every day. We **require** all students to have a TI-84 Plus Graphing calculator for use in mathematics and science classrooms as well as on standardized tests. Students will receive individual course supplies in each class on the first day of school.

PSAT / SAT Day

All **seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students** will be administered a version Preliminary-SAT test on *Wednesday, October 16*. We require this test as part of our college preparatory program as a means to ready our students for future success on the test and as a way to monitor their growth during their time at Carver HSES. The school district covers the cost for our 9th and 10th grade students. To cover registration and test administration, we assess a \$15 for students in grades 7, 8, and 11. Cash or money order payable to "Carver High School of Engineering and Science" will be collected during Back to School Night and between 7:30-8:00AM from September 16-October 4.

We are also excited to announce that the School District of Philadelphia is again providing **a free SAT test for all members of the Class of 2020 on Wednesday, October 16** as well. This is an incredible opportunity for our students. We will provide focused SAT preparation in our classes to help support our students with this test.

College Day

On Thursday, October 17, we will hold our 4th annual **College Day**. This event will feature our College Fair for 11th and 12th grade students. All students in grades 7-10 will visit a local college, and students will have an on-campus college tour. More information and details will come soon.

Home and School Association & School Advisory Council

Both our Home and School Association (HSA) and School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet every month, beginning in October. The specific dates are coming out soon. If you are interested in supporting the school through these parent groups, please be on the look out for notices.