

Happy Sunday Carver HSES Community,

I hope you are all enjoying this extended weekend! What a week! In the midst of inclement weather conditions and an emergency switch to virtual learning, our Carver HSES community finished the 1st week of school strong! Thank you to all of the families, students, and staff who went above and beyond to ensure our 1st week at Carver HSES was a success! As we look forward to returning Wednesday 9/8 (late day- class starts 8:25am), please find the following updates and announcements below:

Chromebooks:

- Chromebooks were distributed to students on Friday 9/3/21. The School District of Philadelphia will have a 1:1 chromebook distribution for the 2021-2022 school year. This means students will be responsible for bringing their assigned chromebooks to and from school to engage in both in-person and virtual learning as needed. If your child has not received a chromebook from their previous school or Carver HSES, please contact our Tech Lead, Mr. Silverman (lsilverman@philasd.org). Students- please be sure to check-in with your teachers if/when chromebooks are needed for classes. Please also be sure to charge chromebooks before arriving at school.

Uniform Shirts:

- The uniform shirts have arrived and will *go on sale Thursday 9/9/21*. Students can purchase shirts during extended advisory, during lunch periods, and after school.
- We have also reopened the Carver BSU online store!!! It is open NOW through September 18th. See the link below. Production takes about 14 days to arrive after the store closes so your purchase may arrive around the beginning of October.
- <https://red-dog-apparel.myshopify.com/collections/cbsu>

Visitors:

- Any visitor who is not employed by the School District of Philadelphia (parents, partners, and community members) should enter through the front entrance on 16th St. and Norris St.
- Once visitors enter the building, all visitors must complete an [online](#) or hard copy COVID-19 pre-screening form (located at the front entrance).
- Visitors will then be verified by the main office for access to speak with school personnel.

Family Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:

- This week has given us an opportunity as a school community to see how we can improve our entry and dismissal procedures for both students and staff. In order to improve these procedures, *we ask that families drop-off and pick-up their child outside of the campus gates* to ensure school

staff can enter and exit the parking lot and traffic around the school campus does not become congested. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

Contact Tracing using QR Codes:

- Carver HSES has found a safer way for students to check-in for contact tracing purposes during breakfast and lunch periods. QR codes are now located on tables, walls, and chairs in our breakfast and lunch locations. When students enter these spaces, they will turn phone cameras on and scan the QR code which will produce a google form that students will use to log in their name and location. Once the form is completed, it will produce a date and timestamp that will be tracked in a spreadsheet. Staff will complete google forms for students who do not have a phone.

School Dismissal/ After-School Clubs:

- Similar to our morning entry, it is important that all students remain socially distant when exiting the building. Students- please try to avoid loitering in the courtyard area during dismissal. We encourage students to safely exit the school building and campus after school.
- We also understand the need to connect with friends and engage in fun activities so we will begin after-school clubs and activities on September 13, 2021. More guidance and details will come this week! Check out our Carver E&S Enrichment Program Blast!!!

Carver E&S Enrichment Programs Blast!

Please click on [this link](#) to explore several new enrichment opportunities!

New highlights include a social entrepreneurship program for aspiring business leaders from SchoolYard Ventures, the Brighter Horizon Foundation scholarship (covering at least 90% of college costs!), the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Health Professions Recruitment Exposure Program (HPREP), dual enrollment at Penn through the Wharton Pre-Baccalaureate Program, and the Out4STEM program.

The following opportunities have deadlines over the next two weeks:

The George and Judy Wohlrreich Junior Fellows Program (for grade 10). Three-year summer and after-school program to meet with healthcare professionals and learn about careers and concepts related to topics like public health, the COVID-19 pandemic, and racism as a public health issue. Must qualify for free/reduced price lunch to be eligible to participate and receive a stipend. [Apply here](#) ASAP (rolling admissions, few spots remain). Programming begins mid-September.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Health Professions Recruitment Exposure Program (HPREP) (for grades 9-12). Virtual program to learn about PCOM and their programs in osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, and graduate studies. Engage in fun, medicine-based activities! [Apply here](#) by 9/7

Out4STEM (for grades 9-12). After-school program that provides Philadelphia's LGBTQIA+ youth with an inclusive, safe space to learn about STEM and healthcare/medicine & the career opportunities they provide. Stipends available. Weekly after-school sessions beginning this month. Apply here - rolling admissions

100 Black Men Philadelphia, Inc (for boys in grades 7-12). Saturday Leadership Academy begins 9/18. Register here!

TeenSHARP (for grades 8-11) Striver comprehensive college access program begins on 9/18! Apply here - rolling admissions

If you choose to apply for any of these opportunities, or if you have any questions about them, please contact Ms. Amanda at amaisonave@steppingstonescholars.org.

Enjoy the rest of the much needed break! See you Wednesday!

Dr. Johnson
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