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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 2017-18 school year. A special greeting to the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Class of 2021 and our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Class of 2023! It is a tremendous honor for me to serve as the principal of the G. W. Carver High School of Engineering and Science, and I look forward to building on our past 38 years of success.

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. Our partnership is critical to the success of our students. If there are any issues that you feel are not being addressed by the school, please do not hesitate to contact us. Open lines of communication are essential to ensure we work together in the best interest of the students.

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. We remain among the top ranked schools based on the School District of Philadelphia's School Progress Report. *The Class of 2017 earned 12.9 million dollars in college grants and scholarships.*

Our work revolves around our mission statement. Please take a moment to review the **Carver HSES Mission statement:**

*Carver High School of Engineering and Science is a small, magnet high school striving to attract academically talented, college-bound students from diverse backgrounds. We seek students who have interests in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering, technology, and medicine. We are committed to providing a rigorous curriculum with focus in these areas enriched by related extracurricular opportunities. Our goals are to prepare our students with the academic and personal skills for collegiate success and to empower our students with the social and leadership skills to be lifelong learners and productive citizens.*

**As we prepare for another successful year, it is critical that your child starts the year off on the right foot.** Please allow the remainder of this letter to provide you with some essential information to help us set up an excellent academic year.

**Check the Carver HSES website daily – [www.carverhses.net](http://www.carverhses.net)**

Our website is utilized as our primary means to communicate with our students' families. Please be sure to check it regularly. 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

Early in the school year, we will post instructions for you to share a preferred email address and phone numbers for us to contact you. Also, please follow us on twitter @CarverHSES.

**Fall Calendar**

*Carver HSES Uniform Shirt Sales*

Monday, August 28 – Friday, September 1 9:00AM-2:00PM

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, September 5**

Breakfast – 7:00AM, Advisory – 7:50AM

*Back to School Night*

Thursday, September 14

4:20PM – Registration begins  
4:30-5:00 – Student & Family Resource Fair  
Meet our club sponsors & partners  
5:00-5:30– Keystone Exam Information Session  
5:00-5:30 – “What’s going on at Carver HSES?”  
Presentation from Mr. Domers  
5:30-7:30 – Meet your child’s teachers  
6:00-7:30 – Class of 2018 College Information  
7:30-8:00 – Title I Informational Meeting

Fall Career Day

Wednesday, September 20

PSAT / SAT Day (More information below)

Wednesday, October 11

College Day (More information below)

Thursday, November 9

School is **CLOSED**:

Thursday, September 21 & Friday, September 22

Tuesday, November 7 & Friday, November 10

**School Opening**

All students are to report for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5. The school day begins at 7:50AM and concludes at 2:54PM. Upon arrival, students will enter the building at our entrance at 16<sup>th</sup> & Berks Streets. The student cafeteria is accessible from the entry; breakfast is served daily from 7:15-7:45AM. Your child should come prepared in uniform, with supplies, and on time.

## Important Reminders

### *Uniforms*

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. *Uniform shirts will be available for purchase before school begins and also during the first week.* All uniform shirts cost \$10.

### *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.*

### *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.

### *Bell Schedule*

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.

### *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 5. Still, please plan accordingly with extra tokens 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 16<sup>th</sup> and Berks Streets, down/south on 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *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.

### *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.

### *PSAT / SAT Day*

All **seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students** will be administered a version Preliminary-SAT test on *Wednesday, October 11*. 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15-23.

We are also excited to announce that the School District of Philadelphia is providing **a free SAT test for all members of the Class of 2018 on Wednesday, October 11** 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, November 9, we will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **College Day**. This event will feature our College Fair for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. All students in grades 7-10 will have a free college visits. We will visit local colleges and universities, and students will have an on-campus college tour. More information and details will come soon.

### *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.* Additionally, we prohibit gum chewing on school property.

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 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, 215-684-5079.

*Home and School Association*

Our Home and School Association will meet every month, beginning in October. The specific dates are coming out soon. The HSA will also hold several fundraisers throughout the year – did you get your “proud parent hoodie”? The HSA and Carver HSES have a very strong partnership, and I look forward to continuing our work together.

*School Advisory Council*

In early September, you will receive additional information about the initiation of our School Advisory Council to increase the amount of parent and community input on school governance. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please be on the look out for notices.

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