



Jaguar Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

January 4

Basketball at Southlawn at
4:30 PM

January 9

6th grade Class Meeting 7:45 AM
Basketball at Brewbaker 4:30 PM

January 10

7th grade Class Meeting 7:45 AM

January 11

8th grade Class Meeting 7:45 AM
Report Cards
Magnet Tours

Basketball at Carr at 4:30 PM

January 12

Honor's Activity at 9:00 AM
Perfect Attendance's Activity at
1:15 PM

January 15

No School/ MLK Holiday

January 16

Magnet Tours
Basketball at GW at 4:30 PM

January 18

Magnet Tours
Basketball at Carr at 4:30 PM

January 22

PTSA at 5:30 PM

January 23

Basketball at Floyd at 4:30 PM

January 26

PBS

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Dear Carr Middle School Families and Friends!

On behalf of all of us at Carr, we want to wish everyone a wonderful happy new year 2018. We are excited to start out our second semester. The start of a new semester seems to be a time for both reflection and renewal. For all of us, it should be a moment to think back on our successes in the previous semester and to make attempts to better ourselves for the upcoming months with enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose. Once again, as we wrote in the previous letter, we have demonstrated that "Together Everyone Achieves more."

We encourage you to continue your vital role in this partnership endeavoring to make Carr a place where all children can be successful. We also ask you to continue checking your child's progress and grades through INow and to contact your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns. It is the intent of the school administration, that all students have maximum opportunities for academic and personal growth and achievement. Absenteeism can negatively affect student performance in the present, and it can reduce a student's opportunities for success in his or her future - both in education and career. Remember: your child's attendance matters, and every school day counts.

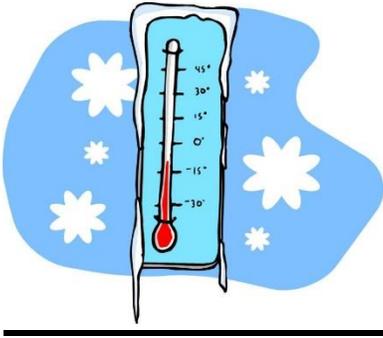


The Magnet application for 2018-2019 school year just opened up January 5th and will close on February 2nd at noon. Go to www.mps.k12.al.us to apply.

Drive Safety

When dropping off or picking up children up from school, please drive in the designated line. For safety reasons, drive slowly - 5 MPH in the parking lot. Please be courteous to our safety patrols who are there to ensure our students' safety. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.





DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Now that the weather is changing and temperatures are dropping, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather.



This month's IB learner profile trait that characterizes Johnnie Carr students is "principled." What is principled? Principled children act with integrity and honesty and a strong sense of fairness, justice, and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups, and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

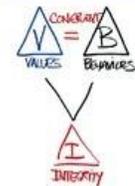
Ways you can help your child become more principled at home:

- Involve your child in deciding on the rules for a game or activity. When playing a game, do not change the rules; instead stick to the ones that have been decided upon.
- Encourage your child to play games that involve playing as a team. Discuss with your child the qualities of a team player. What sort of person would they want on their team?
- When your child wins a game, insist that he or she is a well-mannered winner. They might want to thank their opponent or shake hands with them, if that is appropriate.

Principled



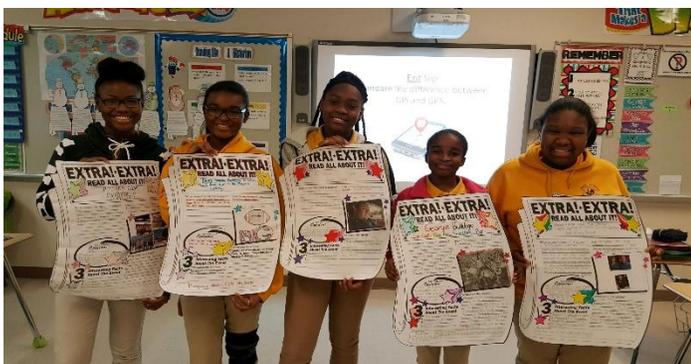
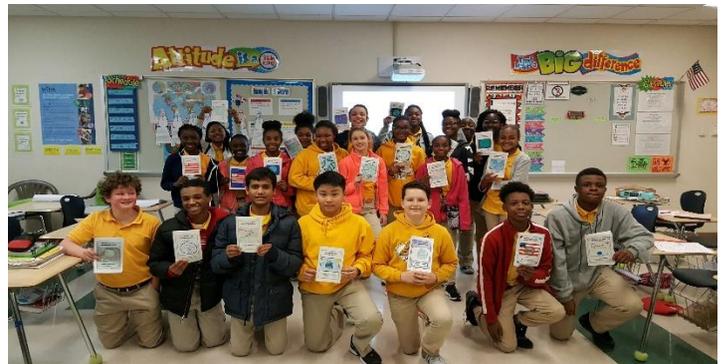
Act with integrity.
Be fair & honest.
Respect.
Take responsibility.



January

What is happening inside our classrooms...

In Mrs. King's, 7th grade Civics and Geography class, students were learning about the 27 amendment. Students did an amendment booklet entitled "Amendments that Changed the World" in which they had to select and write about six amendments that they felt had the greatest impact on the world. The students also had to create a 28th amendment of their choice and explain how it could change the world today.



The students also welcomed the new year by making poster with some "Cool News and Current Events" that covered topics including government, politics, sports, and geography. The students were encouraged to read any article of their choice and determine the causes and effects of the events. Students also provided three facts along with their opinion about the article.

In Mr. Bradley's, 7th grade Civics and Geography class, students wrapped up their last semester by reviewing the five themes of geography (Movement, Region, Human-Environment Interaction, Location and Place). The students had to create a Power Point Presentation and an essay to present to the class. This project provided students with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the major countries of Europe.



Congratulation Jaguars!

Congratulation to Coach Baldwin and Coach Davenport for doing an outstanding job in hosting a basketball tournament on December 21, 2017 to benefit Johnnie Carr Middle School. Together, they raised \$2,161. Coach Baldwin and Coach Davenport invited different schools to participate in this event, such as Tallassee's Southside Middle School, Montgomery Academy, Charles Henderson, and Dunbar-Ramer. Both seventh and eighth grade Carr teams end up winning both of their games and at the end, they had to play against each other for the Holiday Tournament Trophy. Coach Davenport's eight grade boys beat Coach Baldwin's seventh grade boys in overtime by 6 points.



Thanks to Mrs, Mahoney too for all of your help during the holiday break.



Congratulations to Kelvin Graves 7th grade player of the month!



Congratulations to Mr. Zhigang Liu for his great presentation at DCLT'S Professional Development Forum in New York! This presentation took place at the New York University Center for Developing Chinese Language Teachers on December 16th, 2017. He was invited to talk about how to use "Hundreds of Videos and Materials for Teaching Chinese."



Announcements:



IB students of the month:

6th Grade- Aaliyah Coleman

7th Grade-Amari Raye

8th Grade-Gabrielle Duff

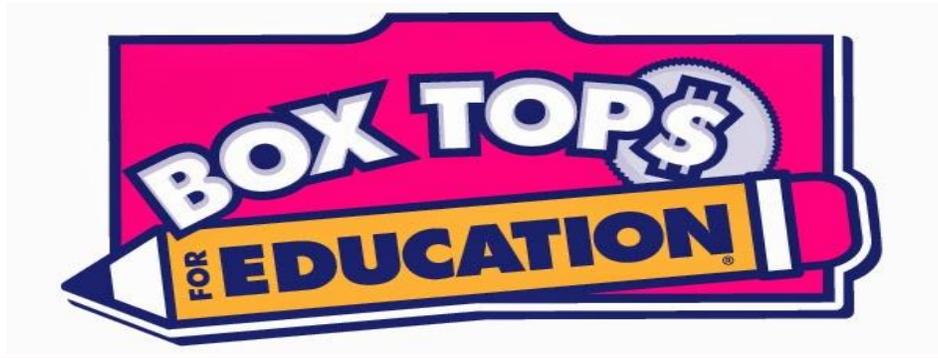
IB teachers of the month:

Mr. Michael Bradley, 7th grade Civics and Geography teacher.

Community Service Reminders:

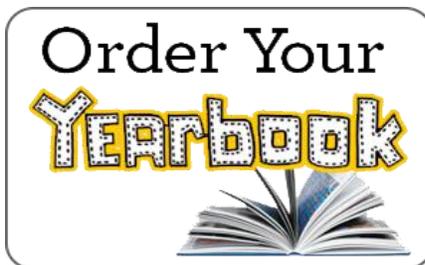
8th Grade students will be working on their community service in the upcoming semester. The requirement of this project is 5 hours of service.

Box Tops For Education



Thank to all families, students, and staff who continue to bring in the Box Tops.

We are still collecting them, so please keep those labels coming! Turn them in at the front office.



Reminder: Order your yearbook before they sell out! They are \$ 35.00 and you can pay Mrs. Wells-Mays (cash or money order only please). You can also order online at Jostens.com.

