

# SOT NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Corner

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

*"It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the SOT. Our school has a unique opportunity to prove that small schools are truly a better place to learn, grow, and graduate from high school. Our nation, state, and city have all struggled with educating high school students, especially our minority males. Here at the SOT, we are up for the challenge and look forward to helping our students become life-long learners."*

*"It is my duty and our work to ensure they are ready for the world of work and college. With the help of great teachers, caring parents, and a supportive business community, all of our students will leave this school a much better student and person!"*

## SOT NEWS & NOTES:

### SOT SPOTLIGHT:

#### OUR VISION:

A 21st century education supported by academic excellence and caring.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SAT Registration Deadline for 11/07/09 Test Date	1 <sup>st</sup>
Project GRAD Walk for Success	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Homecoming 2009	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Project GRAD – Rep Visit: University of West Georgia	9 <sup>th</sup>
Football Game: Carver vs Riverwood – Lakewood @ 8 pm	9 <sup>th</sup>
SAT Testing – Saturday Date	10 <sup>th</sup>
Project GRAD College Tour	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>
Teacher Planning Days – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>
PSAT (Grades 10 & 11)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Project GRAD presents - "Lunch & Learn": SAT & ACT	14 <sup>th</sup>
Football Game: Carver vs Grady – Lakewood @ 4 pm	17 <sup>th</sup>
Project GRAD College Fair	21 <sup>st</sup>
ACT Testing – Saturday Date	24 <sup>th</sup>
Family Access Weekend @ Emory University	24 <sup>th</sup>
Football Game: Carver vs North Atlanta – N. Atlanta @ 2:30 pm	24 <sup>th</sup>
Junior Achievement Day	27 <sup>th</sup>
Project GRAD: College Readiness Workshop	28 <sup>th</sup>
Football Game: Carver vs Therrell – Lakewood @ 5:30 pm	30 <sup>th</sup>
SAT Registration Deadline for 12/05/09 test date	31 <sup>st</sup>

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## Counselor's Connection

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*Dean of Student Affairs*

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## I am available to help students:

- Reach academic success
- Choose appropriate courses
- Acquire necessary study skills
- Solve personal problems
- Plan their education
- Decide on a career
- ...and more.

## I provide services for:

- Individual or group counseling support
- Referral to community services
- Course scheduling questions/concerns
- Career and post-high school education counseling
- Consulting about achievement & test results
- ...and more.

## MATRICULATING THROUGH CSOT:

Highlighting activities and responsibilities of our students so that they can graduate and get the full high school experience.

### STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR COUNSELOR:

#### TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

##### It is 10 p.m. – Do You Know Where Your Homework Is?

Does it seem like there's never enough time in the day to get everything done? Feel like you're always running late? Here are some tips for taking control of your time and organizing your life.

- 1) Make a "To Do" List Every Day – Most important things at the top of the list
- 2) Use Spare Minutes Wisely – Get some reading done on the bus; kill 2 birds w/ 1 stone
- 3) It's Okay to Say "No" – Keep your short and long-term priorities in mind
- 4) Find the Right Time – You'll work more efficiently if you figure out when you work best
- 5) Review Your Notes Every Day – You'll reinforce what you've learned, so you need less time to study
- 6) Get a Good Night's Sleep – Running on empty makes the days seem longer and your tasks seem more difficult
- 7) Communicate Your Schedule to Others – If phone calls become distractions, turn your ringer off
- 8) Become a Taskmaster – Figure out how much time you have each week. Give yourself a time budget and plan your activities accordingly.
- 9) Don't Waste Time Agonizing – Instead of wasting time agonizing, just do it!!!
- 10) Keep Things in Perspective – Setting goals that are attainable; don't set yourself up for failure

### NOTES FROM YOUR GRADUATION COACH:

Welcome back everyone to a new school year. Let me start by introducing myself, I am Dwayne Jeffries the new High School Graduation Coach here at the School of Technology. I will be assisting Mrs. Watkins the high school counselor with making sure our students stay on track for graduation. If you need to get in contact with me I can be reached in my office at 404.802.4441 or on my cell phone at 678.499.3268. In preparing for graduation students should continue to work on their community service hours until they obtain 75 hours or more. Also as a friendly reminder, if you have not already submitted your Project GRAD Scholarship Covenant please remember to do so as soon as possible.

### PROJECT GRAD UPDATES:

#### *Graduation Really Achieves Dreams*

The Project GRAD Coordinator is Ken Whitaker. He can be reached via phone at (404)802-4489 or via email at [kwhitaker@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:kwhitaker@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

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## STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER

Need help contacting a teacher? Need to get in touch with your child's advisor? Need help finding parent or student resources? Just look here!

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### CSOT PTSA:

The **Parent Teacher Student Association** at The New Schools at Carver School of Technology has a motto; Making It Happen...Together! Working together parents, teachers, and students can have a positive effect on the ways that our school evolves, grows, and excels as an instructional entity. Our goal is 100% participation!!

The next PTSA meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 6 p.m.

### PARENT LIAISON:

The Parent Liaison is a position held by one of our CSOT parents. The position serves as a link between parents and the school. The liaison works closely with the schools to develop a partnership within and among the community. These relationships heighten and ensure federal compliance with each school's parent involvement policy. **We are currently seeking a parent to serve as our parent liaison. This is a paid, part-time position that coordinates all parent activities and works closely with our PTSA organization. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact my administrative assistant, Ms. McGhee in the main office at 404-802-4510.**

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## 9TH GRADE SUPPORT TEAM - CLASS OF 2013

### *NEW BEGINNINGS*

#### **DUES & DATES:**

##### **FRESHMAN FEES:**

Freshman dues are \$25 per student. The dues are to be Paid in Full on or before September 30, 2009. All payments should be made to your child's advisor. We accept cash and money orders. Money Orders are to be made payable to G.W. Carver High School of Technology.

##### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Homecoming Week Activities: October 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

Homecoming: October 9<sup>th</sup>

End of Quarter 1/Final Exams: October 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Tryouts: October 26<sup>th</sup>

Meeting of the Minds: Having a Successful 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Year with Guest Speaker Mr. A. Robinson – October 7th

##### **TUTORIAL:**

##### **MONDAYS**

Math – Cosby

Science – Doanes

Technology – Scott

##### **WEDNESDAYS**

Math – Wilson

English – Richardson

##### **THURSDAYS**

Math – Cosby

English – Grant

Social Studies- Gilliam

##### **EXTENDED DAY:**

The DHS Afterschool Extended Day Program begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The DHS Afterschool Clubs and Activities will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The objective of the program is to engage our students in a range of activities to support their physical, social, and academic growth. Please ask your child's advisor about signing you child(ren) up for a club or activity.

Please see attached flyer for a list of the 2009-2010 School Clubs that will be a part of the Carver Technology Afterschool Extended Day Program this year.

##### **EXTRAS:**

**HOMEWORK:** Students have Homework every night!! Whether it is a specific practice assignment, or studying for an upcoming test/quiz, or reviewing notes from the day, or preparing for the GSAT/ACT/GHSGT/EOCT, your child must be working AND reading at home.

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## 10TH GRADE SUPPORT TEAM - CLASS 2012

The X-Treme Team

### **DUES & DATES:**

Sophomore dues are \$50 per student. We offer 2 choices of payment options. All payments should be made to your child's advisor. We accept cash or money orders ONLY! Money Orders to be made payable to G.W. Carver High School of Technology.

#1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Payment of \$25 (50 %) was due on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>      #2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment of \$25 (50 %) due on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

### **TESTING:**

Midterms – October 9<sup>th</sup>

PTSA – Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade)

PTSA – Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade)

ACT – Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

### **FIELD TRIPS:**

Julius Caesar on October 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**\*\*\*PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND!!!**

### **TUTORIAL:**

#### **MONDAYS**

Math – Boddie

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

English – Rogers/Richardson

Science – Jones

#### **THURSDAY**

Social Studies – Slade

Math – Cosby

Web & Video - Regan

### **EXTRAS:**

**HOMEWORK: Students have Homework every night!!** Whether it is a specific practice assignment, or studying for an upcoming test/quiz, or reviewing notes from the day, or preparing for the EOCT, your child must be working AND reading at home.

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## 11TH GRADE ADVISORY TEAM - CLASS OF 2011

EXCELLENCE Lives Here!!!

### **DUES & DATES:**

The junior class dues are \$200.00 per student (non-refundable). The dues cover the cost of the Junior/Senior prom, class t-shirt, and locker fee. Additionally, dues will supplement the admission costs to several of our field trips (although additional money may be required). We offer 2 choices of payment. We accept cash or money orders only! Money orders paid to G.W. Carver High School of Technology. All payment(s) should be made to your child's advisor.

#1-- Payment in Full: \$200.00

#2 --Payment Plan: \*1<sup>st</sup> Payment due 9/30/09      \*2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 10/30/09      \*3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 12/5/09

#3-- Make arrangements with your child's advisor

### **TESTING:**

Georgia High School Graduation Tests (Our goal is a 100% Pass Rate on the First Attempt)

\*Writing – 9/30/09      \*English – 3/15/10      \*Math – 3/16/10      \*Social Studies – 3/17/10      \*Science – 3/18/10

PSAT: October 14, 2009

End of Course Tests: \*American Literature – 4/26/10      &      \*U.S. History – 4/28/10

SAT or ACT: Will be administered various times throughout the 2009-2010 school year; check the calendar on the school website for specific dates [www.schooloftechnology.org](http://www.schooloftechnology.org) ; For the Project GRAD scholarship, a student must take the SAT/ACT before the end of their junior year.

Accuplacer Assessment (College Readiness Assessment): December 2009 & May 2010

### **EXTRAS:**

#### TUTORIAL DAYS:

Mondays – Math; Wednesdays – U.S. History & English; Thursdays – Science & Spanish

#### EXPECTATIONS:

\*See that your child attends school regularly AND arrives on time. School begins at 8:15 a.m. Poor or irregular attendance is a key reason for failure.

\*Cell phones, iPods, and other electronic devices **MUST BE OFF AND AWAY ALL DAY.**

\*All students must abide by the school's **dress code**.

\*Help your child stay organized, by ensuring that they have their school supplies.

\***HOMEWORK**: Yes the students have Homework **every night!!** Whether it is a specific practice assignment, or studying for an upcoming test/quiz, or reviewing notes from the day, or preparing for the GSAT/ACT/GHSGT/EOCT, your child must be working **AND** reading at home.

\*We are pushing our students to become **ACCOUNTABLE** and **RESPONSIBLE** for their actions.

#### PARENTAL SUPPORT:

\*See your child's advisor following the meeting if you are interested in serving as an ADVISORY PARENT

\*Additionally, let the advisor know if you are available to serve as a chaperone for school related events

\*If you have any special talents or connections, we would love to know.

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## 12TH GRADE ADVISORY TEAM - CLASS OF 2010

### INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

#### **DUES & DATES:**

The senior class dues are \$250.00 per student. The dues should be Paid in Full on or before Friday, February 26, 2010. Payment Plan Installment dates are as follows:

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|---|---|
| *1 <sup>st</sup> (\$50) Installment due Wednesday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> | *2 <sup>nd</sup> (\$50) Installment due on Friday, October 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| *3 <sup>rd</sup> (\$50) Installment due Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>     | *4 <sup>th</sup> (\$50) Installment due on Friday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| *5 <sup>th</sup> (\$50) Installment due Friday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>     |   |

#### **SENIOR COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS:**

We are excited to announce the winners of the Senior Council Election! Please congratulate our 2009-2010 Senior Council.

President: Tyerell Collins      Vice President: Tyteanna Harris (Ochoa)      Public Relations Director: Diamond Glover

Treasurer: Jameshia Patterson      Secretary: Denzel Thornton

McKee's Advisory Ambassador: Tanaka Benton

Pagan's Advisory Ambassador: Nefertari Boyd

Spurlock's Advisory Ambassador: Javon McLester

Dennis's Advisory Ambassador: Jeremy Gross

Bingham's Advisory Ambassador: Tyteanna Ochoa

#### **TUTORIAL:**

##### **MONDAYS**

Math – Bingham

##### **WEDNESDAYS**

Math – Bingham

Science – McKee

Spanish – Pagan

##### **THURSDAYS**

Math – Bingham

Social Studies – Dennis

English – Spurlock

#### **Homework Hotline:**

(678) 553-3029; web assistance [www.infoplease.com/homework](http://www.infoplease.com/homework)

#### **EXTRAS:**

#### **PARENT CONFERENCES (We want to see you!!)**

Please contact your child's advisor to schedule a conference with the teachers about your child's academic progress

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tanaka Benton

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Floyaka Johnson

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Mrs. Y. McKee

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lasha Rogers

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Veronica Harris