**Gifted & Talented Students and Their Parents:**

Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year at The STEAM Academy at Carver. You are among the students who have been previously identified as Gifted and Talented. We are excited to have a group of bright, motivated young people in our school. This school year, the Gifted and Talented program at the STEAM Academy at Carver will be overseen by Ms. Bacon. She will collaborate with your teachers to ensure that you are challenged in ways that are appropriate to your abilities.

In elementary or middle school, you might have been in a “challenge” pull-out program where you received special instruction in an alternative setting while other students remained in class. In high school, we meet your needs for academic curiosity and autonomy, increased rigor, advanced content, and faster-paced instruction through your Honors and AP courses. Teachers of Honors and AP courses are required to differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of the Gifted & Talented students on their rosters. Our team of gifted teachers will work with your teachers to ensure the quality and appropriateness of differentiation for Gifted & Talented students.

In addition to traditional classroom instruction, Gifted & Talented students also have the opportunity to stretch themselves intellectually through projects and extracurricular activities. Gifted & Talented students are strongly encouraged to complete an Academic Fair project in Math, Science, Social Studies, or Technology. We will work with your teachers to support your efforts and pair as many students as possible with adult mentors from industry or academia. If you are looking for guidance in finding a challenging extracurricular activity, please reach out to Ms. Bacon.

Sincerely,

Ms. Bacon