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Homecoming Goes Wild!

As Homecoming 2018 approaches this weekend, the Upper School is buzzing. After scrambling for a month to figure out who they plan to ask and how they are going to set up the gym, the big day is finally upon us. Cistercian Homecoming is regarded by the girls as the best Homecoming in the area because they are blown away by how fun it is and how uniquely it is setup. Meeting this annual standard the greatest struggle for Cistercian students, and yet every year they rise to the occasion and overcome this challenge. The Student Council spares no time and expense in the planning of the dance, and even start planning as far as seven months prior to the big night.

Many factors play into what makes our Homecoming so unique. One of these factors is the theme, which shapes the whole experience. The decorations of all the different rooms are made to fit the theme. Last year, with the theme of games, the dance floor was adorned with three enormous Hungry Hungry Hippo heads as the entrances, and we had a Mouse Trap cheesy snack



bar.

Juniors and Seniors get the incredible privilege of wearing couples' costumes to the dance, adding to the theme of the night. One can only imagine where the creativity of Cistercian students will take them as they decide on what costume to wear for this year's

Party Animals theme.

Another element that makes our dance unique is the set up and how the students take initiative as they prepare for the dance. There were already two seven-hour work days on September 22nd and the 29th...

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"Vox Populi, Vox Dei?" Populism in Poland and the Future of the E.U.

*Winston Hartnett, '20,
who waited for 12 invasions to
write this article*

The European Union is considered one of the greatest achievements of our time, uniting member states into one common market under a shared set of democratic ideals that is often credited with stopping more fruitless conflict in Europe since World War 2's end. Even though it arose from centuries of thought and decades of economic policy, the E.U.'s political unity has not always been guaranteed as recent events like Brexit show. The most difficult political issues for the bloc have emerged in Eastern Europe, particularly Romania, Hungary, and Poland.

insignia of the Polish Air Force descended quickly towards Smolensk airport – crashing abruptly before reaching the runway, killing nearly all high ranking Polish government officials: the President, General Staff, National Bank chief, and several Polish parliament members. Investigators from both Russia and Poland determined that human error caused the crash, but the late President's twin brother and leader of Poland's right-wing Law and Justice Party (PiS), Jarosław Kaczyński, claimed it was a carefully planned political assassination. The crash came only five years before Kaczyński's PiS party secured a majority in both Poland's legislatures and the Presidency, bringing the cresting populist wave to Poland's front door...

*Prelude – One foggy day in
April 2010, a lone jet bearing the*

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Populism in Poland (cont'd)

Party – The Law and Justice Party traces its roots back to the Solidarność, or “Solidarity,” movement that overthrew repressive one-party rule in then-Communist Poland, and today champions a right-wing, populist agenda with a focus on social conservatism and economic interventionism. PiS joined Hungarian, Slovakian, French, British, and Italian politicians in riding populist sentiments that led to PiS adopting a semi-Eurosceptic, anti-migrant, and – as the name implies – “law and order” stance on crucial policy issues.

Policy – To complete their control of the executive and legislative branches, PiS sought to rein in the judicial branch through a series of radical legislative changes starting with forcing the Polish Constitutional Court to accept five new judges appointed by a law the Court voided as unconstitutional. Immediately after the European Union began investigating Poland for violating judicial independence, PiS merged the office of justice minister and the attorney-general, giving the officeholder control of all prosecutors. In a dramatic

show of force, the European Commission – the semi-executive branch of the European Union – formally launched infringement procedures in response to the judicial reforms, which were then succeeded by another PiS initiative forcing one-third of Poland’s Supreme Court judges to retire and forcing nominees through a PiS-dominated commission. The European Commission finally triggered Article 7 of the E.U.’s foundational Lisbon Treaty, which allows a member state’s voting rights in the bloc to be suspended for breach of democratic principles, and opened a new legal case that is scheduled to go before the European Court of Justice.

Populism – Poland shares its Euroscepticism with Hungary’s Prime Minister Viktor Orban, Italy’s Giuseppe Conte, and numerous other politicians, notably Nigel Farage in Britain, who promote nationalistic and anti-integrationist policies challenging the E.U.’s economic, cultural, and political integration. The E.U., notably, is not a federal system but instead relies on the cooperation or collec-

tive bargaining of member states to enforce its rules. In uniting a range of cultures and societies under one voluntary organization, the E.U. depends on deeply-rooted European identity and transnationalism – putting one’s common heritage above national identity. Because it relies on identity and voluntary rulemaking, the E.U.’s existence could be threatened on several fronts by populism, financial crises and Eurozone instability, a large migrant influx, and potential member state exits like Brexit. The E.U. has, however, slowly created a quasi-federal structure by amalgamating various departments into three branches: the Executive under the European Commission, the Legislative under the European Parliament and Council, and the Judiciary under the European Court of Justice.

These gradual shifts from confederation towards federation in E.U. policy has ignited fears in



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member states that their identity or government will be superseded by a mega-state, and populist politicians have been quick to capitalise on those fears. If the E.U. is to survive as a pan-European entity, it will have to assuage concerns from Eurosceptics in the East that member states remain sovereign and Europhiles in the West that the Union take on a greater role in mitigating crises. While it may be considered one of the greatest successes of recent history, the European Union must evolve to stay relevant in an age of rapid change, but it must always do so with the old adage “*vox populi, vox dei*” in mind.

Is Nike Kneeling?

*Maxwell Vaughan, '21,
who considers himself a
True Patriot*

The most recent Nike advertisement, featuring Colin Kaepernick, a former 49ers NFL player, has ignited a storm of backlash. The caption of the advertisement is "Believe in something. Even if that means sacrificing everything." These words have a lot to do with Kaepernick's controversial kneeling during the national anthem. This advertisement was a calculated risk by Nike, as they hoped that the good resulting from this ad would outweigh the bad, and as marketing experts have said, it will. Tremendous backlash like this has been beneficial to companies in recent years. For example, when the Chik-fil-A owner spoke against gay marriage, even after groups boycotted the fast food service, sales went on an upward trend. Similarly, Nike's sales have also benefited from the controversial advertisement having 61 percent more merchandise sold since the controversial advertisement came

out.

For Nike, this ad is just about being loyal to the core values they want in their athletes. They have always looked for trailblazers, people who have forged their own path, and that have set themselves apart from other athletes. Some examples of this have been Bo Jackson and Michael Jordan. The most recent of these athletes just happens to be Colin Kaepernick, as he has not allowed himself to be silenced by others, and has stood up for what he believes in. This fighting spirit resonates with the young crowd and their target audience.

This advertisement has other tangible benefits too. Despite some of the talk being negative, Nike, the advertisement, and many things associated with Nike are constantly brought by people on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. The president has tweeted about it, and the words “Just Do It” have been some of the top ones trending on Twitter. It even comes up in casual conversation. Therefore, Nike's decision to feature Colin Kaepernick, whether a good decision or not, has everyone talking about them and their products.

Hurricane Florence

*Coby Scrudder, '21,
who is nothing if not consistent*

After last year's terrible hurricane season, most people thought that we were due for a break. However, this season returned with a vengeance as Hurricane Florence hit the Carolina Coast on September 14th. Hurricane Florence formed in Africa at the end of August and slowly moved across the Atlantic for weeks. On September 4th, the storm reached a Category 4 for the first time. However, this wind speed was too high to sustain and the hurricane ripped itself apart slowing itself down to a tropical storm few days later. Once again, in just three days, Florence worked itself back up to a Category 4. When Florence reached land, it slowed itself down to a Category 1 with wind speeds of about 80-90 miles per hour, previously having winds speeds above 100 miles per hour.

When it made landfall at Wrightsville Beach, Florence slowed down and only moved at a pace of 2-3 miles per hour. As a result, it dropped a lot of rain in a very

small amount of time, flooding both inland and costal cities. Some of these cities reported over 30” of rain during this period.

Less than a week after reaching land, the hurricane broke up over West Virginia. As of October 2nd, Florence has a death toll of 51 and has caused billion of dollars worth of damage. However, Florence did not travel as far north as previously predicted because it stalled out. This resulted in a lot more flooding in the locations that it hit, which damaged the cities even more.

Currently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is trying to help with the damage, doing things such as a Rumor Control department that is trying to dispel rumors on how to help. One such rumor would include going to the beach to get sand for extra sandbags. This department is helping keep people from doing anything that could endanger their lives even more. In providing this kind of aid, FEMA has demonstrated how important an agency it is by keeping our nation safe from unstoppable natural disasters.

BY THE NUMBERS

Number of Cars lost in the Great Gulf of Cistercian
7

Number of dysfunctional Varsity showers
6

Record time for paying attention during Math
2.46 MINS

Number of Freshmen who joined The Informer
8

Number of Points We'll Win by Tonight
2 FEW

Operation Kindness

Grayson Groves, '25, who has the best job ever

If you want a fun new community service project, then you can try Operation Kindness in Dallas. I have recently become a volunteer at Operation Kindness, and so far it has been a great experience. Operation Kindness is a no-kill animal adoption center in Addison.

In order to become a volunteer, you need to do a couple of things. You must view several articles and videos about how to treat cats and dogs correctly. Then, you must complete an online essay. This may sound like an overwhelming amount of work to do to qualify for a service opportunity, but it is not that hard.

Inside the main building, the pet areas volunteers are allowed to visit are the dog, cat room, and kitten room. Personally, my favorite experiences are with cats, so I spend most of my

time in those rooms. Sitting down and playing with the cats is one of my favorite things to do at Operation Kindness. One cat, Olive, is the mother of a fresh litter. You can usually find her up in the walkways or sleeping in her cat bed. The kitten room is definitely one of my favorite places to be in the whole shelter.

In the dog area, there are small and medium-sized dogs. The larger dogs are in a separate building, which I am not yet allowed to visit. On the dog's name tag, they have different colors which stand for different levels, green being the highest level and yellow being the lowest level. At this point, I'm only allowed to interact with dogs on certain levels. In order to move up a level you need to pass certain tests. All the dogs I



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have walked and played with so far have been very friendly. My favorite canine experience was playing with a dog, Charmer, a basset and retriever mix.

To remain a volunteer you must complete a minimum of four hours of service each month. Unfortunately, if you don't complete those hours, you will have to retake the volunteer course. As Operation Kindness is one of my favorite places to go, those four hours feel like nothing. This place is one of my favorite places to go so give volunteering there a try, and it could be yours, too.

Cistercian, Baseball, and Life



Taylor Mackey, '25, who also thinks that life is like a box of Chocolates

Yogi Berra once said "Baseball is ninety percent mental. The other half is physical." Berra obviously did not take Mr. Erickson's math class, but the education at Cistercian is very similar to baseball. Our education is not only about making good grades, but also about creating positive relationships with our teachers and our classmates. In many ways, Cistercian is like a big baseball game. The teacher is the coach, our classmates and friends are our teammates, and we are the batter. Our classes, through tests and quizzes, are baseballs that we have to hit out

of the park.

Many people say that when you are at bat, the only people there are you and the pitcher. I disagree, because all of your classmates and teachers are there to cheer you on. For example, if you get behind in your class, just like a batter gets into a slump, your teachers and classmates are there to help and give advice.

Our athletics program is similar to our school, as the coaches teach us the skills of determination, teamwork, and friendship. Sometimes we get thrown a slow ball to get us warmed up. This prepares us for the fastballs, like a hard test. Sometimes we get a knuckle ball that we don't expect, like a pop quiz. We might also miss the ball, just as we could forget homework or not study for a quiz.

Legendary baseball manager Connie Mack is credited with saying, "Pitching is 75 percent of baseball." The same rule applies to our education at Cistercian. Luckily, we have

many teachers dedicated to our education. Every day our teachers teach us how to perfect our swing, so that in the end we can hit the ball out of the park. But after all that, we have to choose how well we study and learn the material in order to get better. During Form Master's Period, we are given advice and life lessons, just like a head coach gives instructions to his team on how to play better. Similarly to running through the bases, we move up through the forms until we slide into home base. Through our Cistercian education, we are able to grow stronger in the different positions in life, such as son, father, husband, boss, employee, or co-worker.

As a team, we answer questions and share our ideas and thoughts. Our teachers make sure that we try our hardest, but also that we don't leave our friends behind. They are devoted to making us the winning team, and by the time we graduate, we will be ready for the exciting and challenging game of life.



...and we will have another one tomorrow. It is almost entirely hand-made, using a variety of different supplies. At the first day of setup, Seniors put up the main walls for each room, a tradition that has always been a responsibility of the Senior class. The layout of the dance is simple: there are going to be several animal-themed rooms surrounding the dance floor room, including a casino, a snack bar, and an Savannah-themed entrance. Another important part of the dance is the Senior lounge, which, if you couldn't tell by its name, is an area designated for the Seniors that is crowned by an enormous entrance. Possibly one of the most memorable entrances was the that of 2015, constructed by the Class of 2016 as a replica of Spongebob's pineapple house. The Class of 2019 is guaranteed to construct a great entrance, as grand schemes have always been an essential part of this class.

Every year, girls from all over the Dallas area want to come to Cistercian's Homecoming. The dance has the reputation of being the best and most fun among all other Homecomings. Above all, it is incredibly unique, due to the handcrafted setup done by the student body. Cistercian guys get a good amount of time to make the lofty decision of who they will take to the dance, as the freshman mixer and football afterparties all present great opportunities for students to meet girls and discern potential candidates for homecoming dates.

Cistercian homecoming has never failed to disappoint (save for DJ Amy), with an incredible setup, an awesome performance put up by the football team that Friday, and the big night of the dance. Student Council has been hard at work for an incredibly long time, and the product that will come to fruition on October 6th will be nothing short of grand. It will without a doubt be a night to remember.



HOCO 2018

FRESHMEN ANITIPATION

The members of the Freshmen classre eagerly anticipating this Homecoming dance. This year our class has had numerous "firsts" and we are sure that this "first" will not disapoint.

There is a lot of hype surrounding Homecoming, which has caused most freshmen a good deal of stress. Questions like "Who should I ask?", "How should I ask?", and "Should I even go?" have been plaguing our minds. A lot of the decisions involved with Homecoming take a good amount of personal exploration, which makes the event all the more stressful. The way that you tackle these basic problems is really telling of your personality. Do you decide that it's a waste of time and money or dive right in and ask a girl out immediately? Do you make a cute sign, or do you just ask the girl out over text? Figuring out how you personally want to handle these situations is honestly a big part of Homecoming. One of the most important things about the dance is



PARTY ANIMALS

The High Schoolers have been decorating the gym to prepare for Homecoming. With only one workday left, the parents, staff, and Student Council reps have produced an agenda for an efficient setup. Each weekend, many students from each Form worked tirelessly from 9am-4pm. Everyone had various jobs, which even included swimming out into the flooded parking lot and retrieving some seniors' cars. The climax of the first workday was moving all the wood panels. Through everyone's hard work, Hoco setup is still ahead of schedule.

Though the Seniors come and worked as a group, a few seniors are heading specific parts of Hoco setup, such as the Rainforest Café, the lion head entrance (to the gym), the gorilla Senior lounge entrance, and the cave. The entrances are still being made, but the seniors have already made tree-like pillars, canopies, and walls for the rainforest café. The seniors came before the

that it puts you out there, and opens you up to doing things like asking a girl out, which you might not have done otherwise. For example, one of my formmates noted, "After asking a girl out for the first time, I'm really much more confident in my interactions them."

Despite these questions, which most of us have been trying to answer, our form has mostly good things to say in regard to how they feel about Homecoming. When you walk into one of our classrooms, you can see all the antipatory chatter and excitement taking place. Our class seems reinvigorated and much more high-spirited. Homecoming does a really great job of providing students with that extra dosage of pep and perkiness.

Overall our class is very enthusiastic about homecoming, and we have definitely bought into the hype. We cannot be entirely sure that it will be as earth-shatteringly amazing as we are expecting, however, we are willing to bet, it will at least be great.



workday to set up walls. The Seniors are still working on the stage for their lounge. The Juniors are finishing the setup of the Ocean Dance Floor, Beach Theater, and Circus Casino. Though these are still in progress, a strong foundation has been laid in so that we can finish quickly tomorrow.

Art Board put in a lot of effort to produce three murals of a yak, a penguin, and a polar bear. The sophomores are responsible for the Arctic Foyer, Igloo Concession Stand, and the Jurassic park purse check. The sophomores have cut out a bunch of animal stencils, and they graciously helped the freshman by carrying walls with them during Friday's lunch. The freshman were mainly carrying out tasks to help out other groups because they will not be able to set up the outside portion of the dance, the Savannah Walkway, until right before the dance. Some of the jobs they did this past weekend included painting 80 walls for the Cave, stapling blue butcher paper on the walls for the Dance Floor, and cutting out animals. As you can see, a lot of work is being put in to make this weekend truly wild!

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The Egg Drop

*Charlie Nowlin, '20,
who dropped it like it was hot*

This past Tuesday, September the 25th, marked a historic event: the Form VII Egg Drop. It was a day of highs and a day of lows. A day of joys and a day of sorrows. A day of -- well, you get the idea. For this physics lab, the 7th form class divides into groups of two to compete in a test of ingenuity, creativity, and skill. Each group must create two different structures in which to drop an egg from the balcony of the 2nd level of the science building. One model, called the "crumple zone," must be made of rigid materials that could break upon impact with the ground, whereas the other model must employ some sort of parachute (or another device to provide air resistance) in its descent to provide for a safe landing for the egg. There were many specifications that these models had to follow, although *some* people simply took these rules as loose suggestions.

With as many participants

as there are in a form, there is bound to be an interesting variety of models. In fact, designs ranged from the so-called "Eggcopter", which spun downwards in a whirl of fury, to an egg pinned between two dried bagels.

There was also the famous "PEPPERS." That group attached celery and bell peppers with nails and zipties, and then stuck a bell pepper on top, and another pepper inside that pepper, and then an egg inside that. Many people doubted the safety (and legality) of their structure, but by some miracle, the impact with the ground caused the peppers to explode and the egg to fly and hit the ground without shattering. When asked why he choose bell peppers as the basis for his project, Nathan Paul said, "It was all because of convenience. I really didn't want to have to make a lunch that day, so I figured if it broke I could stick it in the microwave and have an easy omlette."

Many groups developed a close attachment to and affection for the eggs they had labored so furiously to protect along with the structure itself. Unfortunately, only a few "crumple zone" projects man-

aged to protect their eggs. Groups such as my own were sorely disappointed to hear the sound of our prized eggs cracking, showing our failure to adequately protect them. Many parachute models, in contrast to the "crumple zone" models, performed remarkably well, even with the unexpected factor of gusts of wind sweeping them up. Furthermore, some of these had to survive the labyrinth of trees ready to ensnare them. Almost as many as failed in the "crumple zone" saw success as their creation battled strong gales to emerge victorious.

Finally, some free-style egg drops (not for a grade) took place. This provided the perfect opportunity for some bizarre sights, including a styrafoam head with an egg buried in its forehead. Father Philip, both Form Master and physics teacher of the 7th Form, expressed his thoughts on the egg drop with his typical unbiased, straight-forward rationality, saying that he had seen better and he had seen worse. In any case, it was a successful day -- we engaged our creativity, came side by side for teamwork, and got to see more than a few eggs splatter on the hard concrete.

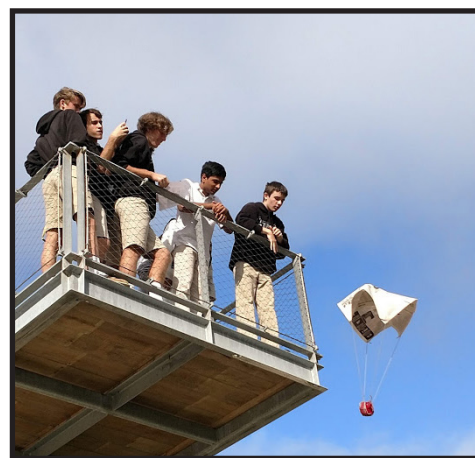


Photo By Noah Vetter

*Walker Holman, '21,
who is a very good Middle
School Editor*

Ms. Williams is the new English teacher for Forms II and IV. She has a very warm, welcoming, and nurturing personality.

As a child, Ms. Williams loved reading, learning, and exploring nature. She was the fifth child in a family of seven. She grew up in a house her father built on the St. Joseph River in Bristol, Indiana. She says that living in a place so in touch with nature instilled in her a love for the outdoors.

Ms. Williams wasn't al-

ways a teacher. Previously she held jobs in the fields of marketing, law, accounting, and medicine. After teaching religion for a little while she realized that teaching was her calling in life. Before coming to Cistercian, she taught at Corinth Classical Academy and Immaculate Conception Catholic School. However, she is no stranger to Cistercian as she attended college across the road at U.D.

One of the hallmarks of someone who has read quite a few books is the difficulty answering the question "What is your favorite book?" Ms. Williams, however, has a creative answer: "Whatever I'm reading at the time becomes my favorite book." When asked, "Which one of the many books that you have read has most radically changed your perspective on life," she answered, "The Imitation of Christ by Thomas á Kempis because it describes how to be a good

An Interview with Ms. Williams

Christian from a very deep perspective."

Asking about her favorite author received a more decisive answer. "Charles Dickens is one of my favorite authors because he is a master of character descriptions. No other author can describe a scene with such detail and make it so vivid." She does concede that occasionally his "masterful" descriptions can get a tad excessive.

Ms. Williams is very relatable to a Cistercian student because like many of us she struggles with both geometry and chemistry. Also, like many of us, she has a pet, a dog named Koda. She also loves camping, although she admits that she does not get to go out as often as she did when her children were young. Instead of going out and camping she prefers to bond with nature in a different way--gardening.

She is also a tried and true American. When asked "If you could live in any country other than the United States, where would you live?" she could not answer. She said that no other country has such a variety of landscapes and climates as the United States does, and as na-

ture is so important to her, she just would not feel right living anywhere else.

Ms. Williams is a wonderful, well rounded, and personable individual. Students taking her English class think she is a wonderful teacher. William Coulter (Form IV) said, "I really like how energetic and enthusiastic she is during class," and Xavier Currin (Form II) said, "I like how we do a lot of activities in class." I think it is safe to say that the students of Cistercian are very excited to have another great English teacher on campus.

"I believe that everyone has something good to offer and we shouldn't underestimate that."

- Ms. Williams

Cross Country

*Samuel Mernery, '22,
who XC'd the word count*

We know the truth: not many people pay attention to Cross Country, but it is a real sport with great benefits. From Middle School forward, it teaches you to work hard and allows you to grow in perserverance, as well as teaching you to deal with the difficulty of running constantly in 'Texas' less than ideal weather.

Cross Country does not take away from your academic goals. By this, I mean that time for study and homework after school is not reduced and that cross country is not mentally straining in the slightest. For Middle School, practices are during the school day on Monday through Thursday for an hour-and-a-half, and the meets are held on Saturday mornings. When choosing between PE, football, and Cross Country, do not let the fear of slipping up in school dissuade you from the latter.

Cross Country will keep you in shape, and help you pre-

pare for any running-heavy sport, especially soccer and track. Cross Country is great for boosting stamina, a highly important component to any competitive sport. In addition to the running, which takes up the majority of practice time, you will work out in the weight room for two days a week, which will help you get stronger.

Most importantly, Cross Country is fun. Coach Walsh is a great guy who is full of sound advice for the runners. He is also great to talk to, which makes the practices more enjoyable. On top of having an excellent coach, Cross Country provides a great time to hang out with your friends and perhaps meet some new ones.

In the Upper School, Cross Country gets more intense. Practice is every day, after school on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and early in the morning on Tuesday and Friday. Practices are longer and the exercises are made to simulate parts on a course (i.e., *a lot* of hills.). The reason that the practices are so much harder is to prepare you for the meets, which have moved from 2 miles to a 5k run (about 3.2 miles). Our coach,

Coach Roane, knows what needs to be done to excel at the meets and helps the athletes perform to the best of their abilities. Instead of sharing the sport with only one grade as in Middle School, the whole Upper School participate in the same practice and at the same meets. This is great for getting to know the Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, which is made even easier due to the small size of Upper School Cross Country. After a while, the fun times spent hanging around the older runners balance out the extremely hard practices.

I am a freshman runner in cross country and have been through all the practices and meets so far. I ran in Third Form, then chose to play football in Fourth Form. Thus I had a gap of two years since I had run long distance, which I felt during the first several weeks of training. However, I did have a few of my good friends in XC, and the older runners were fun



Photo By Mrs. Salhab

to be around, so my overall experience was definitively positive as a whole. The biggest problem with upper school cross country is the extremely early meets on Saturday mornings. These are both early (7:30-ish) and most of the time in the middle of nowhere--an hour away from civilized land. This is the one drawback I've experienced, but I feel that the pros of cross country outweigh the cons.

For the Fourth Formers who ran cross country in middle school, I suggest that you keep up with it in High School. At times it's the worst, but you'll learn to have a love-hate relationship with it within a few weeks. It really does help you become a better all-around athlete.



Photo By Mrs. Anderson

*Nate Sanchez, '19,
who thought he was Saint George*

The Hawks currently sit at 3-2 this season and are getting ready to take on the Casady Cyclones for the Cistercian Homecoming football game tonight. It's been quite the season of ups and downs for the Hawks thus far.

The season kicked off with the slaughter of Colleyville Covenant to the tune of 72-13, the highest number of points Cistercian has ever put up on the board. The next week, the Hawks fought hard and even had a lead

the Black Hand was as raucous as ever.

This game was followed by another rivalry game, this time with the much-maligned Greenhill, the team that prevented CPS from playing in the Championship last season. Retribution was served with force, as the Hawks brutalized Greenhill 49-13, even after a rather slow start. The game got out of hand quickly with a dominant 22-0 second half, and Cistercian cruised to its second win of the young season.

The Hawks then traveled south to take on the Austin Saints in their Homecoming game, also Cistercian's first conference game and its first step towards another championship berth. The Saints

Hawks Football

in the third quarter against rival St. Mark's, but ultimately lost 34-17. It was certainly a memorable night despite the loss, as Hawks Field was packed

with fans and

came into the game riding high on a three-game win streak. Their Homecoming festivities were ruined, as Cistercian dominated from the start, taking a 14-0 lead into halftime, eventually cruising to another dominating 37-6 win.

Cistercian is now coming off a heartbreaking 42-35 loss to John Cooper. The Hawks came out too slow, dug too big of a hole, and ultimately weren't able to complete the comeback effort. After trimming down a 42-21 deficit to just 42-35, Cistercian missed both the opportunities it had in the closing minutes to try to tie the game. The Hawks definitely hope to see the Dragons again in the championship, and now the team will have to work on a razor-thin margin for error in the final five games.

Tonight, we'll play Casady, a team with a 2-3 record that has struggled mightly this season. Cistercian also beat Casady very thoroughly in 2017, coming away with a 48-19 win. This is a big game, as a win would put the Hawks at 2-1, giving Cistercian the early inside track to the championship. The Hawks recipe for success has been our ability to deal with adver-

sity. Along with the loss of the game against St. Mark's, the Hawks lost starting quarterback Aidan Click to a season-ending torn ACL. Click finished his season with four touchdowns.

Jimmy Garda has stepped up at quarterback in a huge way, accounting for 13 touchdowns through the first four games. Garda has thrown for 394 yards, accompanied by 428 yards on the ground. Other notable contributors have been Kaosi Unini (123 yards, one touchdown), Harry Crutcher, who has accounted for 112 rushing yards and 128 receiving yards despite missing two games and Sam Clay, who leads the team in receiving with 259 yards thus far.

Besides the offense, the defense has been nothing short of lockdown, holding opponents to 16.5 points per game. The defensive front has also pitched games against Colleyville Covenant and Greenhill which it held them to 0 and -40 rushing yards, respectively.

Cistercian is off to a very successful start to its 2018 season, with the hope that a Chamionship trophy will soon be in our possession!

Art of the Month

"One day in my car, I noticed the droplets of rain forming almost perfect lines on the window shield. Since then, I've been inspired to recreate those lines they made. Now I enjoy working with paint to create beautiful works of color."

**- Emmanuel Barajas, '21,
talking about his artwork**

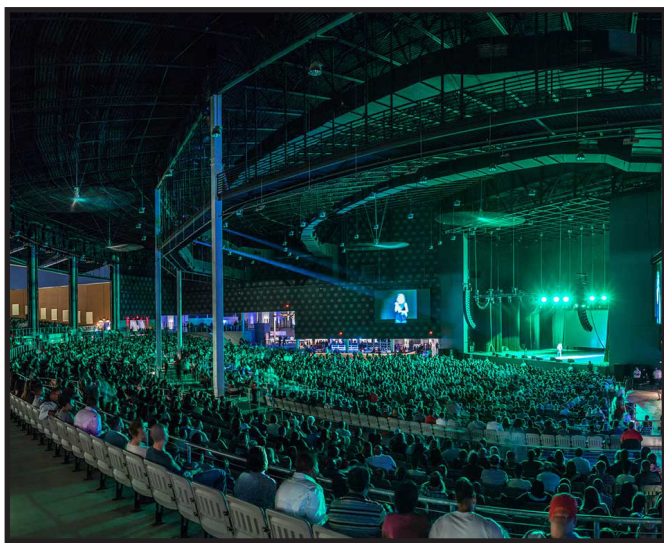


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*Ayden Kowalski '21,
who appears to REALLY like
Cardi B*

With a population of over 230,000, Irving is a surprisingly beautiful sister city to Dallas, which itself is on the verge of becoming one of America's prominent cities. Both are keeping up their commercial growth by continuing to excel artistically, with the Dallas Theatre Center winning the Regional Theater Tony Award in 2017. As for Irving, its sights are set on the current music industry with a 200 million-dollar complex that the

city hopes will turn it into a tourist destination: the Toyota Music Factory. Located between Highway 114 and West Las Colinas Boulevard, the Music Factory is designed to allow people to eat dinner and dance the night away at a concert in one of two arenas. The smaller of the two, the Texas Lottery Plaza, is located directly next to the restaurants. This open-air venue is designed for more casual performances, with a smaller stage and underground acts. One might also want to get some food, which is where the varied restaurants and bars come in. There's Brazilian steak, Japanese cuisine, pizza, and even The Country's Best Yogurt™. There's also the Bar Louie with a Friday night DJ set, so if you've been wanting to hear someone play Cardi B for more than ten seconds, you can finally fulfill your dreams at the Toyota Music Factory.

The second entertainment space in the Factory is the multi-purpose Pavilion, to which

Toyota Music Factory

entertainment company Live Nation has exclusive booking rights. This means that even if there is an amazing act that could fill the 8,000-seat amphitheater, if they are not in a deal with Live Nation, then that act cannot perform there. In an ideal world, this would not be the case, but it is better than not having a Pavilion at all. Anyway, this space has three modes: the previously mentioned amphitheater, the 4,000-seat indoor theater, and a 2,500-seat "intimate theater".

As for the acts there, Live Nation provides a number of noteworthy and exciting performers, including Ms. Lauryn Hill, 5 Seconds of Summer, and hip-hop collective 88rising. The space isn't just for music, either: comedian Brian Regan will be doing a show in the Pavilion this December, and a comedy troupe from TruTV will appear in March of 2018. Overall, the Pavilion is a great mid-size venue for decently-known acts who haven't yet reached arena capacity.

The only downside is that only Live Nation acts can perform here, which stifles the artistic lineup of the Factory. Certain acts will have to pass over potentially per-

forming in Dallas if they are too small for American Airlines Center but not a part of Live Nation either.

Overall, the Toyota Music Factory is a great addition to the Irving community. It provides a clear outlet for big acts that can't yet take the American Airlines Center while also packaging it along with a cultural experience through its various diners. It gives our city a musical foundation that hopefully will become central to the community as Irving and particularly Dallas begin to emerge as important cities in both Texas and the whole nation. It also helps its sponsors, with Live Nation getting a performance center in an emerging powerhouse county and Toyota, which recently moved its American headquarters to Plano, to become important in the community where it now resides. Is it perfect? Of course not. But does it provide a new kind of musical experience to a community that has reached a point where purposeful culture is the most important addition? Indeed, it does. And it also might let me actually hear Cardi B at a party, so no matter what, it does good.

ACROSS

- 1. Ordinary.
- 5. Knockout.
- 7. Barbeque meat.
- 10. Arkansas.
- 11. A pride of ____.
- 12. "When you gotta ____, you gotta ____." - Ian Malcolm (same word in each blank).
- 13. Almost the national bird of America.
- 15. Expresses a condition or possibility.
- 16. ____ck = a noise you'd expect to hear from a water dwelling feathered creature.
- 17. Guns and ____s.
- 18. It ____ what it _____. (Same word in each blank).
- 20. Cistercian ____ is out of control (among other things).
- 21. They bring you packages. Your dog hates them.
- 22. Average first former PE shirt size.
- 24. Big. Four legs. Horned. Not a Triceratops.
- 25. ____! I found it!
- 29. __raptor. Triassic bipedal saurischian dinosaur. Among the oldest known.
- 30. Twins with 44 Across.
- 31. ____ Land. Where you go in history class.
- 34. Lion speech abbreviated.
- 37. To make angry.
- 38. 54 Across + ____ = ancient currency.

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- 53. Kung ____ Chicken. Hint: Not "Fu." That doesn't even have the right number of letters.
- 54. ____ + 38 across = A ____ of gratitude.
- 55. Would probably go directly in front of 56 Across
- 56. Feline speaker of "Miau."
- 57. Affirmative response from a serpent.
- 58. Definitely not him.

DOWN

- 2. Twice as many limbs as you. Twice as cool as you.
- 3. Female horse.
- 4. Captain Noah's vessel.
- 5. Big ol' goldfish, sorta.
- 6. The state of Anne Bradstreet's pelf.
- 8. Big lizard of the Galapagos.
- 9. A beautiful animal, breathtaking to behold. (2 words).
- 11. Snow cat with ear tufts.
- 14. "You don't know how lucky you are boy, Back in the ____."
- 17. ____ the day.
- 19. Where you might find a shell, or perhaps a beached behemoth.
- 23. Another name for another name for a dollar.

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DOWN

- 26. What you think of when you think of Pachyderms.
- 27. "G'day mate." POW!
- 28. Multiple long nosed mammals that don't "ZOT!" but do eat 35 Down.
- 32. Los Angeles.
- 33. Not a she-hog, I suppose.
- 35. 6 legged victim of magnifying glasses around the world.
- 36. Friends with the Frog, less fond of water.
- 40. "What was that? I think I heard ____!" - Someone who doesn't spend enough time in the woods. (Two words).
- 42. I was ____tacked by a Bengal Tiger. It hurt.
- 46. For example, e.
- 47. Sphinxes lose their ____.
- 50. A ____d tiger.

DOWN

- 51. T. Rex does this (and many other things) best

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

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