

Verbatim

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: being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD
// a *verbatim* report of life at Cardigan

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The Revival of the Glee Club...Sort of: Mr Franco

Victor Zhu
Reporter

In the middle of the winter term, Mr. Franco started another musical group - The Choir after the mysterious end of the Glee Club last year...

After last year's glee club, could you please tell us why you chose to start the choir this year?

The choir formed simply because many boys expressed to me an authentic interest in communal singing. These boys and I shared the vision of a group fully devoted to challenging ourselves, teamwork, and of course, making music with one another. After gauging interest, I decided to start it just in time for the very special chapel service last week, because the music we will sing for it is some of the most beautiful yet simple pieces ever written. Anyone can appreciate the splendor of these hymns, and anyone is capable of singing them with others. All it takes is a little practice, an open mind, and above all, a good attitude.

Could you tell us some pieces that were performed during the holiday chapel?

The pieces the choir sang were, in order, as follows: "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Hark! The Herald, Angels Sing," "We Three Kings," "Silent Night," and "Joy to the World." Furthermore, there were some additional musical surprises in the evening's program, courtesy of some very talented students and adults in our community. Each song is different; some were fast and some were slow, some were happy and some were sad, and some were loud and some were soft. Whether you were in the choir or not, you too got to be a part of the action and sing from the audience.

How're the rehearsals going so far this year?

The rehearsals have been solid so far: the basses (deep voices) were working on singing a harmony line different from the main tune, I selected three gentlemen to each sing a solo, and we practiced the hand chimes, which we played while singing one of our songs.

What is your plan for the rest of the year with the Choir Group?

The Choir is here to stay, and I am excited to grow it, continue setting a higher standard for our performances, and make it as much fun as it can be.

What is the biggest challenge right now for the group?

The biggest challenge is figuring out how far we can actually go as musicians and as a team. We composers have a centuries-old mantra that no one can ever write "perfect" music, nor can anyone give a perfect performance—and this philosophy rings true every time we rehearse. Every time we sing, we discover what we can do to make the song better and more captivating for ourselves and our listeners. For example, if we finish learning all of the words to a song during one rehearsal, we then realize that we can make it more in tune. Next, we



Mr. Franco in Holiday Chapel

Photo Smugmug



realize we can sing softly in one part, but loud in another. Then, perhaps we can sing it in harmony. Every song we sing has gone through numerous phases of development. It requires patience and buy-in to see results, like putting a seed into the ground and watching it grow over many months. That being said, it pays off whenever we realize how far we have come and begs the question of what we can do next.

Culture

The World: According to Mr. Gartner

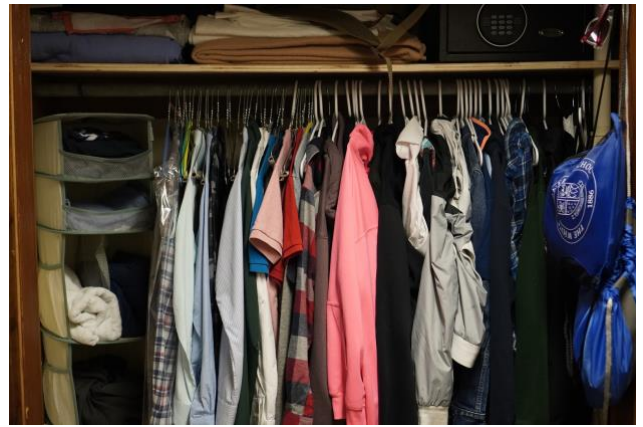
Mr. Gartner
Ph.D in Knowledge

- 1) Teslas are powered by Mountain Dew
- 2) Dogs see in black and white but dream in color
- 3) Running downhill builds muscle faster than running up them
- 4) The idea for a closed-toe shoe came after Phil Shoemaker got his feet covered in mud and it hardened
- 5) The most common street name is 2nd street.
- 6) Cats can see WiFi
- 7) AirPods make you look dumb
- 8) New York City is "The City"
- 9) Guitar is the easiest instrument to learn
- 10) Money has a made-up value

Get your Room Ready For Winter Break!

Diego Escalante
Reporter

A few days from now we'll all be enjoying a well-deserved break. Some of us will be going home to spend the holidays with our family. Others will be traveling around the globe to exotic and warm places for unique and exciting experiences. Before this break arrives though we still have a little bit of work to do. Classes, sports, and other activities will persist through the next three days and we must do our best to finish strong. As a reminder, the midterm grades will be entered about a week after the end of break which means now is the time to capitalize and hit it home on big projects. Also, in the coming days, there is one more housekeeping item that needs to be done. That is the tedious task of cleaning our rooms. This job is not going to be done the same way that it was done during the last few breaks. Instead, all perishable foods must leave your room and everything must be picked up off your floor. This process is necessary so we don't arrive back on campus after the break with a lot of cleaning work to do. Also, don't forget that the food drive will only be open for a few more days, so if you want to get some extra dorm points and help out the community be sure to be thinking about some ways that you can contribute. The break is near at hand but we still have to power through. FINISH STRONG BOYS!

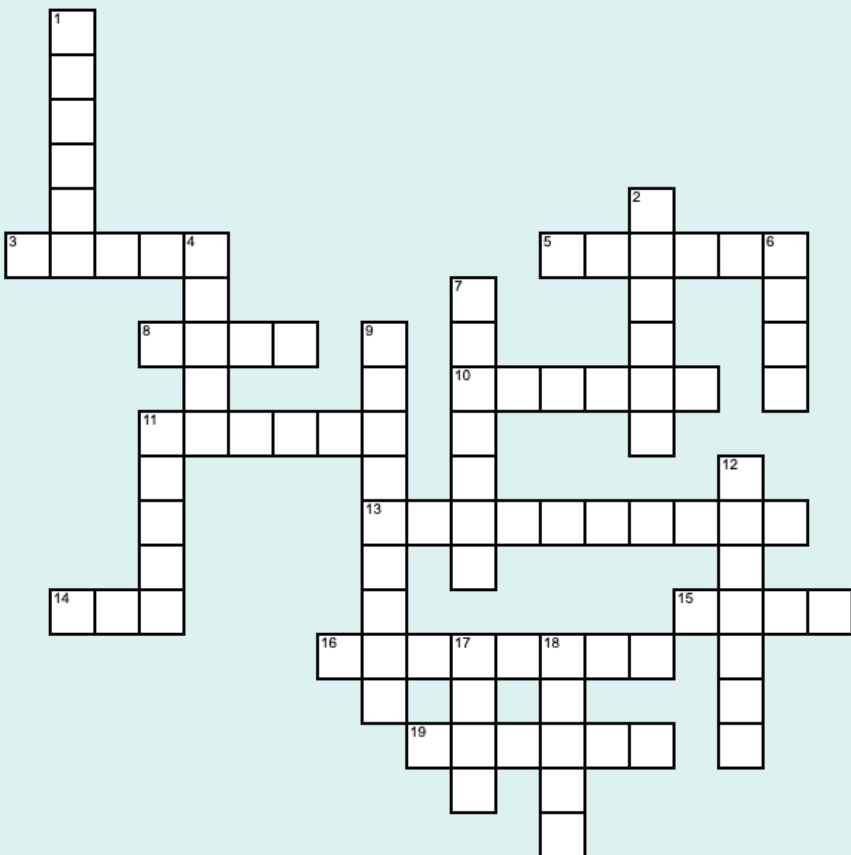


Organized Closet

Photo Mike Lee

Test your knowledge in Christmas Music and Songs with this Crossword! GOOD LUCK!

Christmas Songs Crossword Puzzle



Across	Down
3 Silver ____	1 ____ Bells
5 Hark! The ____ angels sing	2 We three kings of ____ are
8 Let it ____	4 ____ baby
10 ____ night	6 ____ the halls with boughs of holly
11 Away in a ____	7 I saw mommy ____ Santa Claus
13 Here comes ____	9 I'll be home for ____
14 ____ to the world	11 We wish you a ____ Christmas
15 The first ____	12 ____ the red nosed reindeer
16 O come, all ye ____	17 O little ____ of Bethlehem
19 ____ days of Christmas	18 ____ Navidad