

# 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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## *Cardigan's Secondary School Process: Mr. Langetieg*

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The secondary school process is always a period of hard work and stress, but it is nothing to be afraid of. A large portion of the application process boils down to finding a student-school match, and this cannot be stressed enough. Finding a place where students see themselves spending the next 4 important years of their life is one of if not the most important part of the process. There is a group of dedicated and committed faculty ready to help you through this process, and Mr. Langetieg, one of our few secondary school counselors, will speak more on that.

***Before we talk about this upcoming year, do you have any comments about 2019-2020 wrap-up?***

This is where it hurts to not have the 9th-grade class back right now to celebrate everything the graduating class has accomplished and to remind them to finish strongly. When I look at this graduating class, they are a younger and smaller group than what we had in previous years. What resonated most was their authenticity and their commitment to the community. That can't be faked, and it comes through in the writing, the recommendations, and the interviews.

***What advice do you have for our underclassmen including 6th and 7th grade?***

There's always strategy involved in this but the big thing I want to stress is that the family and the kids should not be the ones strategizing early on. Those who invest in Cardigan and the opportunities and challenges that we layout in front of you are those that tend to be the most successful in the secondary school process. The 6th and 7th graders need to find their "motors" early on and work hard. They have to be willing to face challenges, fall flat, get up again, and try new things. We want them to try a new sport, try the glee club, try out for the play, work on their art or music. More than anything, we want them to ask for help – there's no shame in saying "I'm trying really hard but I need help in getting better organized and better focused." When it comes to the 8th grade, real decisions need to be made. An upward trajectory and the consistency of good performance is crucial. Students need to be more strategic in what they explore. They need to work as hard as they can, be willing to admit when they've made a mistake or need help, and on the weekend get out and enjoy!



Graduating 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Group Photo on Mountain Day Photo Smugmug

***Can you tell us a little about the hard work that the secondary school placement team does here at Cardigan?***

There's the stuff that you guys are aware of; the counseling, the fairs, prepping for interviews, the forward-facing meetings. That's important because we need to get to know everyone. The stuff that is behind the scenes relates more to the application piece. The recommendations require working with the faculty, who does a really good job. We create a spreadsheet of every single kid and every single faculty. Then we proofread every single recommendation which is time-consuming. After that, we promptly categorize them into all the application platforms. This process takes dozens of hours to do. The biggest piece is that I'm at probably 35 to 40 schools per year in person, building relationships that I really appreciate so that I have the credibility to speak on a student's behalf. In addition to that, I have over 100 hours of phone calls advocating for students throughout the process. Mrs. LeRoy is our SSAT guru; she organizes the dates, sets up the proctoring, and meets with proctors in advance. The fact that we can offer the test on campus as many times as we do is a really unique benefit as well. And of course, we are meeting with parents on the side to make sure they understand everything.

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# Culture

## The World: According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner  
Ph.D. in Knowledge

- 1) Gold has no value.
- 2) Chips are the best form of potatoes.
- 3) Stop signs are just a recommendation.
- 4) Sandwiches without condiments should be cheaper.
- 5) Moose are far smarter than people give them credit for.
- 6) Water is strong.
- 7) Mr. White's still uses his hands to figure out right and left.
- 8) The official time is wrong.
- 9) Dogs sleep 80% of their lifetime.
- 10) No one knows how WiFi works.

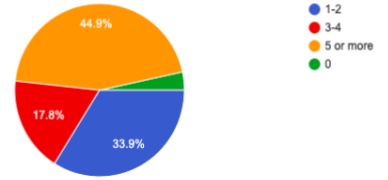
## Updates on COVID-19 (Corona Virus)

Victor Zhu  
Reporter

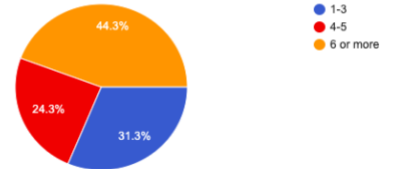
The death toll in the United States has surpassed 50,000 according to the data collected by Johns Hopkins University by 4 EST on April 24th. To give you a clear picture, that number was 654 a month ago. Although the number is intimidating on its own, many health experts suspect the number to be much higher. Nonetheless, many states have claimed that the infection rate has gone down significantly, and data suggests that it has passed its highest peak. Ambassador Deborah Birx, one of the White House virus attack force, claimed that, "if you look at seven-day reporting, we are starting to go down. We have a long -- we had a long, flat peak, largely driven, of course, by New York, which is about 45 or so percent of the cases." Going further into this week, another 4.4 million people have filed for unemployment, which adds in the total to be 26.4 million since the mid-March, the largest since the 2008 recession. President Trump and his team urged re-opening to certain businesses as a solution to parts of the problem. Recently, Georgia, the state that further loosens the restriction by reopening salons, gyms, and other non-essential business gathered the whole county's attention. Although precautions are imposed, the Mayor of Atlanta commented on this decision of letting these businesses open as a "deadly gamble". As of right now, we are still uncertain about the upcoming months, but let's pray for the best and stay healthy!

## Surveys: Quarantine Edition Pt 2

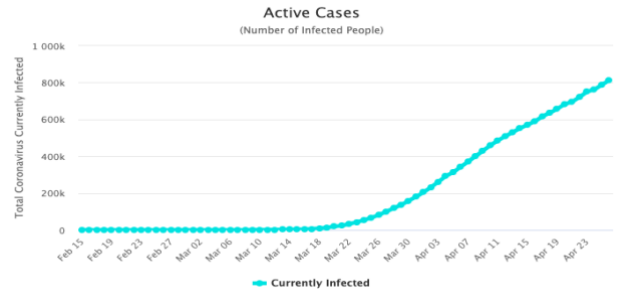
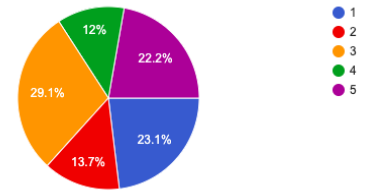
How many collared shirts do you have?  
118 responses



How many people do you call or text every day?  
115 responses

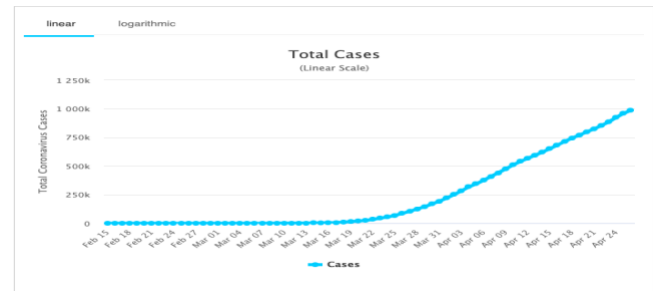


On a scale of 1-5 how hard is it to Social Distance for you?  
117 responses



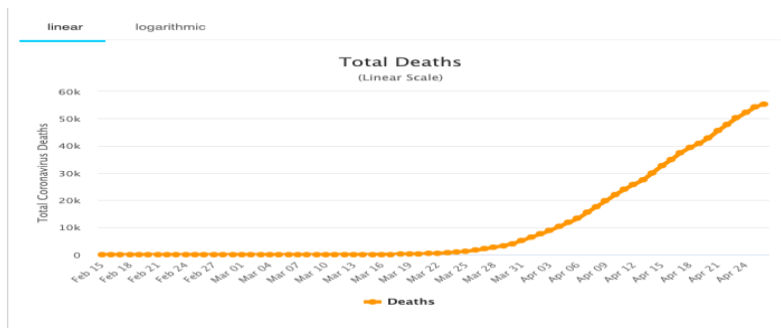
Active Cases of Covid-19

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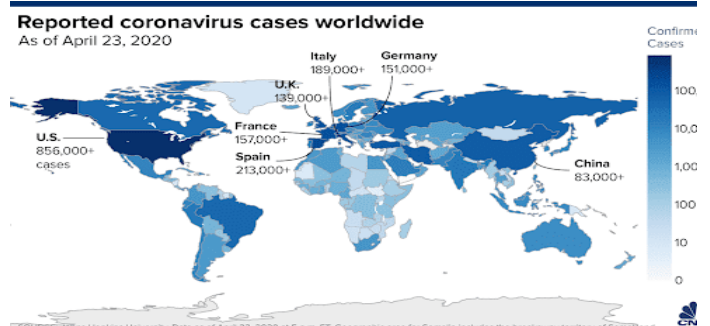
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Total Deaths by Covid-19

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Number of Reported Covid-19 Cases

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