# Verbatim

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## A Spotlight on the Visual Arts

Reporter: Mateo Escalante

#### The Visual Arts by Mrs. Silitch:

#### Can you tell us a bit more about the Fall Greeting Card Contest?

Every year both the Admissions Office and Mr. and Mrs. Day send correspondences to families and friends of Cardigan around the holiday season. The admissions office will choose 3-5 selections and Mr. and Mrs. Day will choose one.

#### Do you know how many submissions we've had so far?

So far Mr. Escalante and Mrs. Silitch's advisories have participated as well as Mrs. Silitch's 8th-grade art classes. Mr. Capistran has had some students participate in 7th grade for further course credit. There is still more time to participate. Submissions are due next Friday, November 19tgm before we leave for our break.

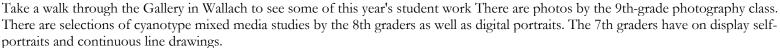
#### What are some of the themes that have won in the past?

The selection committee looks for artwork that expresses a feeling of winter, a festive spirit, or a winter scene at Cardigan

## What artistic qualities and characteristics make a winning and effective greeting card?

Creativity, craft and connection to our winter holiday card theme

#### We've noticed some recent art on display.



#### What will be some culminating art displays at the end of the term that students can visit?

The end of this term is next Friday. 7th grade will be culminating with a project called **imaginative cityscapes** using perspective.

The 8th grade will finish the trimester with a project called *Layers of Identity* - Exploring identity through self-portraits The 9th graders will share their *album covers* and song lists as well as a recreation of a famous album using photography.



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## The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner | Ph.D. in Knowledge

- 1) Latin is the fastest growing spoken language.
- 2) Nothing gets wet in the bed of a trunk.
- 3) Tom Brady uses cricket wireless.
- 4) If you jump into the Boston Harbor you can still taste the tea.
- 5) Rain doesn't make a sound when it lands on a lake.
- 6) Grass is 8% dog pee.
- 7) Antarctica has 0 ants.
- 8) If you walk backwards up a hill, you are actually going downhill.
- 9) Mr. White can only jump down.
- 10) Craisins are better than raisins.

## News

## A Spotlight on the Visual Arts (Continued)

#### The Gates Program by Mr. Escalante:

## What are some interesting projects that students have worked on this term?

The boys recently completed one of our classic projects - the pillow project. It incorporates several learned skills such as 2D design on the student computers, laser engraving on our incredible 80W Epilog laser engraver (new to us last year), and sewing both by hand and with a machine. Each student walks away with a very cool personalized pillow that's not only comfortable, but something to be very proud of. This is a project where you must embrace productive failure in order to walk away successful in the end. If you're observant while hanging out in your dorm, you're likely to see several in student rooms since this project was started when our current ninth graders were in seventh grade. Sixth graders are currently working on designing a 3D printed pot for a hydroponics project that we hope to showcase in this year's Gates Competition . . . something we were attempting to do pre-COVID. New seventh grade students at Cardigan are working on a battery powered 3D printed car that is sure to impress. The boys have engineered some really cool designs and we can't wait to see them in action!



What new and exciting equipment did Gates get this year? How will it help develop the Gates program moving forward?

We have several pieces of new equipment. One is not specific to Gates, but will definitely be used in the program and that is a Cricut. This powerful little machine is the master machine of creativity. If you don't believe us, just look at how Ms. Joslin used one to decorate both Clark-Morgan and her classroom. In addition to this, we have purchased some leather crafting equipment that is intended for our seventh and eighth grade students, but still needs some tooling in order to be ready for production. Stay tuned for more on that!

## Looking forward, when is the Gates competition scheduled? Can you give us an enticing comment about what we have to look forward to in the Gates Competition?

The Gates Competition is scheduled for April 29th and 30th, 2022. We can't wait! We hope to see some 2.0 or even 3.0 projects in this year's competition. As for new projects, most of the boys are still working on developing some of the hard skills to help when they get to prototyping. To all Verbatim readers, if you happen to have any problems that you feel our Gates inventors and innovators could help with please let us know. They're looking to help you solve your problems.

## The Woodworking Program by Mr. Burritt How are classes wrapping up?

Most of the boys haven't recognized that they only have a few more woodworking classes remaining before the semester ends. Many student projects are nearing completion but some have a long way to go. Panic will set in when the full realization arrives next week. Fortunately, there are plenty of Open Shop opportunities for students to wrap things up after the Thanksgiving break. What are some of the interesting projects that students worked on this term? It's a long list since every student is urged to create a project that they are



passionate about. A couple of boys have made scale models of their parent's or



relative's boats. Skateboards and jumps are a favorite choice. Several boys took to replicating historic swords. A door-mounted basketball hoop came out awesome. Guys are making baseball bats and spindle handles on the lathe. A large maple table is underway. Several boys have tackled the challenges of building a good hockey stick. Great strides were made over previous designs including a curved multi-layered blade and segmented handles for added strength and flexibility. As always, cutting boards for moms make great holiday presents and we've seen a stack of them made this semester.

#### How is the set design for the play coming?

The design is the sole responsibility of the Set Production Club. Mr. Good comes to us on the first day of clubs and gives us a rough idea of what the play is about and the settings that will need to be featured. He also gives us a few tips about the moods that will need to be illustrated and a few specifics about characters and how they will move about from scene to scene. From there, the members of the club go to work brainstorming ideas of how those scenes and moods can be depicted and highlighted within the confines of a 30 foot wide stage.

## News

### A Spotlight on the Arts (Continued)

#### What have been some of the biggest challenges with the set production?

Time. It's always the lack of time combined with looming deadlines. There's a ton of work that goes into a stage production and there never seems to be enough time allotted to do it all. In a fast-paced play like the one we will witness this week, there can not be a lot of breakdown of one scene and set up of another. All scenes and backgrounds for the entire play will be part of a single stage setup with some action happening center stage and other action to stage right or stage left. It's important that the audience can see the action no matter where they are sitting in the theater. The boys came up with a "camera lens" approach using angled sight lines. It's an interesting concept that we have never used previously. Pretty cool.

### The Glasgow Climate Summit

Reporter: John Murphy

This past Saturday, in Glasgow, Scotland a monumental climate pact was signed by just under 200 countries. In the latest United Nations conference centered on tackling climate change, discussions were based on how to achieve the goal of limiting warming to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit (1.5 celsius). According to National Public Radio, the globe has already warmed by 1.1 degrees Celsius since preindustrial times (around 1880 when the industrial revolution began). Most countries promised to phase-out coal, which is a major step forward to reversing climate change. On the other hand, in a late change in the wording of India's pledge, they will phase-down, not

phase-out coal use. India is the second-largest coal consumer in the world. This decision angers many small island nations that are at risk of flooding due to rising sea levels. The pact agreement also states the major carbon polluting countries need to have a more strict carbon-reducing pledge by the end of next year. UN Secretary-General Antonio Gutierrez voiced, "Our fragile planet is hanging by a thread. We are still knocking on the door of climate catastrophe." He also declared, "It is time to go into emergency mode - or our chance of reaching net-zero will itself be zero." Coal contributes to 40% of CO2 emissions, and at the Paris Climate Summit in 2015 a goal was made to reduce emissions by 45%. The goal also includes having almost zero emissions by 2050.

Earlier in the summit, about one hundred leaders pledged to stop and reverse deforestation by 2030. Trees are needed to remove carbon from the atmosphere. Another impact of the conference is that flying costs will rise. The BBC was told by the Chief Executive of Delta Airlines, "Over time, it's going to cost us all more, but it's the right approach that we must take." 2.5% of carbon emissions are from



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aviation, and companies such as Delta have worked hard to reduce their carbon footprint. They have been carbon neutral since March 2020 and have pledged to spend 1 billion dollars by 2030 to cancel out all the emissions they create.

In conclusion, will any of these pledges actually be followed through on, or is the planet going to be in the same situation in years to come?

