

Verbatim

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N-WORD PASSES

Reporter: Richard MacDonald



Photo illustration of a racial injustice protest by the AP News.

This fall has seen what has been described as an “annoying” and “uncomfortable” practice of asking our students of color for “N-Word Passes”. For those of you who might be unfamiliar with what an “N-Word Pass” is, essentially it is permission for white people to use the n-word without consequence. For centuries, the n-word has been used as a way to put down people of color. It is a word associated with slavery and Jim Crow, whippings, and lynchings. It is also a word the black community has adopted as its own. Using the word as a greeting and a way to connect. The rules of society, however, say that those outside the black community should not use this word.

As those of us outside the black community can't use the N-word without serious consequences we say and write the N-word instead of the full word. Much like we might say F-word instead of dropping an actual F-bomb. That has led some to request “passes” that would allow them to use the N-word without consequence.

Two students of color commented that the practice is, “not right” or “annoying”, and makes them feel “uncomfortable”. 9th grader Amanuel Levine said asking for a pass was, “disrespectful”, adding that, “assuming we (people of color) have the power to wipe out the consequences of using the word is wrong.”

We are not the only school to be struggling with “N-Word Passes”. A google search produced articles about this practice in schools from Potomac Maryland to Washington State. It turns out there's even a social media meme with an image of an “N-Word Pass”. The schools that have had these issues have come out strongly condemning the use and distribution of these passes. But what can we do as a community about this practice?

The first thing to do is to not ask for an “N-Word Pass”. People of Color do not have the power, or the responsibility, to excuse you from the use of a racial slur. As Amanuel Lavine put it, “police yourselves, don't ask us (people of color) to do it.” Second, speak up if you hear someone asking for a pass. Let them know that asking isn't right and puts people in unnecessarily uncomfortable positions. Third, if you are confused about the use of the N-word, N-word passes, or race in America, find a trusted adult in the community to ask. Engage in a conversation—a newspaper article should just be the opening of the discussion.

JV FOOTBALL ENDS THE SEASON WITH A 3-GAME WIN STREAK

Reporter: *Minjun Hwang*



JV Football vs. Hanover. CMS Smugmug.

The Cardigan JV Football team has ended the season with a phenomenal 3-game win streak against Mascoma (34-0), Hanover (28-16), and Mascoma (18-0). The first win in 4 years was earned during the Fall Family Weekend, beginning the win streak, followed by two more victories against Hanover and Mascoma. These wins are particularly valuable for the JV Football team since it's the first victory of the team in 4 years. To get prepared for the games, the JV Football team has been practicing to their maximum effort every day, especially running hill sprints. Great work, JV Football. Go Cougars!

FALL SPORTS REPORT

Reporter: *Justin Gong*

On Saturday, November 5, Cardigan athletes ended their sports of the fall season. The teams and programs all were very successful. Here are the overall results of all the teams in the fall season.

Varsity Soccer has an overall record of 8-3-2 and ended their season, winning the final Eaglebrook Tournament. JV Soccer ended their season with a record of 5-5-3, finishing off with a 3-3 tie against Brewster on Saturday. Thirds Soccer had a record of 2-3-1 and ended the season, earning second place (runner-up) at the Cardigan Tournament. Fourth Soccer finished with a record of 2-6-1 and played a couple of hard-fought games throughout the season.

Varsity Football has a record of 3-5, and they managed to secure a huge victory against Eaglebrook on Eaglebrook day. JV Football has a record of 3-4, with their first win in 6 years and 3 wins in a row at the end of the season.

The mountain biking team did great this year. There were great improvements and performances seen in all teams this year. Varsity Mountain biking ended the season at the NNEMTB Championship race, earning 3rd, 5th, and 8th in the C, 24th in the B, and 20th in the A race.

The cross-country program was also staggering. Both Varsity and JV had a great season. The Varsity Cross country ended the season as the 4th ranked among the 10 schools at the Lake Region Championship Race.

Sailing had a great season overall. They had a couple of close races against high schools in the Lakes Region.

Rock Climbing ended their season with some great improvements among the seven climbers.

"JUST WING IT"

Reporter: *Andy Han*

