

## VARSITY HOCKEY SEASON RUNDOWN

*Reporter: Jake Lim*

Cardigan's Varsity Hockey team is having an exceptional season, with a phenomenal record of 20-1-1. Its only loss was from an away game on January 7th against the Hotchkiss School, where a 2-1 lead was brought to a shoot-out and an eventual loss. However, the team had outstanding records against traditionally competitive teams such as Eaglebrook, Belmont Hill, and KUA. The Verbatim team interviewed the Head Coach, Mr. McCusker, and one of the team captains, Nate Watson, about this season.

### Interview with Coach McCusker:

Q1. How do you feel about the season so far?

The season has been a good one thus far. There have been challenges and a good deal of adversity, but the team is a resilient and competitive group of players.

Q2. Is there anything special about this season?

Any season at Cardigan is special. We're lucky this year to have great leaders that returned to the team from last year and excellent new team members who have worked hard and made the group better.

Q3. What do you think has powered the team through this season?

The team is made up of kids that all want to succeed. There is a competitive drive there that is important.

Q4. Are there any goals for this season that you or the team strive to achieve?

My goal is for every player to get better individually, and for the team to get better as a group. I hope each player can get to a place where they realize they are far more capable than they thought at the beginning of the season.

Q5. What improvements do you notice in your players? What should they work on?

For a lot of our players, the two biggest improvements throughout the season are in their ability to make smart plays quicker by playing with their heads up and in their skating.

Psychologically, as a group and as individuals, we need to work on competing to our own standard each day, and not measuring ourselves against the team or player across from us.

### Interview with Nathan Watson:

Q. How did you feel about the recent games? Is anything different playing right after the break?

I was pretty satisfied with our last few games before the break. In my opinion, we had a slow start against Belmont Hill, but after being awakened by Coach McCusker and Coach Carpino, we managed to take back the lead after two minutes of playing time.

Q. Did you set any personal goals for this season? Are you meeting them?

One of my goals this season was to lead my team toward a better season than we had last year, and so far, I am reaching this goal.

Only six to seven more games remain for the rest of this season, three home and four away. The team is going to play against a new opponent, New Hampton, followed by Tilton School and Cushing Academy which Cardigan has a lead. The last home game will be against the U15 American Hockey Academy at CATS Boston, before another Belmont Hill Tournament with two to three games.



*Belmont Hill Tournament. Cardigan Athletics. 2022.*

# WHITE OUT FOR EAGLEBROOK!

*Reporter: Terry Langetieg*

Eaglebrook Day has brought incredible results for Cardigan in our first three weekends of competition this year. No matter the season, both schools fight their hardest to take home bragging rights after a day full of battles. During the big fall day of games in October, many Cardigan teams went to Deerfield, Massachusetts, to compete. There were exciting matchups, and we ended up finishing 3-1-3. The teams were evenly matched with three ties and a single loss in soccer, while varsity football won comfortably breaking a two-game losing streak, cross-country continued a recent streak of excellence, and mountain biking dominated our foes.

Earlier this winter, the basketball and hockey teams went down to Eaglebrook to compete in winter sports. Varsity hockey had already bested Eaglebrook to win the Belmont Hill Freshmen Tournament, but it was the first matchup for the rest of the squads. We competed hard in our games and ended up coming back 3-4, narrowly dropping the day to Eaglebrook. Though we lost that weekend, we knew our rivals would come to Cardigan to compete with us on February 11th. Through a lot of hard work and determination, we managed to win the day by a 4-3 last Saturday, with 4ths basketball delivering a win via Andy Chen's buzzer-beater!

These two weekends were amazing for our hockey teams with Cardigan sweeping Eaglebrook from top to bottom for the first time in years. This was especially gratifying for the varsity hockey team as last year they split the games with Eaglebrook, and this year they had three shutout wins. Below are answers to a couple of questions about Eaglebrook day that Coach Frost answered for us this fall. Great work, everyone!



**Q:** How did the tradition of Eaglebrook Day begin?

**A:** The tradition started with just a couple of games, then melted into what it is today.

**Q:** What is the most important thing about Eaglebrook Day?

**A:** The most important thing about Eaglebrook day is the friendly rivalry between the two schools.

# SCHOLASTIC ART

*By Bobby Jiang*



*"Desire" by Johnny Xu*

On Sunday, February 5th, a small group of the Scholastic Art award winners traveled to Pinkerton Academy, located in Derry, NH. The boys left early for a reception ceremony, and their artistic abilities have been rewarded with awards, including the state gold key, silver key, and honorable mentions. During the ceremony, our honorable mention and silver key recipients stood up on the stage along with many talented artists in the state and were granted their respected keys and certificates. Cardigan's gold key winners for this year, Johnny Xu, for photography and Peter Feng for drawing and illustration, introduced themselves in front of the head of the scholastic committee and each received a gold key pin for their dedication to the art of New Hampshire. In the end, we returned back on campus after the clean-up for the ceremony.

# THE WORLD ACCORDING TO MR. GARTNER

**Mr. Gartner** | Ph. D. in Knowledge

1. Manatees move around by farting
2. Apple got its name because Steve Jobs' brother died while eating an apple
3. Cats are the worst
4. Pineapples are the chocolate of the fruit world
5. Your foot is the same length as the distance from your wrist to elbow
6. Mr. White was fired as a youth league basketball referee
7. Five guys was founded by only 2 people
8. Hyperventilating improves your ability to hold your breath
9. The plural of moose is meese
10. The world champion bass fisher person uses dynamite to catch their fish