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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25-26 *Verbatim* Launches!

2025 *VERBATIM* TEAM

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The 2025-2026 *Verbatim* team is led by Leo Hwang, editor-in-chief, and Eric Choi, assistant editor-in-chief. This year's team has more people compared to last year and is comprised of 10 students who will contribute to the *Verbatim* newspaper scenes of 2025-2026. To introduce the team, we have compiled a list of our members and a few words that represent them.

Here is a brief introduction of our *Verbatim* members of 2025-2026.

Leo Hwang - Football player, Basketball player, Drummer, Investor, Editor-in-Chief
Eric Choi - Musician, Mediator, Pianist, Assistant Editor-in-Chief
Cameron Suh - Magician, Fisherman
Dave Han - Soccer player, Actor
Ozzie Wright - Artist, Basketball, Gym
Zac Petrini - Soccer Player, Singer, Mbappe Fan
Leo Song - Hockey player, Vocal
Robin Lee - Guitarist, Plogging Club Leader, Band in Cardigan
Everett Lo - Skier, Gym Rat
Carlos Xie - Tennis Player, Robotics

We have also included a brief interview with the leaders to show why they are leading Verbatim and the changes they hope to make during the upcoming term.

Leo Hwang: I have always enjoyed reading *Verbatim* newspaper articles when they were published in the dining hall. I especially enjoyed Fun Facts Jamboree and Criss-Cross puzzles. This year, I want to try new topics on the *Verbatim* newspaper articles by featuring news beyond Cardigan.

Eric Choi: I have always wanted to take responsibility and be a leader on a newspaper team. I am an avid reader and a writer, and I hope to bring a positive influence by helping Leo lead our team. I really look forward to this year's *Verbatim*!

With a group larger than last year, we aim to publish issues every week. Later throughout this year, *Verbatim* will also cover topics external to Cardigan, including topics that have been trending around the globe. For articles related to Cardigan, the *Verbatim* team will conduct interviews with new faculty and students regarding their experience in Cardigan.

CLUBS AT CARDIGAN

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This year, Cardigan Mountain School offers new club experiences to Cardigan members. To explain the club system for people who aren't familiar with it, clubs are small recreational groups that gather every Thursday, right after Chapel. Cardigan students are able to join one club per trimester, and have a chance to switch clubs at the beginning of the term. There will be many offerings, including the Running Club, Basketball Club, Hockey Club, and Set Production Club.

This year, there will be new club offerings that are designed to be impactful to our community. Two new offerings are the Plogging Club and the Future Funders Club.

From this fall, our Cardigan community will have newer and diverse club choices than in past years, and these unique clubs will give more variety and options to students who want to diversify their activities and try something new.

Clubs are a great opportunity for students to connect with each other and find their interests. Therefore, participating and having a great time in clubs is a great way to enrich your experience on The Point!

Here is a list of some of new clubs offered for this fall term:

- Future Funders Club
- Plogging Club
- CMS Arts and Lit. Magazine
- Lawn Games
- Alpine Skiing Fitness Club
- 3D Printing and Design

NEW CLUBS

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Future Funders Club
Founder: Leo Hwang

Future Funders is a student-led organization dedicated to enhancing financial literacy among teenagers. As financial education is an essential skill for everyone, he hopes to help the younger generation learn about the basics of investing. For this club, he plans to discuss current business and economic news, conduct interviews to gain insights into careers related to business, and study key investment terms.

Message from Founder (Leo Hwang): "As my dad is a hedge fund manager, I have luckily been exposed to investing at an early age. However, growing up, I have witnessed a lot of young adults struggling with financial autonomy because they did not know the basics of investment. I realized that financial education was currently lacking in our educational system and decided to build Future Funders."

If you want to join Future Funders or ask more questions about it, please contact Leo Hwang.
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Plogging Club
Founder: Robin Lee

To describe Plogging Club in simple terms, Plogging Club is a running club that is dedicated to cleaning up our environment. While the members of the club run, they pick up trash and tidy up our school community. In essence, this is a club that catches three birds with one stone: enhancing the physical well-being of students, cleaning up our environment, and cultivating a deeper appreciation for nature. As a result, 1 hour and 30 minute counts as a community service hour after each club meeting as the members care for the welfare of nature and clean the communities around them.

Message from Founder (Robin Lee): "I have always desired to create this club, that creatively mixes physical well-being with community well-being. Although I am not a marathon runner who can pick up trash for 42 miles, by utilizing the club time we get, I want to make the best out of it. Therefore, with a mix of rest and running while picking up litter over the course of 1 hour and 30 minutes, I wish to make a difference to our community. This club will make Cardigan the cleanest place ever and allow the members of the team to learn the value of nature through exploring different trails.

If you want to join Plogging Club or ask more questions about it, please contact Robin Lee.
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TIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

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Academic Tips

- **Use a planner or calendar to stay organized.**

As we get into the semester, work and assignments are definitely going to pile up, especially for the 9th graders. It may become hard to keep track of all of the assignments without a planner or calendar. Therefore, it is recommended to make a good use of the Cardigan planbook every class and write down your homework and assignments that will impact your both effort and achievement grade. Lastly, procrastination is the worst way to start your first semester at Cardigan as it never gets better if you do not submit your work on time.

- **Don't be afraid to make mistakes.**

As Mr. MacDonald says, "If you make a mistake, make it full speed." This quote perfectly illustrates this academic tip because it is perfectly understandable to make mistakes. In one of Mr. MacDonald's classes, he also mentioned, "Homework allows you to fail and get prepared for the real assignment." Therefore, do not be afraid to ask the wrong questions and get the incorrect answers, as these "failures" will help you to grow and prepare you for major assignments that have a greater impact on your grades.

Social Tip

- **Communicate with different people at your dining tables**

During your first semester, it is important to expand your social circle and try to make new friends. Therefore, who you communicate with at your dining table, which changes every week, is really important. Many students tend to talk with their peers from the same country, but it is recommended to try to come out of your comfort zone and socialize with diverse students. Because we will not get to sit with all of the students during lunch, it is also recommended to bond with teachers and peers in other tables as well. So, if you have been reading this far of our first newspaper article, make sure to say "How was your day?" to tablemates around you with a smile.

Wellness Tip

- **Have a hobby**

With a lot of school assignments and extracurricular activities, it may seem like there is a lot on your plate. However, it is important to always find time to destress. The best way to destress is to develop your own hobby such as playing an instrument or playing football with your friends.