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FALL FAMILY WEEKEND & REVIEW OF MOUNTAIN DAY

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND

Zach Petrini / Cameron Suh

Fall Family Weekend is here! It marks the midway point of our fall term. During the Fall Family Weekend, the students cannot only catch up with their families and friends but also see and understand how teachers think and what they expect of them. Students from every grade can have a conference with teachers on Friday or Saturday. During the midterm conferences, students have a chance to identify and understand their academic weaknesses to make improvements in their classes. Besides the conferences, there is a plethora of other events that are held. These include sports games, including soccer under the lights, football on Marrion, family fun runs and rides, and rowing on the lake. These events are an exhilarating sight for the parents, as they have a chance to see their children in their games.

Moreover, the annual auction will be held on Friday, the 17th. The auction items can be seen in the Bronfman hallway, and they range from delicious food to fun activities. For example, there is a scrumptious barbecue meal on the lakeside with the Burnett family, a dynamic tennis training session, and a full-court match against Mr. Rocha. The purpose of the annual auction is not just to purchase items, but also to collect funds from the auction to enhance our school community. Additionally, there is an extremely intense go-karting ride with Mr. Perricone, and these events are exciting for the students and faculty. Have a great time with your family and take a fun break! Lastly, for the ninth graders on tours, good luck and have fun!



Photo Source: Cardigan Auction Website

MOUNTAIN DAY REVIEW

Robin Lee

There are several major holidays we look forward to at Cardigan each year. Four of them are Mountain Day, Snow Day, Ski Holiday, and Head's Holiday. Mountain Day is the first holiday that Cardigan students get. During Mountain Day, each grade hikes a specific mountain. The 9th graders this year hiked two mountains, Mt. Morgan and Mt. Percival. On this hike, we climbed a tall ladder up to a cave and a steep hill to go to the top of the mountain. The 8th graders hiked Mt. Welsh and Dickey, with deceptive peaks and valleys, and 7th and 6th graders both hiked Mt. Kearsarge.

To reflect upon Mountain Day, we interviewed students from various grade levels about their experiences during their hike. Among the 9th graders, *Eason Gu '26* described it as "A tough but memorable experience on the scary ladder." 8th grader *Mike Liu '27* commented, "Exhausting, but peaceful sight on the mountains." Lastly, among the 6th and 7th graders, *George Fein '28* added, "Brotherhood and friendship throughout the hike was memorable." Overall, through the breathtaking journey up the mountains, we were rewarded with scenery across the mountains that can only be found in New Hampshire.

Luke Elsinger '26 also shared what Mountain Day means to him with the following quote: "To me, Mountain Day means a getaway from class and a fun way to enjoy nature's beauty with my Cardigan brothers, and bond with my friends. At the top, my friends and I shared a Norwegian chocolate and took photos."



Photo Source: Cardigan Smugmug

SANDWICH FAIR REVIEW

Leo Hwang

The Sandwich Fair this year was fantastic. We all had a blast going on different rides and trying unique foods. Mr. Clark has provided his thoughts on Sandwich Fair, how it was different from last year, how he thought this year's fair went, his favorite thing to do at the fair, and the best food that he has had at the fair.

Q: How was the Sandwich Fair different from last year?
As one of my roles at Cardigan, it is my job to make sure that all the planning is done ahead of time for the Sandwich Fair, and the only thing I don't have any control over is the weather. It might've been cold this year, but it was nice when we were driving over to see the sun come out a few times. It was much better than last year when we had to leave early due to rain.

Q: How was the Sandwich Fair?
The Sandwich Fair is always a classic. It has a real family-oriented vibe, and I love seeing Cardigan boys walking around and seeing what a traditional New Hampshire town fair looks like.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do at the Sandwich Fair?
I love walking around and seeing the Cardigan boys enjoy their experience and also seeing some faculty members participate in the skillet and keg toss.

Q: What was the best food that you had at the Sandwich Fair?
My go-to is always the bison steak and cheese, but this year I switched it up and went to the Common Man beef chili burrito. You can never go wrong with your food choices at the fair.

Verbatim also caught up with some students about their fair experiences.

Yuha Nishida '26

Q: How did you distribute your money during the fair?

I used $120 in total. I spent $40 on food, $20 on rides, and $60 on Labubus. Buying Labubus was my best investment during the Sandwich Fair.

PK Stasko '26

Q: How much did you spend during the fair, and what was your favorite food that you ate?

I spent about $200 on rides, games, and food combined, and my favorite food that I ate during the fair was the buffalo chicken quesadilla.

NEW FACULTY INTERVIEW

Dave Han | Eric Choi

Interview with Mr. Bayreuther

Background Information:

Mr. Bayreuther joins the Cardigan faculty as a math teacher and will also be coaching hockey and varsity lacrosse. A proud alumnus of Cardigan Mountain School (Class of 2017), he continued his academic and athletic journey at Holderness School (Class of 2021) and recently earned his degree in Mathematics from St. Lawrence University (Class of 2025). His teaching philosophy centers on fostering a positive classroom environment and helping students build the confidence to communicate, ask questions, and seek support when needed.

Source: Cardigan Website



What does it mean to be part of the Cardigan community?
Being part of the Cardigan community means guiding and helping the Cardigan students to find their own path. All students have different interests and talents, and it has been an eye-opener for me to see various types of students do what they love to do. I really love the way students find their own path, and so I want to help their endeavors to the best of my abilities.

Why did you decide to join the Cardigan Mountain School faculty?
I decided to join Cardigan Mountain School for its unique community curiosity. Cardigan is such a special place for me, and as a member of the Class of 2017, I wanted to come back due to its unique community curiosity. Students are excited to step out of their box and always try something new.

What are some fun facts about you?
Some fun facts about me are that I like to ski, play hockey and lacrosse, and lastly, do dog walking. I am a dog lover and love to be athletic.