

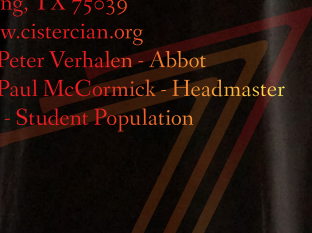
Fr. Augustine and Galen Hu (VII) stand in front of the new stained glass in the chapel shortly after the window was installed in late September.

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"To be **Enkindled** means to have a passion and share that passion with as many people as possible."
-Noah Vetter (I)

"To **Enkindle** means to light a stick or sticks with fire. But in Cistercian it means to set our imagination, minds, and spiritual soul alight with knowledge, understanding, and holiness in general."
-Peter Novinski (II)

"**Enkindled** - It's the inspiration of a great idea that comes to your mind when listening to stories, lectures or statements made through conversation."
-Davis Jackson (III)

"To be **Enkindled** means to be lit up by the Holy Spirit to do whatever He asks of me."
-Jose Baquero (IV)

Middle Schoolers Liam Martel (II), Rudy Gamboa (I), Jakob Quarels (I), and Ronak Thomas (II) spend their Tuesday study hall reading the *Guinness Book of World Records* together in the courtyard.
Photo by Michael Byrne

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Our motto: **“Ardere et Lucere.” - To be enkindled and to enlighten.** We read, take notes and tests, and learn in this place. We are also invigorated by the process of forming our own futures. For some that reality includes prayer, kung fu, and penances; for others, it’s writing, lifting weights and music. We see the greatest variety of captivating engagement throughout the process of the eight-year Cistercian experience.

We **ignite, burn, excite, brand, elate, animate, embolden, enliven, galvanize, exhilarate, impress, spark, hearten, and infuse** our lives with so many different things; yet we are **united** in the experience that is this school year and everything that entails.

Each **activity, athletic, scholastic or extra-curricular**, gives its own impetus, intertwining it with each student’s existence personally and collectively.



Shortly after setting the mascot of St Marks ablaze with a road flare Davis Benn (VIII) stands back triumphantly. Members of the senior class, particularly the guys in The Black Hand often tried to pump up their classmates with these stunts.

Senior Mark Dorsey (VIII) takes a break from the TCU yearbook camp by throwing the frisbee. Mark said, "We spent most of the time cooped up in a room planning out the yearbook, it was nice to be able to run around and spend time outside."

Photo by Matt Harris



SUMMER

Travel, Summer Jobs, Internships, Good Books, and Personal Projects keep the fires burning.

Boy Scouts brave the wilderness for twelve days in New Mexico.

A poet composes with his teachers and classmates

Students snap pictures during vacations

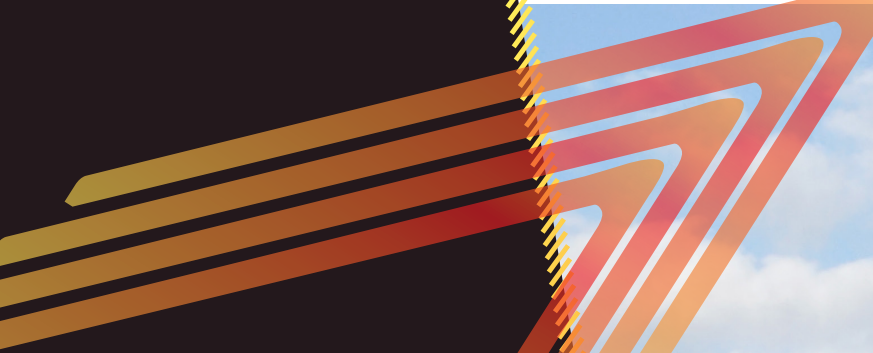
Athletes take advantage of the new weight room

Seniors weigh their options for college athletics

Missionaries spread the Gospel in Central America

... and we were [Enkindled](#).





AUTUMN

First Downs, Finish Lines, Textbooks, Old Friends, and New Faces help us fall into the new school year

A cyclist pushes his limits.

Freshmen face their fears and find their first Homecoming dates.

Second Formers, for the first time, step foot onto the field and under the Friday Night Lights.

Power Rangers, Teletubbies, and The Rocketeer dance in the dark.

Fifth Graders become First Formers.

Classmates bond outside of the classroom.

Student Council bumps, sets, and spikes.

A senior quarterback sets all-time marks.

Junior Einsteins blow stuff up.

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Jack Albert (VII) and Jordan Pemberton (VI) take the field with the rest of the Varsity Football Team before a home game in October against St. John's.
Photo by Michael Byrne



BRADLEY SIGMAN

PAINTBALL GUN SLINGER

When the Black Knights take the course many people are quick to scoff at their youngest team-member, third former Bradley Sigman. Because he's a few years younger than everyone on his team, and generally 10 years younger than his closest opponent, people are tempted to think he can't compete. That is, until he starts firing his gun.

The Black Knights are a competitive paintball team. Bradley, who has been playing for 2 1/2 years, loves the sport, the energy, and the camaraderie on the team. "I love the thrill of hitting people," said the often soft-spoken seventh grader.

Bradley plays football and soccer for Cistercian but his real passion is paintball. The same skills he uses on the football field and the soccer pitch, such as his speed and athleticism, translate well to the paintball course. When the opening whistle blows Bradley often darts behind a "Dorito Side-Bunker" - a triangular blow-up barrier. "The best and worst part of paintball is the

starting break," he said, "the rush is indescribable."

His quickness is vital when taking the offensive, enabling him to rush to the bunkers and lay down a barrage of paintballs so his team can advance. Players on offense are also tasked with attacking the opponents' base.

"You never take your finger off the trigger when you enter the battlefield. Our team can fire more than 600 paintballs per game" he said. This equates to about 2000 bullets per half-day of competition and 15 cases per tournament. That's a lot of paint.

Bradley admits getting hit by paintballs can hurt, especially when you get hit in the neck or hands. "I like to live dangerously," he said, "because I don't wear gloves." To those who might want to take up paintball as a hobby, the third former recognizes the importance of fearlessness. "Never be afraid of getting hit."

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WINTER

As the weather turns cooler, the school year heats up with Final Exams and Stage Productions, Soccer Goals and Three-Pointers, Science Experiments and Civics Lessons.

Basketball takes the court.
Students sing at the Christmas Concert.
Soccer stars get their kicks on the field.
Juniors receive their class rings.
The Aquahawks dive into the new season.
Students find refuge and resources in the Library.
Pirates sail to Treasure Island.
Seniors head to City Hall.

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On December 12th Form I students scream as they watch their bridge buckle under an ever-increasing amount of weight.
Photo by Fr. Anthony

Sophomore Adam Hoard (VI) hits the ball out to his brother, Garrett (VIII), in center field. Adam said, "I have enjoyed playing with Garrett over the past two seasons and he has always been my role model on and off the field."

Photo by Matt Harris

SPRING

After staying in and fanning the flame all winter, we break into spring fever with home-runs, hurdles, film festivals, photographs, retreats, and rockets.

A Chess Grandmaster anticipates his next move.
Tennis takes the game 40-Love.
Students paint, sculpt, sketch, and weld at the annual arts festival.
Bases loaded, batting a thousand.
Classmates grow closer to God and each other.
Talent emblazons on the stage.
Future physicists challenge gravity.
Sprinters burst off the blocks.
Rockets launched into the air.
Blood was taken... willingly.

... and we were Enkindled.



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Altar servers Anthony Farhat and Patrick McClain lead the procession into the Church during the Confirmation of Form IV.