

**First Mass for the First Form**  
 Stephen Dorn, Christopher Fieke, Dan O'Toole, and their classmates join in singing *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* during the Opening Ceremonies Mass.



Jack McGuire



Mrs. Ann Molash

**Take me to Church** James Flegle (VII), Connor Kulhanek (VIII) and Nicholas Williamson (VII) cross the hill towards the Abbey Church. As juniors, this was the first time James and Nicholas did not wear their CPS blazer to this mass.

**for your information**  
 A Senior and a First Former reflect on the first day of school.



Reed Graff (I)

"Opening Ceremonies was awesome! I was so excited for the challenges of a new school and a new environment with new friends."



Joey Nied (VIII)

"Opening Ceremonies this year was just the same as in the years past until I realized that it was my last."

**Opening Ceremonies**

**ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR... OH, PENS...**

Dozens of camera phones pointed towards the hundreds of sport-coat clad students coming over the hill toward the Abbey Church. Being the first day of the new school year, parents wanted to memorialize the moment on their Facebook and Instagram pages and took the opportunity to snap a quick pic on their phone.

The boys were on their way to the Opening Ceremonies mass.

Following mass most would take their school photo, have their vision tested, check their text books, and situate themselves in their desk and locker.

"I was excited to begin school again," said Cole Boyd (II), "I knew it would be great to see my friends again, and we would no longer be the babies of the school."



Mrs. Danna Arnold



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**Mass Exodus** After being dismissed from mass Noah Vetter and Peter Ellis (II) greet each other with some good natured tom-foolery. As second form students they, and their classmates, felt much more comfortable than the previous year.

**Form I Orientation Day**

The incoming First Formers visit Cistercian for the first time as a form. The fifth graders were very excited to take their tour through the school and all of the facilities.

Their Form Master is Fr. Justin McNamara. Among other things, Fr. Justin is also the first

form Latin teacher.

Per tradition, the first formers were welcomed to the school by the rising seniors. "It was really cool to meet all the students who are going to follow in our footsteps at Cistercian," said Senior Ethan Scott about the experience.



**What's the funniest thing to happen this week in your form?**

"Masaki said that he had been to Rhett's house, and they had an argument, and then Rhett suddenly said that Masaki had been to his house, and Micheal, Masaki and I feel over laughing." - **Peter Ellis (II)**

"The funniest thing that happened this week was when Max's entire desk was emptied because he leaned too far back! - And to top that off, it was during E-Lab!" - **Horton Richard (III)**

"The funniest thing that happened this week was when after Nicholas' PowerPoint went to a national anthem and the video was over another video played and when the screen was on again, it was a funny video of lambs running around." - **Guy Lamorgese (I)**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE**

**MIDDLE EARTH**



**Footballin' Form II Style** In the half hour before the opening bell rings Luke Rakowitz flicks a paper football towards the finger-uprights as Devon Comstock and Rithvik Kottapalli look on.

**Homework Help** John Stigall (I) shows fellow first-formers Ash Harrison and David Menerey the index of a text-book.



**WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE?**

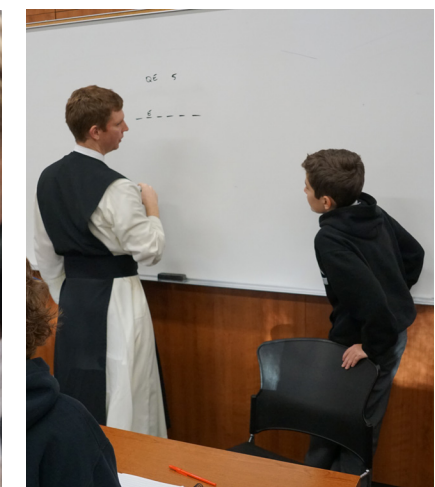
**CALLUM WOODHOUSE**

Callum Woodhouse is a talented artist. He likes to draw, frequently focusing on characters from *Star Wars*. It's not unusual to have a few boys gathered around his desk in the morning to see his latest creation. Here he's drawing a storm trooper.



**Magicians Gather** Matt Donohoe (IV) shows Mr. Alcala a magic trick while (right) a quick game of "Magic" busts out in a Form III homeroom during the fifteen minutes of recess. In addition to Magic, it's not unusual for Middle School guys to play Pokemon or Yu-Gi-Oh!

**Interesting Read?** A group of Form II students, including Matthew Martin, Dominic Pedicino, Jackson Summers, Oliver Currilin and Santiago Ramirez check out a *Star Wars* book from the library.



**Professor Form Master Fr.** Lawrence helps Form III student Michael Wilson with a math problem. Fr. Lawrence teaches Form III religion, but also teaches math in the middle school - to the Form IV guys.

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# H<sub>2</sub>ORSE PLAY WATER POLO

## Water Polo for Beginners:

A water polo game consists of four six-minute quarters.

Each team has seven players in the pool at a time. Six players typically swim up and down the pool to score, and one stays back as goalie.

Players constantly tread water. The mechanics of water polo are like a combination of those of basketball and soccer.

Players use ball-handling skills to pass and shoot.

Players need a lot of endurance to swim up and down the pool during quick transitions.

**Teamwork** Before the start of their second game of the day Max Talkington (VIII) helps Jacob Bartz tie his cap on. The CPH water polo team went 0-1-1 in their first tournament.

**Block Party** Matt Harris (VII) gets up out of the water to try and block a shot from the Southlake Carroll opponent. "I thought I'd try water polo because I didn't want to run track," Matt said about his first year playing the game.

**Shots on Goal** In a close game Jacob Bartz (VI) takes a shot. Each team gets only 30 seconds, from the time they gain possession, to take a shot before they shot clock runs out.



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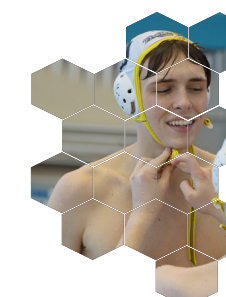


**Pre-game Plans** Lined up against the wall of the pool the entire team listens to Coach Linehan who tries to teach the guys the game while getting the best from his players.



**Hu's That?** Daniel Hu (VII), an experienced player due to his time on a club team, drives past the defender. Daniel scored the most goals through the first two games.

**Teaching The Game** As one of the best Water Polo players in the state, Galen Hu (VIII) takes the chance to teach newcomer Albert Andrews (VI) a bit about game strategy.



**Blake Storts (VII)** "The low expectations helps me really enjoy this sport. I only scored one goal... but I didn't expect to score any... so I'm really happy."



**Ruben Garcia (VIII)** "Water polo is the hardest sport I've ever done or ever will do, and I'm not very good at it. Thankfully the water polo wizards, Galen and Daniel are our anchors and will lead us to the playoffs this year."





**Cole Gimenez (VII)**

"I like the new pitching machine, and the speakers. If there was a positive from the flood, they are it. Having music at practice completely lightens the mood, and it helps us lose track of the time while we're working every day."

**Jack Hagewood (VIII)**

"We have a lot of returning veterans so we should have a lot of chemistry. Its gonna be a fun year. I'm actually playing really well, which is a huge plus. This is the seniors' last ride, and I really hope it's a good one."



**Nolan Pitts (VII)**

"Varsity Baseball... It's truly a one of a kind experience. No other team takes the same after school commitment and few other teams are able to compete at the same level we are."

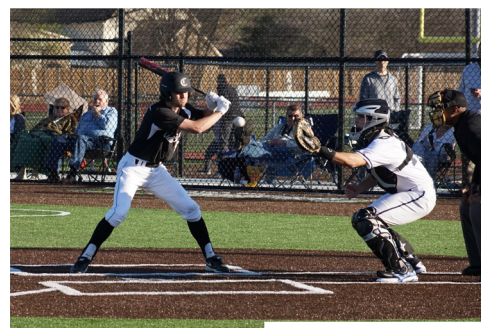


**Big Schief** After hitting a clean single, Max Schieferdecker (VI) rounds first and watches the center-fielder field the hit. Max usually batted fifth in the order this season.

**On the Bump** Right-hander Connor Kulhanek (VIII) pitches off the mound in a home game early in the season. Kulhanek pitched and played first and third base this season.



**Battery Mates** Catcher Adam Hoard (VII) shows Coach Cannaday and pitcher Vincent Tarzi (VI) where the umpire is calling balls & strikes between innings. Adam's nickan "Sticks" on the field because he wore #11 throughout the season.



**Road Warriors** Early in the season the Hawks went up to Plano for two games against Prince of Peace.

Clockwise from above: Connor Ryan (VIII) watches a high pitch go by. When asked, Connor noted, "With the way that umpire was calling balls and strikes, I'm shocked that wasn't called a strike."



Jack Mackenzie (VII) and Coach Taylor talk along the third base line as they watch a new pitcher take the mound.

After shaking hands the team heads back toward the dugout. The Hawks won both games handily, out-scoring their opponents 29-0 over the two games.



**Pick-off** Cole Gimenez (VII) tries to keep a runner close to first-base. The pick-off attempt was not successful, however, as the throw was a bit off-target and missed Cole's glove.



**VARSITY BASEBALL**

"He swung out looking, Coach," said Donovan Coronado (VII) when asked how the opponent batter performed during his last at-bat.

"He did what? Did you say he swung out looking?!" replied Coach Gray, smiling ear to ear. Soon after, the smile turned into a full guffaw. "He swung out... while also looking? My goodness Donny, that's why we keep you around!"

Keeping things light is central to Head Coach Mark Gray's leadership style. "He's a lot more relaxed than the other coaches," said football player Michael Molash (VIII) who played O-Line under Coach Gray. "One day, Adam Hellinghausen spent the first twenty minutes of practice telling one long joke. Coach Gray stood and listened and then we started our drills. It was hilarious seeing his reaction."

Gray took that same sense of humor from the football field to the baseball diamond.

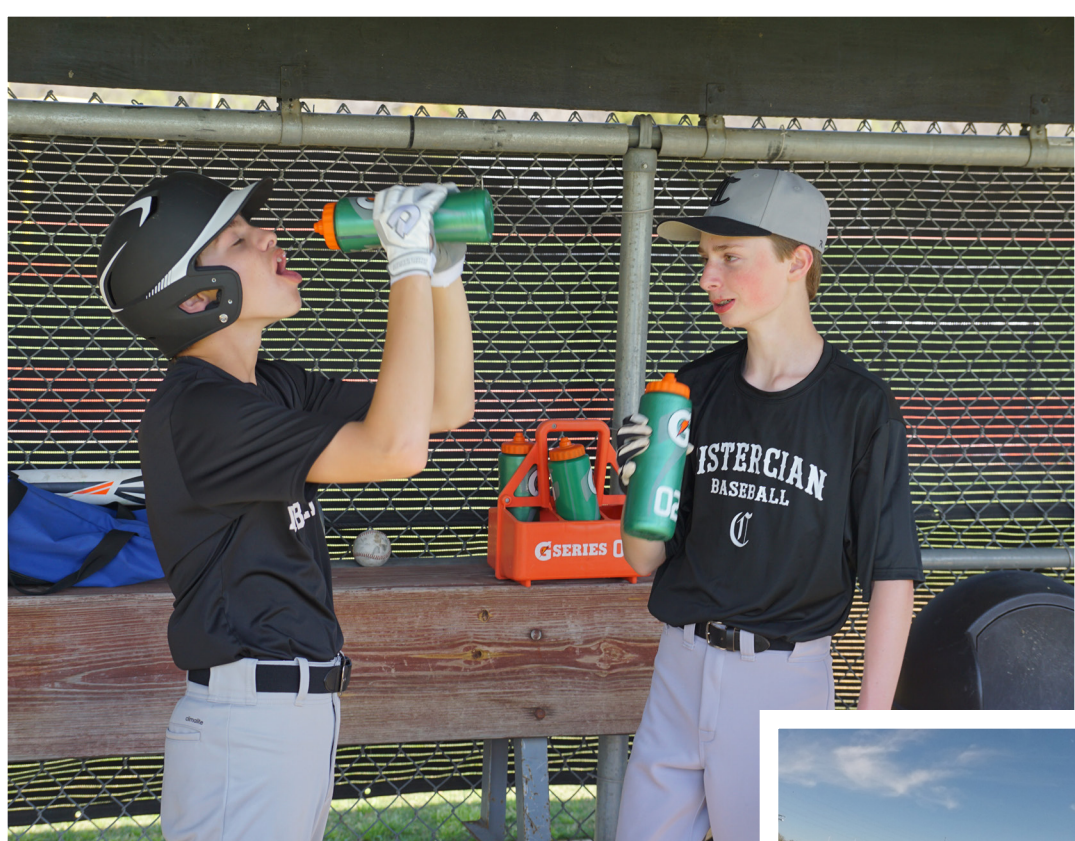
**INSIDE BASEBALL**



**Underhand** Fourth Former Cooper Hannay receives a “buddy-toss” from his teammate, Davis Jackson, in order to get the out at third base. Teamwork drills such as this one helped significantly improve the 8th grade’s infield play this year. Davis and Cooper both started in the infield for the Hawks, and made plays like this various times in game competition.



**Texas Thirst** JB Hudnall and Aidan Smith (IV) take advantage of a much needed water break during practice under the Texas heat. Baseball provides a lot of different opportunities for the players to stay hydrated and continue to perform at the highest level.



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**Having a Catch** Sam Cronenwett (IV), while wearing the GoPro camera, plays catch with Matt Donohoe (IV). This practice, the first after Spring Break, was used largely to “get the rust off” as Mr. Haaser, the assistant coach, put it.



GoPro attached to Sam Cronenwett



**JV & MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL**

**FIELD OF TEAMS**

People sometimes ask why I love baseball as much as I do. “It’s boring,” they say. My answer is simple: Baseball speaks to me. There is no better feeling in the world than turning on a fastball and driving it far into the outfield. The sport is competitive, but at the same time it’s relaxing. Surrounded by men like Coach Gray and Coach Taylor, it is nearly impossible to have a more amicable and hard-working coaching staff. The sights and sounds that we take in daily are unrivaled, from the crack of a bat to the snap of a glove, and even the grunt of an umpire signaling strike three. Cistercian baseball, just like every other aspect of this place, takes on many forms. And it makes us who we are.



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**I Glove Baseball!** JV player Lucas Watt (V) practices taking grounders off the infield grass during practice on Feb. 29th. It was the only time Lucas would have practice on Leap Day during his High School career.

**Not so short stop** During an afternoon practice in mid-March, Jack Schieferdecker (IV) covers second as a ground ball heads to the second baseman. Jack played a variety of positions this season, including both third base and short stop.