



Becoming the Man Catholic Memorial Intended

Domenic Scialoia

“Transforming boys into men.” This is the very action that Catholic Memorial prides itself on accomplishing. It is heard constantly from the administration and can be seen posted all over the school’s website.

A big part of becoming a man is learning to understand how the world works. Being a man is being able to comprehend the situations of other people and being able to communicate with people of different races, cultures and religions. These skills are taught to CM students through service.

And the senior students who serve at the Russell Elementary School in Dorchester learn these skills as soon as they enter the doors.

The Russell School, which is a part of the Boston Public School system, is home to kids from all over the city. Some kids even make the trek to school each morning from towns as far as Charlestown and Hyde Park.



The Russell School in Dorchester, MA
Photo Credit: BostonPublicSchools.org

A majority of the school’s students don’t learn under ideal circumstances. For example, many students are known as English Language Learners, or ELLs.

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Retiring Superstars

Tim Lahiff

Kobe Bryant has always carried himself a certain way: humble, but still aware of his greatness. This season, his long career with the Lakers is coming to an end.

Steve Azums, a senior at Catholic Memorial School, plays basketball and will continue to play in college. His story is very similar to Bryant’s retirement story.

When this season finishes up, Bryant will be done. His last season has been filled with standing ovations from fans, congratulations, and gifts from other players.

Azums is in the same boat. After the season ends, his CM basketball career will be over. He has been getting congratulated by other players and coaches.

Although Bryant's career and retirement seem unique, both Bryant and Azums have had similar experiences.

Bryant is getting more playing time this year than he has gotten in past years. Due to his back and ankle injuries, he has not played much in the past few years.



Similarly, Azums feels his playing is “much better than last year.” This was his first year as a starter at CM.

In Bryant's many years playing, he has been to seven NBA Championships and has won five. He was also a two-time finals MVP, one-time league MVP, two-time scoring champion and eighteen-time all-star.

Like Bryant, Azums has played on winning teams. Azums plays center for the Knight’s basketball team. He has played all four years at CM, and was on last year's state championship team.

Bryant has publicly talked about retirement, saying that he is surprised with the amount of love he is getting from the fans. In an interview post game Bryant told the AP: “I wasn't expecting that type of reaction, ovation... I’m deeply appreciative.”

Azums too has felt the love. “The competitive nature of this senior class is what will stick with me,” coach Denis Tobin asserted when speaking with ESPNBoston.com.

Now, both Bryant and Azums are planning for their futures. While Bryant plans to go into the music industry, Azums will attend college this fall and see "wherever that leads me."

Welcome to Open Mic Night

Jake Leary

The Catholic Memorial Writing Club began a new tradition with the advent of the Poetry Slam in April of last year: Open Mic Night.



What is an Open Mic Night? It is not actually at night, but a CM Open Mic can be found in Room 12 after school throughout the school year. Here, students can openly share their poetry, writing, recitations, or even just share what is on their mind.

Part of the purpose is to prepare for the annual Poetry Slam.

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This practice in speaking to a group aids in building confidence with sharing works of writing and getting energized for the slam, and this is the reason I pushed to create the Open Mics at CM.

While this is true, there is also a deeper and more intellectual purpose for the Open Mics.

One of the largest issues with our generation is the lack of communication. To bridge the gap, I sought to find a solution that would engage my fellow classmates, while not feeling forced or rehearsed. An Open Mic is spontaneous and free; it is not "supposed" to be one thing only.

CM needed Open Mics because we, as students, need to let our



individualistic voices be heard.

We should not be ashamed to share what we are thinking or what we have written. This is where the Open Mics fit in perfectly.

It gives everyone the opportunity to share without being judged or looked down upon. This sentiment is right in line with what actually



takes place during an Open Mic.

At one Open Mic, a student reflected on the passing of one of his best friends. It was a personal story, and it took great courage to share how he was truly feeling. At that moment, after sharing his thoughts about life and death and his personal story, it was hard not to feel emotional in Room 12.

During another Open Mic, in a much lighter tone, a student shared his love for football and Tom Brady. This exemplifies the range and flexibility of the Open Mics. They exist for all types of students and conversations.

Some may argue that at an all boys school, sharing writing and engaging in meaningful intellectual conversations is not part of the status quo. In reality, the seeds have been planted with the Writing Club's Open Mics.

These seeds will eventually grow to be great, and will benefit the intellectual landscape of CM. Open Mic Night is meant to inspire and engage students, to incite intellectual curiosity. As Emerson said: "Trust thyself".

About 56 percent of the student population does not use English as their first language, which means these kids are speaking a different language at home than the language on their school and state examinations.

In addition, 77 percent of the students qualify for free school lunch and/or are considered to live in low-income housing.

Fortunately, these circumstances don't weigh down the kids at the Russell Elementary School. According to mass.edu, the school maintains a Level-1 status, which is the highest level in Boston Public Schools. This means that the school is meeting its yearly education goals and is performing higher on statewide exams than other public schools throughout Boston.

The teachers at the Russell are extremely committed to their students' learning.

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They even partnered with the Lynch School of Education at Boston College to create a writing curriculum for second language learners. The group has since been asked to present the information globally, ranging from Australia to Minnesota.

CM's connection to the Russell was made three years ago through Pat Scialoia '87, who has taught at the K-5 school in Dorchester for the last 22 years.

"It is a very positive experience," said Scialoia when asked about having CM students in the classrooms at the Russell. "Relationships are formed and the kids are able to see positive male role models in their lives."

Last year, CM sent seniors Robby Gorman and Patrick O'Leary to the Russell.

"We hung out with the kids and got to know them," said Gorman. "We were able to teach them how life changes when you enter high school."

Gorman and O'Leary took full advantage of their experience at the Russell. When service was over and the requirement was filled, the two seniors weren't done. Gorman and O'Leary went back to help the school on Field Day in June because they wanted to be there.

The two seniors exemplified what Catholic Memorial service truly is.

These two men weren't in it for the service requirement. They enjoyed making a difference and bringing a smile to each kid's face.

The teachers at the Russell School loved the presence of the two seniors last year as well.

"[Pat and Robby] taught the kids about teamwork and what it's like to be a member of a team," said fifth grade teacher Cheryl O'Connor. "They also helped the students with conflict management, a life skill which I am grateful [my students learned]." *Continued on Page 3*



Who Killed Kurt Cobain?

Brian PaziENZA

Who killed Kurt Cobain? The question has surrounded investigators and fans alike for over two decades. Now that same question is coming back into view with the new graphic novel, “Who Killed Kurt Cobain?” being released this October.

Everybody knows the name Kurt Cobain, the frontman of the band Nirvana that took the 90s and made them his. Cobain can be credited with single-handedly creating the grunge era.

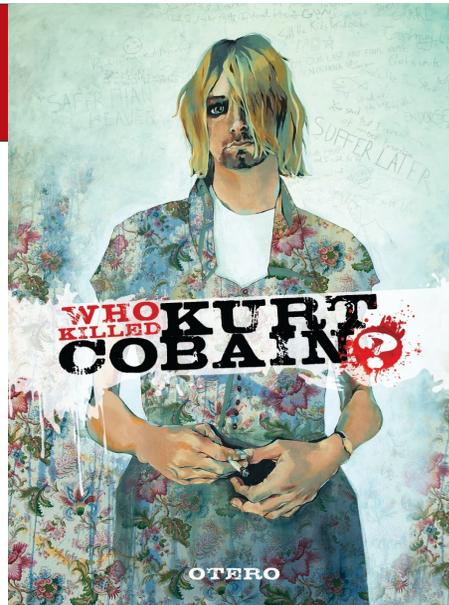
Despite the band only lasting 7 years, the members and Cobain were able to accomplish so much. It is not every band that can create a following that lasts as long as Nirvana’s. To this day, there are still as many new and die hard fans as there were when Nirvana peaked back in the early nineties.

People from Jimmy Fallon all the way to the average music fan are blown away by the so-called genius lyrics written by Cobain that are able to touch every fan on a personal level.

“Not a lot of people realize how smart Kurt Cobain was. He was able to demonstrate that in his lyrics and his songs.” said Michael Bostch ‘17.

However, all of this fame and success quickly came to an end when Kurt Cobain was found dead in his Seattle home on April 8, 1994, at 27 years old. The nation was shocked by this tragedy that left many wondering how long the band would have lasted with Cobain still alive.

On April 9, IDW, a publisher, announced their newest graphic novel at the Seattle Comic Con.



The cover for the new graphic novel
Photo Credit: IDW.com

The book, entitled “Who Killed Kurt Cobain?,” will be released this upcoming October.

The book is going to be written in the perspective of Cobain’s childhood imaginary friend, Boddah, and will try to capture the rockstar’s emotions and struggles during his final hours.

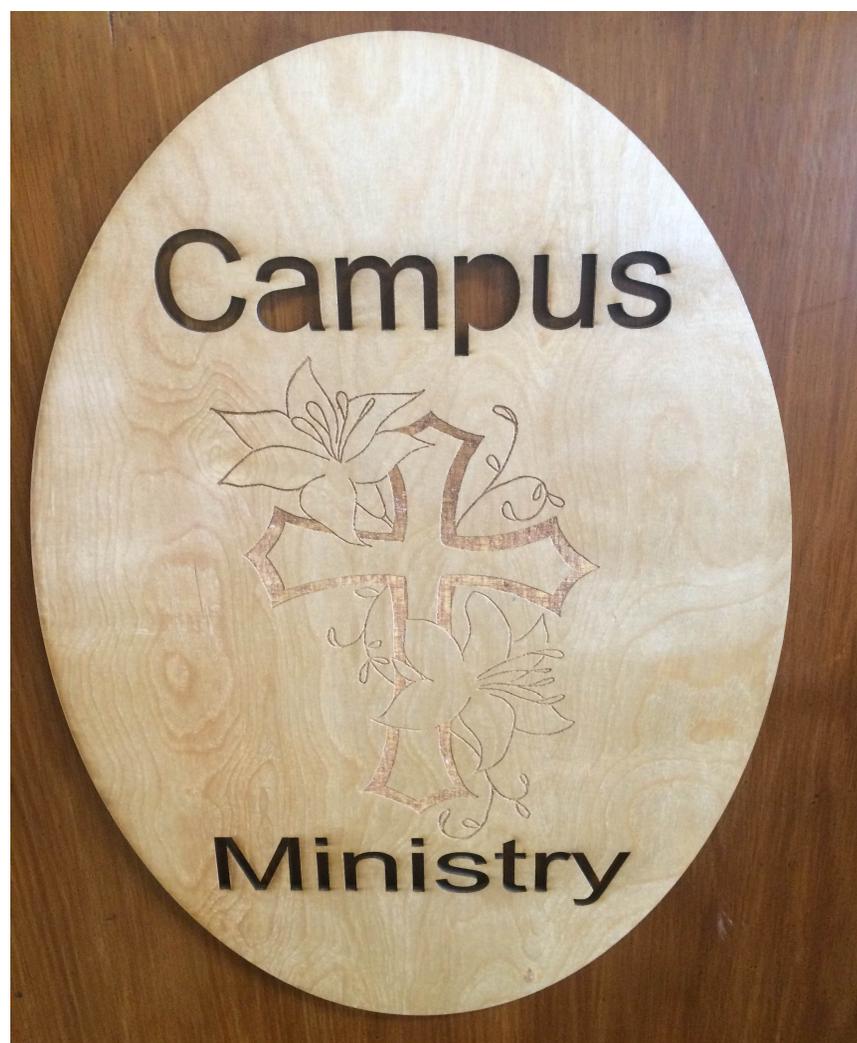
Author Nicolas Otero will be

adapting the story from a French book “La Romen de Boddah”, but this version will ultimately be different in style and overall message.

“Le Roman de Boddah was a good base to build my own story, but there’s nothing comparable between the two books now. I rewrote so many things, broke the narrative structure, made some strong choices and put so much of myself in it,” Otero told *The Washington Post*.

The tragic death of Kurt Cobain was followed by controversy and conspiracy. As many know, Cobain struggled with a heroin addiction. Having a rare stomach condition that left him in pain most of the time, doctors did not know how to treat him. This led to Cobain finding his own source of treatment, which evolved into a full heroin addiction.

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This year Catholic Memorial will send 10 seniors to the Russell School, in contrast to last year's two students.

“This will be the biggest group we have had so far,” said Scialoia.

Senior Anthony Castellano is one of the ten students attending and looks to continue the work of Gorman and Oleary.

“I chose to do my service at the Russell because of the recommendations from past graduates who have served there,” said Castellano.

“In my time there I hope to have a positive impact on the children who, without me, might not have had that figure in their life.”

This year's seniors will be at the Russell for the two weeks between Thursday April 28th and Saturday May 14th to fulfill their senior service requirement - and to show that they have indeed become the men CM intended.

“The teachers can’t wait,” said Scialoia. “We are very excited to have the CM boys back on Columbia Road.”

Game of Thrones Season 5: The Craziest Yet

Connor Powell

“Are you serious? I can’t believe this! I hate George R.R. Martin.” This phrase has been said dozens of times throughout the five seasons of Game of Thrones.

The TV show has exploded onto the television scene since its release in 2011. The show is known for its unexpected deaths and the feeling that no one is safe, even your favorite characters. Season 5 is a prime example, having you on the edge of your seat consistently throughout the full ten episodes. It was another fantastic job by the major writers, George R.R. Martin, David Benioff, and D.B. Weiss.

Throughout the Game of Thrones seasons, the show has been known for its shocking 9th episodes, such as season two’s “Battle of the Black Water,” and season three’s “Red Wedding,” both episodes that you could never predict where key characters die or have a near death experience. But in season 5, there are several episodes that are on par with an episode 9 from seasons past.

For example, in episode 9 of season 5 there is an extremely intense battle just like in season 2, which is the built upon by episode 10 of season 5, where there is a very unexpected death that shocked every Game of Thrones fan, just like in season 1 and season 3.

Season 6 is coming, just like the winter in the show, on April 24th 2016 at 9 PM on HBO. People should have reason for excitement as Game of Thrones actress Lena Headey was quoted saying, “This is the darkest season yet.”



Photo Credit: CinemaBlend. Originally in Game of Thrones, Season 5.

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Cobain's death was ruled a suicide based on a shotgun blast to the head. However, there are many problems with the death of Cobain that point in other directions.

Tom Grant, a Seattle-based private investigator, worked on the death himself and saw many issues that he brought into spotlight, including the fact that Cobain had three times the amount of the lethal dosage of heroin in his system. This means that not only would he not be conscious or alive, but he would not be able to load and fire a shotgun.

Many conspirators circle around Cobain’s wife at the time, Courtney Love.

Many believe she was involved with his death because of how she would benefit from his death.

There were rumors of a divorce between the two, which would have ended in Love obtaining half of Kurt Cobain's belongings and assets.

However, if he were to die, she would inherit all of his assets, properties and belongings, as well as half of all that belonged to Nirvana in sales and in property. To this day whenever somebody buys a \$1.29 Nirvana song on iTunes, Love gets 66 cents.

Maybe through the graphic novel there will be new information to be shared about the death of Cobain, although it is highly unlikely. However, Otero is likely to share his opinions on the suicide through his writings.

“I believe that Kurt Cobain did not kill himself and that there is

something else behind his death. I am excited to see the book and read the opinions of the writer,” said Bostch.

Editor Justin Eisinger praised Otero's efforts to "peel back the curtain" of Cobain's life, even in this work of fiction.

Speaking to the publisher IDW, Eisinger explained, "Boddah's narration is endearing and haunting... leading us to question what we expect to find inside those we idolize. After all, what do we know of our heroes?"

Little is known about the book because of its release date being so far away, and because of Otero keeping it a close secret.

Still, it will be on the to-do list of most Nirvana fans to read this book when it is finally released in October of 2016.



Von Miller and Antonio Brown. Photo Credit: SI.com

Dancing with the Stars: Reviewed

Tom Bohan, 4/5 Stars

Season 22 of Dancing with the Stars kicked off with a bang. Many fans of the show were skeptical on how this season would play out, but after the first episode, viewers realized how entertaining this season will actually be.

A lot of new fans will be tuning in due to the appearance of two NFL superstars: Pittsburgh Steelers' wide receiver Antonio Brown and Super Bowl 50 MVP, Denver Broncos' linebacker Von Miller. Both men will have to live up to their fans' expectations and learn how to transition from on-field celebrations to dancing with professionals.

Brown and Miller combined have been fined roughly \$40,000 for excessive celebrations by the NFL.

Miller is known for his "Key and Peele" celebration that resulted in a \$11,567 fine while Brown is remembered for arguably the wildest moment of the 2016 season in climbing the goal post after a touchdown catch against Cleveland.

Long time judge Carrie Ann Inaba is not shy when it comes to her liking of the athletes. She was stunned by their moves in the first episode.

"These football guys can move," said Inaba.

Other celebrities making an appearance as dancers on the show consist of former NFL player and beloved Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie, the Emmy Award-winning journalist Geraldo Rivera and UFC fighter Paige VanZant.



Many competitors looked confused and troubled when performing on the floor, but it was only week one. It should go a lot smoother further on in the show.

Episode one played out as well as anyone could have expected, and definitely intrigued this viewer to keep tuning in throughout further weeks.

The show airs Monday nights on ABC.

America's Got Talent: Reviewed

Jimmy Cahill, 5/5 Stars

What if you had an amazing talent that could win you \$1,000,000?

For some lucky amateurs, America's Got Talent makes this question a reality.

America's Got Talent has 10 auditions in 10 different states. If you get three out of four judges to say yes to your act, you go to Vegas, and get to show your act to a live audience.

During the auditions, most people actually think they have good talents, but sometimes the judge does not like it. However, sometimes people audition as a joke - and sometimes the judges even like it.

One of the most memorable 'joke' auditions in this season was "Piff the Magic Dragon." "Piff" was a man dressed in a dragon costume, and while most people did not think he deserved to go to Vegas, he went very far.

The judges control the entire audition process. Once the show is live, America gets to vote.



America's Got Talent Judges. Photo Credit: TVGuide.com

However, even during the live shows the judges get one 'golden buzzer,' when they can save one act they like. They often wait until later episodes to use this.

Judges include Heidi Klum, Howard Stern, Mel B, and Howie Mandel. Klum is a model, Stern a comedian, Mel B a singer/ dancer, and Mandel is a radio show host. Mandel is often the funniest judge, and is beloved by fans. With this variety of judges, they are able to judge many different types of talents.

In the season 10 finale, the acts included a magician, ventriloquist, and comedian.

The ventriloquist was the strongest act during the finale. He was following in the footsteps of season 9 winner Mat Franco, a magician who has had success since leaving the show.

Dancers and singers also made it far in the season 10 competition. The singers, however, were the worst part of the show. Singers can go on other shows, like American Idol, and should not be allowed to showcase their 'talent' on AGT.

The show airs during the summer on NBC. To watch season 10, look on Demand or on Amazon Prime. Season 11 will be starting in just a month, airing on May 31.



Concord 11s: Reviewed

John Lara, 5/5 Space Jams

The annual winter release of the famous 11s go out of stock quickly due to their popularity. The beautiful black and white Concord 11s sold out in two hours. Well, they are Jordans.

The shoes are not like your average shoe; instead, they are a collectible item. For some, they simply love the attention the shoes command; others plan to sell the shoes for triple the profit years on.

The Concord 11s are fresh and sparkly, even regarded by many sneaker heads and critics as the best shoe in the Jordan brand.

The shoe has a long history. What makes the shoe so good is the story Michael Jordan had with them. Jordan played with the retro shoes, which came out in 1994. Then in 1995, movie Space Jam came out, starring Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny, and Jordan himself, in the shoes. This hugely popularized the shoes.

The 11s are a favorite for young teens and adults all around the world. They attend huge conventions that display Jordans to spectators and even possibly buy the shoes for a much bigger price. Collectors from all around the world come, trying to become holders of many OG Jordans who can gain fame on YouTube.

The shoe can be used, or kept as a collectible item. Choose a path for the shoes: either sell them and make money or wear the iconic shoe Jordan once dunked with on the court. The choice is yours.



Innovation Lab: Reviewed

Patrick Dougherty, 5/5 Gears

Innovation. This word has been thrown around a lot in the past five years by companies like Apple and Microsoft.

At CM, the Innovation Lab has been fueling the minds of young students to create new ways to make exciting projects for class.



The iLab has a laser cutter, vinyl cutter, and 3D printer that allow students to create anything, as long as it is to scale.

"It's very inventive as a place," said Harry Cao '18.

The Innovation Lab "excites both students and teachers," according to Mr. Murray, the Director. Murray stated that the Lab "gives a new twist" to doing projects, making students more interested.

"It was definitely something new, like not just a PowerPoint," said Benjamin Chipman '19.



On Tuesday April 12th, I had the opportunity to see the technology used. One student used the laser cutter to sketch junior English teacher Jack O'Keefe's face. The picture was so detailed I could see every hair on O'Keefe's face.

Overall, my day in the Innovation Lab was an informational experience and all the technology was outstanding.

Kam Shizzel Is Here

Jack Broderick



And he's the next big thing

Who knew the next rap star would be a CM graduate?

Kam Downey, a junior, is making his mark on the SoundCloud rap game with his street name Kam Shizzle. He has a cult following of friends from school who have been very supportive of his work, though he is still dealing with some "haters." His controversial tracks using the background beats from "Back to Back" by Drake have caused quite the stir.

Downey has been doing this for a while and he wants to make it a career. "I started rapping when I was nine," explains Downey.

He's developing a big fan base in his hometown of West Roxbury and at Catholic Memorial. "Kids love his raps," according to junior Matt Campbell.

He learned his style from greats like Eminem and Biggie, who he counts as inspirations.

Today he records in his basement using a computer headset. He blends his sounds using the home

software program Garage Band.

Downey's most popular track is "On Fire," featuring his favorite lyric: "When you go cold hearted you have to heat back up."

Downey sees himself as a young MC with a hardcore style.

"I'm not a soft rapper like Drake, I'm more of a Kam Downey style."

The young upcoming star plans on working with CMTV to make a music video and uploading it to YouTube. He hopes this will bring him closer to the big dreams he seeks to accomplish.

Downey looks forward to dropping more tracks to get Boston bumping to his beats, while never forgetting his early fans at Catholic Memorial.

The young MC fire-spitting rapper looks to reach for the stars and grab your attention with his beats.



9 Innings from Zero: Reviewed

Brian Pazienna, 5/5 Baseballs

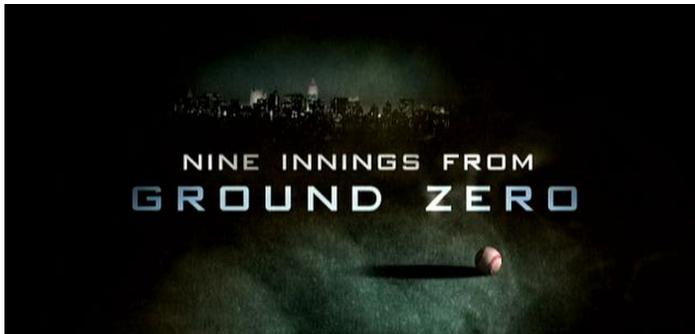


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A Must-Watch Baseball Documentary

Nine Innings from Ground Zero beautifully captures the emotions and sense of pride that New Yorkers had during the 2001 Baseball World Series.

As the Yankees battled the Arizona Diamondbacks on the field, New Yorkers - and the nation - battled to regain a sense of normalcy after the terrible tragedy of 9/11.

This documentary shows the feelings and thoughts of Yankees fans after the 9/11 terrorist attacks through a series of well-guided, informative interviews. While the Diamondbacks are somewhat neglected in favor of the hometown favorite Yankees, writer Ouisie Shapiro is careful to ensure that the overall tone of the documentary is balanced and fair.

The film includes talking head interviews, game clips, and carefully considered footage from the attacks. This mixture of sport and terror, of baseball and tragedy, will send chills through your body as you watch it.

Tune in to Amazon Prime to watch this stunning documentary for yourself. And at only one hour long, it is the perfect length for a weeknight showing. Highly recommended.



How do we prevent terrorist attacks? [Editorial]

Tom Bohan

The United States has had terrorist attacks that should never have happened.

For example, the Boston Marathon bombings and 9/11 will always be remembered as times of sorrow. No terrorist should have the chance to hurt Americans on our own soil.

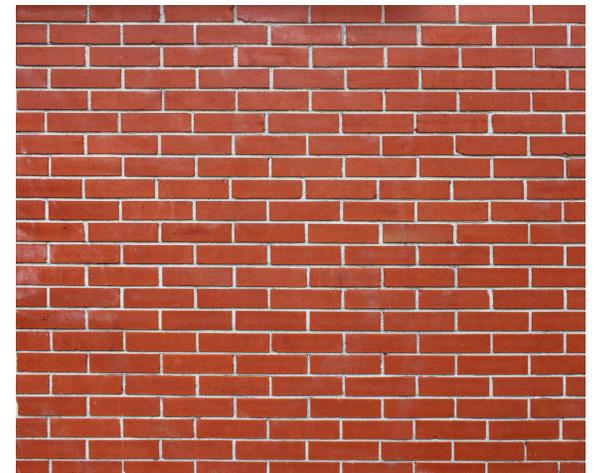
America needs to increase security to avoid that. However, while this country should do more to avoid terrorism, the nation must also avoid harsh judgement on every refugee. We need increased security without closed borders because not all refugees are potential terrorists.

Some people disagree, arguing that America will always be a target of radicals who hate the freedom that Americans receive. "As a state, ISIS poses a threat to regional stability and ... they are planning on mass causality attacks in Britain," claims Michael Morell, director of the CIA. Moreover, "[America] will not be far behind" as a target. These people claim America will remain a key target for groups such as ISIS if terrorists are not thoroughly checked when entering this country, posing as "refugees."

However, according to an article on homeland security written by Roger Kemp, "The National Terrorism Advisory System now has a new two level alert system which warns public officials and citizens of a credible terrorist threat." Kemp also states that "the alerts will provide a concise summary of the potential threat."

This alert system means Americans can stay updated on the current threat from terrorist groups. Of course, screening refugees should remain in affect at all times, no matter what the threat level is.

Of course, others argue even background checks are too much. They say that the checks take too long, and that refugees need to be rescued immediately. This viewpoint doesn't adequately consider the



threat of terrorism. Yes, background checks may be unpopular, but that is okay.

The United States government may receive hateful statements if they perform comprehensive background checks on incoming refugees, but it is a necessary risk to keep this country safe.

As ISIS grows more powerful, the United States is bound to be attacked. Background checks have to be enforced towards all refugees to determine whether they are potential terrorists.

Even with the relationships America has with other countries to help obtain peace throughout the world, background checks still need to be enforced.

In an article written by Richard Carter, Carter says "It all changed when terrorists attacked on September 11th, 2001."

That day certainly changed many enemies' mindsets about whether America may be able to be broken.

We now need to prove that defeat is not an option by protecting this country with extensive background checks.

To learn more about plans to prevent terrorism, see the following sites:

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/terrorism/help-prevent-terrorist-attacks>

<https://www.dhs.gov/preventing-terrorism>



Photo Credit: Toàn Cao '18

A Long Battle Awaits A Wounded Knights Baseball Team

Domenic Scialoia

The Knights fought and battled hard, but are now wounded going into the 2016 campaign.

The 2015 baseball season had its ups and downs. Each game felt like a war in itself and usually ended with a deadly strike in the later innings, often coming from the opposing side of the field. The Knights could never get that one big play to conquer their opponent.

As if last year's struggle to be .500 wasn't enough, the graduating class of 2015 took away some important players from the depth chart. The Knights have lost three Catholic Conference All-Stars and five everyday starters.

The lineup will most certainly miss Aaron Clancy, who was the starting catcher for the Knights and who has now moved on to play at Westfield State. Also, 2014 All-Scholastic second basemen Kevin Doody graduated, playing for the University of Maine baseball team next fall.

The Knights starting pitching rotation was affected the most over the offseason. The staff lost Tyler Bell and Trevor Cooley. Bell decided to reclassify at Dexter School to get an extra year in the recruiting process, while Cooley graduated and is now pitching for Merrimack.

The pitching staff will return two of its six members from the 2015 roster. Seniors Domenic Scialoia and Greg Tobin will make the return and look to make an impact on the team this year. It will be tough, however, as the two combine for only 17 innings of varsity experience. Both Scialoia and Tobin had limited roles on the team last year, as they came out of the bullpen and never got the nod from head coach, Hal Carey, to start a game.

As if losing upperclassmen wasn't

bad enough, the team will also have to carry on without sophomore Pat Santerella. Santerella was the promising backup catcher for the Knights and was set to fill in for Clancy, but instead transferred to Cohasset High School.

This is a devastating situation for the Knights and poses the question: can the team heal their wounds and plug in the missing pieces to their lineup?

"It will be a challenge," said senior southpaw Greg Tobin. "We lost some key guys last year and having an underclassmen step up and fill a role would be huge."

The Knights are returning Catholic Conference All-Star Declan O'Malley '16, who committed to play first base for UMass Amherst next year.

The team will also return junior infielders Nate Curley and Josh Petrucci and senior infielder Kyle Wynn.

Junior outfielders Peter Scibilia and James Moccio will return to their spots in left and center field. Moccio served as the team's leadoff hitter for the majority of the season in 2015.

This season will be another hard battle. The Catholic Conference is packed with talent. BC High and Xaverian will return their entire pitching staffs, both of which have Division 1 talent on them - most notably BC High sophomore shut-down closer Matt Vassil, who committed to the 2015 National Champion Virginia Cavaliers this past fall.

"BC will definitely be a challenge," said junior infielder Nate Curley. "They didn't lose a lot of players last year and got significantly better over the offseason."

Saint John's Prep and Malden Catholic lost some talent over the offseason, but may also find a way into the top 25 by seasons end.

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So what can be expected from this team?

“I expect a playoff berth this year,” said Tobin. “We lost three games last season in extra innings to Saint Johns Prep and Xaverian (who finished 2nd and 6th in the state). We could compete, but we just couldn’t finish late in the games.”

The Knights are definitely hurt, but the team has plenty of upcoming talent. The team’s morale seems high and it appears as if they are ready to march into battle yet again.

As of press time, the Knights' record is 3-5.

The Knights' next games are at home against St. John's Prep on Monday (4 PM on 5/2) and against Xaverian on Wednesday (4 PM away on 5/4).

CM Baseball Hosts Conference to Benefit Cystic Fibrosis Mike Dermody

The Catholic Memorial Baseball team defeated No. 14 ranked Newton North 4-1 on April 23 as part of the Catholic Conference vs. Bay State Conference challenge.

The challenge, hosted by CM, featured four games throughout the day between teams from both conferences, perennially two of the best in Massachusetts.

All proceeds from the day went to Cystic Fibrosis research with all eight teams making donations to the cause.



A Hero Departs the Sox

Tom Bohan

The Boston area is buzzing with the start of the 2016 MLB season as it will indeed be the David Ortiz’s last run at a championship.

For the last thirteen seasons, Ortiz has dedicated his life and focus to not only the Red Sox organization, but to the entire Boston community.

Ortiz first came to Boston in 2003 after spending six years with the Minnesota Twins. Ortiz left Minnesota and joined Boston in 2003, immediately exploding with offense. In 2003, Ortiz hit 31 homeruns and drove in 101 runs in his first season as a member of the Red Sox.

Ortiz is a hero to many for his clutch hits and dedication to the Red Sox, but to James Moccio '17

he is also a leader and a Boston legend.

“My favorite player on the Sox is Mookie Betts who wouldn’t be close to where he is now without the help and leadership of David Ortiz,” said Moccio.

Moccio also stated that ever since he was young, Big Papi had always been there to be the one player with the most clutch hits in history.

“I remember those days when Ortiz and Manny Ramirez batted back to back, they were unstoppable together. When one struggled, the other was there to help out,” said Moccio.

Ortiz has three championships under his belt with Boston - 2004,

2007, and 2013. He is also currently 26th on the all-time homerun list with a total of 506, including three to start the current season.

“2004 was my favorite win, we fought the hardest and proved everyone wrong,” said Ortiz in a flashback interview this year with News Center 5.

Off the diamond, Ortiz has been a role model and inspiration to everyone in the Boston area for his courage to speak up after the Boston Marathon bombings. Ortiz reminded the people that “This is our city,” and the people of Boston will certainly always remember those heart lifting words from Ortiz.

Ortiz has also mentioned that he does not want a fare-well tour this season such as Derek Jeter had last season.

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“I can’t compare to guys like Mariano and Jeter, so why should I get a farewell tour too,” said Ortiz, clearly underestimating his own talent.

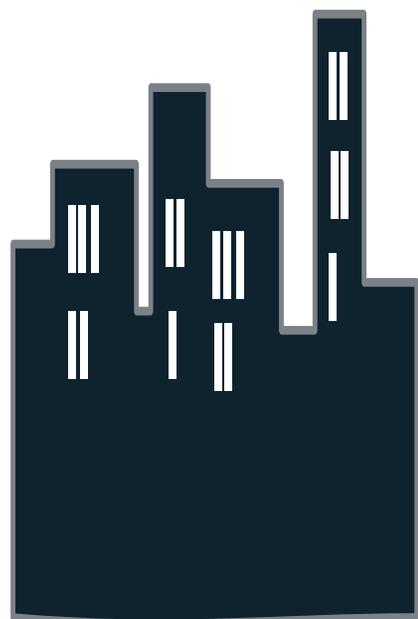
Ortiz will always be “Big Papi” to Red Sox nation even after retirement. Many argue that nobody can replace a legend like him.

And Ortiz has not given up yet. He looks to capture his fourth title in 2016, proving to the younger players that it’s not over ‘til it’s over.

Ortiz is going out on his own terms. He is leaving before his body forces him to quit.

“If Ortiz didn’t retire after this season, his career would’ve ended on different terms and nobody wants or expects to see anything different,” said Moccio.

Ortiz's Red Sox will be playing the New York Yankees in New York next week. Tune in to ESPN to see them play on Friday May 6, Saturday May 7, or Sunday May 8.



“Justin, let’s go, we have to hit the gym!” This was something Justin Leip heard almost every day from his father Scott, a high school coach, when he was younger.

Leip started playing basketball at a very young age, always getting an extra push from his father.

“I started playing basketball ever since I could walk. I grew up in a gym because my father played basketball his whole life and when I was younger, was a high school coach,” said Leip.

Justin Leip was always a talented basketball player both on and off the court, whether putting twenty points on the scoreboard or giving support in the locker room. As Leip worked harder and harder through the years of elementary school and middle school, he decided to go to St. Andrews High School, a boarding school in Barrington Rhode Island.

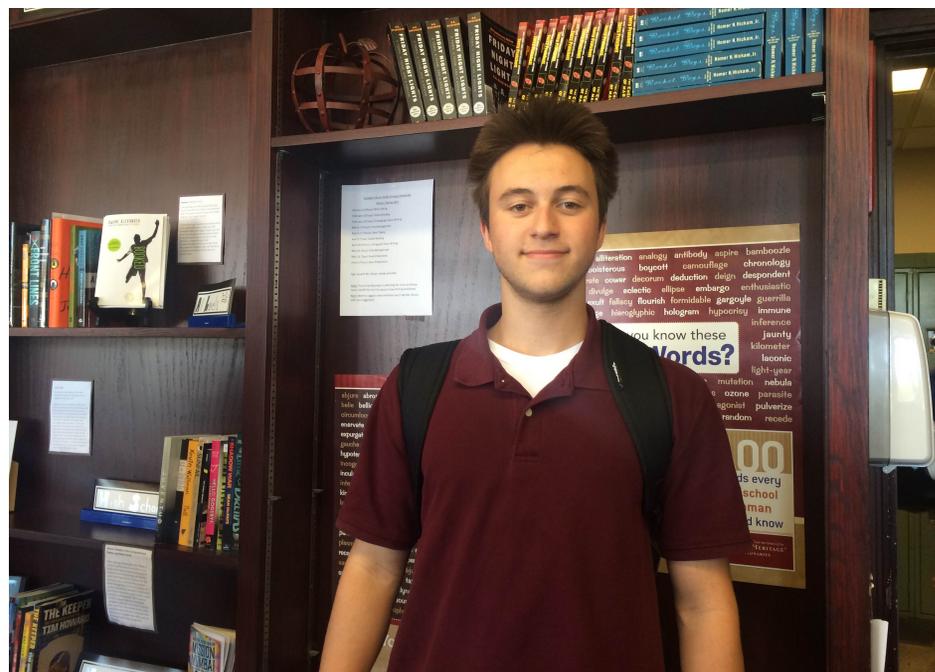
Leip had a lot of success at St. Andrews, averaging close to eight points and four assists per game, but something didn’t seem right to him when he thought about his future. After the start of his junior year of classes at St. Andrews, Leip and his family talked about where he could find a new place to bring his talents.

“I decided to attend CM at the start of third quarter my junior year. I wasn’t really too sure about it, but one of my best friends Matt Hanna had gone here already so it made the transition easy for me,” said Leip.

After about a half of a year of getting used to a new school Leip was ready to jump into a brand new and very successful basketball program at CM.

Knights Get a Huge "Leip"

Connor Powell



Leip was a perfect fit for CM because of the way he plays the game. Leip is on the shorter side, so he is quick and can move the ball efficiently. That quickness and tenacity also relates to his defensive play.

The transition from one school to another for most people is definitely a difficult process for most people, but not for Leip.

“The CM community has helped me as a whole because since my first day here I have felt welcome and have felt like I am one of the community,” said Leip.

Leip’s first year at CM was shocking to a lot of people. Critics weren’t sure if CM could re-create the success of 2014-2015 when they won a state championship because they had lost two key stars, Kellan Grady and Guillen Smith.

What no one knew was that Leip was the missing link that CM needed. Although he didn’t start, Leip had a significant impact as the sixth man in his last high school year. He averaged 10.7 points, 7 assists, and 4 steals per

game, always giving CM the spark they needed coming off the bench.

When Leip attended St. Andrews, there were not crowds very often. When he came to CM he was blown away by the support.

“I had never had the opportunity to play in front of such amazing and passionate fans before I attended CM. The energy they brought to the games not only helped me, but also my teammates and my coaches,” said Leip.

Leip helped CM make it all the way to the Eastern Massachusetts Final at TD Garden, where the Knights eventually lost to a very skilled Cambridge team 77-73. Cambridge went on to win the state title against St. Johns Shrewsbury 66-51. No one thought CM would get as far as they did, but with the help of Leip, the Knights proved a lot of people wrong.

Next fall Leip will be attending Roger Williams University in Rhode Island to continue both his academic and athletic careers.

Working Out with Matt Campbell

A Man In Profile

Jimmy Cahill



Many kids dream of being huge, but some people actually go out and work for it. Matt Campbell, also known as "Catty Mambell," or "Catty Daddy" is a "Westie Y-Warrior." He has earned this nickname by going to the West Roxbury YMCA almost every day of the week. He is well-known there, and as junior Jack Broderick says, "Of course everyone loves him."

A junior at Catholic Memorial from Roslindale, MA, Campbell takes pride in his hometown and often calls it "God's Country." "I live and I would die for my hometown Roslindale," says Campbell. At 5'8 and 150lbs he is a large man. He is working his way to bench 200 lbs by the start of summer.

Campbell has a car, so he drives to the YMCA every day. He also gives people rides.

Campbell separates his body parts to work out by days. He has shoulder day, chest day, ab day, and leg day. "I love leg day and it is my toughest workout, it makes me feel so much in shape." He also takes ab day very seriously because "it's all about what the ladies like."

Why do people like Campbell work out so much?

"I workout mostly to show the ladies I have 'Mad Gainz,'" said Campbell. Tim Hussey '17 said "I am going to try to be just as jacked as him."

Campbell started me on my own journey to become a "Y-warrior," and he has tips for you, too.

"Go to the gym as much as you can. It's a good thing to have a protein shake after a workout. And don't ever give up."



Conor McGregor Battles Lightweight Vet

UFC Draws Thousands of Spectators

John Lara



On March 5, Nate Diaz and Conor McGregor faced off in the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas in front of thousands of spectators. The fight sold out, setting a record.

The highly anticipated fight was supposed to feature McGregor and Dos Anjos, but after Dos Anjos'

injury, he was replaced by Diaz.

This was a major change for featherweight champ McGregor, who had to go up two weight classes to fight the lightweight Diaz. This made spectators interested in the fight.

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Do Sports Affect Grades? [Editorial]

Brendan Spillane

Everyone wants to be that kid: a three sport varsity athlete with a solid GPA and a fun social life. But most people cannot do all those things, and they are only able to choose one or two.

People are always trying to manage sports and school. Is it possible to attain or maintain good grades if you play a sport?

Some argue that it is difficult manage sports and school at the high school level, and it gets even more difficult at higher levels. According to a 2005 study reported on livestrong.com, "Dr. Gregory Wilson and Dr. Mary Pritchard reported that time management factors were a significant source of academic-related stress," as well as time to study for exams and make up missed work after sports-related travel.

If people have trouble, it is usually because of time management. This is the most common excuse.

While time management can be tricky, it is possible to keep your grades and play a sport. According to The Guardian, playing a sports helps relieve stress. A study done by Howell Wechsler, director of the Division of Adolescent and School Health for the Centers for Disease Control, "reviewed 50 studies that examined the effect of school-based physical activity on academic performance and discovered that half of the studies showed positive associations and virtually none of the research demonstrated any negative impact."

At CM, it is a little easier to play sports and succeed. That is because most of the teachers are coaches and understand being a student-athlete. They are willing to give extra help.

Personally, I have a higher grade when I play sports. It makes me have better time management. That is why I play sports. Now the decision is yours: Will you play?

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McGregor and Diaz are well-known as trash talkers.

McGregor is infamous for throwing fighters off their game and getting in their heads. But for lightweight Diaz, it did not faze him.

Diaz had always wanted a fight with the vicious McGregor because he said McGregor was "taking everything I'm working for." McGregor is growing as a global icon for the UFC and for fans around the world, and Diaz seems to be jealous.

If people trash talk, it is important that they can back it up with titles and trophies.

McGregor usually lives up to this. His current record is 19-3.

However, Diaz refused to back down to McGregor's trash talking. He was not worried because it's not everyday that you see a man go up two weight classes.

While Diaz had no titles at the time, he was a veteran and had seen it all, from threatening to trash talking, and he said that McGregor would be just another loser in his book.

"I'm the veteran fighter, I've been in the sport so long and trained with great people. I trained with boxers, mixed martial trainers, muay thai trainers and they have hit me with the hardest they got, but I don't think McGregor will make me fall," said Diaz in a press conference before the fight.

Diaz' prediction proved true. While McGregor hit first, Diaz won the fight. McGregor did not make him fall that day.

To view the current UFC schedule, go to the UFC website, www.ufc.com.

Men of Academia and Service

Michael Dermody

The Catholic Memorial Class of 2016 celebrated their last day of classes together on Wednesday.

"It is bittersweet," said Senior Class President Niall Curley.

"I've been here six years so I am going to miss this place. I have grown a lot as person over the years and CM has prepared me for what I can do next in life."

Every senior will spend their next fourteen school days performing service projects.

The students will return to school on Founder's Day May 5 to celebrate mass with the rest of the school for one last time.

The Class of 2016 has notably been accepted to over 100 different schools, including Harvard, Holy Cross, and Wake Forest.

They will celebrate their graduation at Holy Name Church on May 21.

