

Coming soon to GRB: VIP passes

By Adam Wolford

Usually Mondays at a high school are a day of lagging, especially after a long weekend caused by not one, but two snow days. However, for a select group of students Monday was a day of progress and success.

On Monday March 1, 2010 the principal's roundtable had another meeting. Mr. Buchanan, G. Ray Bodley High School principal, announced that this meeting would be an open session to discuss whatever the student's present wanted to discuss. After some mention of the school doing another musical, one student brought up the idea of an academic lounge, as a place to study. Another student suggested that maybe there should be a lounge set up for the "VIP" students. This led to a chunk of the discussion of Monday's meeting about the VIP passes.

First, Mr. Buchanan explained the requirements to be a Very Impressive Person, or VIP. Based on the first semester of school a student must be on time to school 90% of the time, be in school 90% of the time, have no major behavior referrals, and have passed all their classes to receive a VIP pass.

This pass would entitle the beholder to go to the library without a pre-signed pass during one of their study halls or lunch. It also allows the VIP to go to their locker during their lunch bell. The VIP must still use the passes in their agenda to move from place to place in the building, but as a VIP one is entitled to four extra passes a month. As a perk for VIP seniors only, during study halls that are during lunch bells they can go down to the lunch room to get lunch early or talk to their friends.

"This should be a standard part of our culture at this building," Buchanan explained, "it should not take an act of congress for students to pass in the hallway. But due to some students not following the three school wide expectations these limitations are necessary." It goes without saying that holders of a VIP pass, and all other students alike, should follow the three school wide expectations, act respectfully, responsibly, and safely, when passing

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Sophomore Nathan Hawthorne, right, presents to his parents Dennis and Lucy Hawthorne and his advisor, Mr. Reale on Tuesday morning during Student-led Conferences at G. Ray Bodley High School. Part of the school's advisory program, this was the first time students have taken part in these conferences. (photo by Mrs. Ingersoll)

Earthquake rocks Chili, tsunami follows

As students enjoyed their unexpected four-day weekend, they were blissfully unaware of the hardships that people across the world were facing while us students slept in late and watched movies. If the hardships in Haiti were not devastating enough, people in Chile are now suffering as well due to a natural disaster. Students of Senora Piraino's Spanish class walked into class on Monday for the first time in four days to read, "Terremoto en Chile."

On Saturday, February 27 an 8.8 magnitude earthquake brought disaster to Chile. An estimated 700 people died due to the quake. Although this number is nowhere near the hundreds of thousands who lost their life in Haiti, it still put the country in great turmoil. It seems to many that life is becoming harder and harder and mother nature is fighting against them.

The earthquake in Chile is said to have been the fifth most powerful since 1900. Although only 700 lives were lost, a far larger number had their lives destroyed. With around 500,000 homes collapsed and the city without power, people are struggling to maintain order in their lives and city. The fear of running out of food is in the minds of many. Officials had to use tear gas at a local grocery store in an attempt to make order out of the chaos. Mothers begged for food for their starving children and they were willing to do anything to get it. Due to the amount of support needed in Haiti, it is difficult to get the help that is greatly needed in Chile. The president of Chile, Bachelet, declared a 'state of catastrophe' after the quake struck

Once an Earthquake occurs, it lingers on for what seems like centuries. Since the quake initially hit there have been a total of 90 aftershocks! These shocks send shivers down the spines of the citizens of Chile and cause further damage. Also, as a result of the earthquake, tsunami warnings were issued from the areas of Hawaii to California that resulted in thousands being evacuated to higher ground. Although these events will eventually stop, the effect that this earthquake had on Chile will never die out. It is safe to say that all would agree with Mrs. Piraino when she says, "Que terrible no?"

By Brenna Merry

Responsibilities mount for Class of 2010

By Brandon Teetsel



Many of us have certain responsibilities, like mowing the lawn or shoveling the driveway. While many of us have these minor responsibilities, our parents perform many of the more intense tasks, such as making dinner and paying the bills. A lot of us take advantage of our parents, washing our clothes and making sure we're where we need to be and on time. For us seniors, things will change when we go off to college. So how many of us are truly prepared?

When we go off to college, all of our responsibilities weigh down on us, from doing our own laundry, to making sure all of our homework is done for the next day. Many of us think we're ready to head off to college, though the reality of it is most of us are probably ill prepared. There won't be anyone there to nag you to pick up your room, to stop eating junk food, or to get off the computer and get some sleep. But

when the time comes, we will all have to shoulder our responsibilities, and be responsible adults.

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In short, we all have our different responsibilities, and will eventually have to take action and be responsible for everything in our lives. For many of us, this transaction will take place during our college years, for others, that time has already come.

Meet the reporters:

**Courtney Falanga,
Senior**



Courtney likes to write columns for *RaiderNet Daily*.

She also likes to hang out with friends,

drive around and go for walks outside. Something people don't know about her is that she is a member of PETA and she has helped write letters to companies about the ethical treatment of animals on their behalf.

Compiled by Christina Yanock



Fulton's Noah Carroll, left, turned in one of the strongest races of his career on Monday night at Manley Field House during the Section 3 state qualifying meet. Carroll finished second in the 1600 and set a new school record of 4:24.16 to book his place in this weekend's New York State Championship meet. (Taylor Harvey photo)

1 day until Quirk Players production of **"The Sound of Music"** Thurs, Fri. & Sat. March 4-5-6 @ 7:30 p.m. additional Saturday 2 p.m. matinee

The Sound of Music starts Thursday!

The moment of truth that the Quirk's Players have been looking forward to is here: show week. As of Thursday, March 4 people will get to see how these students have worked in order to make this play a great one. For the past few months, the students have been staying after school almost every night for what is now coming up. They've been doing their best, and it is all about to pay off.

The Sound of Music, is a play that takes place in the 1930's. A nun named Maria has been told by Mother Abbess to go to the Von Trapp family to care for captain Georg Von Trapp's seven mischievous children, Liesl, Friedrich, Louisa, Brigitta, Kurt, Marta, and little Gretl. Although the children normally caused problems for their past governesses, Maria's kindness and understanding change the household completely. Even the captain changes for the better! But this play isn't all fun and games. Conflicts both personally and globally are hitting the Von Trapp family pretty hard. Not only do the Captain and Maria develop feelings for each other never experienced before, but Captain Von Trapp is also on the verge of becoming commissioned into the German navy, fighting his own country!

Come see the show that these players have provided you. There was a lot of effort put into this show, and it would be sad to see it unnoticed. Show times are March 4th at 7:30 pm, March 5th at 7:30 pm, and March 6th at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, and tickets are \$7 at the door for adults, and tickets are \$6 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Don't miss out on what the students are going to bring to the G. Ray Bodley High School. *By Travis Cowart*



The stage is set and the actors are ready for this year's musical production by the Quirk's Players. Thursday, Friday and Saturday the G. Ray Bodley High School auditorium will come alive with The Sound of Music with 7:30 p.m. performances each night as well as a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee. (Alexis Semeraro photo)

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in the hallways. Mr. Buchanan explained, "I'm assuming the very best...that's what I expect...I expect respect, responsibility, and safety with the use of the [VIP] passes" For students who did not meet the requirements in the first semester there is a reevaluation at the end of the third quarter for eligibility using only their record of the third quarter. "It's a clean slate!" Mr. Buchanan exclaimed.

The details on the pass next year are not totally certain as the pilot of the program is not yet underway. Mr. Buchanan explained that it will all depend on the how the students deal with the VIP passes this year. The VIP passes are a way for good behavior at the high school to be rewarded because sometimes students doing the right thing get lost among those doing the wrong thing. As the year goes on and more students become comfortable with the high school they are beginning to see some things that need to be changed and the principal's roundtable is the perfect place for these issues to be brought to light.



Auditions are March 30-31!
Get your ACT together!

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School of Thought compiled by Raquel Vescio & Crystal Kimball

Are you going to the musical and how do you think it will turn out?



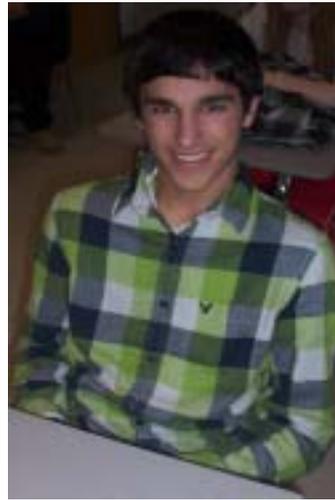
"No, I'm not going but I think it will be good."

Ryan Babcock



"No, I am not going but I hope it will turn out good."

Evan Vega



"No, I can't go because I have states but I think it will be awesome."

Derek Southworth



"Yes, I am going and I am estatic."

Antonio Lebron

GRB announcements for Wednesday, March 3

All spring sports athletes must have a physical before their season starts. Physicals will be held this Thursday. Please see the nurse to schedule your sports physical.

Photo Club will hold its next meeting this Thursday after school. Bring your pictures.

Any junior or senior interested in doing a work study for elective credit should see Mr. Sievers in room 100 or your guidance counselor immediately. Early dismissal is possible if you have study halls.

Any current soccer player in grades 10 or 11 interested in playing for the U-19 travel soccer team see Coach Murray in room 208 ASAP. The roster needsd to be filled within the next three weeks.

All pictures for Where in the World is the Raider? should be turned in to Mr. Senecal today.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between baked rotini with meatsauce and cheese, grilled chicken salad with salsa, or Smucker's PBJ.

Meteorology and you
by Carson Metcalf

Today: Cloudy skies. High around 35.

Tonight: Snow flurries. Low in the low-20s.

Tomorrow: Sun and clouds. High in the mid-30s.

GRB sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist and the creator of the Central New York Weather Center @ www.centralnewyorkweather.com ...Look for his weather forecasts on RaiderNet Daily.

