



Clubs offer something for every interest

By James McKay

With many activities starting this week, and at least one already up and running, fall clubs look promising this year. Among the list of early starters are the Math, Photography, Ski & Snowboard, and Spanish clubs, as well as the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Chess Club and the *Fultonian* Yearbook and the Journalism Club.

All of these clubs are ones that meet regularly, and have been very successful in years past. When asked about math club in the upcoming year, advisor Mrs. Ryan had the following to say, "I hope many people will join! I'm very excited about math club this year!" Math Club will hold its organizational meeting today (Tuesday) in room 116.

Student Senate will also hold its first meeting of the year today in room 100. The major topic will be next week's Homecoming festivities.

Ms. Amerault, advisor for the photography club also seemed optimistic, saying, "This year, I hope we can have our members put together portfolios of their work. It's nice for them to be able to see their pictures all in one place." Photo Club will hold its first meeting on Thursday after school in room 120.

The Chess Club, under the guidance of first year advisor Mr. J. Fasulo, will meet for the first time on Thursday as well in room 217.

Mr. Senecal, advisor of both the *Fultonian* Yearbook and Journalism Club, will hold meetings in room 102 on Tuesdays each week. He is hoping to attract students interested in seeing their work published in the various school publications, including *RaiderNet Daily*.

Other clubs currently underway are the H.O.P.E. (Helping other people everywhere) Club, which met for the first time on Monday, and the Junior Class, which also held its first meeting of the new school year on Monday. With the Junior Prom now just months away, the juniors are looking for as much input as possible.

Teachers aren't the only ones getting excited though. As clubs are announced over the loud-speaker every morning, students are also becoming interested. With so many activities to

choose from, everyone should be able to find something enjoyable to do after school.



Jeannette Bartlett, left, and Taylor Daniels pushed the virtues of the Technology Student Association during Freshman First Day at the high school. There are numerous clubs and organizations at GRB just looking for interested students to join and participate. (Nate Hawthorne photo)

GRB open house draws criticism

By Kirsten Francis

Earlier than ever and with a different format, G. Ray Bodley High School's Open House was held on Thursday, September 16. After many years of experimenting with new methods of running Open House, the school decided that a bell system would be the most effective way for this year. In this system, the parents followed their children's school schedule while receiving an eight-minute presentation from each teacher.

However, some people disagreed with the method including teachers, students and especially parents. "I know that as a teacher, one of the best parts about Open House is being able to talk to the parents about their child directly," explained parent Kathleen Francis. The bell system made it harder for the parents to do this. For many, the only time allotted for their parents to have one on one with the teacher was at

the end of the eight minutes, and this was usually cut off by the announcement to move on to the next class.

Technology teacher Ms. Matteson also commented on the system, saying, "I liked the meet and greet much better. I also heard a lot of the parents complaining about having to walk all over the building." The meet and greet system was done last year where the teachers would stand in groups in the hallway, organized by subject. Parents were able to flow freely from teacher to teacher and talk to each teacher separately.

G. Ray Bodley has been testing many different methods of Open House and will continue doing so. Whether or not the bell system is the most efficient is debatable.

(Opinion writer Brenna Merry weighs in with her take on last week's open house on page 2 of today's RaiderNet Daily)

Opinion

Open house left much to be desired

By Brenna Merry

“This day seems even longer than the real school day!” said senior Jerrica Dishaw when serving her community service at Thursday’s annual Open House. This was most likely due to the fact that the school seemed nearly deserted. It is evident that Open House no longer has the popularity it used to.

As National Honor Society and Participation In Government students lined the halls they prepared to help what they thought would be a rush of confused parents, but in many cases they began to feel useless due to the meager attendance. It seems as though when students begin to grow their parent’s presence seems less prominent. When kids are in elementary school they rant and rave about their projects and parents are excited to see what their children have been working on. In high school years adults come to Open House to experience classes like Calculus, Chemistry and Business, and since it was only the second week of school, it was not an exciting event.

Not to mention, that if parents do attend Open House the way that it is formatted requires them to stay for the entire two hours and follow their child’s schedule. This is a direct contrast to younger years when parents were escorted around by their kids and had a quick meet and greet with their teachers to get a brief summary of what is going on.

The parents of senior Bridget McKnight said, “Many teachers don’t even have enough to talk about to fill the eight minute blocks. I would much rather walk around and see it through my daughter’s eyes.” Also, following a schedule is a major conflict for parents who have two children and cannot follow both. Guidance Counselor Ms. Coniski said, “They just have to choose.” Which does not seem a fair choice for parents.

The lack of attendance this year could also be due to the early date of the event. Many parent’s wondered what there would be for them to see only a week after school had started. Usually, Open House is hosted during Spirit Week after the hallways have been decorated, making the occasion seem much more entertaining. Since Spirit Week is also much earlier this year, parents had nothing to look at in the halls except for the new addition; which did astound many.

Parents eagerly awaited the lunch bell, just as their children do every day, to get a muffin snack and a drink of water or apple cider. However, after the first bell of lunch National Honor Society member Kayla



Hanczyk ran into the hall exclaiming, “We’re already out of food!” This is something that needs to be taken into consideration in coming years because it truly is the snacks that keep people satisfied.

The idea of an Open House is a refreshing concept. It gives parents an idea of what their children go through on a day-to-day basis. This is

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especially true for those kids who do not keep in touch with the adults in their lives. However, according to National Honor Society member Alexa Compson this year’s Open House was, “...disorganized, slow and should be changed in order to run smoother.”

Even though this seems true it can also be seen that although adults are interested in the happenings of high school life, they feel they learn enough from their children and do not need to attend Open House. And in many cases the adults would rather not find themselves feeling as though they are back in high school, sitting at a desk counting the ceiling tiles.

Quote of the day:

“Character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it, piece by piece – by thought, choice, courage, and determination.”

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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In the News

The Class of 2014...one student's transition

By Andrew Pitcher

Bodley High School Jr.High can be quite difficult with new teachers and new friends, not to mention the homework. The change wasn't easy at first and as the new freshman class of 2014 entered the doors of G.R.B they brought along the same worries many of the current seniors had when they first arrived. RaiderNet Daily decided to interview one random freshman to find out their take on beginning high school and what they've experienced thus far. From a tenth bell study hall we pulled out newcomer Courtney Whaley to find out how her transition



Class of 2014 member Courtney Whaley has adjusted to life in the high school during her first two weeks. (Andrew Pitcher photo)

has been going so far. "It's cool. I was afraid of freshman Friday and getting lost!," she said of her first days as a high school student. As for the dreaded increase in homework, she noted that, "I just don't like homework in general; I thought there would be a lot." When asked whether the jump has been stressful, she said, "No not at all I like it more than Jr.High; I had locker problems on my first day of school though."

One of the things she likes about being at Bodley is that, "There aren't as many cliques here in the High school compared to the Jr.High, and there isn't anything I can think of that I dislike." She has already made friends with several of the upperclassmen, and so far the new school year is going well.

For the many new students coming to G.R.B here are a few tips from a junior who recently had to undergo the same stressful situation of

entering high school.

1. Just because it's your freshman year it doesn't mean you should slack. Do your homework to build a strong base for upcoming years of high school and maybe college.
2. Work on your advisory portfolio, it's important for college.
3. Just do what the teachers tell you because it makes your life a thousand times easier.
4. Bring your gym clothes when you have gym so it will help you pass, you don't want to do gym every day next year.
5. Ask teachers if you need help, you don't want to fall behind. Before you know it, it could be too late and you've failed the test.



Members of the Class of 2014 were greeted by their advisory teachers, including Mr. Molinari and Mr. McCarten, upon arriving for their first day at the high school on September 8. (Senecal photo)

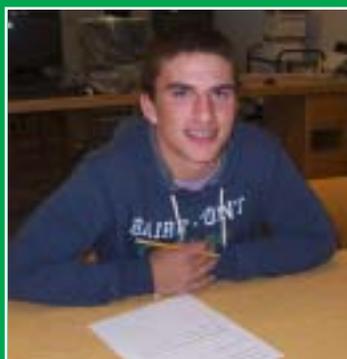


Ms. Westerbeck, a former GRB student herself, was on the other side of the desk during last Thursday's Open House at the high school. Here the first-year Spanish teacher addresses parents during the mini-classes as parents followed their student's schedule. (Kirsten Francis photo)

Meet the Reporters

Max Fobes, Senior

Max joined the staff of *The Raider* to write about sports, clubs and other things going on in the school. Outside of school, he is a member of the football and baseball teams at GRB, and he also enjoys snowboarding.



One thing you don't know about Max, is that his real first name is Gregory, but he has gone by Max his whole life.

Compiled by Patty Morrison

Sports

Raider runners fare well at V-V-S Invitational

By James Ireland

This past Saturday the boys and girls cross country teams laced up for one of the biggest invitationals of the season at Vernon-Verona-Sherill High School. The course was mostly flat with rolling hills, prompting one runner to say that it reminded him of a roller coaster due to the size and steepness of the hills.

The boys were down three of their top seven runners with an additional two top runners injured, but still placed eighth overall in their race. The Raider runners were led by junior Dylan Holden with a time of 19:03 and a 23rd place finish while less than a minute behind was his brother Casey with a time of 20:01. Casey was followed by senior Jim Ireland and junior Nate Hudson. Rounding out the top five Raiders was senior Phil Field with a time of 22:17.

Also putting forth their best effort was sophomore Alan Cronk and freshmen Matt Nelson and Michael Holcomb. After the race as the boys watched the girls run Dylan Holden noted that, "It was a tough race, throughout as an onslaught of ups and downs, but the team ran well for the start of the season."

Perhaps the best performers of the day were the girls as senior Brittany Lamie placed 19th with a time of 23 minutes flat and sophomore Mary West finished just over a minute behind with a 29th place finish. The girl's team is quite young with only five returning runners and six newcomers to the team. The newcomers shined on Saturday with freshmen Maureen McCann and Jordyn Stone and first year sophomore Tiffany Trovato helping the team place seventh overall.

Also running well for the Lady Raiders were Julia Spier, Maddy Clark, Jenna Hudson, Johnelle Dishaw and Kara Pafumi. Sophomore newcomer Tiffany Trovato offered her thoughts on her second varsity race, saying, "even though the course was pretty rough with hills and lots of mud, I still felt confident throughout the race in hopes of beating my personal record."

Come out to support the Raiders as they open their league season on Wednesday with a home meet at Granby against East Syracuse-Minoa at 4:30 as they look toward what could be a great season to show their talents.

Raider Sports



Members of the Fulton cross-country team prepare for their race last Saturday at the V-V-S Invitational. Pictured from left to right are James Ireland, Dylan Holden, Nate Hudson, Casey Holden, Michael Holcomb, Alan Cronk, Marcus Earl, Phil Field, and Matt Nelson. The girls were paced by senior Brittany Lamie (above right) while Casey Holden helped lead the way for the boys. (photos by Katie Jones and James Ireland)

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys soccer @ Chittenango (5:30/7:30); Girls soccer vs. Chittenango (5 p.m.); V. tennis vs. CBA (4:30).

Wed. Sept. 22: Cross-country vs. ES-M (4:45).

Thurs. Sept. 23: Boys soccer vs. Cortland (4:30); Girls soccer @ Cortland (4:30); Golf A CBA (3:30); JV football vs. Mexico (6:00); Girls swim @ Skaneateles (5:00); V tennis vs. MPH (4:30); JV tennis @ MPH (4:30).

Fri. Sept. 24: V football @ Mexico (5:30).

School of Thought compiled by *Christine Proud & Patty Morrison*

What do you think about the new wing?



"I honestly haven't been down there."
Courtney Gregory

"It needs work but it's nice."
Joshua Florence

"I am impressed with the new classrooms"
Mrs. Gorea

"I have not been there yet."
Mrs. Wilmot

Morning announcements for Tuesday, September 21

Fall driver education signups are now taking place in the guidance office. Stop down to pick up the registration forms. You must be 16 years old by October 4th to take drivers ed this fall. Registration forms are due on or before Wednesday, September 22nd.

The first Math Club meeting will take place today after school in room 116. Be there to get your team signed up.

The next meeting of the Fultonian yearbook and the journalism club is today after school in room 102.

There will be a chess club meeting this Thursday after school in Mr. Fasulo's room, room 217.

Come join the photo club for its first meeting on Thursday at 2:30 in room 120. Bring your best shots.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice popcorn chicken, grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup or smuckers PBJ.

Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf

Today: Sun and clouds with a chance for a shower or storm. High in the mid-70s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Low around 60.

Tomorrow: Mainly cloudy with a few showers and storms. High in the mid-70s.

GRB junior 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.

