

It's cold outside! Dress appropriately

Central New York has been experiencing winter weather for over two months now, and the cold has sometimes been intense. Even though the temperature is often in the single digits when the busses reach G Ray Bodley High school in the morning, there are still many students who are wearing shorts or tee-shirts.

While it may be warm enough for summer clothes inside the school, anyone who was forced to spend any length of time outside wearing these clothes would be in extreme discomfort. Students tend to take it for granted that they will be staying indoors all day, but in

an emergency, that would not happen. There are rarely fire drills in the winter, but a real fire can happen at any time. If a fire occurred, students would have to stand outside for much longer than a drill. Anyone who was wearing shorts or other warm weather clothes would have to suffer in the cold, while those students who bring coats would at least be comfortable.

Even before or after school students could potentially have to spend time in the cold. With the snow and freezing rain that winter brings, a bus or car may go off of the road. If the stu-

dents have to get out of the vehicle, there is no telling how long they would have to stand shivering on the side of the road.

Bringing warm clothes to school does not take very much effort. It only takes a minute to select a sweatshirt or coat. If a student does not want to carry it with them all day, they could easily stow the coat in their locker. A few seconds thinking about getting a sweatshirt could save a student from freezing in an emergency. It is winter, be smart and wear appropriate clothing.

By Daniel Summerville

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Busy week for Raider sports teams

It was a tough start to the week for the Raider volleyball team on Monday when Homer charged past the ladies in four games. Setting the stage with a 25-14 first game win, the Trojans weathered out the storm of a 25-22 Fulton win in game two before lowering the boom to win 25-9 in the third encounter. From there Homer secured a 25-21 win to leave the Raiders disappointed at 3-3 in league play and 4-4 overall.

Alysha and Katie Camp levied major damage for the Trojans as Alysha counted 19 kills and eight digs and Katie had 23 digs. Kirsten Francis countered with 17 digs while Kassie McCann and Sara Campolietta added 10 and nine respectively to go with 10 kills from Erika Johnson.

Raiders run at OHSL Meet

It was a busy Saturday for the Fulton indoor track teams as both the girls and boys were at Colgate for the OHSL Championship Meet. Each side scored 33 points on the day, which placed the girls in fourth and the boys in seventh in their respective Freedom League groupings.

Leading the way for the girls was Morgan Cooper as she won the 300 meter dash in 44/9 seconds and also anchored the team's third place showing in the 4x400 relay. Brittany Lamie, Mary West and Allyson Bricker also took part in the relay foursome. Other top three placewinners for Fulton were shot putter Sarah Perwitz, second with a heave of 25-feet-2.5" and Kim Goutermout, who was third in the high jump by clearing 4-feet-10".

For the boys both Nick Morse and Dylan

Rizzo harvested first place points as Morse won the shot put with a toss of 38-feet-6.75" and Rizzo bested the field in the triple jump with a 37 foot performance.

Girls hope for big turnaround

.After suffering another tough loss this past weekend to New Hartford, the Lady Raiders are in great need of another win. The girls were down 15-5 after the first quarter, and 28-14 at half and spent the rest of the game trying to fight back even. The loss to the New Hartford Spartans marked their fourth straight, putting the girls at a 1-6 (0-2 in the division).

The time for a turn-around season is now as the Raiders travel to Chittenango (1-6) to battle against a weak Bears squad tonight, followed by two respected schools, Cortland and CBA this Thursday and Friday respectively.

The defense has been there but what seems to be the problem is offensive production by the entire line-up. In need of some face-paced, off the boards, quick scoring offense the girls will look to leaders including Ashlynn Palmitesso and Sammara Stowell to get the ball

in the hoop against Chittenango tonight. The team is looking for a big win Tuesday to propel them into the rest of the year with some confidence.

By Max Fobes

Boys host Chittenango

The varsity boys basketball team will be taking on the Chittenango Bears tonight at G. Ray Bodley High School. The 0-6 Raiders are still searching for their first win and are sensing weakness from a veteran yet tentative Chittenango team. The Bears are powered by Michael Scott, averaging around 14 points a game, while Brendan Galek is not far behind averaging about 12 a game.

The main focus of the team is to make someone else beat them other than these two scorers, while playing fundamentally sound both on offense and defense. Coach Kimplain noted, "This will be a game won by mental toughness and knowing which guys to eliminate, if we do this we will be fine." Tip off will be at 7p.m., come out and support the home team as they fight for post season dreams.

By Hunter Gorton

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Girls Bball @ Chittenango (5:30/7 p.m.); Boys Bball vs. Chittenango (5:30/7 p.m.); Hockey vs. Oswego (5:30).

Wednesday, Jan. 12: Bowling vs. Cortland @ Mattydale (3:30); Vball @ Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Wrestling vs. Homer (6 p.m.); Swim vs. Mexico (5 p.m.).

Thursday, Jan. 13: Girls Bball @ CBA (5:30/7 p.m.); Boys Bball @ Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Bowling vs. Chittenango @ Mattydale (3:30); Vball vs. Solvay (5:30/7 p.m.).

Friday, Jan. 14: Girls Bball vs. Cortland (5:30/7 p.m.); Hockey vs. Skaneateles (5:30); Wrestling @ Bradshaw Tourney (Canandaigua).

Opinion

The Great Outdoors:

Bird hunting season is never truly finished

By Daniel Summerville

As Canada goose season draws to a close and with snow goose season still over a month away, bird hunters have little to hunt. Waterfowl season is all but over, which means that it may be time to start putting away shotguns until May turkey season. However, there are still a few birds that are in season.

Pheasants are seldom seen in Oswego County, but they are out there. If a hunter is lucky enough to see one of these reclusive birds and manages to harvest it, they are in for a treat. Pheasant is considered a delicacy in many places throughout the world. Pheasants may be hunted until the end of February, coinciding nicely with the start of Snow goose season in Oswego County.

Pigeons are a very common bird, and can be found almost anywhere in New York. They are not often considered a game bird, and there are not many people who choose to hunt them. Pigeon is rumored to taste good, and it is easy to catch a large number of them at a time. They are not protected, and may be hunted year round without a bag limit. They



are extremely easy to clean, and can be ready to cook or freeze in under thirty seconds. Simply stand on the wings and grip the thighs, a steady pulling motion will take the feathers, skin, guts, head and backbone off without any cutting needed.

A lesser known hunting season is crow season. Although crow is rarely eaten, they are in season until the end of March. It takes cunning to shoot one of these wily birds, and they are considered to be some of the smartest animals with feathers. Crow hunters should be aware that they have one of the strangest hunting seasons; only Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. They provide great practice for waterfowl hunters and upland bird hunters alike.

Until snow goose season arrives, hunters may keep in practice by hunting during some of the lesser known bird seasons. With all of the options, there is sure to be enough to keep avid hunters busy.

Bizarre News of the Day

A 110-year-old Malaysian man, who has been looking for a wife, has found an 82-year-old woman to be his bride. Ahmad Mohamad Isa recently told a newspaper that he wanted company and a wife to take care of him. Four of his wives have died and he divorced the fifth.

Eighty-two-year-old Sanah Ahmad saw the article and got in contact with Ahmad's family. She is a widow of 30 years and a mother of nine. Sanah said she was attracted to Ahmad because he looks like her late husband and they both share the same name.

Ahmad says he was surprised and happy about the news and added, "it doesn't matter who she is, as long as she can cook for me."

Meet the Reporters

Jennifer Woodruff,
Junior

Jennifer joined the staff of The Raider to be an opinion writer. Outside of school she likes to write and read.



One thing that you don't know about Jennifer is that she likes to write poetry.

Compiled by Patty Morrison

Quote of the day:

"Just when you think it can't get any worse, it can. And just when you think it can't get any better, it can."

Nicholas Sparks

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Experience high school without regrets

By Ryann Crofoot

For students in high school, the next few years will fly by, leaving you wondering where the time went. You hear adults reflecting on their high school years all the time, and most of the time, it's along the lines of, "I wish I had done this," or, "I wish I'd had the opportunity to do that." So how do we make it through the years some consider the best of their lives without regrets?



My best advice would be, in general, just go for it. So many regrets stem from people not doing something they wanted to. If there is a club or class you want to take, don't back down just because you think you might not like it, or people will make fun of you. If you end up not liking it, you can usually either drop the class, or leave the club, and go find something else you're interested in. As long as you are polite about it, teachers usually won't mind. They know you are hoping to enjoy your years in high school, and are looking for clubs that would help

still need to get your school work done.

Another thing that causes a lot of regrets is relationships. People give expensive gifts, sentimental things and the like to people they care about now, but down the road, they often wish they hadn't. Most high school relationships don't last. During your years of high school, you are still discovering who you are and where you want to go in life. While you may be perfect for each other now, people do change. I'm not saying high school relationships are bad, or that they'll fail for sure, but statistics show that only 22 out of 100 married couples said they married their high school crush, and of those marriages, only five percent lasted. So enjoy high school relationships, they are part of the high school experience, just don't pour everything you have into them until you can be sure they will last beyond high school.

<http://www.chacha.com/question/what-percentage-of-highschool-relationships-last>

Orange remain perfect at 16-0

After a 61-56 victory over Seton Hall this past weekend, the Syracuse Orange are the only unbeaten team left in the Big East, and one of seven in the nation, at 16-0. Although they were winning 20-19 at the half, the Orange still looked like they were in trouble. That is until sophomore guard Brandon Triche got hot, scoring all 15 of his points in the first 8 minutes of the second half, and hitting 4 three pointers in the process.

Offensive leader Kris Joseph also put up 15, Scoop Jardine added 12 points, and Rick Jackson put up 9 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. The last Syracuse Orange basketball team to start off 16-0 was the 1999-2000 team, a team that won their first 19 of the season. Although the Orange only won by 5 points, in the Big East a win is a win, with 8 top 25 teams, and 13 teams with winning records, the Big East seem to be the toughest league in the nation. The Orange look to improve to 17-0 next week, when they play the 10-4 St. John Red Storm.

By Don Wilmot

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you in possible career choices.

Something that could help you enjoy high school more is to find the balance between work and relaxation. Although thinking about your college and career options is extremely important, don't let it consume your thoughts. You should make enough time to do things you really enjoy. Join some clubs, hang out with friends, or just chill at home with some video games. College and a job are huge decisions, and constantly thinking about them can stress you out, making it harder to make a decision. Sometimes, you just need to relax, but at the same time, you

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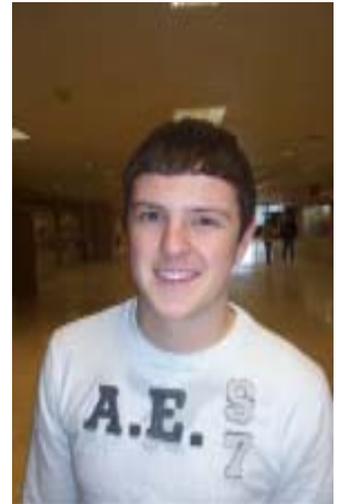
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Meteorology and you

by Carson Metcalf



Today:



Clouds with some sun.
High in the mid-20s.
Record high-67 (1975).
Avg. high: 32

Tonight:



Snow showers. Low in
the mid-teens.
Record low: -18 (1968)
Avg. low: 14

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with snow. High
in the upper-20s.
Record high-54 (1995)
Avg. high: 31

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