

Crackdown underway for tardy students

By Danielle Gillett

The start of the second semester is also the start of a school-wide hallway crack-down. On Wednesday February 2, G. Ray Bodley High School began enforcing a new set of rules regarding punctuality and pass-usage. Last semester, there were more than 5000 instances of student's being unreasonably late for school without a legitimate excuse.

Because the list of offenders is far and wide, it would not be completely effective to address specific individuals. This conduct disrupts the education of students who are here on time every morning both ready and willing to learn, so the school is administering some new expectations, as well as consequences.

Students arriving late for class and loitering in the hallways at all hours of the school day is also an issue currently being addressed at GRB.

First off, of course, any student leaving any classroom for any reason must have a pass.

Though this requirement is well known, it has not always been as well-respected and will be enforced strictly from now on. Also as always, passes are to be written in a student's agenda, although a teacher may provide passes if they deem it appropriate or necessary.

VIP passes can be used in lieu of a pre-signed pass to the library or a student's locker during his or her lunch bell or study hall only. Seniors who have a VIP pass may use it to visit the cafeteria during their study hall, but students are not to be given any passes to the cafeteria otherwise. Students may use the vending machine only during their designated lunch bell, with the exception of a list of BOCES students who lack a lunch.

With these new regulations come new consequences as well. Any student who is late to class, which is defined as not across the threshold of the classroom door when the bell rings, will be assigned an after school detention until 3 p.m. They will serve this detention the

following day, and the first will officially be held today after school. Repeat offenders, however, may even be assigned more serious consequences. When asked his opinion on the matter, senior Josh Drake said, "I don't think it's going to work because most kids probably won't even go to the detention."

Obviously though, administrators are a bit more supportive. Mrs. Cook, a hall monitor who has already given over a dozen tardy slips, endorsed the program, saying, "I think it's a very good idea. This system will help enforce the rules without any exceptions. Everyone should have to follow the same rules, and this ensures that." Mr. Rothrock, a biology teacher agrees whole-heartedly about the hallway rules. He said, "Oh, I love 'em, I think they're great! It's quieter, it's calmer- it's just great! I mean, heaven forbid that kids are to class some time this century, and not just wandering the hallways aimlessly! School is like a job, it's like being on time for your job."



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Second graders have their day at Bodley

By Kayla Distin

Ten years from now, they will be members of the graduating class of 2021. But during Regents week, they were a wide-eyed and excited group of second graders experiencing the high school for the first. While the students of G. Ray Bodley high school were taking their Regents tests or enjoying a break from their school work, the students at Granby Elementary were making good use of their school day.

On Wednesday, January 26 two second grade classes from Granby took a field trip to explore the high school. Mr. Briggs organized this field trip years ago, and it has become an annual event for his class. This year Mrs. Distin's class accompanied them and participated in all of the fun events that the high school staff had to offer. Accompanied by Mrs. Towsley, Mrs. Challahan, and Kayla Distin, the second grade classes had a positive experience at the high school.

Upon walking into their classrooms early in the morning, it was clear that the children were

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English/Drama teacher Mr. Lescarbeau looks for responses from a group of second graders from Granby School during their recent visit to the high school. The students were involved in portraying a machine. (Senecal photo)

Opinion

Enforcement is the key to “new” pass rule

By Brenna Merry

During my freshman year at G. Ray Bodley High School, I heard a lecture about the importance of passes and how one cannot be in the hallway without a pass.

By sophomore year I learned that often teachers will let you slide without one if you are not going far. During junior year I was threatened with the idea of being “swept” if I was in the hall without a pass. This idea worked for a while, but it wasn’t long before my fellow classmates and I began taking the risk of leaving classrooms without that little red book. Finally, here, in my senior year, once again the school is cracking down with a new detention policy. Will this be the final answer to this unsolved problem?

Change is the key in any environment. However, when it comes to passes, students are very stubborn in their ways. Even though the concept of writing “Bathroom: 12:01” and handing the page to a teacher is not that difficult, students believe it is unreasonable to write a pass for



their agenda signed.

Quite honestly the concept is one that doesn’t bother the student body much. Most students have no problem getting passes, and four minutes between bells is more than enough time to get to class. However, many students say, “It won’t take long before the policy weakens.” It is not unreasonable for students to feel this way, as they have been in a continuous cycle of new rules being implemented. The phase of these rules always seems to go from very strict to a few exceptions and then non-existent.

As one student noted, “teachers know the students who are high-honor roll, all around good kids. If they ask these students where they are going without a pass, they will more often than not believe them.” This is a fact that is not a flaw, but merely human nature. If students have built up a good reputation for themselves they deserve to be trusted. However, this is also the greatest reason for the failure of the pass rule in previous years.

These students who have found that their words are as good as a pass are also the students who will gladly obey the new rules. The students who do not care if they get in trouble are the true cause for the systems demise. Students who are up to no good could care less if they get detention and will usually end up skipping anyways. English teacher Ms. Crisafulli noted that, “When I taught at C-NS they were extremely strict about passes, but here they hardly exist.”

You can’t teach an old dog new tricks. This timeless saying applies greatly to the fact that it seems no pass rule will stick. When students have seen the rules change and disappear they learn not to take new rules seriously, and you can’t really blame them. I would be glad to see this system grow instead of weaken over the course of the year and be given as an example that change is possible here in the halls. I also believe, however, that in coming years the strength of these measures should begin day one of school, not half-way through the year.

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a room that is right next door. The reason this action is indeed necessary is so that teachers know that students are not up to trouble, and can also always keep track of where they are.

Often times teachers also agree that a student signing out to go to the water fountain right outside the door is foolish. That is why new rules quickly are bent and then gradually fade away in their strength. Beginning on Monday, February 7, the faculty and administration are beginning to crack down. Anyone who is late to class without a pass will be given detention, as well as anyone who is caught in the halls without

Quote of the day:

“Calling somebody else fat won’t make you any skinnier. Calling someone stupid doesn’t make you any smarter... All you can do in life is try to solve the problem in front of you.” - Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan)
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In the News

GRB announcements:

It's Zumba time! Come join the French Club for Zumba classes every Monday, starting today at 2:30 in the third gym. Cost is \$3 for students or \$5 for teachers or four for \$18.

Come get into shape and have some fun with the French Club.

Hey juniors! It's time to start planning the prom. Come join your representatives every Thursday in Mr. Lacey's room from 2:30 until 3.

Photo Club members are reminded to come to Ms. Amerault's room 120 to sign up for the Eastman House field trip in Rochester on March 25. Space is limited, so sign up soon! The next photo club meeting will be on Thursday, February 10th. Bring pictures.

This Wednesday, February 9th, give the gift of blood at Believer's Chapel, across from McDonalds from 1 o'clock until 5:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcomed, or sign up with GRB student Justin Armour, who is organizing the event. You can also e-mail him at: justinarmour@yahoo.com

Varsity boys tennis sign-ups and an informational meeting will be held right after school on Tuesday in room 138. See Mr. Goodnough if you have questions.

All students interested in participating in outdoor track need to sign up in room 207, Mr. Galek's room, today after school.

Physicals for sports and working papers will be done this Thursday, February 10. This is the last date for school physicals for spring sports at the high school. Go to the nurse during study hall, advisory, or lunch to schedule an appointment.

Buying lunch today? You'll have a choice between tuna sub, barbecue ribbie on a bun, or smuckers PBJ.

Bizarre News of the Day

Parrots, like humans, choose to use one side of their body more than the other, with more of them left handed, or left footed. Australian researchers found that virtually all the parrots they studied prefer to use either their left eye and left foot, or right eye and right foot.

"Basically, you get this very close relationship with the eye that they use to view the object and then the hand that they use to grasp it, and it's very consistent across all the species except a couple," said Calum Brown, a senior lecturer at Macquarie University in Sydney, who led the study. "In some species, they're so strongly right or left handed at the species level that there's effectively no variation."

The study, published in 'Biological Letters', examined roughly 320 parrots from 16 different Australian species. Ultimately, they found that roughly 47 per cent were left handed, 33 per cent right handed, and the remainder ambidextrous, or use both equally.

By Morgan Firenze

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In the News

Thrilling day at GRB for Granby second graders

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excited about the upcoming events. They chatted among themselves about what they expected and asked endless amounts of questions about the school. Excitement ran high on the bus ride over, and students obeyed the school rules as they respectfully marched into the main entrance. Both classes left their bags in the auditorium and the events of the day began from there.

First, Mrs. Distini's class visited Mr. Thurlow, Mr. Wasack, and Mr. Sievers in the technology room. Here, they learned about some of the activities that are available to high school students who choose to take tech courses. To further spark their interest, the technology teachers showed the second graders how to make their own plastic picture frames. The kids lined up and took turns creating their own masterpieces, and it was very obvious that they appreciated every moment of the experience.

Meanwhile, the students of Mr. Briggis' class were learning about G. Ray Bodley's Drama Club from the stars of the show themselves. Mr. Lescarbeau, along with Drama club members Chelsea Avery, Nate Hawthorne, Clare Bawarski, Alex Bawarski, Nate Deavers, Kylee Greenleaf, and Neil Devendorf, explained the benefits of joining drama and took questions from the students about the upcoming spring show, *Beauty and the Beast*.

After, the Drama Club members split the class into five groups and led them in a group activity in which the students worked together to act out parts of a specific machine. After the two groups switched rooms, they were ready to move on to the language rooms.

The two classes paraded down the hallway and split up between Frau Ruggio's and Senorita Westerbeck's classrooms. In Frau Ruggio's room, the class was introduced to the German language and culture by high school students Dylan Rizzo and Torrie Whelskey. They filled in a Bingo board with colors and numbers in German, and played the game until a winner was announced. Across the hallway, the children were experiencing the Spanish culture with Senorita Westerbeck and Senora Tepfenhart. Here they filled in a colorful packet after repeating the Spanish nouns that related to the pictures. The class participation was fantastic and the many of the students had a new interest in foreign language by the end of their classroom time.

After taking a lunch break on stage, the two classes split into three even groups and traveled upstairs to the Science hallway. The groups rotated in and out of three Science class-

rooms, each one full of surprises and experiments ready for the second graders. Mr. Mainville entertained the group with a charismatic lecture in which he let them look at and touch various samples of furs that belong to animals that are native to Central New York. The groups were wide-eyed and interested in learning about the lizards and guinea pigs that live in Mr. Mainville's room, and many of them did not want to leave his room when their time was up. Meanwhile, down the hall in Mr. Rothrock's biology room, the second graders were able to participate in hands-on experiments. First, Mr. Rothrock introduced the fact that all living things were connected by telling them that humans need plants for energy, just as plants need the sun for energy. They then participated in the "Clothespin Lab" in

which the kids opened and closed a clothespin and recorded their speed, tracking the amount of energy it took to complete the job.

They then separated the pigments in a pure black Sharpie, proving to the kids that black is not only one color, but a combination of many. Finally, Mr. Morse led the class in creating Flubber. After being told what they were making, the looks of anticipation and curiousness on the children's faces were priceless. After mixing glue with water, borax, and food coloring, the kids found that they had created their own everlasting Flubber. Not only had the children gotten a new toy, but they also gained knowledge as to how certain objects react with others. At last, the classes were told to return to the auditorium, where their exciting day as "high schoolers" came to an end.



Second grade students from Granby Elementary pantomime parts of a machine for their classmates under the watchful eye of Assistant Producer of the Quirk's Playes and GRB English teacher Mr. Lescarbeau. (Senecal photo)

Winter photo contest noted

The G. Ray Bodley High School Photo Club is proud to announce the second annual winter theme photo contest. Students and teachers are invited to submit 1-3 printed pictures to Ms. Amerault in room 120. The deadline for photos is March 7. See Ms. Amerault for details.

Class A championships: 22 years and counting for Raider matmen

The names and the faces may change, but one thing remains a constant: the Fulton Red Raiders are the kings of Class A wrestling. And on Saturday that message was renewed for the 22nd year in a row when Coach Mike Conner's matmen ran away from the field en route to a 49 point victory over runner-up Indian River in a 302.5 to 253.5 final.

As was the case two weeks previous when the Raiders handed the Jefferson County juggernauts their only loss of a record-breaking 48-1 season, Fulton dominated the Warriors when it mattered most, taking four of five match-ups in the finals to pad their victory total.

Defending Section 3 champion Zach Race improved his record to 39-4 on the season in a dominating afternoon in the 189 pound ring. His 36 second pin over Carthage's Kyle Grover in the final capped a pin-o-rama effort that saw him fell three opponents in a combined 2:48. David Hall showed himself ready to gain a third sectional title in four years in equally impressive fashion as he scored a 55 second pin and an 11-0 decision before felling Indian River's Jordan Berry in the finals in 1:52 to improve his season's mark to 44-1.

Likewise Nick Woodworth was a force not to be denied at 160, closing off a day that included a pin in 1:35 and a 7-2 decision with a quick slam win over IR's Matt Simpson in just 2:48. Adam Wallace cruised to 40-2 on the season with pins at 0:42 and 2:34 before crushing IR's Tyler Brown 18-8 in the 135 pound final. Also emerging as a Class A title winner was freshman Thomas Hill, who outwrestled Indian River's Jody Brown 2-0 to improve to 25-3 on the year in the 96 pound ring.

Brandon Hill, Nick Muckey (26-9) and Brennan Roberge claimed runner-up points for the champions at 119, 171 and 285 respectively while Derek Harris (125), Devon Viscome (140), Tony Toresse (152), unseeded Connor Aldash (103) were consolation bracket winners to finish third for the Raiders. Marcus Earl (152) and Derek Owen (215) placed fourth on the day with Mitch Woodworth (96) and Johann Ambach (130) placing fifth and sixth respectively for Fulton. Roberge, the lone Raider to fall to an Indian River opponent in the finals, claimed second to undefeated Warrior standout Alex Tibbles, who rolled to 43-0 by recording two pins in a combined 1:13.

The Class A title firmly in tow, Fulton's top wrestlers will now advance to the Section 3 Championship meet on Saturday at the Utica War Memorial, looking for its fifth straight overall team title as well as berths in the New York State Championship meet on February 26 in Albany.

Hoopsters fall to state champs

Jamesville-Dewitt's star may have been tarnished by several recent losses, but on Saturday evening the state champions were back with a vengeance. Outscoring the Raiders in

all four quarters, the three-time NYS kings drilled Fulton 84-47 to improve to 10-1 in league play and 13-3 overall. Dajuan Coleman, Demetrius Mitchell and Tyler Cavanaugh combined to outscore the entire Raider side with 22, 14 and 13 respectively as the Rams stretched a 39-23 halftime lead into a 71-38 rout by pouring in 32 points in the third quarter. Tyler Terramiggi replied with 12, Zach Loura had 10 and Nate Hudson scored eight for the Raiders, who dipped to 1-9 in the league and 1-12 overall.

Girls fall at Cortland, face J-D tonight

The loss at Cortland Friday night reflected the girls entire season this far down the road; close but not close enough. The varsity girls basketball team fell victim to a slow start, only to be outlasted by the Cortland Tigers 58-41 at the end of regulation. The loss puts the girls at an overall 3-11 record with sectional hopes quickly slipping away.

For the Raiders guard Ashlynn Palmitesso had a strong game scoring 20 points, followed by senior captain Samarra Stowell with 12 points. Junior Brittany Wells found the bottom of the net with with points herself along with a sophomore squad of Michelle Gorea, Jessica Hudson, Sydnee Plato and Christina Pensabene all finding themselves with offensive numbers at the end of the night. With their attack a little lost it seemed that great defense held the game together. Cortland star Maggie Brown tore apart the Raider rim with 28 points in a career night.

The word is pride from here on out. With a tough record and a young yet skilled group at hand, the girls look to earn as many wins as they can to finish out the year. With a big week ahead the girls look to maintain focus. The Raiders host the Jamesville-Dewitt Red Rams tonight (Monday) followed by another home battle versus the Brothers of CBA tomorrow (Tuesday). Tip off tonight is scheduled for 7 pm in the G. Ray Bodley gymnasium. *By Max Fobes*

Late rally falls short for Raider skaters

Varsity hockey suffered a tough loss Saturday evening as state-ranked Clinton defeated the Raiders by a score of 7-4. The game was prefaced by senior night, honoring seven seniors. Those honored included Robert Bonnie, Steven Haste, Jeff King, Kevin Niver, Kara Pafumi, Steven Seguoin, and Colin Shannon. The Raiders started out steady, and the period ended with a score of 1-0 favoring Clinton. Pafumi started in net and had a solid performance during her half of the game, splitting with Niver. Pafumi had some great saves in the effort, only allowing two goals before her half of the game was completed. The second period ended with Fulton down 5-0, unable to sneak a puck past the Clinton goalie.

The third period proved to be an eventful frame, as the Raiders came out firing. Four goals were scored in the final frame for the Raiders, outscoring Clinton by a score of 4-2, but it was deemed too little too late for the icemen. Scoring for the Raiders was junior assistant captain Joe Sutton, notching two and an assist, junior Casey Holden had a goal and an assist, and Jason King had the final goal. At this point, the score was 5-4, but the Raiders could not find the net again in the contest, and it ended with the score of 7-4. Pafumi recorded 23 saves on the night, and Niver posted 25.

The next game for the Raiders comes tonight as the puck drops in Auburn, a crucial tilt in determining whether they make the final sectional spot. Currently the Raiders are tied with the Maroons for the final playoff spot, and this game will be of utmost importance in determining the sectional lineup. The previous contest between the two teams resulted in a tie, allowing one to believe this contest will be an all-out battle. The next home game for the Raiders is tomorrow night and undefeated Cazenovia enters the building for a 7 o'clock face off. *By Colin Shannon*

School of Thought compiled by Brett Williams & Nick Mattice

Who would be your dream valentine?



"Barack O'Bama."

"Donovan McNabb."

"Otto (The Orange)."

"Max Quinzani (Duke Lacrosse Player)"

Bernice Bartlett

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Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



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Cloudy with a few snow showers. High around 20. Record high: 51 (1990). Avg. high: 32.

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