



Stipulations changed for Bodley's VIP passes

By Mariah Munger

During each semester of the school year there are students who really go above and beyond academically. G. Ray Bodley High School believes that those students should be rewarded, and hopefully it gives others the incentive to strive for success as well.

To accomplish the goal of receiving Honor Roll, a student must have an overall grade average of 84.6%-89.4%. That may seem impossible to some students to achieve, but not the ones who shoot for High Honor Roll status. The stipulations for that are a bit harder to reach, because the grade average

required is an 89.6% and above.

Three years ago GRB started providing certain hard-working students with VIP passes. The rewarding passes are given for hard work and dedication to academics. This year, however, the criteria for receiving the card has changed from previous years. Now all students who work for VIP status must be on time to school at least 95% of the time along with 95% attendance. There must not be any grade lower than a 70% in any class, and no disciplinary referrals are allowed.

All of the hard work that earns the students their VIP status is not for nothing. There are benefits that allow the students to be involved

in extra things. The pass can be used as a pre-signed pass during lunch or a study hall to go anywhere except physical education. Four extra destination passes are also given in the student's agenda.

Upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) may eat lunch outside at the picnic tables in the back of the school and any senior with a VIP pass may go to the picnic tables or the cafeteria during any study hall during bells 4-7. The VIP breakfast will take place again this year as well, however the staff is not sure when they will be held due to the absence of an advisory period. Assistant Principal Mrs. Stuetz also noted that it is possible that they may add in special assemblies for the VIP students, but they are not positive yet.

Hopefully all these new modifications will help students to want to achieve higher grades and attendance rate so they can participate in the fun!

Getting started on the college process

Seniors, do you know what your plans are for next year? Are you unsure of what you should be doing to get a head start on getting your life on track? Well, thanks to an exclusive interview with G. Ray Bodley High School counselor, Mrs. Coniski, The Raider can now provide you with the who, what, when, where, the why and the how's that you will need to get a jump start on your college career!

Q: What should seniors start doing to prepare for college?

A: There is going to be SAT's coming up December 3 and ACT's coming up October 22 and December 10, both can be taken right here at GRB. There will be college field trips and meetings as well and seniors are urged to go!

Q: When should seniors get the move on?

A: We recommend applying to colleges and looking at scholarships by Thanksgiving break. If a program fills up, then you're out of luck!

Q: Why is it so important to get this all done ASAP?

A: All schools are rolling admission and it is good to get started right away to help guarantee a spot for yourself.

Q: Who should seniors talk to about all of their options and ideas for college?

A: Guidance! Your counselor is assigned to

you for reasons like this. They can talk to you about all of your choices, answer any questions and make it all a little bit clearer for you. They are the best help.

Q: How can seniors make all of this possible?

A: there are common application web pages that let people apply to multiple colleges through one site. WWW.Suny.Edu is just one of them, and it is for any State University of New York (SUNY) colleges.

Q: Where can seniors go to learn about financial aid and programs that can help them learning how to find a college that best fits them?

A: Between the dates of September 26-29, all councilors will be meeting with the seniors during their Social Studies classes to discuss college career information. In early December, there will be a financial aid night where parents and students can come to the school to learn about all of the extra help that can receive. There will also be a college fair at Boces on Thursday, October 27.

Start looking and applying now! Always look in the guidance office for new scholarship application arrivals. And, it's all right if you don't know what you want to do with your future yet, you can always change majors or start out with just your basic classes.

By *Natasha Luis*

Bodley frosh being "teamed" up

When most students think of teams, they think of the junior high, but as the 2011-2012 school year begins, G. Ray Bodley High School also has red, white, and green teams. As the freshman class walks around the new halls they are divided by the three teams.

But according to several members of the Class of 2015, they feel, "left out" from the rest of the school and even from the rest of their grade. Lena Kimball, a freshman from the white team said, "I feel like it's not a good idea, I feel like it's not necessary." She went on to say that she her whole grade is divided up, and in her mind, that is not fair.

Taylor Duda from the white team said, "It's hard enough going from one school to an even bigger one where you don't know anyone and now they have to divide us into groups?"

According to Assistant Principal Mrs. Stutz, the purpose of the teams isn't to make students feel out of place or make it harder for them. The teams were designed to give
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Opinion

Hallway etiquette will benefit all

By Laura Perwitz

Let's face it; G. Ray Bodley High School has A LOT of kids. These kids are attempting to make it through the packed hallways, just to get to class on time, and there are kids who try to make it to a teacher early to ask for homework help. Students can't make it to class on time if people are constantly fooling around in the halls, or just moving slow.



One of the most irritating things is when kids decide to stop in the middle of the hallway, to try and talk to someone. You can't do that. You can't stop in a packed hall, just so you can talk to someone about what so-and-so did last night, or give someone something. It isn't fair to other students who try and get to class on time, so they can learn and pass a course that they enjoy, or struggle with.

It also isn't fair to the students who care for someone to move snail slow in the hallway, and they end up in detention because someone couldn't move a little faster in the halls. Teachers are always telling students to make sure they get to class on time, so they don't get a detention. Well, it isn't working, and we need to do something about it. Hallways aren't the right places to be talking about what happened at a party, gossiping, or just stopping.

When you stop in the hallway, you're not only making yourself late, you're also holding up traffic, and making the people around you late. Upperclassmen are always the first ones to blame the freshmen for making them late. But, if you think about it, it's not just the freshmen: it happens in every grade level. Freshmen: granted, you guys are new to the school, and it is understandable, but you can't keep stopping right in the middle of the hallway to try and talk to a friend. Sophomores: I'm pretty sure you should all know by now

that you can't be goofing off in the hallway when people are trying to make it to class. Juniors: We are supposed to be becoming mature adults, and yet, we act childish in the halls. Seniors: you're supposed to be setting an example for everyone else to follow. When you're goofing around and gabbing in the hallway, you're not setting the right example.

As a school, and as mature adults, I feel that we should try a little

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harder to be mature, and not hold people up in the halls. Wouldn't you be irritated too if someone made you late to class? We should all try to make the effort, and walk a little faster in the hallways. If we all do that, everyone will be in class on time, and detentions are

prevented. So, please, make an honest attempt to move in the halls, so other people don't end up with a detention.



'lil Bodley returns tomorrow in RaiderNet Daily!

Quote of the day:

"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies 'commencement exercises.' Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning."

Orrin Hatch

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In the News

The Great Outdoors

From turkey hunter to turkey farmer

By Daniel Summerville

As many of *RaiderNet Daily's* readers know,

I write the outdoor column for the paper. Since last year, my articles have informed readers of upcoming hunting and fishing seasons, along with a lot of other outdoor events in the area. I go turkey hunting every spring, trying to bag a bird just like countless other hunters in New York. But after a failed season last spring I decided to try to get a turkey in a different way. This past summer, the chicken coop on my farm has been home to not only chickens, but also five young turkeys.

After I came home on the last day of turkey season empty handed, I decided that the only way I was going to get a turkey this year was to buy one. However, I did not go to the grocery store and purchase a turkey dinner; instead I went to a farm near Cato and bought five day-old poults. My experiences with the poults provided me not only with hours of entertainment watching their antics, but also insight into the world of turkeys that I plan to use during hunting season next May.

After taking care of the five lively turkey poults over the summer, I now view them as pets rather than dinner. The largest turkey, a jake named Earl, is just learning how to strut and gobble. Earl is willing to sit on my shoulder and follow me around the yard. While the other four may not be quite as friendly, they still will not say no to being petted or being picked up. The five of them are much different from their chicken companions. Only two or three out of the thirty chickens will readily allow a human to touch them. The turkeys are far more trusting and openly friendly. They are also much more curious; anything that is shiny or looks out of place will be investigated, pecked at and tasted. Anyone who steps into the chicken coop has to make sure their fingers are well above turkey height.

While it has yet to be seen whether or not all of the turkeys make it through the holiday season, Earl is sure to be a fully-fledged tom by this time next year. He may not be able to sit on my shoulder for

Freshman teams (from page one)

the freshmen a little boost. As most people know, the transition from the junior high to the high school is not easy. The teams make this transition a little bit easier for the students. It also gives them the ability to become more mature and the confidence they need to make it through their first year at GRB. Mrs. Stutz feels like this is a very good idea and that it, "will benefit the students in many ways."

By Ashly Smart

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RND's Daniel Summerville and his "pet" turkey Earl.

too much longer, but he will still be following me around during his excursions outside of the coop for a long time to come. My experiences with my pet turkeys have caused me to look at their wild counterparts in a different light. I have been able to study turkey behavior and have even learned a few new calls from my poults. While Earl may not be on the menu, my newfound understanding of turkeys will surely help to put a wild turkey or two on the table in years to come.

Bizarre News of the Day:

Heidi the celebrity opossum

For fear of her becoming like other celebrities, Heidi the cross-eyed opossum is being put into retirement at the ripe old age of three-and-a-half to save her from the stress of her celebrity lifestyle.

The marsupial became a worldwide sensation from her enclosure at Leipzig Zoo, Germany, when pictures of her appeared on the internet. Hundreds of thousands signed up to become her Facebook friends and she even had a go at co-hosting an Oscars show in a live TV link-up with Hollywood.

Now keepers say she must withdraw from public life so she can enjoy what's left of her life in peace and quiet. "Opossums in the wild live for three years at the most but in captivity in the right conditions Heidi could make it to five," explained one keeper.

Zoo spokesman Fabian Schmidt explained: "Heidi's lifestyle could have contributed to her problems so we have put her into retirement." Heidi is even to be separated from her breeding partner Teddy to save her from being bothered.

"We do not want to give her any added stress. Due to her advancing age there were only very slim chances of offspring anyway and that chance has now passed," said Mr. Schmidt.

By Morgan Firenze

School of Thought By Ross Maxam and Sean Fink

What day do you most want for Spirit Week?



"Twin day."
Mackenzie Duda

"Team day."
Mike Dillion

"Twin day."
Brian Hudson

"Spirit day."
Nathan Hackett

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.
Chance shower.

78°

Average: 68°
Record: 85° (2007)

Tonight:



Cloudy skies.

64°

Average: 48°
Record: 33° (1978)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with
rains.

74°

Average: 68°
Record: 80° (19739)

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