

Guidance financial aid night set for December 8

The Guidance Department of G. Ray Bodley High School, Fulton City School District, will again host their annual "Financial Aid Night" for students and their parents or guardians on Thursday, December 8 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium.

Becoming acquainted with the various source of financial assistance and understanding the processes and deadlines for

applying will assure the timely submission of appropriate forms and greatly enhance the probability of receiving financial aid.

A representative from the financial aid office at the State University of New York at Oswego will present the information about the types and sources of financial aid available to undergraduate students and familiarize attendees with the federal and state form

needed to apply. Informative handouts will be available to those who attend.

All high school students and their parents or guardians are invited, but this very important information will be of particular interest to seniors and their parents or guardians.

The snow date is Wednesday, December 14 at 7 pm.

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COCOAA, Bodley team-up to present message

In recognition of National Drug Facts Week, from October 31- November 4, 2011, the County of Oswego Council on Alcoholism and Addictions, Inc. (COCOAA), teamed up with G. Ray Bodley High School in Fulton to host a Poster Contest and National Drug Facts Quiz. The SADD club at school was also involved in helping to organize this event.

The Poster theme of Shatter the Myths of Drug Use and Abuse resulted in the top three posters that students designed, winning \$100 gift cards each. Judges for the Poster Contest included G. Ray Bodley and COCOAA personnel, Fulton Deputy Police Chief Tom Abalgore, Oswego County Health Department Senior Health Educator, Diane Oldenburg and Oswego City-County Youth Bureau's Youth Services Specialist, Brian Chetney. Poster winners were announced at school on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. They included Mariah Munger, Danielle Gillett along with Kara Farrands and Josh Buskey who collaborated to design a poster.

In addition, all students at G. Ray Bodley High School had the opportunity on November 4, 2011 to take the National Drug Facts Quiz. All students who answered the most questions correctly from the 20 question quiz were eligible to win one of ten gift cards that were purchased with funds donated by the SUNY Oswego Greek Council.

Additional donations were received from Fulton Dunkin Donuts and Fulton Pizza Hut. Winners of the National Drug Quiz included the following twelve students: Andrew Knapp, Caitlin LaVoie, Kayla Jones, Mattie

Burdick, Elizabeth DeSantis, Celeste Kirk, Lindsey Larkin, Mackenzie Grow, Jessica Abalgore, Anna Mortimer and Annette Bennett.

The purpose of National Drug Facts Week is to work with schools and local teens to raise awareness and offer teens real, factual information about drugs, alcohol and substance use and abuse in an effort to combat underage drinking and drug usage.

National Drug Facts Week is sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Additionally, this event is being combined with the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws grant that COCOAA has received through New York State OASAS, in an effort to increase educational awareness of underage drinking and its effects on the local teenage population.



Pictured are the three winners of the poster contest whose posters most accurately represented the theme of Shatter the Myths of Drug Use and Abuse. In front from left to right are Mariah Munger (11th Grade), Kara Farrands (9th Grade) and Danielle Gillett (12th Grade). Josh Buskey (9th Grade) who collaborated on the poster with Kara Farrands was absent from the photo. Pictured in the back row from left are Chrissy Chase representing SUNY Oswego's Greek Council who donated funding for the prizes, Trisha DeWolf, Information and Referral Coordinator at COCOAA, Deborah Bills, Executive Director at COCOAA, Deanne Sipling, SADD Club Advisor at G Ray Bodley High School, Mr. Buchanan, Principal at G Ray Bodley High School and Karyn Grow, Prevention Director at COCOAA.

Opinion

Are athletic scholarships put on a pedestal?

By Vanessa Langdon

Looking at colleges is exciting, until you see the price tag. I was nothing but excited to look at colleges in New York City until I realized that one school I was looking at is \$38,000 a year.

Many students rely on scholarships, either academic or athletic. But are athletic scholarships put on too much of a pedestal and perceived as more important than getting an academic scholarship?

Recently Dajuan Coleman a Jamesville-Dewitt senior, decided to attend SU to play basketball and had a press conference to announce his decision. The pomp and circumstance that surrounds student athletes can be misleading to make it seem like athletic scholarships are easy to achieve, but the truth is quite the opposite. The facts are that athletic scholarships are split up with virtually no one receiving a full ride. For example in 2003 only two percent of



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the 6.4 million students who started high school sports four years earlier received an athletic scholarship according to the NCAA.

In our own community guidance counselor Mrs. Coniski informed me that within the past five years, 2007-2011, G. Ray Bodley High School has graduated some 1,190 students, and out of that total, 28 of them received athletic scholarships of insignificant amounts, translating into just hundreds of dollars. Only two students out of those 1,190 students in the past five years continued on to college with significant, almost full ride, athletic scholarships.

Academic scholarships, on the other hand, come in many different varieties and play to a multitude of different skills. As someone who enjoys writing, I plan to look into essay writing scholarships

and scholarships geared toward English related things while there are others for art, music, math, and sciences. Academic scholarships are far more available and are geared toward different areas of study. Colleges are also not limited to how many academic scholarships they are allowed to give out, making the chances of receiving one from your college of choice much greater.

I'm not saying that athletics are not important because they most certainly are. Involvement in athletics looks good on college applications, are beneficial to your health, are extracurricular activities, and show you are a well-rounded student who can balance multiple commitments on their plate. But when planning your future and how you are going to manage the expenses associated in college do not count on a full ride based on your athletics; you need to have good grades to back it up and focus on both to make your dream a reality. You can always use more scholarship money, a combination of athletic and academic scholarships are always better than just athletic.

College deadlines nearing

The SUNY Oswego early admission deadline is here. For anyone who is interested in applying to Oswego State it is not too late to apply, but Oswego State recommends applying before January 15. Even though it is not too late to apply it is too late to apply for early admission. Early admission allows students to be selected above other students for many competitive classes as well as let the students know by December 15 if they were accepted or not.

Even though Oswego's early admission deadline ends today, many other schools have longer early admissions such as SUNY ESF and SUNY Fredonia, which both go until December 1. December first may seem a ways from now, but it really is not with all the work there is to be done.

For anyone who missed the Oswego deadline you should make sure to get early admission at another college of your choice. Early admission gives so many great opportunities that a normal applicant will not get. Early admission also puts you above the rest as thousands of other students are trying for select places in college. This opportunity could determine whether you do or do not get the college of your choice.

If you have not started applying yet make sure you do so soon. An
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Crafty Thanksgiving ideas to welcome the day

By Natasha Luis

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! It's time to extend the table, call your in-laws, and enjoy a lovely thanksgiving meal with your family and friends.

Here are some cute Thanksgiving decoration ideas to give your home that extra warm and thankful feeling!

Thanksgiving Turkey Luminaries are a cute way to make your front steps, or a porch look festive: you will need- Scissors, Lunch-size paper bag, Tissue paper (white, yellow, red, and orange), Glue sticks, Sand or rocks, and LED tea lights.

Cut a circle from the seamless side of a lunch-size paper bag. Use the cutout circle as a guide to cut a slightly larger circle from white or yellow tissue paper.

Cut skinny triangles of red, orange, and yellow tissue paper for the feathers, and cut two wing shapes from red tissue paper. Use a glue stick to affix the feathers and wings onto the tissue paper circle.

Cut a turkey body from the brown paper



circle, and then glue it to the center of the tissue paper collage.

Line the edge of the bag's circular hole with more glue, then lay the collage circle on top. Fill the bag with about an inch of sand or rocks and nestle an LED tea light inside.

Glowbirds are also a beautiful way to spruce up your Thanksgiving table: you will

need- Hot glue gun, 1 1/4-inch wooden doll head (available at craft stores), Small glass bubble votive holder (the one pictured is 4 inches wide by 3 1/2 inches high), Brush, Mod Podge, Tissue paper Scissors, Tacky glue, and beads.

Apply a dab of hot glue from a glue gun to the wooden doll head. Then adhere the head to the votive holder. Brush Mod Podge over the head and body, then cover them with overlapping tissue paper scraps. Apply another Mod Podge layer and let it dry for at least 45 minutes.

To make the tail feathers, cut 9- by 2-inch strips of tissue paper, bend each in half without creasing it, then twist the ends together. Use a dollop of tacky glue to attach each



feather to the body. Cut a beak from a double layer of yellow tissue and affix it with tacky glue. Add two beads for eyes. Cut a long oval of red tissue, twist one end, and affix it as a wattle. Allow the turkey to dry.

Have fun, and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Quote of the day:

"It is not so important who starts the game but who finishes it."

John Wooden

Bizarre News of the Day:

What will they think of next?

A Canadian company is behind a new fashion line to help keep you warm this winter - a woolly hat with a built-in beard.

Makers of Beardowear say their special beanie hat is "always guaranteed to be full, perfectly coiffed, and super soft" with no itching or scratching. The Beardo has apparently become an instant fashion hit since it went on sale online with prices starting from nearly \$40.

The acrylic beard is adjustable and claims to fit any face; it can also be stowed away inside the hat for occasions in which a knitted beard might not be appropriate. This reporter has actually seen these items in a Christmas themed "junk" magazine.

Beardowear's website says the beard hats were the brainchild of Jeff Phillips, a Canadian-born winter enthusiast who has a passion for snowboarding. "Once the first few Beard hat designs were put out to the public, we really didn't know what to expect, but the response said it all," the website says.

"They were very quickly picked up by a range of people, not just skiers and snowboarders, as originally thought. As the design started gaining some recognition and press, more and more people became interested and even outdoor workers started using them on the job!"

By Morgan Firenze



Meet the Reporters

Jeanette Bartlett, Senior

Jeanette joined the staff of RaiderNet to update everyone about clubs and the Class of 2012 as well as to work on the yearbook. Outside of school she is a two-year employee at



Struppler's Market and is a mentor at Catholic Charities. She also enjoys being outdoors in nature.

People may not know that she wants to be a Zoologist, and that her favorite animal is a giraffe.

A twin, she is also the president of the senior class.

Entertainment

The adventures of 'lil Bodley!

By Madeline Clark (this comic created on reused paper!)



Raiders fall in regional match

A good season came to a disappointing and abrupt end for the Fulton volleyball team on Saturday when Section 4 champion Burnt Hills charged past the Raiders in three games. Advancing to the New York State final four for the tenth season in succession, the Spartans scored wins of 25-16, 25-10 and 25-16 to improve to 28-2 on the season.

Standout hitter Lizzy Morton led the way with 12 kills while Siena Wilder had 12 digs. Natalie Ziskin, the school's all-time leader in assists, added 33 more to her total. Fulton finished it's first season of fall competition with an overall record of 10-6.

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College application time is suddenly here

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easy way to apply is through the common application. The common application allows students to pick from various colleges and it will show when the deadlines for particular schools are. Not all schools use the common application, so make sure to visit each schools internet page to find out, although the common app works with over 450 schools nationwide. A key point to note is that it can take an extensive amount of time to fill the application out, and the essay should be well thought out, because this is not your regular high school essay.

Good luck to all of those applying to college this year. This is not the time to slack off. All college bound students need to get to work on where they want to go so they do not end up missing their college opportunity. Also do not forget that applying usually costs money, so be prepared. There is a long but rewarding journey ahead of all of you.

By Jeanette Bartlett

School of Thought

Are you going to see *Twilight: Breaking Dawn*?



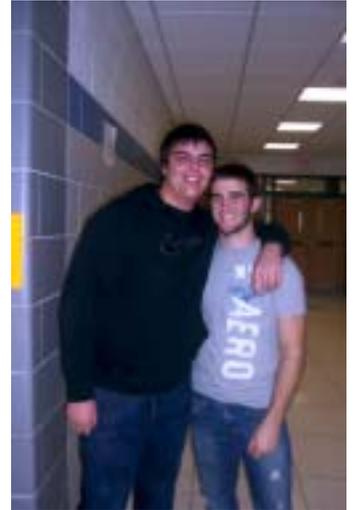
"Heck yeah!"
Donald Bort



"Yes! I'm going with
my hot girlfriend."
Tyler French



"No!"
Tiahna Greenleaf



"Yeah, we are going
together."
*Geoff Miner and
Mike DeMauro*

Meteorology and you

By *Carson Metcalf*



Today:



Cloudy with
rain showers.

58°

Average: 49°
Record: 73° (1956)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

45°

Average: 33°
Record: 15° (1996)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy.
Chance rain.

55°

Average: 48°
Record: 71° (1990)

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