

# Believe it or not, first semester classes end this Monday

To many students it may seem like the second marking period started only a few short weeks ago. With December over and January going by quickly, students need to realize that there is not much time before the first semester ends. Next week is Regents week, and Monday is the last day of the marking period.

For many students, Regents week means four days away from school. Those who have no tests during the week effectively get a mini-vacation from school. Even those students who have midterms or Regents have a

few extra days off. Because of this, students who owe work should strive to get it all in by Monday. Monday is the only day of school during Regents week that is required, and for students not planning on returning until the following week it is the last day to hand in work.

For students in half-year courses, this is it. After the semester ends, these students will be heading off to their classes they signed up for in the second semester. For these students, there may even be finals scheduled during Regents week. Students

should make sure that they are prepared to take their finals. If you have to come in to school during Regents week, you might as well make sure that you pass the tests.

Regents week may be a few days off from school, but is also a time when many tests are taken. Whether students are taking a Regents, midterm, or final, they need to make sure that they are ready to take their tests. Once the test are over students can relax, but until then there is still a lot of work to be done.

*By Daniel Summerville*



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# Raiders set to defend title at mat showdown

**By Tony Torrese**

The Fulton Red Raider wrestling team will be heading to Cicero-North Syracuse this weekend to defend their Section III Dual Meet Tournament title. Last year, the Raiders managed to upset the undefeated Indian River Warriors in the finals of the tournament to claim the crown, a feat that had eluded them for three years before that.

As a result, Fulton will be in a familiar position, wearing the bulls-eye as the team that everyone wants to beat. As Mike Conners, the head coach of the Raider varsity wrestling program stated, "It's much easier to lose the prize when you have already won it, the other teams have nothing to lose and they want it, so we need to be ready when they come out swinging." By this he simply means that the Raiders need to be prepared and train hard to keep their Section III supremacy.

The Raiders received the one seed for the tournament which on paper should give them an easier route to the finals, as they face small schools such as Lowville, Adirondack and Holland Patent until their final encounter with what looks to be another showdown with Phoenix, if they make it past undefeated General Brown in the semi-finals of the other side of the bracket.

Training hard over the past two weeks will surely pay off for the Raiders, as they look

to retain their title. They crave the competition and strive to finish their season with a perfect and untouched 20-0 record, and this weekend will be the weekend that makes or breaks whether they will remain flawless, which hasn't been done since 2000, over 12 years ago.

Expect huge things out of the seniors, Nick

has the most of those two things will walk out of the CNS gym with their heads held high, and at this time, it looks as though the Raiders have plenty of both.

The C-NS wrestling team will be hosting the tournament and there will be many super-matchups throughout the day, as all 16 teams are worthy of invitation to the tourna-

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**Fulton Coach Mike Conners**

Woodworth, Devon Viscome, Tony Torrese and Adam Wallace, as it is their last year to win it all, and through their leadership, the team will surely follow. The younger members always impress at the duals, upsetting section champions, or beating someone who is on paper better than they are. Look in particular for Mitch Woodworth, and Kirby LaBeef to offer these services as they seem too dangerous under high intensity conditions. Senior Chris Bixby also looks to be promising, after running a decision with Section III number two seeded Paul Turco of Cortland.

Saturday's tournament will come down to two things; heart and courage. The team that

ment. It's all luck of the draw and there are no holds barred, so come on out to Cicero-North Syracuse High School and support your hometown Raiders as they look to repeat their Section III triple crown.

### Opening Round Matches:

- #1 Fulton (14-0) vs. Lowville (9-6)
- C. Square (28-14) vs. Adirondack (6-3)
- #5 Canastota (11-0) vs. S. Jefferson (18-2)
- L'pool (15-2) vs. #4 Holland Patent (20-0)
- #3 Ind. River (19-1) vs. M'ville-Eaton (9-6)
- B'ville (15-5) vs. #6 Phoenix (4-2)
- C-NS (5-1) vs. Sandy Creek (12-3)
- Camden (14-10) vs. #2 G.Brown (20-0)

## Opinion

# College credit courses are a good way to start

By Sierra Maher



There are many college credit courses offered here at G. Ray Bodley High School, and there are many advantages to taking them. The minimal costs and a better relationship with the teacher are two of them, along with getting the course completed now so that when it comes time to go to college you don't have to take it then, or can take a more advanced one. Most are just looking for the free and easy college credit, and tend to overlook the others.

Along with those advantages, it can also help prepare students for what to expect in college. There is a big difference between college and high school expectations and these courses help students ease in to these demands. Though it doesn't seem like it at times, high school teachers are much more lenient than college professors. It is

possible while still being in high school. The projects have strict guidelines and due dates, with an expectation of college quality writing. Currently we are working on our final project, which includes a ten page essay. This is not quite as much as we will have to write in college, but the closest I have ever gotten to it. Though it is very stressful, it has given me a look into what I will have to be doing next year, and I'm thankful that I found out now that my high school work ethic isn't going to be accepted in college. It gives students more time to find out what works best for them, and how to manage the stressful situations.

When asked about college credit classes offered at GRB, 2011 graduate Samantha Hughes said, "I took World War II my senior year, and it helped free my schedule for this year. I have time for electives that are mandatory for my degree and gives me a little more time in my day for studying." For all college bound students looking to become more prepared for college, taking one of these courses would be a good option. They are listed in the school course catalog.

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better to get used to strict due dates and guidelines now, than to become overwhelmed later on at college.

Even though the courses aren't exactly as strict as a college course would be, it still prepares us. As an example, I am in Criminal Justice, and Mr. Patnode runs the class as closely to a college class as

## Bizarre News of the Day:

### No Monkey-business here

A baby chimpanzee has been adopted by a motherly mastiff in Russia. A zoo keeper took the infant chimp home to hand raise it when the youngster was rejected by her natural mother. Within hours, say reports, the primate was one of the pack when the family pet dog adopted her as a new puppy.

Now the chimp eats with the mastiff and the family's other pet dogs and even shares their bed. Experts say dogs are normally frightened of primates because their behavior is too unpredictable.

But one observer said: "They look completely relaxed with each other. It won't be long before the chimp is taking her mum for walkies."

*By Morgan Firenze*

## Quote of the day:

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

- Walter Winchell

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## John Green scores big with latest novel

John Green, the famed author of *Looking for Alaska*, recently released his newest novel, *The Fault in Our Stars*.

The *Fault in Our Stars* is Green's fourth solo novel; he was also the co-author with David Levithan of *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*. *The Fault in Our Stars*, much like his other novels, is a young adult fiction novel that tells the story of young adult characters who go through a traumatic experience. In *Looking for Alaska* it was the death of a dear friend. In *The Fault in Our Stars* it is a terminal cancer diagnosis and finding love at the most inconvenient time.

*The Fault in Our Stars* is already being deemed as Green's best novel to date after only being out for a mere nine days! This novel follows a young 16 year old girl, Hazel, who is terminally ill with thyroid cancer, but has enjoyed a few more years thanks to tumor-shrinking medicine. But she is now reaching the end of her short life. She's resigned to such a fate until she meets someone, a boy in a support group named Augustus Waters, who is also suffering from cancer, his variety, a malignant bone tumor that claimed his leg.

The novel is getting accolades from Green's fellow writers and

your everyday reader alike. Jodi Picoult, famed author of *My Sisters Keeper*, called it, "An electric portrait of young people who learn to live life with one foot in the grave. Filled with staccato bursts of humor and tragedy, *The Fault in Our Stars* takes a spin on universal themes 'Will I be loved? Will I be remembered? Will I leave a mark on this world?' by dramatically raising the stakes for the characters who are asking." The novel proves to be relatable and makes you think about whether you would react the same way if, God forbid, it came to it? The novel proves just how precious life is and all we have to be grateful for.

Green and all those who have read the novel thus far all seem to be preaching the same message; the novel is not a cancer novel! The novel does involve cancer and it plays a large role in the novel, but it is not about the two main characters struggles with the disease, so much as their evolution as people and growing together. Pick up Green's novel today and get lost in the wonderful story he has woven, which is at once both heart-warming and heartbreaking.

*By Vanessa Langdon*

## Red Tails heads list of weekend movies

The greatly anticipated arrival of the World War II based *Red Tails* tops the list of new movies this weekend.

*Red Tails*: Set in the 1940's during World War II, African American pilots are given a chance to take to the skies of Europe. Battling discrimination they take flight in their planes with red tails and prove that all men are created equal while fighting for their country. (Action,



Drama)

*Haywire*: This movie stars Channing Tatum, Antonio Banderas and includes MMA fighter Gina Carano performing her own extreme stunts, and many other talented actors. She works for the government in the most dangerous parts of the world, but she makes the mistake of saving someone's life, getting her double crossed and leading her to almost lose her own. She makes it her mission to reveal the government's secrets as they try to keep her silent. (Action, Drama, Mystery/Suspense)

*Underworld Awakening*: The fourth movie of the *Underworld* franchise is offered in 3D for the first time. The star of the first two movies is back again in the battling of vampires.

## Local IEA team attending show on Saturday

Over the last few weeks the local Interscholastic Equestrian Association Team has been busily preparing for their first show of the season. The show will take place at Heritage Farm in Skaneateles on Saturday, January 21.

The team was created last year and they only competed a few times because they were a newly created team. The shows are broken up into different divisions from Open Varsity to Open Walk Trot. All of the jumping divisions have two separate classes the riders must compete in. They have their jumping class,



but they also have their flat classes (the rider just makes the horse walk, trot and canter at the command of the judge). For every placing the team gets they earn a certain amount of points. At the end of the show, the team with the most amounts of points gets the first place prize for that day at the show.

The team will be competing with many other teams at this show and have been practicing and preparing for their opening show, hoping to turn in solid performances on Saturday.

*By Michaela Best*

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## NFL Picks

## And now there are four! It's title time!

Last Friday's snow day may have kept us off the internet, but the crack NFL predictors at *RaiderNet Daily* all turned in their picks to Mr. Senecal prior to the games, so the battle continues. Tyler has clinched at least a tie for first place, but Mark hasn't given up hope. Likewise Sean and Mr. Senecal are slugging it out for third place, tied with just three games to go.

### Tyler Terramiggi

**Last week: 2-2**  
**Overall: 158-76**

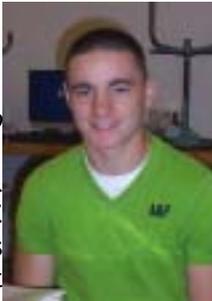
*New York Giants*  
*@ San Francisco*  
*49ers*

The expected aerial show for the NFC championship has given way to what shapes up as a hard-hitting affair between franchises that were rivals from the past. The San Francisco 49ers and New York Giants have met seven times in the postseason, and the winner of the latest edition of this classic rivalry Sunday at Candlestick Park will advance to the Super Bowl.

San Francisco and New York sent the high-powered offenses of New Orleans and Green Bay home for the offseason after divisional-round wins last weekend. The 49ers won 36-32 at home over the Saints and the Giants stunned the top-seeded Packers 37-20. Coach Jim Harbaugh inherited a 6-10 team and guided it to 13 wins and the franchise's first playoff berth in nine seasons before last Saturday's dramatic victory on Alex Smith's 14-yard touchdown pass to Vernon Davis with nine seconds left. The Giants looked like anything but a contender in splitting their first 14 games before clinching the NFC East by closing the regular season with double-digit wins over the Jets and Cowboys. New York has become the first team to begin the postseason in the wild-card round and win its first two games by at least 17 points.

History is on NY's side as ten of the 12 previous teams to win their first two playoff contests by such a margin went on to win the Super Bowl. The Giants are 4-0 all-time in NFC championships.

The Giants' Eli Manning, taken first overall in 2004, fell 67 yards shy of 5,000 this year. His play this postseason (607 passing yards, six TDs, one interception) has brought back memories of New York's 2007 playoff run in which



he excelled en route to earning Super Bowl MVP honors.

San Francisco took Alex Smith with the top pick in the 2005 draft, but he never found his footing until playing for his third coach in Harbaugh. Smith guided an offense that had the fewest turnovers in the NFL with 10, and he proved his mettle by leading the Niners to two touchdown drives in the final 2:11 last weekend.

In an expected great game, I think it will be as good as advertised, in a 27-17 Giants win earning a berth to Super Bowl 46.

**Tyler says:**  
New England  
New York

### Mark Aldasch

**Last week: 3-1**  
**Overall: 155-77**

*NY Giants*  
*@ San Francisco*

This week's NFC Championship matchup at Candlestick Park between the N.Y. Giants and the San Francisco 49ers looks to be a great one. The Giants are hot this post season, coming off a 37-20 win against the defending Super Bowl champs Green Bay.

The Giants defensive line versus the 49ers offensive line will be the key matchup in this game. Leading that defensive front will be second year player and Pro Bowler Jason Pierre-Paul, as well as Osi Umenyiora, and Justin Tuck. The 49ers offensive line will have to play well if they hope to help out quarterback Alex Smith and be able to establish a running game against this tough Giants defense. I think the Giants will win this game 35-31.

**Mark says:**  
Baltimore  
N.Y. Giants



### Sean Fink

**Last week: 1-3**  
**Overall: 147-85**

*NY Giants at*  
*San Francisco*

The Giants came up with the big win last week against last year's Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers. This Sunday the Giants will be trying to continue their post season run in their travels to Candlestick Park.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning has 16 interceptions this year, while the 49ers quarterback Alex Smith has only thrown five interceptions. The big threat for the Giants this week will be trying to stop Frank Gore, who has amassed 1211 yards rushing, and was a big factor in last week's win over New Orleans. He is coming off an injury late in the game, so his overall effectiveness will be in question.

San Francisco won in thrilling fashion last week against the Saints, and looks to play the Giants just as tough. The key things for the 49ers this week will be trying to get past the Giants defense. The 49er offensive line needs to find a way to stop Jason Pierre-Paul, who this year has 16.5 sacks, and Osi Umenyiora, with nine sacks.

In what looms as a great battle, I believe that San Francisco will win this game 24-21.

**Sean says:**  
Baltimore  
San Francisco



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## NFL Picks

## NFL picks

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## Mr. Senecal

Last week: 4-0  
Overall: 147-85

Better late than never is all that I can say after rallying for a perfect 4-0 week after stumbling so



badly in the opening round of the playoffs. An amazing 30 years to the day from what is still known as "the catch" in San Francisco football lore, the 49ers pulled off an incredible last second victory over Drew Brees and the record-setting Saints in the game's closing seconds. Could this be destiny?

What happened there? Did both teams suddenly forget how to tackle? Either way, it made for an amazing finish, and sets us up for the improbable 49ers vs. Giants NFC Championship game between two teams that didn't even make it to the playoffs a year ago.

Jim Harbaugh has to be the shoo-in for coach of the year after taking San Fran this far, and I don't think the ride is over just yet. The Giants have punched well above their weight in recent weeks as well, and have a defense to write home about, but this weekend I'm favoring the boys in red and gold as they seek a return to the glory days of Joe Montana and Steve Young. And while Alex Smith doesn't have the ring of the two aforementioned superstars, he is not the type of quarterback to beat himself.

The forecast calls for heavy rain in the Golden Gate city, which could mean heavy pain for Giants fans when all is said and done. Either way I'll be happy, as I have close family relatives who are fans of each team, and I'll be rooting for the NFC in the Super Bowl, despite my ties to the AFC that go all the way back to the old AFL and the first-ever Super Bowl, where I rooted for the Chiefs against Vince Lombardi's Packers.

As for Baltimore and New England, I simply cannot cheer for the Patriots. Their decision to leave the starters in for the whole game against Denver was bush league, as usual. Tom Brady is an

amazing quarterback, and he has two of the best receivers in the game but this weekend they will be facing a defense that is up to the task, not just happy to have made it into the next round. If that happens, it could set up the Harbaugh Bowl in Indianapolis, which would be a championship match-up for the ages as two brothers go head to head.

**Mr. S says:**

San Francisco  
Baltimore

**Ross Maxam**

Last week: 3-1  
Overall: 138-80

*Baltimore**@ New England*

With a trip to the Super Bowl on the line, the Ravens stout defense travels to Foxborough to take on Brady and company.

The perceived weakness of the Pats is their defense, which was ranked second from the bottom in the league in the regular season. Yet they are ranked first in the postseason after closing out Tebow time last weekend.

The Ravens hope that quarterback Joe Flacco can make the big throws to beat the Pats inconsistent defense. His biggest target will be reliable Anquan Boldin, who seems to be most targeted by the young Flacco. I don't think the Ravens will be able to score enough points to keep up with the Pats. Patriots win 34-24

**Ross says:**

San Francisco  
New England



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**"Where in the world is The Raider?"**

# Bowlers keep cruising, swimmers even mark at 4-4

Chalk up another big win for the Fulton bowlers as both the girls and boys remained unbeaten with identical 4-0 charges past CBA on Thursday. The girls maintained their streak of not yielding a point all season as Mikayla Guernsey led the way with a 565 series. Kylie Clifford followed at 548, while Danielle Rupert recorded the high game of 198 while finishing with a 531 series for the 10-0 Raiders.

The boys cruised to 11-0 on the season by claiming the top three

## ***Bowlers hosting Saturday fundraiser at Lakeview Lanes***

Fulton's undefeated bowlers are in need of our help and they are having a fun evening for all of us to come out and do so!

This Saturday evening from 8 to 11 pm at Lakeview Lanes, right here in Fulton, the Raider bowling teams are having a bowling fundraiser! This evening is sure to be lots of fun, as for just 10 dollars per person you get entrance to the event for the complete three hours! On top of three hours of bowling fun included in the 10 dollar price you get two slices of pizza, a cup of soda, shoes and door prizes! The door prizes include prizes from Burger King, Dominos, Pizza Hut, Family Video and more!

So mark your calendars and come out with your friends and family this Saturday night at 8 to support an amazing undefeated team we have here at G. Ray Bodley For more information about this event check out the Raider Bowling Fundraiser Facebook page.

*By Vanessa Langdon*

places on the day, paced by Kyle Denson's high game of 253 and a 688 high series. Dan Wahl rolled a 655 series and Kyle martin finished at 554 for the unbeaten boys.

The Raider swim team continued its 2011-12 revival by improving to 4-4 on the season with a 87-77 win over Pulaski. Ross Gardner won both the 200 and 500 freestyle events while Kyle Buck claimed first place points in the 50 and 100 freestyle races before jpinig victorious diver Steven Hanczyk on the victorious 200 freestyle relay. Justin Griower and David Tallents also took part in the winning foursome as they touched in first at 1:49.45. Hanczyk continued an impressive season on the diving board with a winning score of 224.45.

## **This week in Raider Sports**

**Today:** Girls Bball vs. Chittenango (JV-5:30/V-7 pm); Boys Bball @ Chittenango (JV-5/V-6:30); Indoor track @ OCC (4:30); Hockey @ Whitesboro (7:30).

**Sat. Jan. 21:** Wrestling @ Section 3 Duels (C-NS starting @ 9 am).

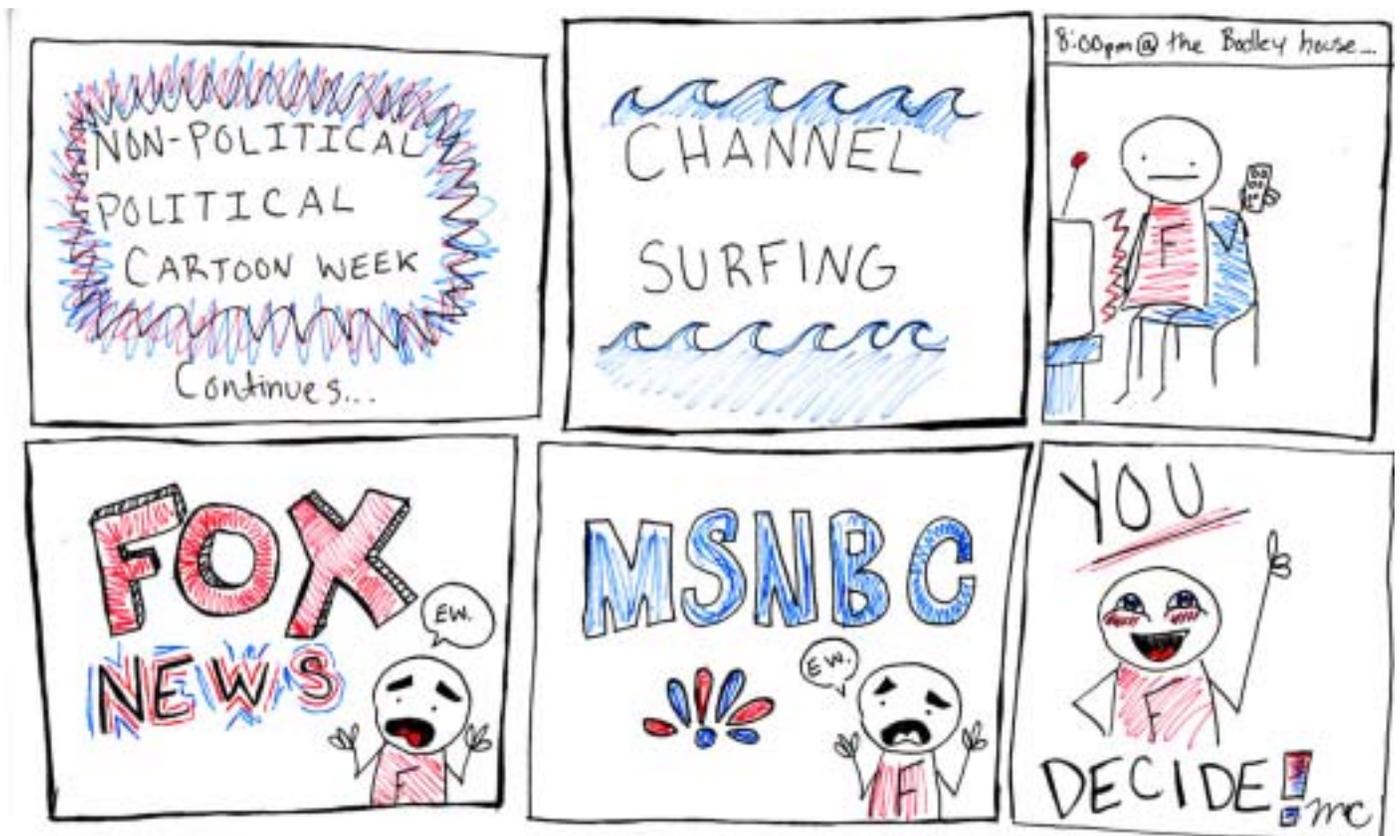
**Tues. Jan. 24:** Girls Bball vs. Cortland (JV-5:40/V-7); Hockey @ Skaneateles (7 pm).

**Wed. Jan. 25:** Bowling vs. Bishop Grimes @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling vs. ES-M (6 pm).



## **The Adventures of 'lil Bodley**

By Madeline Clark (this comic is drawn on reused paper!)



## Where is your favorite place to shop?



"Dick's Sporting Goods for sure."  
*Kyle Parker*



"Victoria's Secret."  
*Kristen Budd*



"Dick's!"  
*Brandon Guernsey*



"Gamestop, because I'm always playing X-box."  
*Selena Sanchez*

# Meteorology and you

By *Carson Metcalf*



**Today:**



Cloudy with some snow.

**25°**

Average: 31°  
Record: 61° (1951)

**Tonight:**



Partly cloudy.

**15°**

Average: 15°  
Record: -9° (1983)

**Tomorrow:**

Cloudy skies.  
Chance snow.

**28°/13°**

Average: 31°/15°  
Rec. high/low: 59° (1959)/ -12° (2005)

**Sunday:**

Cloudy skies.

**35°/28°**

Average: 31°/15°  
Record high/low: 59° (1959)/-19° (1984)

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