

Plans underway for 2013 Fultonian

And as the curtain closes on one edition of the Fultonian Yearbook, work is already underway for the next one. And with that in mind, it is time once again for senior portraits, this time for the Class of 2013. On Monday and Tuesday, June 4-5, members of next year's senior class have been scheduled to have their portraits taken in the auditorium. Schedules are being handed out during junior homerooms and are also available in the office.

As has been the case for the last six years, School Pictures of Rochester will be handling the portrait duties. "By going with one company we have eliminated many of the mistakes that have plagued us in the past, Fultonian adviser Mr. Senecal noted. "We have included nearly every senior for the past six years, whereas in the past we were lucky to get sixty percent of them."

Students do not have to purchase pictures from School Pictures and the portrait sitting is free for each 2013 graduate, but there is a \$5 fee for retakes, which will take place in the auditorium on Tuesday, August 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Students are strongly urged to attend their appointments in June, as things can come up during the summer. Mr. Senecal is also urging juniors to take their sitting seriously in terms of the way they dress, as the yearbook is a permanent record. Anyone who misses the first two chances may still have their picture done when ID photos are taken on September 12-13, but unlike the senior portraits, there is no variation in poses.

Students may also go to an outside photographer, but in choosing to do so will be responsible for bringing in a digital copy of their photo or uploading it to the Herff-Jones website later in the summer. Pictures submitted from outside sources will not be included in the disc that is sent to *The Valley News* at the end of the school year for the senior section, but their school picture will be included.

Also, in order to be included in the yearbook, straight on head and shoulder photos are needed, with a plain background preferred.

To keep people well informed, the 2013 Fultonian has already established deadlines for next year. These deadlines are strict, as the Fultonian staff is held to similar strict deadlines in order to get the yearbook out on time. Information will once again be sent

to parents prior to the 2012-13 school year for the purchase of senior ads and yearbooks.

For a list of deadlines for the 2013 Fultonian, see page 5 of today's *RaiderNet Daily*. A decision will be made in September regarding baby and prom pages.



Senior Carson Metcalf, the editor of the Fultonian Yearbook, got a sneak peak at this year's edition earlier this week prior to distribution on Monday, June 4. Yearbooks are still available for \$60 on a first come, first serve basis for anyone who did not preorder. (Senecal photo)

2012 Fultonian available starting Monday

It's the day we've all been waiting for.

Beginning Monday, June 4, copies of the 2012 Fultonian Yearbook will be available. If you purchased one, they will be available for pickup during lunch bells (4, 5, 6 and 7) in front of the auditorium. If you do not have a lunch bell, see Mr. Senecal before or after school, or during bells 1 or 9 in room 102 to get your copy.

If you did not already purchase a Fultonian, don't worry. You can still buy a copy of this year's yearbook during these times for \$60.

Fultonian Editor-in-Chief, Carson Metcalf, was pleased with how the yearbooks came out. He said, "I am really proud of this year's yearbook. It is certainly a quantum leap from last year's edition, and I hope everyone loves it as much as I do."

Fultonian Adviser, Mr. Len Senecal, commented, "Hats off to the Fultonian staff and especially to Carson Metcalf. He really took charge this year and I think people should be very happy with the end result. At the same time, I'm sure there will be a few mistakes we made along the way, and I apologize in advance if that is the case. I would encourage anyone who is an underclassman to come be a part of next year's yearbook, because Carson has set a standard that will be hard to beat."

Opinion

Far too often, achievement goes unnoticed

By Daniel Summerville

The 2011-2012 school year is winding down at G Ray Bodley, and students are looking forward to summer vacation. As the class of 2012 prepares to graduate at the end of June, seniors are learning their final ranks in the class.

Some people make a big deal about their ranks, while others do not care whether they are 31st or 175th. With all of this talk of class ranks going on, seniors need to stop and think, what exactly are ranks, and what is the point of having them?

Ranking is determined by a student's cumulative grade point average for all four years of high school. At G Ray Bodley, honors and Advanced Placement classes are weighted more than regular ones, making it possible to have an average above 100.

While having an over one hundred average is usually only accomplished by top ten students, many of the top ten percent owe their high averages to weighted classes.



GPAs, ranking is kept as fair as possible. For the most part, a student gets the rank that coincides with the amount of effort that he or she put into their school work.

For the most part, students' ranks are only important to them and the college they are attending. However, for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, their ranks define who they are at graduation. This year's Valedictorian, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Salutatorian, Rachel Guernsey, lead the senior class with averages well above one hundred. These two students went above and beyond in their high school careers in order to be the highest ranking seniors, and they deserve the attention that they will receive. However, all eyes are on number one and number two. There are many high ranking students who have worked just as hard and get little or no acknowledgement at all.

At the end of every school year, there is a top one hundred breakfast. The twenty-five students with the highest unweighted GPA for the year from each class are treated to a breakfast and recognized for their hard work. This breakfast may sound like a good way to honor those students who managed to get into the top ten percent of their class, the ones who worked hard and earned a spot in the top twenty five, but it is not as fair as students are led to believe.

The breakfast is for those who earned the highest GPA for the first three quarters of the school year, not the top twenty five ranks in each grade. The fact that unweighted averages are used instead of weighted ones may seem fair to some people, but it excludes those students who challenge themselves with harder classes.

The "Top 100" invited to the breakfast are not truly the top 100. Over ten seniors who are ranked in the top twenty five of their class were not included in the honorary breakfast, including ranks 7,9,10,12, and 17. Students who earn a spot in the highest ranks in

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Some people do not like the weighted averages, claiming that all students should have a level playing field. However, the classes that receive weight are considerably harder than normal classes, students who chose to be challenged deserve the weighted grades. Besides, if there were no advanced weighted classes, most of the students in these classes are capable of getting high nineties and one hundreds in normal classes, so the top students would still be the top students.

There are easy classes that can boost averages as well, ones that can be an easy one hundred, and a few of these classes can boost an average student into the top twenty ranks. Due to the weighted

Quote of the day:

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Albert Einstein



Reflections

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Rank actually is important to some students

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their graduating class are not even guaranteed a spot in the top one hundred breakfast. One of the high ranking seniors excluded from the breakfast stated, "It is not so much the breakfast, but the principle behind it. The top twenty five should be the actual top twenty five, not the ones who took the easy classes and happen to have higher unweighted averages."

As one of the excluded students, I admit that I was not too happy about the event. Many students take pride in their rankings and have worked hard over the past four years to earn them, only to be thrown to the wayside without so much as a certificate.

In some schools, graduating students are listed in the paper in the order of their rank so that everyone can congratulate the top students. Fulton is not one of these schools. We have gone so far to not hurt the feelings of the people who are not the best academically that in many cases we have made it unfair to those who actually care.

A rank is a rank, but it is truly important to some people. The people who would complain about being listed last on a ranking scale are the same people who would be complaining about not being listed that way if they were number three or four. Students get the ranks that they deserve, they should be honored accordingly if they excel, just because people will complain is no reason to forget about the ones who have tried their hardest to get to where they are.

In the end, the rank itself does not matter. After graduation, it will not take long for everyone to forget who was what number. But just because it holds no long term meaning, that does not mean that students are

proud of their rank. The school spends so much time catering to the troublesome students that they forget the ones who deserve the attention. Is it too much to ask that the high ranking seniors get some kind of recognition? We have worked hard for our

ranks, yet only two will be remembered. Just because the highest ranking students do not complain, that does not mean that no one is disgusted with the way that they are looked over, in most cases they are just too polite to complain. Is a little recognition too much to ask for?

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Academic awards night set for Monday

With the end of the year coming around, it is time once again for the annual awards night at G. Ray Bodley High School. This prestigious ceremony will be held on Monday, June 4, in the high school auditorium. Starting at 6:30 pm, students will be appreciated and rewarded for their outstanding performances throughout the academic year.

Students who were selected to receive an award were given an invitation through the mail to help recognize the recipients. The types of awards that are given out were chosen by a specific awards committee, who will personally select the appropriate awards and recipients. Each of the departments in the school (math, science, social studies, English and business, along with a few others) select multiple people from each level of the subject who show above average workmanship to receive a certificate to recognize their abilities.

Another type of award is college scholarships from universities in the area. These colleges present students they are interested in with scholarships, sometimes worth as much as \$100,000. Students sometimes also receive memorial awards, which are awards that appreciate a former staff member, student or community member in the Fulton School District. These awards are really an honor to receive because they compare students to important people in Fulton's history based on determination, work ethic, character and intelligence.

This award ceremony would not be possible without the help of the faculty members who put it together. The staff members who help put this together are the guidance counselors, including Mr. Goodnough, Ms. Coniski, Ms. Stubbman and Mr. Ascenzi. Main office secretary Mrs. Ingersoll and Assistant Principal Mr. Buchanan were also a part of this wondrous committee. When asked about his thoughts on the ceremony, Mr. Buchanan commented that, "It's the most positive opportunity all year to recognize the student's hard work and achievements."

By Alex J. Bawarski

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Snow White: old classic gets new retelling



One of the most famous children's stories of all time is back on the silver screen, but this isn't the Disney classic. *Snow White and the Huntsman* joins *For Greater Glory* in what looms to be an action filled weekend after Memorial Day in the theaters.

Snow White and the Huntsman: Arriving in theatres today is *Snow White and the Huntsman*. Unlike most variations on the tale of Snow White, like recently

released *Mirror, Mirror*, *Snow White and the Huntsman* breaks away from the comedic view of the fairytale and portrays the movie as more of an action-adventure film.

Kirsten Stewart plays Snow White, the only girl in all the land who is fairer than the evil queen. The queen is played by Charlize Theron, an Oscar award winning actress. The queen discovers that

Snow White is being trained in the arts of fighting by the huntsman, played by Chris Hemsworth, who was sent out to assassinate her. Also joining the cast is Sam Claflin, who will star as the young prince who is entranced by Snow White's beauty. This film appears to be a more interesting version of a very popular fairytale, and I would recommend it over the other variations.

For Greater Glory: Also hitting the theatres today is *For Greater Glory*. This movie has not been highly promoted, but that does not mean that it will not make an enjoyable film. Andy Garcia portrays General Gorostieta, a man who thinks he has nothing to lose when Mexico falls into a brutal Civil War.

However, Gorostieta joins the cause for Mexico's freedom by recruiting a rag-tag group of freedom-fighters to fight for the future of the country. Eventually he is looked up to as one of the most selfless leaders in Mexican history. Also starring in this film is Eva Longoria, who will portray General Gorostieta's wife. For anyone who wants to go to the movies this weekend, and wants to see something unique and interesting, *For Greater Glory* may be a good film for you to view.

Hydration is the key when it comes to heat

As the hot weather sets in, it is important to remember to take in a substantial amount of fluids. With the heat and humidity in the air, your body will become dehydrated more quickly. Drinking enough water is vital for the proper function of your body. Besides curing thirst, water has a number of benefits that improve your health. To start with, your body consists of mostly water, as this nutrient is the main component of it.

The brain is 90% aqueous, meaning that without drinking, you could get a headache or migraine. Instead of reaching for the pain-killer medicine, just consume more liquids to solve this problem. Blood and muscles also are made up of a lot of water. Especially if you are lifting weights, feed your muscles water constantly if you want to see improvement and growth. Your organs will be able to absorb nutrients better, rendering you metabolism excellent.

Drinking more water actually helps to lose weight as well for various reasons. First off, it helps eliminate by-products of fat left-over in your body. It also curbs hunger, which can be useful in preventing eating too much junk. With zero calories as well, water is a great choice for a healthy lifestyle. This is a better alternative than say soda or energy drinks.

Here are a few other advantages that drinking water provides. The overall function of the immune system is enhanced, which wards off more sicknesses and ailments. Skin, the body's largest organ, will be more hydrated, leaving it softer and smoother. With more water in your system, you will feel less fatigued and apt to engage in more productive activities. Working out is heightened too as you

will feel more energetic.

All in all, you will just feel happier and better about yourself. Water is a very important substance in the world. Like the earth, your body is mostly water, so it needs a continuous resupply in order to work properly.

By Nick Abeltore

Fultonian 2013 dates & deadlines

Mon. & Tues. June 4-5: Senior portraits in the auditorium. Check the schedule on the back for your time.

Tues. Aug 28: Senior picture makeup/retake in the auditorium (9 am to 2 pm, \$5 fee for re-takes/return old pictures)

Wed. & Thurs. Sept. 12-13: Student ID pictures during English classes in the auditorium.

Fri. Oct. 26: Picture makeup/retake day in the auditorium. Last chance for pictures.

Tues. Nov. 2: Last day to submit an outside senior portrait.

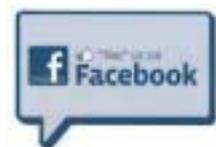
Mon. Nov. 4: Deadline for parent recognition ads (more info. to follow in the summer)

Thurs. Dec. 20: Club & activity photos

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School of Thought compiled by Nate Hawthorne and Dylan Holden

What do you think about the girls lacrosse team's successful season?



"I think it's a great boost to the women's sports program, and the result of hard work."

Mr. Lescarbeau



"I'm proud of them. Fulton lax is back on the map."

Donnie Wilmot



"Great job!"

Mrs. Crucitti



"Pretty good!"

Shania Phillips

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy with rain showers.

72°

Average: 74°
Record: 91° (1954)

Tonight:



Cloudy skies.
Chance shower

55°

Average: 52°
Record: 35° (19696)

Tomorrow:

Mostly cloudy.
Chance rain/storm.

67°/55°

Average: 74°/52°
Rec. high/low: 88°
(2007)/37° (1988)

Sunday:

Mostly cloudy.
Chance shower.

70°/53°

Average: 74°/52°
Record high/low: 87°
(1967)/36° (1986)

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