



Start of school year brings changes

By Kylie Clifford

Since the day the doors flew open during the first week of September, the big talk around school has centered around all of the changes that have taken place for the new 2012-2013 school year here at G. Ray Bodley High School.

Among the changes gaining the most attention are the guided study hall, school starting earlier, lanyards, new lockers, and more. *The Raider* recently sat down with Principal Mrs. Parkhurst to find out the reasons and her thoughts concerning all of the changes here at GRB.

First on the list is guided study hall, as all students were placed with a guided study hall teacher who they also have for another class. This way students will have a little more time to get help from their teacher and time to get work done. The reason for guided study hall not being before first bell is because the staff is hoping that not as many students will come in late if they need to go right to their first bell class.

Another change centers around the daily Pledge of Allegiance, which has traditionally happened the first thing in the morning. An anonymous source stated his opinion that, "Guided study hall is perfect where it is, but the pledge should be moved to during first bell." Mrs. Parkhurst responded to this idea, saying, "We are looking to change the pledge to be said during first bell."

The next change that greeted everyone in early September is the school starting time, which was changed from 7:38 to 7:29 am this year. This change came in to place to try to eliminate all the extra social time in the morning, and to make the best use of time. "We found a lot of wasted time in the morning," said Mrs. Parkhurst.

Another big change for this year are the lanyards that students are required to wear every day. One reason for this is having everyone identified as a member at G. Ray Bodley High School in case of an emer-

gency. "We need to raise awareness and take steps toward being safe as an entire school," Mrs. Parkhurst pointed out. There are rewards going along with these lanyards. If you wear it and are doing what you need to do, then you will get signatures. After five signatures, a student's card will be entered in drawings, and every five weeks people will get the chance to win prizes such as t-shirts and i-Tunes gift cards. At the end of the school year there will be a grand prize drawing, and even car dealerships have been contacted as our school is working its hardest to reward proper behavior.

Another change that many students have been unable to understand is the change of lockers. The stated reason was so that every class was grouped in the same hallway, which many students believed was already the case. Last year when the freshman class was put into team colors they were scattered all throughout the school, so this year the

challenge was to get all the classes back together.

In all, the changes were a start to bring the school together as an organized and safe school. As one teacher pointed out, the changes are, "a start to something that could be good."

Another change that the principal said, "was a long time coming," is the point system. The Fulton Junior High School has already had this system and it is successful, so the school decided to bring it over to the high school. The point system will keep track of each student's behavior, and this way it will be easier to determine the special events that can be awarded to students with good behavior.

Every change discussed is just a way that Mrs. Parkhurst is working to make G. Ray Bodley High School more of a respectful, responsible and safe place for everyone to come to each day.

Quirk's Players are off and running

By Vanessa Langdon

The chorus room was filled with aspiring actors and actresses on Tuesday, Sept. 11 when the Quirk's Players held their first meeting of the new school year. Although this was their initial gathering for 2012-13, the club has already gotten the ball rolling by casting the fall play, *The Laramie Project*, at the end of last year.

On top of general housekeeping issues, the head of Quirk's Players, Mr. Briggs, addressed two upcoming events that the members of Quirk's Players have the opportunity to participate in. The students have the chance to see the Talent Company perform *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Friday, October 19. The event was well received by the club two years ago, and anyone interested in seeing it again or who is interested in experiencing the chaos that is Rocky Horror can get a permission slip in the Chorus

room. The cost of the show is \$7, due by September 26.

The second event Quirk's has slated is a limited number of tickets to see the Famous Artist production of *Wicked*. This show is a little pricier than the Talent Company show, at \$ 55, but it is still at a severely discounted price. The show is at the end of November and like the Talent Company show, permission slips are available in the Chorus room. The permission slips and money are due by October 24. Students need to be aware that these tickets are on a first come, first served as there are only about 23 available.

A more distant possibility is a trip to New York City. This opportunity is still in its planning stages, but because it depends on interest, there is currently a sign-up sheet in the Chorus room. This list is in no way a commitment, but if any students are thinking that they would enjoy such an event, they

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Senior class hopes to go out with a bang!

By Vanessa Langdon

The Class of 2013's time here at G. Ray Bodley High School is coming to a close and the esteemed class officers are making sure that it is memorable last year. Class treasurer Alexis Pawlewicz sat down with me to discuss all the events coming up as we conclude four wonderful years.

Alexis was clear in saying that everyone is, "getting really excited and [we] still have to fundraise to have a good senior day, so we can relax and have fun." The first fundraiser for the class of 2013 is a Yankee Candle sale set to run from November to Christmas. The Gertrude Hawk fundraiser will take place around Easter, so everyone's holiday needs will be met this year with candles and chocolate supplied by GRB's happy senior counterparts!

Nominations and voting will also be fast approaching for Ms. Lips and Mr. Legs, a highly anticipated GRB tradition. Pictures for any seniors interested will be taken September 18-20 after school, with voting to occur outside the cafeteria during lunch bells September 24 to October 3.

These fundraisers are all to fund the many senior year related celebrations that are slated for June. "Every week in June is pretty much packed with events such as senior dinner dance, senior day, the senior trip, and graduation," Alexis noted. New details about both the senior trip and senior dinner dance were revealed during the senior assembly, but those are not always conducive to truly digesting information.

To reiterate what senior class advisor Mrs. Hallatt said; the senior trip is definitely go-

ing to be at Cedar Point and is tentatively set for June 7 to June 8 with a price around \$175. Depending on whether there is an overnight or not, the price may fluctuate up or down. Mrs. Hallatt noted that they, "hope to have an overnight stop in Cleveland on the way home." Mrs. Hallatt plans on beginning registration for the trip at the end of October.

And drum roll...the senior dinner dance is at Wysocki's in Cicero on June 14! The price of tickets will hopefully be about \$55. So mark your calendars and get your countdown apps ready! Along with counting down

Senior anticipation builds for final year

By Jessica Grant

Is this going to be an exciting year for the seniors? For many members of the Class of 2013 it's their last year of a carefree life before they go into the real world, and college. Some will just walk into the working world without hesitation, and that's a good start to life as it is their prerogative. Other student's plans include furthering their education and going to college for things they love.

No matter what the days following high school may hold, the question now is, what are the students of the graduating class of 2013 anticipating for this year?

Are they excited?

Are they disappointed?

What is going through their minds?

Senior Maranda Matticio has enjoyed the year so far. "Just the thought of being one more step out of high school and closer to bigger, better things, like college," were the words she used to describe her happiness. A

you may want to look up the location, www.wysockis.com, it is gorgeous!

The next meeting for the senior class is scheduled for October 10 and according to Alexis, "the only way to have what you want is to step up [the class officers] can't read minds." So as class treasurer she urges students to attend these meetings because "it is a big year. Even though prom is over, it will be a busy year, but we are going to make it successful!" The culmination of all the events leading to graduation will be a sendoff that will be hard for anyone to forget.

disappointment she has is the lower classmen, saying, "they need a reality check, badly"

Her anticipation for this year included getting all the electives done that she can and finishing high school. "I want to go to college after I graduate. I found one out of state, then I found a couple in New York State," she exclaimed.

Mickey Noble is another senior with simple anticipations. "My year is good so far, yeah. But some of the lower classmen need to stop yelling a lot," Mickey said.

When asked what he was anticipating for this year he simply stated, "All I want to do is graduate this year. Start my own life."

When asked what the graduation would look like this year he calmly replied, "It's going to be the smallest graduating class ever. Either people didn't try hard enough in high school and ended up dropping out or they just started getting lazy in life and dropped out to do 'better' things."

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Summer of 2013 European excursion planned

By Vanessa Langdon

There may be a new way to evade that summer job that you do not want to get, an enriching trip that can even count for college credit! Mrs. Hallatt is leading a trip to locales such as; Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest. The trip is open to anyone, therefore you could go with your parents or friends from another school.

The trip is a 10 day excursion leaving from Syracuse's Hancock Airport on Friday, July 5 and returning Sunday, July 14. The trip is costly, but it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The total cost for a student is \$3,555, but that can be paid in monthly payments of \$395 or in one lump sum.

If you are interested in reserving your spot there is a \$95 fee that holds your spot and locks in pricing from that time, eliminating the chance for a price increase. Thirty days from that initial fee you either pay the lump sum or your first monthly payment. The adult pricing is slightly more expensive at \$3,920, with a monthly payment plan of \$436.

This trip is different in that while still educational, it is not school affiliated, so anyone may attend. You could bring friends from other schools, parents, relatives-virtually anyone who pays for their trip. The cost of the trip includes on-tour transportation, accommodations, meals (not including lunch), and a full time tour director. On top of the fun and excitement that is sure to come with being in a foreign country you can receive college credits that are accepted at all SUNY schools and most private schools according senior class advisor and tour leader Mrs. Hallatt.

The college credits do require some work pre-tour and on-tour, as well as post-tour. The pre-tour work requires a 1,000 word reflective essay or even a photo essay. The on-tour requirement is a simple travel journal that all your friends and family back home will be able to read online, and then an as of yet to be determined post tour assignment. But for just this little bit of work you can satisfy some of your college requirements before even entering school, which seems like a wonderful selling point to tell your parents!

Anyone interested in going or receiving more information should see Mrs. Hallatt in

room 117, and remember, the earlier you pay your down payment, you lock in those low prices and don't let interest deter you because

there is no maximum number of participant. Mrs. Hallatt even jokingly said, "If we need it they'll provide me with two planes!"

Players plan upcoming events

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are encouraged to sign up! The trip, depending on numbers, may be a single day trip with the cost averaging \$120 to a two day trip with a cost between \$500-550. The trip may seem pricey, but fundraising is available in conjunction with the band and orchestra as they fundraise for Florida. The cost includes transportation, and depending on the length of trip at least one possibility two shows as well as a hotel.

The busy club that it is the Quirk's Players are also preparing to unveil their very own website where pictures from past shows and current news. They also plan to follow the lead on many athletic teams by forming their own booster club, which held its first meeting on September 13.

Anyone who missed this informative meeting or may be in need of clarification or to sign up for the many events should see Mr. Nami in the Chorus room.

Senior year anticipation builds

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What is the real reason why kids drop out? Could it be that school in the early days used to be so simple? Or is it actual laziness? Unlike elementary school, high school math isn't just addition subtraction, multiplication or division. Today there are letters and symbols that for some can be quite confusing.

As for the lowerclassmen, do they need to calm down and get "back" to school and leave this past summer behind? Senior Todd Oaks mentioned this, saying, "This school drains you man, outside you're all happy and full of energy, but once in here it's like they're draining you of energy."

When asked what he anticipates for this year he claimed. "I'm graduating and being done with this school, got work and way more freedom."

Every year there are changes to the school and even though some students may not agree, they handle things in a decent way. School and the students learn to grow together, and every year there, facing new changes, it makes everyone better in some way.

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Raider Sports

Raider girls start strong with 3-1 record

By Dan Henkle

The weather got the best of them on Tuesday, but overall the Lady Raider soccer team has picked up where it left off last season, currently half a game behind 4-1 Christian Brothers Academy at 3-1 on the season. The Lady Raider's victories have come over competition like Syracuse, Homer and Christian Brothers Academy.

In the first game of the season they had a tough challenge against CBA, but prevailed, winning by a score of 2-0. Goalie Allyson Bricker faced seven shots, stopping them all, giving her the first shutout of the season and there were more to come in the first four games. Goals were scored by Mary Morrison and Jocelyn Ravesi.

With one win under their belt they went to Jamesville-DeWitt where they lost their first game 1-0, but ever since that first loss they have looked rather impressive. The biggest win goal wise was the victory over Syracuse, which Fulton won 7-0. The girls scored three goals in the first period and four in the second while goalie Allyson Bricker only had to face one shot the whole 80 minutes. The goals on the Fulton side came from Courtney

Offense awakens in second half flurry

After a tough start to the season the boys soccer team got back on pace by winning their first game on Saturday, beating the Homer Trojans 3-1. After being tied 0-0 at half the Raiders came out with the hot foot in the second half, scoring three goals and earning the victory.

Held to a single tally in their first three games of the season, the Raiders erupted in the second half to find the back of the net three times. Junior Jeff Waldron struck first, scoring on a rebound that hit the back of the net. But that wasn't enough as junior Carlos Feliciano scored on a breakaway, on an assist from junior Paul Reynoso, and freshman Austin Wilde finished the Trojans with a penalty kick, sealing the victory. Sophomore goal keeper R.J. Burrow registered four saves to record his first shutout of the season.

The team was slated to take on East Syracuse-Minoa at the Spartan field on Thursday in a rematch of last year's Section 3 championship game. *By Casey Ware*

Beckwith and Amelia Coakley, who each had two goals apiece. Karli Bricker, Maddie Robillard and Hannah Geitner all added one goal to their name.

In their fourth game of the season the girls looked impressive yet again against Homer,

defeating them 2-0. Fulton goals came from Amelia Coakley and Maddie Robillard, who each had one tally. Allyson Bricker had another shutout, facing seven shots and stopping them all for her third shutout in the four games they have played.



Fulton's Jeff Waldron controls the ball in recent action against CBA. The Raiders have slow off the mark offensively, but erupted to scored three in the second half to beat Homer last Saturday. (Hannah Geitner photo)

Raiders top rain, Tigers for 2-1 start

A cold and rain filled night didn't stop the Raiders from earning their second win of the season. After a delayed start to the game thanks to Mother Nature, the Raiders and Tigers renewed their rivalry last Friday night, playing each other for the first time in two years.

In a game that was full of turnovers and penalties the Raiders topped the Tigers 14-12 with junior Noah Sorbello's two extra-point kicks being the deciding factor. Fulton struck first when senior quarterback Jake Crucitti threw a 16 yard touchdown pass to senior Cody Dick. Mexico scored in the second quarter on a seven yard touchdown scamper from running back John Eastman. With the score 7-6 at half Fulton came out with intensity in the second half, running the ball down the Tigers throats.

The best play of the night came on a third and long when junior running back Mark Pollock busted out a 25 yard run to give the Raiders a first and goal. Three plays later Pollock scored on a five yard run to give Fulton a 14-6 lead in the fourth quarter. The Tigers, however, would not go down without a fight as Mexico running back C.J. Loomis scored on a 77 yard run, breaking many tackles to give Mexico some hope. But Fulton's defense proved to be tough and stopped the Tigers two-point conversion try and Fulton was able to run out the clock and get their second win of the season, matching the total from last year.

Next up for Fulton they head to Jamesville-Dewitt to face the high powered offense of the Red Rams in a game that will be live on Time Warner Cable. Starting time will be at 6:30 pm on Friday night. *By Casey Ware*

The Adventures of 'lil Bodley

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