

# Financial Aid Night set for Monday, December 3

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 Monday, December 3 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium.

Becoming acquainted with the various sources 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 information about the types and sources of financial aid available to undergraduate students and familiarize

attendees with the federal and state forms needed to apply. Informative handouts will be available to those that 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 December 10 at 7 pm.

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## Quirk's Players sponsoring spaghetti dinner

By Vanessa Langdon

The show must go on! And with that in mind members of the Quirk's Players Drama Club will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner this Sunday, November 18. The members of the group will cook and serve the dinners to the public from 4 to 7 pm at the Fulton Polish Home.

Tickets to the event can be bought at the door for \$8. The tickets are good for one dinner complete with spaghetti made from Canale's sauce, and a salad! In addition to the wonderful dinners the evening will also feature sweet treats, entertainment, and gift baskets! Two were made special by Quirk's Music Director Mr. Nami including one entirely featuring Yankee candle products!

All proceeds from the event will go to the funding of this year's spring musical, *Hello, Dolly*. Everyone is welcome to come and support the kids and are encouraged to donate boxes of Barilla spaghetti or baked goods!

Come out from 4 to 7 and enjoy a wonderful meal served to you by your classmates as they work hard to earn the funds to put on the best show possible.



Chef Gino and the members of the Quirk's Players Drama Club are at it again this year with their second annual spaghetti dinner. Come out and support the Drama Club as they look to raise funds for the Spring 2013 presentation of *Hello Dolly*. Pictured with the chef are Quirk's members Mark Perry, Laura Perwitz and Mitch Lalik.

# Happy Thanksgiving!



Opinion

# Thanksgiving: have we lost sight of the meaning?

By Kylie Clifford



The holidays are near and families are starting to plan what they shall do for Thanksgiving next Thursday. The problem occurring is that many people forget what Thanksgiving it truly about and where it even came from.

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers; an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World.

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colo-

what people thought of when they heard the word Thanksgiving the answers included spending more time with family, turkey hunting, TV, the Macys Thanksgiving day parade and sleeping. A few people said turkey, family and food. This shows that while many people do care about family get-togethers around the holiday, many just care about the food.

This year everyone should take extra time to let the important people in their life know what they are thankful for. Thanksgiving is a day all about thanks and giving, perfect name right? So how about we show what we are thankful for and give back to those who don't have as much as us?

## Poor first quarter? There is still some time to catch up

Tuesday, November 13th marked the start of the second quarter of the 2012-2013 school year. While some students may not have done so well during the first quarter, it is never too late to get grades back on track.

A key factor, however, is the fact that the second quarter traditionally goes by very quickly due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks as well as Martin Luther King Jr. day and the impending threat of snow days. As a result, there are now only 17 school days remaining until the next progress reports. For this reason, students cannot afford to fall behind, because there are so few days to catch up.

Students who have unfortunately fallen behind after failing the first quarter can do grade recovery. Grade recovery is available for core classes, as students can stay after school and attend a certain number of sessions in order to get the credit. After the sessions have been completed they will have their grades raised to at least passing. Students with failing first quarter grades should take advantage of grade recovery whenever possible, Guidance counselor Mrs. Coniski commented.

Another factor to remember is that the first quarter grade is only 20% of the mark for a full year class, so there is plenty of time to make up for a slow start to the school year. Overall as long as students apply themselves there is no reason why they can't still do very well this school year. *By Damien Noel*

**"Thanksgiving is a day to remember all the things you are thankful for and to let the people in your life know how much everything they do means to you."**

nies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Thanksgiving is a day to remember all the things you are thankful for and to let the people in your life know how much everything they do means to you. The definition clearly says that thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgment of benefits or favors, an expression of thanks, a public celebration in acknowledgment of divine favor or kindness and a day set apart for giving thanks.

Does the student body show what they are thankful for? Do people appreciate this holiday and know what it is truly about? When asked



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## In the News

## Bowlers start season with charity drive

This past week the Fulton Girls bowling team teamed up with pro bowler Parker Bohn III and other bowling centers around the area to organize an event to donate items to all who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. The girls made a Facebook event and flyers to pass out, asking anyone who would like to help the cause.

A few girls on the team went through and talked to all the different bowling leagues during the week to ask for more support. The team went out of their way to help those who

need it more, and almost every member on the team brought in items to give away.

The truck left on Sunday, November 11 from Lakeview Lanes, which was also the drop off spot. Items that were brought for donation were things such as batteries, clothing, deodorant, soap and canned food.

But it is not too late to help. Lakeview Lanes is still accepting donations as another truck will be going out in a few days. Be a part of this event to help others less fortunate than us.

Many people were a great help in this event toward Hurricane Sandy victims. Special thanks go to the owner of Lakeview Lanes, Michael Tryniski, the girls bowling team and anyone who brought items for the cause. Go through your house and part with things you don't need and stop over to Lakeview Lanes to drop off items that will go to people who need it more. Be a better person and donate today!

*By Kylie Clifford*

## Cartoons and violence: is there a link?

By Jessica Grant

We all remember *Sponge Bob and Scooby Doo*, *Tom and Jerry* and *Dragon Ball Z*, but why? Is it the color? Could it be the voices that keep changing? Or maybe it's the violence or the stupidity?

Really what is the point of a sponge living in fruit, talking to a squirrel, in the sea? How many cartoons from the 1980's have a talking dog? It was supposed to be a signature thing for the *Scooby Doo* show, so why let other cartoons take the talking dog thing? *Sponge Bob* breeds stupidity and *Tom and Jerry* and *Dragon Ball Z* are about violence. Most of America has heard about these shows, so how do they affect the minds of American children?

On average about 7 million people watch *Sponge Bob* nationwide. Studies show that for someone who has watched *Sponge Bob* just once, it affects a child's focus, attention span and ability to remember things.

According to educational researcher Christina Pilkington, "It's more difficult to see the value in watching shows like *Animal Atlas* or *Magic Schoolbus* than *Scooby Doo* because it doesn't seem very 'educational.' But as I've watched episodes with my kids and seen them play *Scooby-Doo* on their own,

I'm amazed at the things they have learned from a show that's often thought of as fluff. If the majority of their time was just spent watching *Scooby Doo* instead of getting out in nature, cuddling together and reading, pretend playing, drawing, and other activi-

ties, then I believe they would be missing out on a lot of important and wonderful experiences, but I don't ever want to devalue what things they do learn from their favorite TV shows or DVDs!

Among the wide variety of things that her children have learned from *Scooby Doo* are what a crash-test dummy is and how it is used to improve car safety, that Pompeii was destroyed in the first century AD, the difference between dormant and active volcanoes,



**You can learn a lot from Scooby Doo, according to one researcher.**

and even that many people are buried above ground in New Orleans because the ground is swampy.

Her studies show that while some cartoons aren't good for the mind, other shows, perhaps not seen as educational, are good for learning.

Television programs as of 2010 are all about showing reality without censorship, meaning that children are inundated with shows depicting sexual and physical vio-

lence. But when children are introduced to violent and dark or depressing cartoons, how do they react to the programs?

When shows like *Dragon Ball Z* or *Tom and Jerry* are introduced, do children become more violent? Extensive research indicates that media violence can contribute to aggressive behavior, desensitization to violence, nightmares and fear of being harmed.

According to the Academy of Pediatrics website Children between the average age of two and 18 spend three hours each day watching television. Also the AAP did a study and found that most children's shows hold an average of 20 acts of violence per hour and that by the age of 18 children will have seen 16,000 simulated murders and 200,000 acts of violence on television. ([www.Livestrong.com/article/221006-hO](http://www.Livestrong.com/article/221006-hO) Nicole Adams)

One student noted that *Dragon Ball Z* had a violent effect on him, saying, "Yep, it encouraged me to try out for violent sports." When asked about *Tom and Jerry*, another student replied, "I don't know? It probably did in some way. I don't know, in some violent way."

Violence and foolish shows affect children every day. But can one really look at someone and guess whether they have been altered as a child from watching shows like these? Also if you have a child your best bet for an educational show children will watch without even knowing they are learning anything is probably *Scooby Doo*.

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# Return to tradition with wrestling scrimmage

By Todd Oakes

An age old tradition is being brought back to the Raider wrestling team. In preparation for the 2012-2013 season Coach Stalker has decided to bring back an age old Raider tradition of an inter squadron wrestle-off known as the Red versus Green scrimmage.

"Everyone has seemed to have forgotten the many traditions that legendary coach Wayne Bleu started. In hopes of reuniting old flames and continuing an amazing legacy, I feel this is a tradition that has to be upheld," Coach Stalker commented.

"This scrimmage will not only unify the team, but help us to determine who can be the best of the best for each weight class. I hope to build excitement in the community and give the fans a great show while our wrestlers show off their skills."

Coach Stalker drills the boys hard every day and reminds them that no matter the situation, they are required to exhibit sportsmanship both in and outside of the wrestling room. The match will be held in the high school gym on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 21 at 6 pm.

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Mr. Senecal  
(room 228)**

## Outstanding season for Lady Raiders

The Fulton Lady Raider soccer team had an impressive year, finishing with an 11-5-2 record. They won their league by nosing past Christian Brothers Academy on the final day of the season. Their biggest win of the year goal wise came when they beat Syracuse 8-0. The girls finished with 30 goals on the year and 20 assists. The leading goal scorer was Jocelyn Ravesi with 7 goals, and she also contributed 5 assists.

Goalie Allyson Bricker finished with an amazing stat line. She had 100 saves and only allowed 10 goals in 18 games and finished with a save percentage of 90%. She finishes with a career save number of 122 and 35 goals against. This was the third time in four years that the Raiders have made it to the second round of sectionals and was the first time they won the league title since 2002, which was also the same year that they won the Section 3.

Despite a season ending loss, one of the best performances of the year came against a Whitesboro team that had won 16 games in a row. Fulton was ahead at half time but the second half was when the Whitesboro's explosive offense really ignited and scored two goals. The Whitesboro team had beaten Fulton 7-1 at the same stage of the playoffs in 2011, so being up at half time and only losing by one was a great accomplishment.

Next year's team is going to be young, but according to Coach Beckwith "the biggest thing about next year's team is going to get them to play the pace that I want them to."

Fulton will graduate nine seniors this year. The biggest hole that has to be filled will have to be the boots of their star goalie, Allyson Bricker. Good goal keeping can keep a team in games, as well as a stout defense, which Fulton had this year.

*By Dan Henkle*



Senior Kyle Loftus, shown here with Fulton Cross Country Coach Carroll, represented the Raiders and Section 3 well last weekend at the New York State Cross Country Championships at Elm Meadows Golf Course in Buffalo. Kyle placed 37th in the Class B race, running his final race of an outstanding high school career in a time of 16:38.1.

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