

Some surprised at disappearing agenda passes

Kicking off the new year many returning students as well as teachers at G. Ray Bodley High School were in for a surprise when they opened their agendas for the 2013-14 school year. After scanning the pages several times, they came to the realization that the agendas are lacking the traditional hall passes they have contained for a number of years.

It was not an oversight on the part of the publisher, however. Instead, the pages with

School is back, and so are the germs

Since the school year has started, there has been a seemingly endless wave of students with colds, allergies, or a combination of the two. This, of course, is nothing new or strange compared to any other year. Each year it seems, however, that this trend is growing increasingly troublesome for students.

Many students refuse to miss even a single day of school. Much like postmen, neither snow, or sleet, or even strep throat, will stop the majority of students from attending important lessons. In the minds of the students, missing just one day of classes, will leave them drastically behind in work and projects. They aren't necessarily wrong. With shorter periods for classes, more information being crammed into these time slots, and some classes only meeting every other day, catching a cold and missing a day just is not worth it.

This "do or die" mentality shared by the majority of the students does nothing to help keep whatever bug that may be roaming the halls at the time from spreading. Instead, it simply perpetuates it. While more often than not the bug going around is just a small cold or insignificant illness, but with everyone moving about in such close quarters on a daily basis, that small bug can become a big deal.

So if the only options are grin and bear it and run the risk of infecting everyone else, or staying at home for a day and hoping not to miss a big test or new set of notes, what is there to do?

For those who refuse to stay home, take

the monthly allotment of passes have been purposely taken out. This was cause for celebration to some students, as with the elimination of the passes students now have an unlimited number of opportunities to leave the classroom.

One problem with the passes in the agenda was that students would often take them out of the agendas of other students for their own use. The school eliminated that problem by

precautions. Coughing is not a group activity, cover your mouth and try to keep it away from others in the area. At this point, washing your hands should be a no brainer, just do it. Third, if another student is sick, give them some space. No one wants to alienate anyone else, but if someone is clearly not feeling well, keep to a safe distance. Lastly, take care of your body and your health. Prevention is the most effective weapon against illness. If no one is sick in the first place, then no one has to worry.

Getting sick stinks, but at this point, it is just another part of the back to school experience. At the end of the day, no one can blame anyone else for catching a cold, but they can prevent themselves from catching it. Bundle up, stay warm, keep yourself clean, and remember: Winter is coming.

By Dawson Samson

getting rid of the passes, but some students believe that their academic freedom is now being threatened.

Senior Dawson Samson noted the lack of passes in the agendas, saying, "Punishing everyone is not going to help anything and it is only going to take away our freedom."

Some students have noted that they believe the school is slowly taking away their independence and not giving a reason for these privileges being taken away.

When asked how he felt about the lack of passes in the agenda, Physical Education teacher Mr. Halladay replied, "There was a lack of communication from the School Board to give us this knowledge of no passes. How are kids supposed to get passes to gym?" His words were echoed by a number of teachers who were asked about the subject and none of them seemed to know the reasons behind the elimination of the passes. *RaiderNet Daily* was unable to obtain a comment from Principal Mrs. Parkhurst.

From another perspective science teacher Mr. Rothrock said, "I love it, I don't need to fill out any more passes, there's a big pass on the board and they can take it one at a time so I remember who is where."

That being said, there are many different opinions on the lack of passes in the agendas, but the real question is, will they bring them back?

By Alexis Lastra

What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

Future Business Leaders of America meets every Monday in room 116.

Fultonian Yearbook meets every Tuesday in room 102.

Spanish Club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 24 in room 128 to elect club officers and vote on activities.

Student Senate will not meet on Tuesday as previously scheduled. Sign-ups for volunteers for Spirit Week activities are posted on Mrs. Ferlito's door, room 115.

Chess and Gamers Club meets on Tuesday in Mr. Fasulo's room, 217.

GRB Journalism Club meets on Wednesday in room 102.

Christian Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 25 in room 106.

Representatives from **Colgate University** (8 am) and **Univ. of Buffalo** (11:30 am) will be in the guidance office on Friday, Sept. 27 to meet with interested students.

Ski & Snowboard Club meeting on Thursday, Nov. 26 in room 124.

National Honor Society meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1 in room 217.

Looking to travel to Europe next summer? See Mrs. Hallatt in room 117 for information about a trip to Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and London.

Raider Sports

Tough night for Raiders as J-D runs to victory

It was a homecoming of delight for Jamesville-Dewitt and a night best forgotten for Fulton on Friday when the Red Rams steamrolled their way to a 42-7 victory. Handing the Raiders their second straight setback, the Rams ran all over the field on their way to the lopsided win.

Rasheed Baker romped for 195 yards on 24 carries with two first quarter touchdowns while James Jones gained 109 yards on just eight attempts, including a touchdown. The winners jumped to an early 14-0 lead before Fulton answered on a seven yard Cody Green to Dallas Bradley scoring strike late in the first quarter, but that was as close as the Raiders could come as J-D extended the lead to 28-7 at the halftime break.

The 2-1 Red Rams added a fumble recovery for a touchdown and a pair of short scoring runs by John Werbowsky in the second half to send their homecoming crowd home happy.

The game marked the first of three straight homecoming match-ups for 1-2 Fulton, as the Raiders will travel to Oswego on Satur-

day evening to meet the Buccaneers in their homecoming game before hosting New Hartford on October 5 at their own homecoming contest. The Raiders will be looking to turn the tables on last season's homecoming loss to Oswego as they face former Fulton boss Mike Connors for the second time.

By Solano Sanchez

Girls soccer gains weekend split

Two games in less than 24 hours proved to be one too many for the Lady Raider soccer team over the weekend. Just hours after roaring to a 4-2 win at Chittenango, the girls were back in action on Saturday afternoon where they dropped a tough 2-1 decision against CBA.

On Friday both teams came out and knew they needed a win, but the first half ended in a scoreless draw. The second half provided plenty of offensive fireworks and resulted in six goals as Fulton put 10 shots on goalkeeper Kate Boyer and scored four. Hailey Carroll led the scoring parade with a pair of goals while Sarah Halstead, and Callie Beckwith also found the back of the Chittenango goal. Assists came from Sydney Gilmore, Olivia Coakley and Callie Beckwith. Goalkeepers Maddie Lang and Hunter Hartranft both had one save and let one in.

With the win the girls tied with Chittenango with a record of 4-3-1. The following afternoon was a different story, however, as CBA notched a 2-1 win to leave the Raiders at 4-4-1 on the season.

The girls are back in action today at Homer with the JV game at 5 pm, followed by the varsity at 7 pm.

Lady Raiders Fall To 1-8

Fulton juggled the lineup, but the end result was the same on Friday when Cortland downed the Lady Raider tennis team 5-2. Falling to 1-8 on the season, Fulton made several switches before the game.

Julia Ludington played in first singles and had a tough match., losing to Cortland's Annie Steve 7-6 and then 7-5. Other close games for the Lady Raiders were in third singles and second doubles. In third singles, Anna Guernsey won 6-3 before falling 6-1, and 6-4 while Maddie Coulon and Hope Williams lost 7-5 in the first set, prevailed 7-6 in a tiebreaker, but eventually fell 6-7 in second doubles.

Winning for the Lady Raiders were Cassidy Kearns and Casey Shannon in first doubles, and in fourth doubles, Miki Iijima and Carly Williams. The score for first doubles victory was 6-2 and 7-5, and in fourth doubles it was 6-4 and 6-2. The Lady Raiders faced East Syracuse-Minoa on Monday hoping for a repeat of their first encounter, a 6-1 win for Fulton.

By Jimmy Martin

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Vball vs. Bishop Ludden (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys soccer vs. Chittenango (JV-5/V-7); Golf vs. ES-M Orange (3:30); Girls soccer @ Homer (JV-5/V-7).

Wed. Sept. 25: Tennis vs. CBA (4:30); X-C @ Chittenango (4:30); Golf vs. J-D (3:30).

Thurs. Sept. 26: Boys soccer @ Cortland (JV-4:30/V-7); Golf @ LaFayette (3:30); JV football vs. Oswego (6 pm); Vball @ Syr. Tech (JV-4:30/V-6).

Fri. Sept. 27: VTennis vs. Chittenango (4 pm); JV Tennis @ Chittenango (4 pm).



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"The only thing I love more than SLO tests are school lunches."

Seth Miller



"They're a waste of time."

Taylor Simpson



"They are too tedious and unnecessary, I could use my time much more efficiently."

Ryan Stanley



"A big waste of time."

Steve Gilliland & Logan Aubeuf

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly sunny. High 61.
Record high: 90 (2010).
Avg. high: 69.

Tonight:



Mostly clear. Low 42.
Record low: 29 (1963).
Avg. low: 49.

Tomorrow:



Mostly sunny. High 64.
Record 91 (2007). Avg.
68.

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