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## It's *Curtains* for Quirk's, audition sign-ups underway

By Dawson Samson

After months of speculation and some last minute teasing via Facebook, the 2014 musical has finally been announced! This Spring, the Quirk's Players at G Ray Bodley will be putting on their own production of The Musical Comedy Whodunit *Curtains!* On Wednesday, November 13 the cat was finally let out of the bag, much to the delight of the many actors and actresses hoping for parts in this year's extravaganza.

Mr. Briggs will be directing the March Musical, along with his Assistant Director, Mr. Lescarbeau. As always, Mr. Nami will be the productions Musical Director, and Mrs. Forbes will be handling the Choreography.

*Curtains* is based on the original book and concept by Peter Stone, and is set in the late 1950s', in Boston, Massachusetts. At the informational meeting Wednesday, students were given a packet of general information on the production, and included in the informational packet was a quick overview of the musical.

"It's the brassy, bright, and promising year of 1959. Boston Colonial Theatre is host to the opening night performances of a new musical. When the leading lady mysteriously dies on stage, the entire cast and crew are suspects. Enter a local detective, who just happens to be a musical theatre fan!"

Any and all who wish to audition must perform a monologue, sing a selection from the show, and will be required to participate in dance auditions. Please see Mr. Lescarbeau about the monologue, and Mr. Nami for the

selection from the show. All parts of the audition process must be competed for a student to be considered for any parts in the musical.

Auditions will begin on Monday, November 25, starting with dance auditions in the GRB Auditorium from 4-6 pm. Auditions will continue from Tuesday, December 2nd, through Thursday, December 4th. These will consist of the vocal and acting portion of the audition process, and will be held at Granby Elementary School, and are by appointment only.

Sign-ups for audition times started on Monday, November 18th, through the end of the day on Friday, November 22nd. Mr. Nami, in the chorus room, will be handling all sign-ups, and he will assign any audition times and dates. Anyone who signs up will receive their time and date to audition on Monday, November 25th, when the Dance Auditions begin. The Quirk's crew asks that anyone who receives their audition dates arrive early to ensure that no students miss their chance to audition. Anyone who misses their appointed time cannot be guaranteed another audition time.

In earlier years, the Quirk's Players had been wanting for male actors and participants to fill roles. Due to the inherently not-so-macho nature of musicals, male students who were not so inclined to looking "silly" on stage, tended to shy away from auditioning.

This year could be different, however, just as Assistant Director, Mr. Lescarbeau noted that, "*Curtains* is different, in other plays we've done, the male characters are kind of goofy and silly, but this year the majority of the male characters are actually kinda mas-

culine." So, for any of the guys out there who have an aspiring actor waiting just beneath their surface, *Curtains* might be the musical to help them let it out!

Quirk's Players are not just about who is on stage, they also require capable and diligent students to participate in Tech. Crew to keep things moving smoothly! Anyone who wants to be a part of this year's production of *Curtains*, but is not so sure the lime light is for them, Tech. Crew might be the way to go. However, just like auditioning to be on stage, students who are interested in being considered for Tech. Crew will need to fill out an audition form of their own.

Talent is not the only thing someone will need to join the ranks of the Quirk's Players. Good attendance, passing grades, and a squeaky clean behavioral record are all things the production staff will be watching closely to judge whether a student is truly eligible to participate in the March Musical.

It is important to remember that the Quirk's Players are looking to put together the best team they possibly can, and there are a lot of things they have to consider when compiling their team. Also, any student who is asked to take part in *Curtains*, will be required to sign a contract stating they will abide by the school district's code of conduct.

Quirk's Players will begin rehearsal for their production of *Curtains* on Wednesday, December 18th from 5-9 pm. All members who are selected for the cast and crew must attend this rehearsal, with no exceptions. For more detailed information or any specific questions about the production, please contact one of the directors.

### What's for lunch?

**Today:** Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, tater tots, tomato soup, crackers, broccoli and peaches with alternative of wholegrain PBJ sandwich.

**Wednesday:** Wholegrain max cheese pizza with dark green salad and dressing, baby carrots, pears and mixed berries with alternative of wholegrain PBJ sandwich.

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

Today's Chess & Gamers Club meeting has been cancelled.

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.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

Spanish Club will be meeting on today to make and decorate holiday cards for our Spanish-speaking troops.

## Advice

## Ask Myrtle:

## Dealing with the heartbreaks of cancer



Dear Myrtle:

About a year ago, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her doctor recommended her to get a mastectomy. She agreed to his suggestion and got the surgery. After the surgery, everything was fine and she began her road to recovery.

Around two weeks ago, she went to the doctor for a regular checkup. At the checkup, she had to get a lot of different tests done, to make sure

that the cancer was still gone. One of the tests showed a mass somewhere in her stomach. The doctors immediately found out what it was and it was another cancerous tumor. Unlike the one she had for breast cancer, this tumor was going to be harder to remove because of where it was located.

My mom decided that she didn't want to go through the pain and suffering again from getting another and more intense surgery. Because of this, she decided to deny any treatment. The doctors tried to convince her not to, but she made up her mind.

I am so sad because now I know that my mom won't have much longer to live. I wish I could convince her to get treatment, but she won't. I'm so scared that she is going to die. I don't want to wake up one morning and find that my mom had passed away over the night. I don't know how else to talk to her about this that may convince her to get help. Please help.

Sincerely,

Scared for Mom

Dear "Scared for Mom:"

That must be a very rough situation for you. I can't even begin to imagine how you must be feeling right now. My advice for you would be to tell your mom everything that you told me if you haven't already. Unfortunately, this may not make any difference to her. It sounds to me that your mom is trying to end her suffering. Cancer

is a very nasty illness that takes a toll on your health and well-being. It knocks you around and beats you to the ground. Your mom does not want to deal with it anymore.

I understand how you feel because you don't want to lose your mom. Nobody does. However, in all honesty, it is going to happen one day, and it can't be stopped. Sadly, that is a real part of life. If after you talk to her, she still decides that she doesn't want treatment, the only thing you really can do is help her make the rest of the time she has on this earth, the best it can possibly be.

I also feel it would be really helpful for you to talk to the rest of your family. They can be your support system during this hard time and you can be theirs. It's going to be a very difficult time for all of you so you need to just stick together and deal with this situation as a family. It's never easy to go through this, and it's even more difficult to go through this alone. If you don't feel comfortable talking with your family, you can also talk to a teacher, a counselor, a pastor, or even a friend. There are many people you can talk to and get support from during this time.

Many families have been affected by cancer, so don't be afraid to talk to someone. You may be surprised how many people can somewhat understand what you're going through.

Sincerely,

Myrtle

**Seeking advice for any problem or concern  
you may have?**

**Just e-mail me at  
askmyrtle.raider@gmail.com.**

**I hope to hear from you.**

**Quote of the day:**

**"All our dreams can come true  
if we have the courage  
to pursue them."**

**- Walt Disney**

**Time is running out! Only 21 school days left to order!**

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**See Mr. Senecal in room 228. Order forms available in the office.**

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our school code is: fultonian Fall sports photos needed!**

## Sports

# Former Fulton hoopsters come home to open season

By Eric Belair-special to RND

It was a homecoming of sorts for G. Ray Bodley High School graduates Ashlynn Palmitesso and Christina Pensabene as they tipped off their college basketball season over the weekend for the Tigers of Rochester Institute of Technology. The Tigers started their season on a familiar court that is close to home, Laker Hall at SUNY Oswego.

"The whole bus ride from Rochester was a trip down memory lane since this is where I played tournaments with my travel team and participated in camps with my uncle," said Palmitesso as she reminisced about the familiar court. "This helped settle my nerves and relax me because this was home to me."

The two girls are former Fulton Lady Raider hoopsters who have achieved a goal few athletes ever realize: to play collegiate basketball.

"It all worked out well," said Fulton head coach Derek Lyons, who coached both girls during high school. "I'm happy for both of them being at college and playing in college."

RIT opened up their season on Friday night at the Max Ziel Tournament against the Cobleskill Fighting Tigers. RIT pounced on Cobleskill early as they cruised to an 87-49 victory to start out the season 1-0.

The Tigers opened and closed the first half with big scoring runs to give them a convincing lead. RIT forced Cobleskill to take an early timeout as they went on an 11-3 run. Then, in the final four minutes of the first half RIT went on another run as their starters reentered the game. This 11-1 run was in thanks to their tenacious 1-3-1 zone defense.

Palmitesso, a sophomore for the Tigers, graduated from G. Ray Bodley High School in 2012. She is a starter for RIT at the guard position.

The guard scored early and often for the Tigers as she helped her team come out victorious. Palmitesso recorded career-highs with 23 points and 9 rebounds in the contest.

Pensabene had a solid collegiate debut for RIT. She came off the bench and led all freshmen with 6 points and 4 rebounds.

"I was really nervous because I knew a lot

The championship game against Oswego State did not come easy for RIT, it was hard work that kept the Tigers in the game. But in the end, it was the host team that took home the championship plaque as they beat the Tigers 87-74.

This contest was more of a track meet than a basketball game as these two teams got up and down the court quickly throughout the contest. It was an exchanging of baskets for the teams in the first half, drawing a half-time score of 35-32 in favor of RIT.

The second half was a different story for

**"I'm glad that they are basketball players but more so, that they are successful students."  
Fulton Girls Basketball Coach Lyons**

of the people were in the stands watching," said Pensabene about her debut. "But I was glad it was in a familiar area."

This victory put the Tigers into the tournament championship game against the host Oswego State Lakers.

In attendance for the championship game was Fulton Varsity Girls Coach Lyons, who brought members of his varsity team to watch his former players. Last season he brought his entire squad (including Pensabene) to Rochester to watch Palmitesso play. Coach Lyons wanted to show the girls what hard work can lead to and that they can go play in college. Whether it is basketball or another sport that they are best in, if they work hard at that sport then they can play in college.

"Ashlynn was a very hard worker, the hardest worker that I've had, the second hardest worker was Christina," said Coach Lyons. "That is what I wanted to show the girls; hard work pays off."

RIT as the Lakers went on a run of their own and never looked back.

RIT attempted to make a late comeback, but fell short. Palmitesso and Pensabene were both on the court during this time. Pensabene connected on two impactful free throws, while Palmitesso scored nine straight points for RIT down the stretch.

Pensabene scored four points in the game and Palmitesso led the team with a 20 point performance.

Being a freshman in college is not always an easy transition from high school, especially when you add being a student-athlete. But this is something that Pensabene has not truly noticed.

"The transition hasn't been hard for me," said the new freshman. "Being on a team helps because it gives me a schedule and keeps me on track."

Another resource that can help keep Pensabene on track is the one-year college  
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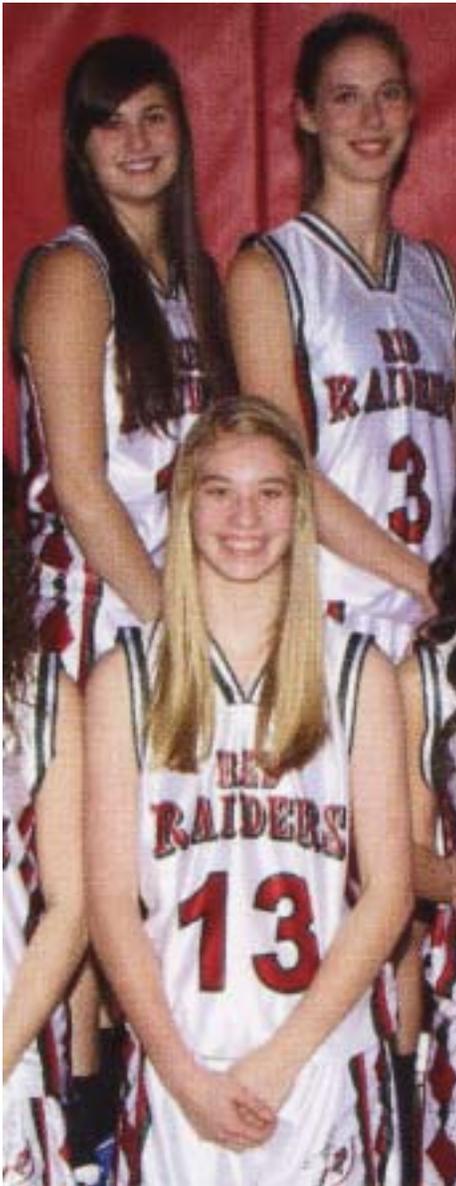
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# Teammates reunited on collegiate level

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veteran: Palmitesso. She said that she is there for her teammate on and off the court, as they have a relationship that dates back from high school.

"I never thought it would happen, but it's awesome," said Palmitesso referring to playing with a high school teammate. "We already have chemistry from playing together in high school and that is a something that can take a while to build."



Ashlynn Palmitesso, top left, and Christina Pensabene, bottom, have taken their game to the next level to become teammates on the RIT women's basketball team. Also shown is Anna McKay. (2012 *Fultonian* Yearbook photo)

While in high school Pensabene was on the varsity team under Coach Lyons for three seasons. For the duration of those three years, she was given the reigns to be the starting point guard.

Senior year was the most successful season for Pensabene as she helped lead her team to the sectional playoffs and a 10-10 record. The Lady Raiders beat the New Hartford Spartans 35-32 in the first round before losing to the eventual section champion, Jamesville-Dewitt. Pensabene led her squad in the first round with 12 points.

Statistically, Pensabene finished out her senior season second on the team in scoring with 169 points, and led Fulton in assists and steals. Steals were one of Pensabene's specialties due to her quick hands and length.

Palmitesso was a four-year varsity starter for Fulton and is only one of three Fulton basketball players to record 1,000 points during their career. This impressive milestone was reached by Palmitesso during her senior season.

"Ashlynn goes out there and does what she does best, scores the basketball," said Coach Lyons.

This is something that Palmitesso has always excelled at as she finished her high school career with 1,171 points. She helped lead her team to sectionals in her freshman and sophomore seasons for the Lady Raiders.

During her freshman campaign, Palmitesso led her hoopsters to a 13-9 record

and to the second round of sectionals after defeating East Syracuse-Minoa in a dramatic 59-51 game where she scored 18 points.

Both girls competed hard in high school, but they realize that college basketball is a different game. Each player noted that the biggest difference was the pace of the game, as college is a much faster game.

"The biggest difference is that college ball is a lot more physically demanding," said Pensabene. "The play is a lot faster and more aggressive."

Playing basketball in college was a goal for these girls while growing up. Palmitesso remembers shoveling off her driveway that was full of snow when she was little, just so she could shoot baskets and improve her game.

"I decided when I was young that I wanted to play basketball in college," said Palmitesso. "I have worked hard, now it's here and it's real."

These girls have shown throughout their careers that they excel in athletics, but they also excel in the classroom. Palmitesso and Pensabene realize that they are student-athletes, with student coming first. Both are studying biomedical engineering at RIT.

"I'm happy about them going to a good school and getting a good education," said Coach Lyons. "I'm glad that they are basketball players but more so, that they are successful students." *Former RND Sports Editor Belair is currently studying communications at LeMoyne University.*

**The Fugitives: part five**

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Fultonian Yearbook feature

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

School of Thought compiled by Emily Hyde & Dawson Samson

## What is your favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving?



"Turkey and mashed potatoes."

Lauren Guido



"Stuffing!"

Mackenzie Grow



"Banana cream pie."

Kirby LaBeef



"Mashed potatoes with gravy."

Meriah Dishaw

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Cloudy with rain/snow showers.

**37°**

Average: 47°  
Record: 71° (1985)

**Tonight:**



Cloudy skies.

**26°**

Average: 32°  
Record: 14° (1962)

**Tomorrow:**



Sunny skies.

**40°**

Average: 47°  
Record: 75° (1991)

Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.