

Christian Club underway at high school

Christian Club is a fairly new group at G. Ray Bodley High School. Facilitated by Mr. N. Fasulo and Mrs. Williams, student led and open to any who wish to join, this group is gaining members very quickly.

The group aims to give students a safe environment to express themselves spiritually, as well as give them a place to meet other like-minded peers. Every Wednesday, the group meets in Mrs. Williams room, 106,

and each week there is a new student who leads the group in their activities. Sharing personal anecdotes, and group discussion on topics both serious and comical are things that can be expected at group meetings.

Participating in fund raisers, organizing group outings, and even parties for the different holidays are just a few bigger things that the group does. In they past they have done bowling nights, and they have helped

out with some charities. Most recently they all made cards to send to hospitals. In the future they plan to do more, and they need all the help they can get.

Christian Club is always looking for new members, and they are open to more than just those of the Christian faith. Anyone who is interested in joining should contact Mrs. Williams in room 106, or Mr. N. Fasulo in the Chairmans office. *By Dawson Samson*



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Raider bowlers keep on rolling with 8-0 starts

By Jimmy Martin

The Red Raider bowlers are at it again. Even though students did not have school last Thursday the boys and girls bowling teams travelled to Mattydale's Strike N Spare Lanes, the site of all of Fulton's bowling matches. As has been the case throughout the past three seasons, it was all Red Raiders as they took on the Solvay Bearcats. On the boys side, Solvay was 1-4 while the Raiders were 7-0. On the girls side, the Lady Raiders were also 7-0, but the Bearcats were 0-5.

The Raiders are at the top of the OHSL and look to keep it that way. Solvay looked like an easy win and the Raiders made it one as they swept Solvay 3-0. Leading the way for Fulton was Bryce Guernsey, who totaled 664 pins and his high game was 237. Behind Guernsey was Kyle Denson, who had 596 pins in his three games.

Not too far back was Lucas Clark and his

three game total was 565. With this win, the Raiders moved up to 8-0 to extend their two year winning streak to 22 matches while also compiling an impressive 35-1 record since the start of the 2011-12 season.

For the Lady Raiders, the results were the same as they remained unbeaten at 8-0 while running their winning streak to 16 consecutive victories. Solvay's girls team was winless and Fulton's undefeated, they swept Solvay 3-0. Taking charge for the Lady Raiders was

OSHL leader Mikayla Guernsey, who has been been averaging 208 pins a game.

On Thursday she was even better than her league-leading average, totaling 705 pins for the three game series. Closely behind was Kendra Tryniski, who had the highest total game with 257 pins. Kate Ely was the third best and knocked down 601 pins in three games. The Lady Raiders look to defend their two time Section III championship status and will face Cortland today at 3:30 pm.

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

There will be an important **National Honor Society** meeting for all current members and this year's inductees on Wednesday, Jan. 22 after school in the auditorium.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

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

Fultonian Yearbook meets on Wednesdays in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

There will be a mandatory pre-season meeting for all **girls interested in playing softball** today in room 112 after school. The meeting will provide preseason information about open gyms, training and tryouts. See Coach Stadtmiller or Coach Lyons with questions.

There will be a **Freshman Class Officers meeting** today after school in room 218. It will be quick so please report on time.

SPRING 2014 drivers ed registration paperwork is now available in the guidance office. Deadline to register is January 23rd. Must be 16 years old by February 3rd to enroll.

This Wednesday the **varsity wrestling team** will honor its senior wrestlers at the match vs. ES-M with recognition starting at approximately 7 pm.

Spanish Club members, please see SeOora Piraino by Friday, January 17th to sign up for quesadilla making.

What's for lunch?

Today: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, sweet potato fries, peas and diced peaches with alternative of pizza.

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Close to the edge of “the abyss” and back again

By Alexis Lastra

I walked up to the cliff and dangled my feet above the abyss. I patiently waited, sat, worked, then distracted myself to avoid facing the possibilities and consequences of a future out of reach. There was anxiety, that's a given. But more so, there was the paralyzing surrender of control.

That cliff stole autonomy out of my shaking hands. There, on the ledge of “What Is,” my emotionally charged, self-evaluative consciousness was left to wait in the dust. From this uncertain side of paradise I scanned the horizon for “What Could Be.” Then I waited some more, eyes closed, simply praying that solid ground would fill up the canyon whose contours graced my tiptoes.

This is how I imagine the entire class of 2014 felt after sending in the first, and most important of its college applications. We were a mass of apprehensive seniors, tormented by the sluggish hours that would eventually lead to early decision notifications. As November



I have had my Wizard of Oz moment. I peeked behind the curtain, just to realize that not knowing the future was part of the magic. It will always be part of the magic, because the unknown is what allows for possibilities.

I approached, we willingly committed ourselves to the vulnerability that comes with judgment. Wearing our hearts on our sleeves, we convinced ourselves of love for one place by arbitrary process of elimination.

The love was innocent, honest, and whole-heartedly romanticized, yet unconsciously it morphed into something else. Out of love we created the abyss...a place where our self-worth was bestowed to invisible people who dangled us by threads over a black hole of ambiguity. With this came the risk of falling far and hard. Now that the holiday season has brought along acceptances, deferrals or even rejections, I bid my classmates remember these things, it was out of

your control. You did all you could.

Or as Headmaster Aldous Dumbledore of Harry Potter fame once said, “it does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.” Although I am humbled by the psychological validation from my own “acceptance,” the truth of the matter is that this process was a game of chance. I am thankful that the efforts of my last four years have resulted in something tangible, however, as I said going into senior year, “life is a scramble, a lot of this is luck. I just hope that who I am, who we are, is not lost in translation.”

If there is one thing I have learned from going through the college process, it is that we mere mortals fear the unknown. Worse, the prolonging of uncertainty leaves us utterly insane. We are tortured, not by the love for the school or the extra work, but by the waiting. We cannot control our fate, but can that really be the problem?

No.

The real issue at hand is this cliched analogy of the cliff and the abyss. It is a limitation, a trap and a delusion that we all buy into a concept that dictates our “success” or “failure” in one escalated moment. We empower our own anticipation, and in turn, our anticipation eats us alive. We crave safety and security, how utterly human of us to hope our future will sort itself out before we must muddle through options! Now, I have had my Wizard of Oz moment. I peeked behind the curtain, just to realize that not knowing the future was part of the magic. It will always be part of the magic, because the unknown is what allows for possibilities.

I guess that was the lesson of the year. Whoever you are, high school senior, free-agent athlete or world explorer, find solstice in the countless opportunities that await. I do not have to be yogi or a philosopher to finally see that everything happens for a reason, and the best part of life is taking it day by day. If we live alongside our fear of the future, then the power to cross the abyss is in our hands. After all, we constructed it didn't we? It's ours for the taking.

Quote of the day:

“The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude.”

- Oprah Winfrey

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A sure-fire remedy for salt-stained boots

It's that time of the year again when roads, driveways and sidewalks often turn into a mess. And with salt and sand being used on a regular basis, that could mean torture for your favorite pair of boots. Many people at G. Ray Bodley High School walk around with salt stains on their shoes because they do not know how to get them out.

It's actually very simple and doesn't take long.



All you will need are white vinegar, a spoon, a cup, hot water and a cotton cloth. Start the process by putting two tablespoons of white vinegar in a cup, then fill the cup half way with hot water. Mix them around and dip the cotton cloth in the water and wipe the salt stains. Leave your shoes in a damp place to dry.

There you have it; the salt stain will be gone.
By Adrienne Perry

**Seniors take note!
Friday, Jan. 17
is the final day
to order
personalization for
the 2014 Fultonian
Yearbook
see Mr. Senecal in
room 228**

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pictures of
the Red Raiders
in action**

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Yearbook feature

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

FSU coach aids Kidz1stFund

Most people know him as the coach of the FBS Champion Florida Seminoles, but there is a lot more to Seminoles Jimbo Fisher. Aside from Mr. Fishers 13-0 season and big win over Auburn for the BCS National championship, and their spectacular last minute comeback to be claimed champions, he is also fighting for a win against a disease called Fanconi Anemia.

Sadly for the FSU coach his eight-year-old son Ethan has been diagnosed with this rare blood disorder. As a result the head coach noted the feeling of devastation that was placed upon him, as this rare type of blood disorder affects about 1 every 130,000. Doctors also report that very close to 100% of patients need a bone marrow transplant. Sadly for Ethan doctors predict he will need one in 3-5 years.

Despite his sons disease Mr. Fisher had a choice to stay private and keep it within or to go public and try to help not only his son, but to also create a voice for other kids like Ethan who cannot be heard.

Because of this Jimbo Fisher has created a nonprofit Kidz1stFund to increase awareness and raise money for research. The foundation has given 1.5 million to the MacMillan's program. The Fisher family cannot thank everyone enough for the support, especially his team for, "winning as many football games to keep FSU and the Kidz1stFund in the spotlight." Through this foundation the Fisher family has been able to meet other families who have been through the same struggles and to shed hope on Ethan's disease.

By Jeff Waldron & Connor Relf

New Visions offers career choices

Attention juniors. Are you interested in preparing for college and a profession in health care or law enforcement? Would you like to interact with professionals currently in the field? Do you have good attendance and a grade point average of 85 or higher?

If so, the New Vision program may be the right choice for your senior year.

Mrs. Nesbitt, a teacher from New Vision, will be in the Guidance Office on Tuesday, January 21 during Guided Study Hall to present information about all of the programs, the qualifications and the application and interview process. Mark the date and make plans to attend on Tuesday, January 21. For more information see Mr. Goodnough in the Guidance Office.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys track at CNYITA Meet (4:30 @ OCC); Hockey @ Liverpool (7 pm @ Lysander); Boys Bball @ Mexico (JV-5:30/7 pm).

Wed. Jan. 15: Girls track @ CNYITA Meet (4:30 @ OCC); Bowling vs. Cortland (3:30 @ Strike n' Spare Lanes); Wrestling vs. ES-M (JV-6 pm).

Thurs. Jan. 16: Girls Bball @ Cazenovia (JV-5:30/V-7); Bowling vs. Chittenango (3:30 @ Strike N' Spare); Hockey vs. C-NS (6 pm).



How are you preparing for Regents week?



"Heavy meditation."

Ryan Stanley



"I'm going some-
where."

Alyssa Crandon



"I'm going to study
super hard."

Tristen Meeker



"Taking the Earth
Science Regents...
for the third time."

Nathan J. Welsh

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with
rain showers.

40°

Average: 31°
Record: 69° (1995)



Cloudy skies.

34°

Average: 15°
Record: -18° (2004)



Cloudy with
rain showers.

40°

Average: 31°
Record: 68° (1995)

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.