



Discount over, but yearbooks are still available

The opportunity to save money by preordering a Fultonian Yearbook has come and gone, but students are still encouraged to reserve their copy to avoid being disappointed in June.

The price increased to the normal \$60 following the discount days that ended on December 20. As was the case before, students may still purchase their yearbook on the installment plan with a minimum \$10 down payment.

Seniors are also reminded that Friday, January 17 is the final day for ordering se-

nior personalization, which costs \$5 extra. Order forms are available in the main of-

fice, and books can be reserved with Mr. Senecal in room 228 or 102 after school.

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

Quirk's Players: the first rehearsal for the spring musical, *Curtains*, will be on Tuesday, January 7 from 5-9:30 pm. This is a mandatory rehearsal for all cast and crew members.

Sophomores need to turn in their Savearound orders ASAP to Mr. Lacey in room 227. Anyone who has not returned the booklet they signed out needs to turn in the booklet, or \$20 to Mr. Lacey.

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.

The French Club will hold a King's Day celebration on Monday, Jan.. 6 after school in room 125.

What's for lunch?

Today: hotdog on bun with broccoli, butternut squash, peaches and a cookie with alternative of managers choice.

Monday: pulled pork on a bun, green beans, baby carrots, fresh apple and cookie with alternative of soft beef taco.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Boys track @ CNYITA Meet at Colgate College (3:30); Girls Bball @ ES-M (JV-5/V-6:30); Boys Bball vs. ES-M (JV-5:30/V-7); Hockey @ Whitesboro (7:30); Wrestling @ R. New Invitational in Canastota (5 pm).

Sat. Jan. 4: V wrestling A R. New Invitational in Canastota (9 am); JV wrestling @ Larry Brown Tournament in Baldwinsville (10 am).

Mon. Jan. 6: Hockey @ Mohwak Valley (Kennedy Rink-7:30).

Tues. Jan. 7: Boys Bball @ Homer (JV-5/V-6:30); Girls Bball vs. Homer (JV-5:30/V-7); Swim @ Mexico (5 pm).

Wed. Jan. 8: Girls track @ CNYITA Meet at OCC (4:30); Wrestling @ Homer (6 pm); Bowling vs. Homer @ Mattydale (3:30).

Thurs. Jan. 9: Bowling vs. Solvay @ Mattydale (3:30); Swim vs. Weedsport (5 pm).

Fri. Jan. 10: Hockey vs. Baldwinsville (6 pm); Boys Bball vs. Chittenango (JV-5:30/V-7); Girls Bball @ Chittenango (JV-5/V-6:30).

Sat. Jan. 11: Swim @ HAC Invitational in Rochester; Wrestling @ Phoenix (JV-2/V-3:30).



On the Slopes:

Cold + snow = big weekend of skiing!

Central New York is in a snow advisory through this morning, and ski and snowboard enthusiasts couldn't be happier! So how much snow will we really get? Weather reports say a foot to a foot and a half.

According to GRB senior and Ski Club member Jack Ryan, "The mountains are looking better and better this year with the ever accumulating snow on the slopes, with snow ranging from machine groomed to beautiful packed powder." It's going to be cold out there, but this looks like a great weekend to head to the mountains for some ski and snowboard fun!

Be sure to check the mountain/resort websites prior to visiting for the latest conditions and trail numbers. Their numbers as of Thursday were:

Labrador Mountain	12 trails (www.labradormountain.com)
Greek Peak	24 trails (www.greekpeakmtnresort.com)
Song Mountain	14 trails (www.songmountain.com)
Toggenburg Mountain	8 trails (www.skitog.com)
Woods Valley	11 trails (www.woodsvalleyskiarea.com)

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Opinion

When it comes to education, one size doesn't fit all

By Alexis Lastra



Millions of students walk through the corridors of their school entrance every morning to get to classes. But not all individuals who walk through the gate have the same approach to learning and education. Some go to school just to get by, while others seek to mature intellectually and to gain something authentic from their school experience.

What I have noticed, however, is that there is a disproportionate amount of students who wish to genuinely learn and instead just want to fulfill the bare minimum. This phenomenon can be partially attributed to the way most academic institutions foster individual's intellectual curiosity. Schools have a set of academic standards and rules that are not always compatible with students' ways of learning and thinking. And at times, these academic requirements, such as standardized tests and projects which mold us into certain templates, take away our different and unique qualities

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The school curriculum offered by most public and private schools is left-brain oriented. Science, math and English are glorified while art, music and sports are undervalued. What proves this? Look at your school calendar, and try to recollect what classes were omitted on days with early dismissals. If that's not the case, you may

realize that art class, for instance, is not exactly an “art class.” Before you can get your hands on the canvas, the system requires you to do research and painstakingly analyze every detail on a notebook, rarely leaving time for you to freely experiment and explore your artistic talents and abilities.

The school system itself, which often tends to turn every individual into cookie cutter shapes, may be the reason why not all students are actively engaged in the learning process. There is a sense of lethargy that is developed in an academic environment.

So what should schools do?

Unfortunately, I don't know the exact answer to the question, but there is one thing I'm more than certain of: all students are different, and not all students are left-brain oriented. Though it can be forced, students are not meant to be molded into a particular shape, because it robs them of their creativity and dreams. Everyone has different hobbies, interests and goals. Together, they create a diverse society, full of interesting people.

A successful school adopts a learning curriculum that can challenge and stimulate all sorts of students regardless of their differences. That is how students can really mature intellectually. Rote memorization of facts or concepts is not an ideal teaching style. Teaching students that there is one and only one answer to a question is not the “right” way of expanding their thinking capacity. Often reducing unnecessary workload to alleviate stressful academic environment can allow students to invest this extra time in hobbies or other activities that they might like. This way, students may feel that they are leading a balanced life, which is not only a key to success, but also a healthy lifestyle.

A left-brain oriented curriculum can work really well for certain groups of students, but it does not always work for everyone. So my point is, acknowledging that all students are different to begin with is the key factor to building a practical, yet successful, school curriculum.

Quote of the day:

“Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late.”
- Benjamin Franklin

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NFL Picks

It's NFL playoff time: let the fun begin!



Mr. Senecal

Last week: 26-6
Overall: 102-60

#5 Kansas City @ #3 Indianapolis

Two months ago, the Kansas City Chiefs

were headed for a potential date with undefeated destiny, riding high with a 9-0 record and one of the toughest defenses in all of the National Football League. But it has been all downhill from there as Andy Reid's men in red slumped badly down the stretch, dropping five of their final seven games including three of the last five with their only wins against doormats Washington and Oakland. Even more disconcerting for Chiefs fans is the fact that the KC defense yielded 196 points over that seven game stretch, an average of 28 points per game, after giving up only 109 in their first nine starts (12 ppg.).

Meanwhile Indianapolis, under second year quarterback Andrew Luck, are 5-2 in the past seven and 4-1 in their last five, including a 23-7 beat-down of the Chiefs at Kansas City just two weeks ago on December 22. Their only losses in the past two months were to a pair of pretty good teams in Cincinnati and Arizona, both on the road.

Looking at the schedules of the two teams also offers an interesting insight, as the Chiefs were an unimpressive 1-5 against teams that made the playoffs and 2-6 vs. teams that finished .500 or better, beating Philadelphia in week 3 and Dallas in the second week of the season. The Colts, meanwhile, went 4-2 vs. playoff teams including wins over top seeds Denver and Seattle as well as San Francisco and Kansas City and were 5-3 overall against sides with a winning record.

The Chiefs were watching the playoffs at this time last year, and come Sunday they will be doing the same thing while Indianapolis moves ahead for a potential dream rematch against former QB Peyton Manning or a trip to New England to face Tom Brady. Either way, the Colts need to soak up some heat at home this weekend inside Lucas Oil Stadium, because the forecast calls for cold and pain in the second round.

Mr. S says:

Indianapolis
Cincinnati
Philadelphia
San Francisco



Jason Mattice

Last week: 20-12
Overall: 97-65

#6 San Diego @ #3 Cincinnati

The last seeded Chargers travel to

the AFC North champion Cincinnati Bengals Sunday. Although the Bengals have the better record the Chargers are ahead of them in almost every offensive category, but behind in every defensive category. The Chargers, who barely squeaked by into the playoffs as the only 9-7, team are a lot better than their record shows as they were against all odds to make it into the playoffs in a division with the Broncos and the Chiefs who each had at least 11 wins in the regular season.

The Bengals, led by quarterback Andy Dalton and receiver AJ Green, are heavily favored in this one and they should be able to win the game if Andy Dalton is able to pick apart a Chargers defense which has allowed 259 passing yards per game this season.

The Chargers key to winning this one will be stopping AJ Green and being able to run the ball and open up the defense for the strong arm of Phillip Rivers. I think the Chargers will be able to slow down AJ Green with their secondary and Phillip Rivers will put up some points against the Bengals D, and win the game.

Jason says:

Indianapolis
Philadelphia
San Diego
Green Bay



Jimmy Martin

Last week: 18-14
Overall: 92-70

#6 New Orleans at #3 Philadelphia

The first NFC playoff game is a battle between

the New Orleans Saints and the Philadelphia Eagles. The Saints clinched the last wild card spot with a record of 11-5. The Eagles won the NFC North with a 10-6 record. Both teams have a dominant offense so it could be a high scoring game.

Being an Eagles fan, I was thrilled that they beat Dallas and made it to the playoffs. Philadelphia has the best rushing offense in the league behind LeSean McCoy, who led the league in rushing yards with an impressive 1600 yards and nine touchdowns. Quarterback Nick Foles has been on a hot streak and will start this game. Foles knows how to protect the ball as he has 27 touchdowns and only two interceptions. The weakness for the Eagles are their defense and offensive lines. The O-Line let in a lot of sacks this year and the defense is ranked a low 29th.

The Saints couldn't clinch the NFC South title but still made it to the playoffs. New Orleans has one of the best all-around teams this year. Drew Brees had another amazing season as he put up 39 touchdowns, second in the league. The Saints downfall is their rushing game, as they put up less than 100 yards per game. Pierre Thomas, their leading rusher, had only two touchdowns. Unlike the Eagles, the Saints have a good defense. Just like their offense they are ranked fourth in the league.

This game is held at the Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, which isn't a good thing for either team. For the Saints, all five of their losses came on the road and for the Eagles they started off losing their first four home games. This game should come down to the wire and be an exciting tussle in the cold of Philadelphia. I'm hoping the Eagles will win and I'm picking them to win and move on.

Jimmy's Picks

Indianapolis
San Diego
Philadelphia
San Francisco

This day in history

January 3 has been a big day in music

This day in history was important for musical talent as Fats Domino recorded his R&B single *I'm Walkin*, a 1957 hit that reached number one on the R&B Best Sellers chart, where it stayed for six weeks. This was Fats' third release in a row to reach that spot on the chart. The legendary band The Beatles made their first appearance on American television in 1964. They performed on a show called the *Jack Paar Show*, and played the hit classic *She Loves You*.

Two years later The Beatles appeared on *Hullabaloo*, a musical variety TV series that ended the same year. In 1967 Carl Wilson from the Beach Boys received a US army draft notice. He refused to be sworn in stating that he was a conscientious objector. More Beatles history happened today in 1970. The song *I Me Mine* was recorded by the band. That song would be the last recorded by the band together. That same year and day Monkees band member Davy Jones announced that he was leaving the band. The band disbanded completely in 1971. David Thomas Jones died in Stuart, Florida at age sixty-six.

In 1987 Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul" was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, accompanying Billy Haley and fourteen others. Aretha was the first woman to ever be inducted. On a sour note, Robert Dewey Hoskins was testified against in court in 1996 as Madonna testified against him in Los Angeles court for threatening to kill her and stalking. In 1998 US music group Max Resist caused trouble when 314 people gave Hitler salutes during the concert. Under Swedish law it was called a hate crime which was suitable, as it was a neo-Nazi group that earned the arrests after the concert.

January 3 is also known for many other noteworthy events. In 1496 notebooks by Leonardo da Vinci suggested that today was when he tested his flying machine. The test was unsuccessful and wasn't attempted again for many years. Pope Leo X excommunicated Martin Luther in 1521. Martin Luther was the chief catalyst of Protestantism, and a professor of biblical interpretation. He later came up with his 95 theses. Three months after his excommunication he was called to defend his beliefs against Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. Martin and was famously rude and defiant, and refused to reread his theses. This led to the declaration that Martin was a heretic and an outlaw.

The Battle of Cornwallis took place on this day during the War of Independence in 1777. This was when George Washington defeated the British forces, under their leader Cornwallis. The Saxon and Polish problem's solution was to be solved thanks to a secret treaty. The treaty was terms for a defensive type of alliance between Britain, Austria and France.

The first engineering college in the United States was opened in Troy, New York on this day in 1825. It was called the Rensselaer School and is now recognized as the Rensselaer Polytechnic Insti-

tute. In 1833 Britain gained control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. Argentina seized control of the same islands around 150 years later but after a 74 day war the British regained control. The Japanese Shogunate was abolished in 1868 and the Meiji dynasty was restored to power.

There were some interesting patents on this day as well. In 1871 Henry W Bradley patented oleomargarine. This is a decent butter substitute made mainly from plant oils and mineral oils. Marvin C Stone patented the drinking straw as well. This was a device that made drinking so much more convenient and enjoyable!

The year 1957 brought the Hamilton Watch Company to debut the first electric watch. Tutankhamen was discovered in the Valley of the Kings by an English explorer by the name of Howard Carter. He was discovered near Luxor, Egypt. Benito Mussolini announced in 1925 that he would begin using dictatorial powers in Italy. 1947 was when Al Herrin died at the age of 92. He passed away in Trenton, New Jer-

sey and claimed that he had not slept at all during his life! Herrin was famous for his crafting of bows.

Other noteworthy events included Alaska becoming the 49th US State in 1959. Two years later the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba, and in 1962 Pope John XXIII excommunicated Fidel Castro, the Cuban prime minister.

On a tragic note, the Matterhorn bobsled ride claimed a life at Disneyland as a woman fell from a ride after unbuckling her safety belt in 1984. Charles M Schultz's last daily comic appeared in newspapers on this day in the year 2000. He was the creator of classic Peanuts strips and the beloved dog, Snoopy. The Spirit rover created by NASA successfully landed on Mars on this day in 2004. After around three hours it was able to send black and white images back to Earth.

By Logan Aubeuf

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"Where in the world is The Raider?"

What was the most important thing you learned in 2013?



"Be good, don't get in trouble."

Frank Hammond



"Trying hard in school will get me into a good college."

Connor Goss



"Always try to improve."

Tabor Freeman



"Work hard and you'll succeed."

Breanna Baker

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Snow showers, 1-2" expected.

1°

Average: 32°
Record: 60° (2004)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.
Bitter cold.

-4°

Average: 17°
Record: -7° (1981)

Tomorrow:

Partly sunny, not as cold.

28°/23°

Average: 32°/17°
Rec. high/low: 67° (1950)/-18° (1981)

Sunday:

Cloudy with chance of afternoon snow.

31°/21°

Average: 32°/17°
Record high/low: 62° (2007)/-15° (1996)

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.