



Students and staff at G. Ray Bodley High School had an unexpected surprise when they woke up on Tuesday morning as lake effect snow belted Fulton to produce a two-hour delay. Tuesday marked the third delay of the season to go along with four snow days in what has become a tough winter in many ways. (Senecal photo)

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

The **Environmental Club** will meet tonight after school in room 202.  
**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.  
 Yearbooks are still available for preorder for \$60. See Mr. Senecal in room 228 during GSH.  
 The **Battle of the Books meeting** scheduled for today has been cancelled and will be rescheduled after February break.  
 There will be a mandatory meeting for any girl interested in playing **JV lacrosse** today at 2:30 in room 209. Be sure to attend to get information on the upcoming season.  
 The **German Club** is happy to spread the word about Valentine's Day. Buy words of love and friendship during lunch bells today and Thursday and they will be delivered during guided study hall on Friday.  
 The new **GRB Mentor Program** will hold the first of two training sessions for mentors on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 2:30 to 4 pm in room 119. All students who have submitted applications are asked to attend. The second session will be held on Feb. 25.

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Boys Indoor track @ OHSL Championship (4:30 @ OCC).  
**Thurs. Feb. 13:** Girls indoor track @ OHSL Championship (4:30 @ OCC).  
**Fri. Feb. 14:** Bowling @ Sectionals (TBA in Mattydale).  
**Sat. Feb. 15:** Wrestling sectionals @ OCC (10 am); Cheerleading competition @ SUNY Oswego (TBA); Swim @ State Qualifier (diving) (@ Mexico 11 am).



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## What's for lunch?

**Today:** Cheese pizza with side salad, baby carrots and mixed fruit with alternative of diced chicken and cheese wrap.  
**Thursday:** Soft turkey taco with steamed rice, veggie beans, corn and peaches with alternative of yogurt, cheese stick and jungle crackers.

**Keep in touch with the Fultonian Yearbook by liking us on Facebook. Free yearbook drawing at 200 likes!**



# Rodan and Godzilla go back a long, long way

By Neal Burke

As the date to the release of the new Godzilla film draws closer, fans may wonder if the new design of the King or the designs of his foes will live up to the many other kaiju Toho created over the years. Today's monster first appeared in 1956 and later became the first monster to ever ally with Godzilla. The giant pteranodon kaiju, Rodan.

Basic Specs

Name: Rodan

Species: Giant Pteranodon

**Height:** In his debut film *Rodan*, and all of his appearances in the Showa era (a term used to identify movies made by Toho between 1930 and 1979), the great pteranodon was 50 meters tall. In *Godzilla vs MechaGodzilla 2* he was 70 meters tall and in the 2004 film *Godzilla Final Wars*, the great beast was a staggering 100 meters tall.

**Weight:** Originally, Rodan weighed 15,000 tons. He would later weigh 16,000 tons then finally 30,000 tons in his final appearance.

**Wingspan:** Initially, the pteranodon's powerful wings were anywhere between 120 and 150 meters. This was later shortened to 120 meters. In his final appearance, his wingspan was an awesome 200 meters.

## History and Backstory

In 1956, two Rodans (relationship unknown, possibly mates) were unearthed by mining projects in Kitamatsu along with a swarm of vicious prehistoric insects called Meganulons. The two monsters rampaged through several Pacific countries and even devoured several people. Finally, one of the Rodans was brutally maimed during the bombardment of their nest in Mount Aso and fell, apparently fatally, into a volcanic eruption triggered by the attack. The other Rodan, grief stricken by this, flew down into the volcano as well to join its companion.

Rodan would later cross into the Godzilla series starting with *Ghidorah: The Three Headed Monster* in 1964. Whether this was a new Rodan or a surviving one from 1956 is unknown, but this particular one was resurrected by accumulated volcanic gas. He then broke out of the volcanic crust to attack Japan and fight with Godzilla. It was during this fight that we saw Rodan's apparent immunity to Godzilla's atomic breath, as he was struck with it a few times and he just shook his head in an annoyed manner.

Meanwhile, King Ghidorah, a three headed golden dragon, crash lands on Earth in a meteorite and also begins to attack. Mothra, a giant moth kaiju, is then called by her twin priestesses and tries to convince Godzilla and Rodan to stop fighting each other and instead fight King Ghidorah. Godzilla and Rodan agree and with their combined powers, they drive the three headed monster away.

Rodan appeared with Godzilla again in 1965 for the film *Invasion of Astro-Monster*. A direct sequel to *Ghidorah: The Three Headed Monster*; this film featured a race of aliens called the Xiliens who hail from Planet X, which is located just behind Jupiter. King Ghidorah was now assaulting their planet and they asked the people

of Earth if they could "borrow" Godzilla and Rodan in order to drive the beast away. Mankind agreed and Rodan was transported to Planet X along with Godzilla, and with their combined powers, they defeated Ghidorah again. However, now the Xiliens had control of Godzilla, Rodan and King Ghidorah, and they used them to attack many of Earth's cities in order to gain the planet's water supply. Thankfully, the mind control was broken and the two mon-

sters were able to drive Ghidorah off again.

Rodan would once more be a pawn of an alien race and used to destroy cities in the classic Godzilla movie *Destroy All Monsters*. This time, the giant pteranodon was controlled by the Kilaaks, a feminine humanoid race that planned to use Earth to create a scientific civilization., and he was sent to destroy Moscow. Just like before however, the mind control was broken and he fought alongside ten other monsters, including

Godzilla, Mothra, and Anguirus, to destroy King Ghidorah.

Rodan's next appearance was in 1993 for the film *Godzilla vs MechaGodzilla 2*. He first appears to pursue a team of researchers who had stolen his sibling's egg. This is interrupted when Godzilla shows up and battles the great pteranodon. Rodan ends up losing the fight and is left for dead as Godzilla pursues the researchers because of the egg. When a mysterious plant's music was used to hatch the egg, now revealed to contain a baby Godzilla, Rodan was reawakened. The power of the plant's music reenergized him and turned his body a bloody crimson. Now he was the nuclear powered Fire Rodan and he was ready to find his stolen "sibling."

Appearing in Japan, Fire Rodan seized the canister containing Baby Godzilla and tried to open it. But MechaGodzilla had been sent to stop him. The pterosaur responds by blasting its mechanical foe with a new attack, a Uranium Heat Beam, very similar to Godzilla's own atomic breath. Mecha G responded with a beam of its own and the two engaged in a fierce battle, a battle that ended with MechaGodzilla losing one of its eyes and Fire Rodan being mortally wounded. Godzilla showed up moments later and after a battle with the robotic doppelganger, he was struck down and died when his second brain was ruptured.

When a team of soldiers attempted to free Baby Godzilla from the canister, the baby freed itself and let out the loudest roar it could muster. It was a cry for help and Fire Rodan, though beaten and weak, attempted to fly to his "brother's" aid. MechaGodzilla however, had no intention of letting its enemy escape and easily shot him down. Landing upon Godzilla's corpse, it appeared the two great beasts would die together. However, Fire Rodan was not done, and laying his head on Godzilla's spines, he transferred his life energy to the Monster King so that his "sibling" might live. As Fire Rodan's body disappeared, Godzilla rose up again and with his new red atomic beam, Fire Rodan's last gift, destroyed MechaGodzilla.

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## In the News

# Sophomore's love for art began in first grade

By Dawson Samson

This week's featured artist from G. Ray Bodley High School is tenth grader, Julia Polly. Julia is an exceptional young artist, and has a preference for painting. Many of her pieces have been in art shows since she was in elementary school. Art has always been a passion for Julia, and since she was young, was a way of escaping the world around her. "I like to observe more than I speak," she commented. "Observing things around me helped me to learn how to draw them better."



Starting at around the first grade, she began where most artists probably did: doodles. "Whenever I had a paper in front of me, I was always doodling on it. It was just what kids did back then, and it let me concentrate on something positive and fun."

Having a boundless passion for art in all

its forms, Julia has plenty of advice to give to anyone seeking to improve their own art skills. Helping others with their art, and showing them different things they can do to improve their own artwork is one of Julia's priorities. "You have to go into art with a passion for it," she stated. "Without the passion, I don't think people try as hard. Art is full of mistakes. If you mess up, you need to really work around that mistake rather than starting over, or just flat out giving up."

Putting emotion into her work is something Julia excels at, which is something that some artists never really understand how to do. According to Julia, "You have to put yourself in that state, you have to be in that emotion in order to portray it in your art." Looking at her work, anyone could see the clear

representation of emotion and feeling in every brush stroke.

In case it is not obvious, art is more than just a hobby for Julia, and she is looking to pursue a career in the field of art. Specifically she wants to go down the path of a cartoonist or any other art field that gives her the free range to choose what she would like to paint or draw. "I think everyone should go into something they love. You can get a nice job that pays well and has lots of benefits and still hate what you do every day. Whatever you choose to do, make sure you love it."

Julia is definitely an artist of interest, and hopefully will reach her goals for the rest of her life, and whatever she chooses to do, she will be happy doing it.

## Have a heart & do your part!



## Canned Food Drive Feb. 4-14 in GSH

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- David Allen

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## Opinion

# Not all are pleased with Russia's expensive Olympics

By Brandon Ladd

The Winter Olympics, this year in Sochi, Russia, have caused mayhem among a sector of the Russian population. While some are ecstatic about the great event being held in their own back yard, others take it as a great disappointment.

So far the Sochi Winter Olympic Games have been the most expensive Olympics ever, with the estimate of expenses totaling it at around over \$50 billion dollars.

While the luxurious and lavish Olympic structures in Sochi at the moment make it seem like a paradise, the poverty stricken areas neighboring it are somewhat disgruntled with the fact that they live in a slum with no sort of financial aid from their government and recently fifty billion dollars has been shelled out for a sporting event. This shows that the Russian government would appear to have placed



a sporting event over the well-being of its own people.

This has caused riots and crime rates to go through the roof and it is suspected that there are multiple criminal organizations with such power and influence that it reaches all the way into the United States. The heads of these organizations do not seem to be thrilled with all the media coverage in their operating area.

Besides the unhappy Russian mobs in the area, the lower class Russians who are displeased with their government's choice of budget spending. Many Russians have expressed their discontent through some criminal acts as well as acts of vandalism. Some of these acts are riots, vandalism, graffiti, and violence. They believe that the Olympics in their own town will have a negative effect on their already dwindling economy.

Even though the money is already spent they still believe they should continue to express their discontent toward the Olympics and the athletes. The next few weeks will tell just how far these people are willing to go with their shows of displeasure.

## Rodan a regular in the Godzilla movie, game world

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In the 2004 film *Godzilla Final Wars*, Rodan appeared again as a pawn of the Xiliens and laid waste to New York City. He was removed by the aliens as part of their ruse to make the humans believe that they had come in peace. When the ruse ended, Rodan was released again and was free to continue rampaging through New York. He was later used by the Xiliens along with Anguirus and King Caesar to defeat Godzilla. Godzilla defeated all three of them and they were the only monsters that Godzilla let live, a homage to the fact that they were his allies in earlier films.

### Powers and Abilities

Being a pteranodon means that Rodan can fly with ease. He can also fly at supersonic speeds and use these as attacks, as he has when rampaging through Tokyo, Moscow and New York. His wings also enable the creation of devastating winds by just flapping them. His wings are also quiet durable despite their frail appearance. He has amazing speed and agility and according to his bio in the video game *Godzilla Unleashed*, he is the fastest of all of Earth's monsters while in the air.

His beak and talons are razor sharp, shown when he pecked out MechaGodzilla's eye. Due to an exposure to radiation, he is also immune to Godzilla's atomic breath. Rodan also has immense strength, being able to lift monsters several times his own weight, including Godzilla. As Fire Rodan, he has an energy beam called the Uranium Heat Beam which is very similar to Godzilla's atomic breath but is red in color.

In the Game Boy Advance video game *Godzilla: Domination!*, the aerial terror can release a radioactive mist from specialized glands located in his torso area for two seconds, which, if it connects, can score up to three hits against the opponent. It can also be noted that this Rodan sports an "atomic heat ray" which in fact, resembles a fireball rather than an actual ray.

### Appearances

Rodan has appeared in a total of six films as an actual character starting with his debut in the 1956 film *Rodan*. He would appear

many times throughout the 60s and 70s in films such as *Destroy All Monsters*. He also appeared in stock footage for the films *Godzilla vs Gigan* and *Godzilla vs Megalon*. Rodan has also appeared in many, if not most, of the Godzilla video games. His fighting style is more suited for hit and run attacks in the later games.

Rodan was also supposed to appear in his own game that would have been released for the original Nintendo. However, this game never took off. Rodan's roar was also one of the most commonly used roars for anime series throughout the 80s and 90s. The roars of Rodan were best known in the Akira Toriyama's *Dragon Ball* series and was usually recycled for the dragon-like monsters that had appeared within the series (most noticeably the eternal dragon's



Shenron and Black Smoke Shenron) and even for an occasional transitional sound effect. The roar even appeared in a few episodes of *Yu Yu Hakusho*.

### Final Thoughts

Rodan made for a very interesting kaiju. Sure he is really just a giant dinosaur, but man does he pack way more of a punch than a normal one ever could. His rampage through New York in *Final Wars* was pretty impressive and I do enjoy playing as him in *Godzilla Unleashed* from time to time. His Fire Rodan form is pretty cool as well, as he possesses additional powers and abilities. Perhaps we may see this kaiju in the future as Gareth Edwards, director of the upcoming 2014 film, has expressed interest in doing a sequel using the Monster Island concept used in *Destroy All Monsters*.

Next Class Topic: MechaGodzilla 1

## What are you going to be doing during February break?



"Playin' xbox"

Avery Blair



"Roaming through the desert"

Paul Reynoso



"Hanging out with friends."

Zoe Norton



"I'm doing birthday activities with my family."

Sarah Perkins

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Mostly sunny.

**25°**

Average: 34°  
Record: 60° (1999)

**Tonight:**



Partly cloudy.

**15°**

Average: 17°  
Record: -22° (1979)

**Tomorrow:**



Cloudy. Chance snow.

**30°**

Average: 34°  
Record: 57° (1990)

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.