



Speeding, distracted driving common foils

By Lexi Abelgore

Junior and senior year are perhaps the two most exciting years of high school. It includes events and opportunities for upper-classmen only, it is the age where students can get part time jobs and for many students, it includes driving. By the time students are 16, 17 and 18, they may have their permit or license and even their own car.

Driving is an exciting experience for many. Having the freedom of being able to go where you want when you want and not having to wait for mom or dad to pick you up is a great feeling. With great driving, however, comes great responsibility. Sadly, many teens are not so good at following the rules of the road and it is getting them into trouble.

There are many things that drivers can do wrong to get themselves pulled over. According to Thomas Abelgore, the deputy chief of the Fulton Police Department, the most common traffic violations that teens commit are speeding, distracted driving and traffic control disregard. Abelgore says, "Most teens are excited when they first get their driver's license, and as a result are careless and sometimes reckless with their driving privileges."

One of the most common things for teens is speeding. Kids today are in such a hurry to get where they have to go that sometimes they do not even realize that they are exceeding the speed limit. "I don't mean to speed, but sometimes that's not what I'm paying attention to," said an anonymous G. Ray Bodley student driver. Speeding directly leads to tailgating other cars and unsafe lane changes, which can not only get you pulled over, but it is also bound to cause an accident if you are doing it regularly.

Another reason kids get pulled over is for the use of cellphones while driving. Not only is this against the law, and will definitely get you pulled over, but it is also a huge danger to yourself and to drivers around you. Texting or browsing the web on a mobile device while driving makes you 23 times



This is a sight teen drivers see all too frequently, but it doesn't have to be that way. (photo from lawyer.quincyhoag.com)

more likely to get in a car crash than if you were paying full attention to the road.

Most of the people doing the distracted driving are aged from 16-21 and motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death in this age group. There are laws to ban texting and driving, but sadly many people are still doing it anyway.

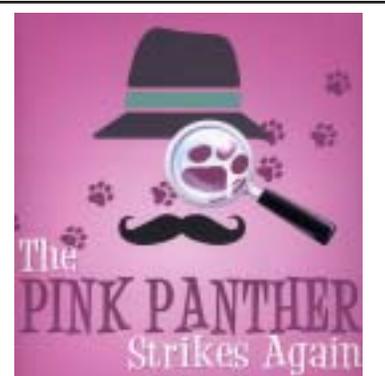
When it comes your turn to get behind the wheel, remember to always be careful. Showing off in front of your friends by speeding or squealing your tires is not cool. Not only will reckless driving likely get you

stopped by a police officer and possibly get you a ticket, but every time you drive irresponsibly you are putting your life in danger as well as the lives of other drivers.

Teenagers tend to think that they are invincible, but behind the wheel is the wrong place to have that mindset. Deputy Abelgore says it is important to remember the five key driver safety factors, which are "No cell phones, no extra passengers, no speeding, no alcohol and always buckle up." Be cautious while driving and do not take risks. It will be worth it to avoid a ticket or a crash.

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In the News

Mysterious Ebola virus makes its way to USA

By Breanna St. Onge

The cold, the flu, the stomach bug, all viruses that can temporarily knock us down for at least a few days. A shared opinion of many is the thought that contracting one of these minor illnesses feels like you are dying. We have all known the frustration of the infamous stuffy nose and sore throat.

However, what if you contracted something more? What would you do to give yourself a fighting chance in the battle against bacteria? It is very possible that we have been exposed to different types of illnesses and infections while in public. Going out in public is a part of life whether it just be going to the store or heading off to the state fair for the day, practicing healthy habits can contribute to the prevention of catching a nasty bug.

Within the past week, medical personnel have discovered the outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in a handful of people throughout the United States, causing people across the country to panic about the safety of sanitizing public places. Now they have determined that the possibility of catching the disease is close to zero, but that is no reason to assume that it could never happen in your area. Continuing to practice healthy habits such as washing your hands and face on a regular basis and covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough can minimize your chances even more so.

Ebola has never been traced in the United States before now, however it has been detected in West Africa at a relatively high rate. As far as the disease spreading from West Africa, it has mostly only spread to poor or unequipped countries with little to no abundant medical care for the residents. Some areas that do have the medical care able to treat the infection have had too many patients who require help. Many clinics have also had to turn away people due to the overcrowding of the hospitals in certain areas.

Unlike many other diseases, Ebola is not an airborne contagion. It is spread from wild animals to humans or from contact to an infected person's blood or body fluids. It may also be spread through

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"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."
-Franklin D. Roosevelt



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the exposure to contaminated objects such as needles, according to the CDC.

Right now there is no vaccine for Ebola and so far there has only been one experimental drug that has been used on two American survivors. However, the Center for Disease Control has announced that the only experimental drug that has been developed so far, has recently run out. Some patients have recently been given blood transfusions from survivors of Ebola in the hopeful attempt that it will help the infected patients by giving them antibodies against the deadly disease. Although it is not confirmed whether this method of treatment is effective or not and is still in the trial stages. It is being administered with a great level of hope to the patients receiving it.

It is still very unclear whether or not any of the treatments will work because of the high mortality rate and the disease is still vaguely known to most medical personnel. Many doctors and their teams are currently working around the clock to try to figure out a way to battle this invisible invader.

Halloween Fun Fact:

In the United States, the average of candy sales for Halloween is two billion dollars.



This week in Raider Sports

Today: Golf @ Sectionals (all day @ Sunset Ridge); Cross-country @ Marcellus with Chittenango (4:30).

Thurs. Oct. 9: JV football vs. ES-M (6:30)

Fri. Oct. 10: V football @ ES-M (6:30)

Sat. Oct. 11: Boys V soccer @ Es-M (2 pm); Boys JV soccer @ Homer (1 pm); V volleyball @ Pittsford Tourney (8:30 am)

Seniors take note!

Prom and baby pictures must be turned in by Tuesday, Nov. 4

Bring them to Mr. Senecal in room 118

Submitted senior portraits are also due by Nov. 4

School rules were created for a reason

By Kimberlee Bennett

Immaturity in the hallways is becoming all too common at G. Ray Bodley High School. From the freshman fights to the senior scuffles, the halls have turned into a jungle gym that does not belong in a place of learning. For many the immaturity serves as entertainment. For others it is a nuisance that needs to be handled.

“Yeah, it bothers me; I’m here to learn, not to watch a fight,” senior Bridget Tallman commented. Too many people are now under the impression that a school hallway is for running, yelling, and fighting. In truth, the hallways are for walking from class to class, to your locker and to the bathroom, not for horsing around.

The immaturity of some students can lead to their downfall. In a class where the immature are talking back and not doing their work,

there are probably people in that class who would like to do their work and cannot because they are distracted by a student fighting with the teacher. Some students would actually like to learn in their math class and cannot do so because the teacher is preoccupied with a trouble making student who will not do his or her work.

The hallways are not a place where you can forget the rules set by the administration and faculty. Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. These rules aren’t there for the fun of it; they are there to ensure the safety of yourself and others. “They exist for a reason,” student teacher Mr. Emrich commented, “They exist to keep students from getting hurt or in trouble.”

The rules created to be followed. That is why they are rules, not guidelines. They were created to promote a safe and comfortable place to learn, not a place where students push, yell, hit, and trip others just for the fun of it. Remember, Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

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

Hey! Don’t miss the bus!!! **French Club** invites you to travel with them to Montreal, Canada in April. All students and adults are welcome to participate in this unforgettable adventure. For more information see Made-moiselle Coleman in room 121.

Attention **Juniors: PSAT registration** is now taking place. See Mr. Ascenzi in the Guidance Office to pick up your information packet.

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** will be today after school in room 102.

A representative from **North Country Community College** will be in the guidance office today at 8:45 am and a representative from **Medaille University** will be here at 11:15 am to meet with interested students.

What’s for lunch?

Today: Cheese pizza with romaine salad, carrots and chilled peaches.

Thursday: Brunch lunch scrambled eggs with sausage, biscuit, potato rounds, dragon fruit veggie juice and applesauce cup.

Note: PBJ, cheese stick and crackers are available daily.

Jeter’s “Turn 2 Foundation” is a charity you should know about

If you are a fan of the New York Yankees, then you have probably heard of Derek Jeter’s Turn 2 Foundation, but not many people really know what it is and what it stands for. It is an organization that supports the healthy and successful development of America’s youth. They create and support programs and activities that motivate young people to turn away from drugs and alcohol and “Turn 2” healthier lifestyles. The goal of Turn 2 is to see the kids involved in these programs turn into the leaders of tomorrow.

Since the organization’s launch in 1996, the Turn 2 Foundation has raised over \$19 million. The funds have been used to create programs that guide children toward healthy lifestyles, emphasizing the importance of avoiding drugs and alcohol, treating and preventing teenage substance abuse and raising awareness in children that good choices should be practiced daily. The organization also offers scholarships to kids, after school programs and opportunities for kids involved to work to better their communities.

This is an important charity because kids are the future and unfortunately, some kids need more support than others to reach their full potential and to “Turn 2” good choices and healthy lifestyles.

By Lexi Abalgore

Going someplace cool?

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“Where in the world is The Raider?”

When you absolutely, positively need to cry...

By Lexi Abelgore & Carly Williams

Are you feeling sad?
Fail that math test?

Did your pet gerbil die? Is your significant other treating you wrong? Sometimes everybody needs a good cry, but it is hard to find the right place to do so. If you're looking for that special place to empty those tear ducts, this is the article for you. This is your guide to in-school crying.

No matter how embarrassing it can be, crying is a natural reaction to distress. Even your dad cries every now and then. During your teenage years, things can seem a lot harder than they really are. Problems at home or with friends and trying to keep up with your schoolwork can take a toll on students. While it is not the ideal place to cry, there can be times when you are at school and you just cannot hold it in any more. Some people have no problem letting it all out where others can see. Senior Nick McIntyre said he does not mind shedding a few tears right there at his desk. Others, however, need a bit of privacy. So, where do you go when you need to take a load off?

1) Bathrooms

The number one go to destination was said to be the bathroom. To be more specific, the bathrooms kitty-corner to the Raider Den or the restrooms in the science wing are the perfect place to cry. Senior Hope Williams noted, "They are the two least used bathrooms in the school." When asked where he thinks would be a good a place to cry, the bathroom was the first to come to mind for Vice Principal Mr. Greene. The restroom is the perfect area because you are supplied with an endless amount of tissues and if someone dares to interrupt, all you have to do is flush the toilet for a cover up. For a little extra privacy, head to the very last stall.

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2) A Favorite Teachers Classroom

There are some who desire a comforting shoulder to cry on instead of complete solitude. If you are one of these people, Junior Casey DePuy suggested the right location for you. Visit your favorite teacher, preferably one you can trust, during one of their free bells for a little TLC. Remember, they are wise and educated adults who have probably been through the same thing that you are. Senior RJ Borrow agreed with Casey when he said he prefers to weep in German teacher Frau Ruggio's room.

3) Miscellaneous Settings

If you are a member of the band or orchestra, the practice rooms are an intimate and window-less setting for a nice sob. Do not forget to bring your instrument along for show so that Mr. Caviness or Mrs. Edele do not get suspicious. Bet you never thought of this next one. The

locker room showers are an excellent get-away spot to head to during your free bells, of course. That area of the school is never occupied.

4) School Psychologist's Office

The most highly recommended place for a good cry is in school psychologist Mr. Scherrer's office. He is a professional who has years of experience. If you are worried about what to expect, it is assured that he is your go to guy. "I try to keep an open door policy," said Mr. Scherrer. "Anybody who needs support can come in at any time." He is there to support you and is very trustworthy. He added, "Anything we talk about can be confidential."

There you have it! Hopefully this article has given you a new perspective on crying in school. Remember, it is okay to cry every once in a while. There are plenty of places that are suitable to wail silently during school hours. Happy crying!!

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School of Thought compiled by Hope Williams and Maggie Williams

What is your favorite thing about colder weather?



"No mosquitoes."

Tayber Freeman



"Christmas cookies!"

Shania Phillips



"I really enjoy being cold."

Devin Russell



"Definitely snowboarding."

Ryan Stanley

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.
Chance rain shower.

62°

Average: 60°
Record: 83° (1916)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy with
rain showers.

42°

Average: 42°
Record: 25° (1964)

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds.
Chance rain.

58°

Average: 60°
Record: 85° (1949)

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