



## Snow day decision is a complicated process

By Lexi Abelgore

We all know the feeling of disappointment when you go to sleep on a snowy evening praying that there will be a snow day and wake up to nothing. It can be frustrating, but there is a lot that goes into closing the schools.

As Superintendent of Schools Mr. Lynch said during a recent visit to one of the senior government classes, the superintendent cannot just call a snow day at the tiniest flurry. A small team of people from the Board of Education make the decision on whether there will be a closing or delay. They try to make the decision between 5-5:30 AM, so as to give the buses enough notice. They get information from the highway department and from police officers who have been on the roads all night.

If it is not snowing or going to snow anymore but the roads are still sloppy, a two hour delay will be called. They may also

### Plans underway for seniors-only lounge

There has been talk around the school of turning the big study hall, room 130, into a senior lounge. During a recent visit to Mr. Bono's Government class, G. Ray Bodley High School Principal Mrs. Parkhurst confirmed these rumors and said that she, along with the GRB Student Senate, is working on making it happen.

Right now, they are in the process of deciding who is eligible to use the lounge. Of course a student must be a senior, and additionally they must have minimal absences and skipped classes. Students who are failing classes will also potentially not be allowed to use the lounge. Mrs. Parkhurst points out that it will be a privilege to use the lounge.

They are currently working on bringing furniture and appliances into the lounge for student use. Mrs. Parkhurst says they hope to have the lounge up and running within the next month.

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call a two hour delay if they are unsure if the weather will get worse throughout the morning. The superintendent will also call and talk to superintendents of other school districts that are north of Fulton. Since the

### Girls place four on all-league soccer team

Coming off a 7-7 league campaign and an 8-9 overall mark, the next few seasons look to be exciting for the varsity girls soccer team if the recent all-league selections are an indication of what lies ahead for Coach George Beckwith's team. A junior, a sophomore and two freshmen were named to the Class A American Division all-stars for their contributions toward this year's side.

Junior Callie Beckwith was a first team all-league selection who was also honored as a first team pick on the prestigious Syracuse Newspapers All-CNY team. Callie knocked in four goals with four assists for the Raiders this season and was a steady force on the field for Fulton.

Offensive dynamo Sydney Gilmore garnered second team all-league status after leading the team in scoring with six goals and four assists for 10 points. In the past two seasons she has connected for 10 goals with 10 assists, and as a sophomore will be counted on in the future for continued attacking power.

Freshman Jordan Coulon earned honorable mention status after scoring six times with one assist this season. In two years on the varsity she has connected 14 times while adding four assists, and like Gilmore will be a force to reckon with in the final third over the next few years.

weather often moves off the lake towards Fulton, GRB may shortly experience weather that is in Oswego or Hannibal.

Keep in mind that there are only five emergency closing days built in to the academic year calendar. These emergencies can include a power outage or boiler problems as well as severe weather. If there are more than five closings necessary for the year, the district will start taking days away from our breaks, forcing us to attend school during winter, spring or Memorial Day break. So the next time you feel like complaining when school is not canceled, think about it in the long run. Would you rather go to school on a day in the winter or during a scheduled break?

Junior goalkeeper Emily Kerfien was also an honorable mention selection for the Raiders following a season in which she compiled a save percentage of .870. Kerfien turned back 61 out of the 70 shots she faced as the last line of defense for Fulton.



Junior Callie Beckwith had a leg up on the competition all season long en route to being named as first team All-CNY and all-league. (submitted photo)

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

**Signups** for the **Lip Sync Contest** are taking place until December 23 in Mr. Lacey's room 125. Groups of up to eight can perform at the contest, which is scheduled for January 14 at 6 pm in the auditorium..

**Football weight lifting** for all JV and varsity players who are not involved in a winter sports starts today after school.

Do you plan on playing a **Spring Sport**? Please ask the nurse now (yes, NOW) if you need a physical.

The **Senior Class** officers meet every Monday after school in room 125 and all seniors are welcome to attend.

**HOPE Club** will be collecting hats and mittens for those in our community in need from now until Dec. 19 during GSH. The guided study hall with the most items will receive a pizza party on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** will be on Wednesday after school in room 102. All members are urged to attend.

## What's for lunch?

**Today:** Roasted chicken with biscuit, sweet potato bites, green beans and applesauce cup.

**Wednesday:** Cheese pizza with side salad, corn and fresh orange.

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Bowling vs. Cortland @ Mattydale (3:30); Hockey vs. Cortland/Homer (6 pm); Girls Bball @ Mexico (5/6:30); Boys Bball vs. Mexico (5/6:30); Swim @ Weedsport (5 pm)

**Wed., Dec. 17:** Bowling vs. Bishop Grimes @ Mattydale (3:30); Wrestling @ Mexico (6 pm); Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet @ OCC (4:30)

**Thurs. Dec. 18:** Bowling vs. Oswego @ Mattydale (3:30); Hockey vs. Syracuse (6 pm)

**Fri. Dec. 19:** Girls Bball vs. Homer (5/6:30); Boys Bball @ Homer (5/6:30); JV Wrestling @ Phoenix Tourney (4:30); Swim @ West Genesee (5 pm); Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet @ OCC (4:30)

## Applying for college? Guidance needs applications NOW

College-bound seniors need to take note of this very important announcement. If you are applying to colleges with January 1, 2015 deadlines, those applications must be completed NOW to be received on time.

You must see your counselor IMMEDIATELY if you are planning to complete any applications between now and the Christmas break. Please, act responsibly and please, no last minute applications with January 1 deadlines.

## Experience the holiday magic with Symphoria

Christmas cheer and music are in the air and Symphoria kicked it off this past Sunday with their Holiday Magic concert held at the Oswego High School. The performance featured songs from well known movies such as Harry Potter and a newer Disney film, Frozen. If you missed the performance do not worry as Symphoria has two more concerts coming soon! Handel's Messiah is the next scheduled event occurring on Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral at 22 East Fayette Street in Syracuse. Symphoria will be combining with Syracuse University Oratorio Societies conductor Brian DeMaris to help spread the holiday madness even more.

Already have plans for that Sunday? Well that is alright too because Symphoria will also be performing at St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral on Sunday, January 11, again at 2:30. This particular performance will be featuring special guest Anna Peterson, who has prepared to play the Strauss Oboe Concerto.

Tickets can be pre-ordered by calling 315-299-5598, or they can be purchased online by going to the site [www.ExperienceSymphoria.org](http://www.ExperienceSymphoria.org). Also a helpful fact for parents, children are granted free admission to each concert.

*By Chelsie Knopp*

## Christmas Fact of the day:

In 1912, President Teddy Roosevelt banned Christmas trees from the White House.



**Order your 2015 yearbook  
by Monday, Dec. 22 and save \$10  
Pay \$50 instead of \$60 and save some \$\$**

**A minimum \$10 down payment  
reserves your book at the reduced rate!**

**See Mr. Senecal in room 118. Order forms will be  
included with five-week reports and are also available  
in the main office.**

**Submit yearbook  
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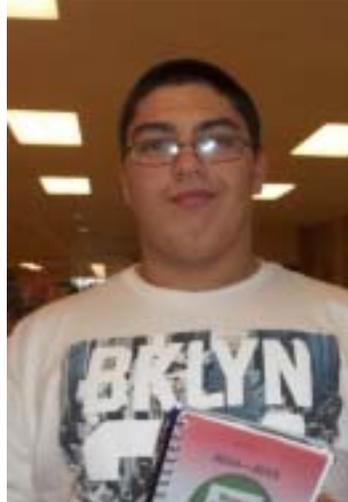
**School of Thought** compiled by Hope Williams and Maggie Williams

## Do you think we will get a snow day before Christmas?



"Probably not."

Genesis Loetterle



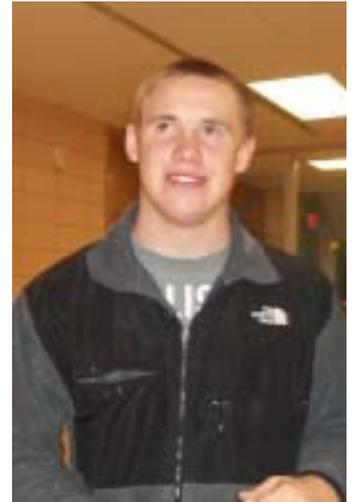
"Nope."

Jon Noeller



"Yeah, I think so."

Dillon Miller



"I know we are going to have one."

Jacob Breckenridge

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



**Today:**



Cloudy with rain showers.

**40°**

Average: 36°  
Record: 55° (1971)

**Tonight:**



Cloudy. with rain showers.

**35°**

Average: 22°  
Record: -1° (1917)

**Tomorrow:**



Cloudy with rain showers.

**42°**

Average: 36°  
Record: 62° (2000)

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