

## Why do teachers teach? It's the students

By Lexi Abelgore

The job of a teacher is to provide an education to students. Sounds easy, right? However, the job comes with many more challenges than just getting a teaching degree. With all the changes to the education system and all the students who do not want to cooperate, it is hard not to wonder how teachers can stay so positive. The question arises- why do teachers teach?

For English teacher Mr. Lescarbeau, the reason he still enjoys teaching despite the challenges is because of his love of equipping students for their futures. He said, "I still have that drive to get the next generation prepared for the world they're about to face."

### Host families sought for Rotary exchange

The Fulton Rotary Club is seeking host families for exchange students for the 2015-16 school year. Anyone interested in this great opportunity to host a student from a different country should contact Judy Young at 593-1888.

Music teacher Mr. Nami teaches because he still believes in education. When asked what keeps him going, he quickly answered "coffee." On a serious note, he said, "What keeps me going are the students that really want to learn."

English teacher Mr. Senecal seconds Mr. Nami's notion, saying "I do it for the stu-

have positive attributes that I try to focus on." What gets him through the day when times get tough, other than "seeing the lovely face of Lexi Abelgore," is the impact he knows he has made. He said, "You think about the kids that you helped in the past and you hope that on a daily basis you can help others better themselves. But you never really know

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**Phys. Ed. teacher/Administrator Mr. Halladay**

dents who are here who really care." Mr. Senecal added that he has met a lot of nice people through his job as a teacher, both faculty and students. He described the amazing feeling of making a difference in a student's life, and he said that that is a reason why he keeps going. He said, "You don't know the impact you have on somebody."

Physical Education teacher/Administrator Mr. Halladay enjoys his job because of the students he gets to deal with. "I like the kids, I really do. Even the more troubled students

until ten years down the line. In the end it's all worth it, otherwise I wouldn't still be a teacher."

There are so many struggles that come with the job of a teacher. As students, we often overlook their hardships because we are too focused on our own priorities. During Teacher Appreciation Week, take a minute to thank your teachers for all they do. They really are in it to benefit us. We come to school to graduate. They come to help us get there.

### GRB musicians set for weekend solo fest

Orchestra teacher Mrs. Edele is without a doubt proud to be sending 25 of G Ray Bodleys students to NYSSMA Solo-fest which will be held at the Mexico Middle School beginning tonight and concluding tomorrow with the last performance at 3 p.m. At this event the musicians will perform in a room in front a single individual who will be scoring them based on their preparedness.

Students performing include violinists Donna Aiken, Miwa Burdic, Madison Lang, Gina Babcock and Meghan Demott while performing on viola will be Victoria Gillette, Paige Rowlee, Samantha Heywood, Abbey Zych and Hannah Gigliotti. Ben McKay will be performing on the cello and unfortunately GRB is not sending any bassists this year.

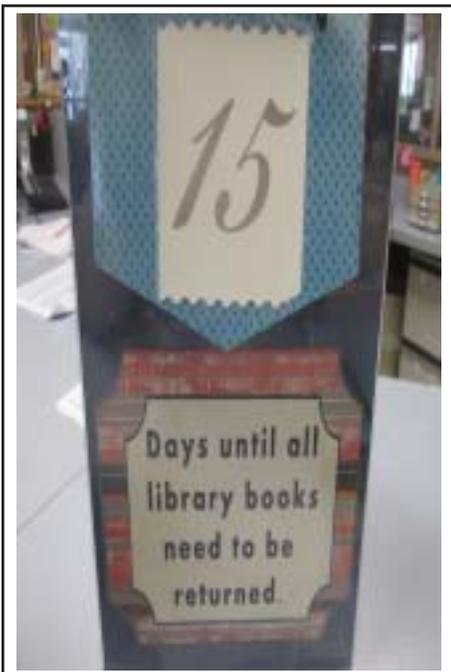
Solo-Fest is not only for those who choose to play as individuals, but also for those who want to perform as groups and GRB is send-

ing seven different ensembles who coincidentally all consist of ninth graders. These students include Celeste Rapon and Anthony Selerno playing the viola and violin, Brooke Halstead and Allison Loomis, who will both be playing the violin and Gabriella Bailey and Robert Salerno playing the violin and cello.

Also taking part are Kelsi Smith and Madison Reynolds each playing violin, Kayleigh and Daniel Hotaling playing cello, Hunter Dudley and Charles Hyland on the violin and cello and lastly Jasmine James and Jacob Wilcox each playing the violin.

This event will begin tonight with Donna Aiken performing for the judges first at 3:20 p.m. concluding later that evening with Paige Rowlee at 7:50 p.m. Starting back up Saturday morning Celeste Rapon and Anthony

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## Opinion

## Moms: where would we be without them?

By Lexi Abelgore

It's that time of year again, to honor mom on her special day. Let's be honest, we should be showing our mothers love and appreciation every day, not just once a year. Mother's Day is a special day to give mom a break and say "Hey, I love you."

Here is what some students and teachers have planned for their moms.

Most people go traditional, like Band Director Mr. Caviness, who will be getting his mother the standard flowers and a card. Some people like to show their appreciation for mom with actions. Erica Perwitz will be taking her mother to see a production of *The Sound of Music* while Ryan Harrington has big surprise plans for his mom. When his mom goes out on Saturday night, the kids will be cleaning up the house and making a homemade card for her. They will also surprise her with breakfast in bed in the morning.

Chorus Director Mr. Nami said, "I usually get my mom some



hanging plants because I don't know what else to get my 82 year old mother." The love is still there, Mr. Nami!

As for me, I will definitely be giving my mom a little extra thanks this weekend. Hi mom!



### Happy Mother's Day !

Take some time out of your day this weekend to spend a little time with your mom and let her know you care about her. After all, you literally would not be here without her!

## Failure is inevitable; how we deal with it isn't

By Cayla Weaver

Things do not always go as planned, as we all know very well. When things do not go the way you had planned you have two options. These options are that you can be defeated and give up, or you can use your defeat as a learning experience and keep on going.

You are going to fail in life sometimes and that is a given. It is just a part of life. There is nothing you can do about that. No human is perfect. If you never fail, then you will never learn. Failure is necessary in order to learn.

One huge thing that separates people is how they deal with failure. It says a lot about a person if they are able to accept their defeats and use them as a learning curve and keep on going. This is a sign of true strength. It also says a lot about a person if when they fail they automatically just give up and never try again. This is not the way of which a person should be living.



All in all, people just need to learn to accept that no one is perfect. Everybody is going to make mistakes in life. They need to accept that. In order to grow, you need to make mistakes and use them to grow on. True success can only be obtained through failing first. It says a lot more about someone if they are able to keep on going and end up on top after being knocked down at one time rather than just automatically giving up.

So the next time you make a mistake, do not get discouraged. Learn from your mistakes and use them as a learning tool to keep on going. This is all a part of this crazy thing known as life.

### Memorial Day Fact of the Day

Waterloo, New York was named the original place for Memorial Day in 1966 by President Johnson.

### This Day in History

On May 8, 1794 The United States Post Office was established.

## Spring is here!

### A new season, a new look

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senior dinner dance!

## Reflections

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## Avengers assemble! Ultron heads list of new movies

Released a week ago to this day and the hype is still at full swing over the new Avengers: Age of Ultron movie which was released last Friday, May 1. Actors Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Hemsworth and Mark Ruffalo play well known characters Iron Man, Black Widow, Thor and the Hulk and were directed by the phenomenal Josh Whedon. It all begins when Tony Stark (Iron Man played by actor Robert Downey Jr.) jump-starts a dormant peacekeeping program, but things go terribly awry, forcing him, Thor (played by actor Chris Hemsworth), the Incredible Hulk (played by actor Mark Ruffalo), The Black Widow (played by actress Scarlett Johansson) and the rest of the Avengers to come



together as one to fix the matter at hand. The team is pushed to their limits in an attempt to stop Ultron from destroying the human population. This film is a thriller and loved already by many who have viewed it bringing in a profit of 191.3 million dollars already.

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On a more recent note, tonight you could be in for a comedy with showings of new film Hot Pursuit beginning at 7 p.m. at all local theaters. Famous actress Reese Witherspoon plays the role of a police officer who is assigned to protect a drug lord's widow who is played by famous actress Sophia Vergara. Now these two extremely different individuals must put aside their personal feelings toward one another in an attempt to keep each other alive. This is an action/adventure film and was rated PG-13 due to some language that may not be deemed as appropriate for young viewers, so please keep this in mind.

Sales from the Avengers are still soaring and I'm sure that with a new release tonight movie theaters will continue to do well with profits. And remember you, the people, are the reason that these movies are still being produced, so a special thank you to all who do occasionally go out and enjoy the films.

### Solofest this weekend (from page 1)

Selerno will start off at 9:10 a.m. with Jasmine James and Jacob Wilcox ending this year's Solo-Fest at 3 p.m.

Even though these students have been practicing for the event since mid-January several of them still find it to be nerve racking. Freshman Samantha Heywood said she feels nervous yet well prepared, and hopefully she will do well. *By Chelsie Knopp*

### Red Raider Scoreboard:

**Boys lacrosse:** Jamesville-Dewitt 20 Fulton 5

**Girls lacrosse:** Fulton 8 Jamesville-Dewitt 7 (OT)

Mckenna Chesbro scored three goals with an assist to help lead the Raiders to a thrilling overtime victory.

**Tennis:** Fulton 5 East-Syracuse-Minoa 2

The Raiders swept singles competition with wins from Ben McKay, Zach Perry, Bayley Raponi and Anthony Salerno and the doubles tandem of Robert Salerno and Ryan Lalik also prevailed to help lead Fulton to victory.

### This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Varsity Softball @ CBA; Varsity baseball @ CBA; Girls track Fulton Invitational

**Sat. May 9:** V boys lax @ General Brown Tourney (4 pm); JV boys lax vs. Auburn (10 am)

*(all games at 4:30 pm unless noted. Due to weather conditions, this schedule is subject to change)*

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

The deadline to **register for the ACT and SAT** exams without a late fee is today, May 8.

**Senior dinner dance** tickets are currently on sale for \$55 from Mr. Lacey. The dinner dance will be held on Friday, June 5 at 7 pm at Alex's on the Water in Oswego.

Class of 2015 members planning to attend the **senior trip**: final payment is due no later than May 15.

Science Club will be hosting the annual **Spring Clean-up** on Saturday, May 9. Bring a rake, shovel or wheel barrow and some friends and help out from 9 am until noon. See your Science teacher for more details.

### What's for lunch?

**Today:** Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, baby carrots and applesauce cup.

**Monday:** Meatball sub with peas and pears.

## The Yearbooks Are Coming!

Check the status of your order on the list outside the cafeteria

See Mr. Senecal in room 118 during GSH for questions

Yearbooks will be available for purchase on Friday, June 5

\$60-make checks payable to Fultonian Yearbook

## What are you going to do for your mom on Mothers Day?



"Getting her some flowers."

Dylan Farnham



"Bring her to dinner."

Justin Hood



"A card with flowers."

Amber DeStevens

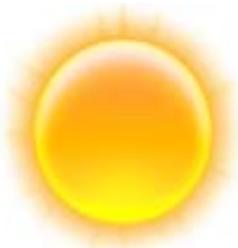


"Sing her a song."

Daniel Aiken

# Meteorology and you

Today:



Sunny skies.

**84°**

Average: 66°  
Record: 88° (1979)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

**60°**

Average: 44°  
Record: 28° (1956)

Tomorrow:

Cloudy, Chance storms.

**86°/44°**

Average: 67°/44°  
Rec. high/low: 90° (1979) 27° (1966)

Sunday:

Chance storms.

**80°/60°**

Average: 67°/45°  
Record high/low: 89° (1936)/27° (1966)

By Carson Metcalf



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