

## Fultonian group pictures next Tuesday

It's that time of the year again, and it has very little to do with the holidays. On Tuesday, December 22 the auditorium will be filled with students for the annual Fultonian Yearbook group pictures. Class officers, GRB clubs and winners of the senior class of 2016 polls will all be having their pictures taken throughout the day.

Schedules were recently given to class and club advisors, while poll winners will be contacted later this week. Students are urged to see their advisor to obtain a pass in order to attend the group picture session.

"We have a tight schedule, so it is important that everyone arrive on time," Fultonian Advisor Mr. Senecal commented, while also reminding students that the \$10 off yearbook presale ends the following day, December 23, so it is a great opportunity to place yearbook orders. "Remember, a ten dollar deposit will save you ten dollars, so if you plan to order a yearbook, please don't delay." Yearbook orders can also be made online. See more information about this on page 2.

"It would be nice if the different groups had some props or ideas for their pictures, especially the winners of the senior polls," Senecal added. "And if you're in a lot of

## Free screening of Polar Express Sunday

If you are looking for something to get you in the Christmas mood because there is not any snow yet look no further. The Landmark Theatre at 362 S. Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13202 is showing the movie the Polar Express on Sunday, December 20, 2015 from 1 pm to 4 pm. Admission is free and when the movie ends there will be a guest appearance.

Do not let the little ones know but the special guest is Santa. Kids will be excited and surprised to see Santa after the movie so it is definitely worth keeping the guest a secret. Do not forget to go to the Landmark Theatre for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

-Kim Rombough

clubs, bring a few extra shirts so that you look different in some of the pictures."

## Yearbook club, class officer and poll pictures:

### Tuesday, Dec. 22 in the auditorium

**Bell 1)** 7:35-Junior Class officers; 7:40-Outdoor Adventure Club; 7:45-yearbook club; 7:50-poll (Most likely to succeed); 7:55-poll-(Best eyes)

**Bell 2)** 8:15-French Club; 8:20-Christian Club; 8:30-GRB News

**Bell 3)** 8:55-Chess Club; 9:05-Science Club; 9:10-Sophomore Class officers; 9:15-German Club; 9:20-Robotics teams

**GSH)** 9:40-poll (worst driver); 9:50-poll (most musical); 9:55-poll (class clowns)

**Bell 4)** 10:10-FBLA; 10:20-Student Senate; 10:30-Youth 4 Youth; 10:35-poll (most likely to travel the world)

**Bell 5)** 10:50-LMC Club; 10:55-poll (most artistic) 11:00-poll (most athletic); 11:05-poll (teacher's pet); 11:15-poll (most talkative)

**Bell 6)** 11:40-Spanish Club; 11:45-Math Club; 11:50-Ski & Snowboard Club

**Bell 7)** 12:20-poll (most likely to become president); 12:25-Senior poll (most likely to break a world record)

**Bell 8)** 1:05-Senior class officers; 1:15-History Club; 1:20-International Club; 1:25-HOPE Club; 1:30-Mentor groups (4 of them)

**Bell 9):** 1:45-Dance Team; 2:00-Freshman class officers

Questions or conflicts? Contact Mr. Senecal ASAP (room 118-GSH) room 102-bells 1 & 6 and after school

## The Force Awakens tomorrow!



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## Opinion

# What being a senior is *really* all about

By Kassidy Bowering



Every year there are kids wishing to become seniors, just hoping and praying for the day when they know they only have one year left. Then that day comes, and for some it is a happy day, but for others it's a realization that their childhood is practically completely over, and the path into adulthood is something they can no longer put off.

As a senior, students must think about their future, and not only what they want, but what is realistic and tangible. Some may want to live in New York City pursuing a degree in the fine arts, or to stay at home and just get a parttime job while taking a few classes every other semester or so at a community college. While there is nothing wrong with these dreams, many cannot afford to live them. In these times people need degrees to get the jobs they want, or one that can support them. All of this needs to be taken into consideration when a senior is planning their future.

All of this seriousness cannot consume a seniors life, however. Since this is their last year as a student and often enough the students last chance to act like a kid, senior year is the time to have fun and get a little rowdy.

Now I'm not saying to party every night and go wild, but perhaps making sure you put in some time for your friends could be a good thing. Enjoy every school events and don't stress out too much. Do your work but don't forget to take the time to go out and grab a bite

or have some coffee with that cute kid you've been talking to. It's the time to just have fun, and not the time to worry about attachments, because there are only about six months left for us.

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

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** is Monday after school in room 102. New members are welcome.

Presale orders for the 2016 **Fultonian Yearbook** are now being taken. Reserve your copy by Dec. 23, 2015 and receive \$10 off the normal price (\$50 instead of \$60). Orders are being taken in room 118 during guided study hall. A \$10 deposit reserves your copy at the lower price.

Cookie dough and magazine orders from the **Sophomore Class fundraiser** will be in Thursday. Please pick them up in Mr. Fasulo's room.

**Senior Fundraising candy** is now available in Mr. McCarten's room, Seniors stop down and get a box, fundraising money will go toward the senior trip and senior dinner dance.

There is no **French Club** meeting this week. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 22 after school in Mlle Coleman's room to make holiday cards and enjoy some holiday sweets.

**Science Club** will meet today after school for anyone interested in going on the trip to Boston over Memorial Day weekend. Come to room 204 today for more information.

The **HOPE Club** will be having a holiday party on Monday, Dec. 21 from 2:30-3:30 with lots of snacks, music and fun.

Give the gift of life over the holiday break by taking part in the **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Wednesday, December 30 in the GRB cafeteria. Contact Paige Noel to make an appointment.

## What's for lunch?

**Today:** Chicken nuggets with biscuit, sweet potato bites, spinach and peacher.

**Wednesday:** Dominos pizza with salad, corn and pears.

## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Swim vs. B'ville (5 pm); Bowling vs. Cortland (3:30 pm in Mattydale)

**Thurs. Dec. 17:** Bowling vs. Homer (3:30 pm @ Mattydale)

**Fri. Dec. 18:** Boys Bball @ Homer (6:30/8 pm @ SUNY Cortland); JB wrestling @ Phoenix Tourney; Hockey @ West Genesee(7:30)

**Sat. Dec. 19:** V Wrestling @ Phoenix Tourney (9 am); Indoor track @ CNYITA Meet (10 am @ OCC)

**Order your 2016 yearbook by Wednesday, Dec. 23 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 are available in the main office or from Mr. Senecal.**

**Order online at: [YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://YearbookOrderCenter.com)**

**School code: 13715**

**Submit yearbook photos online at [www.hjshare.com](http://www.hjshare.com) our school code is: fultonian Spirit Week & Fall sports photos needed!**

# Meet the cast of Star Wars: The Force Awakens

By Zachary Almeter

This Thursday, December 18th, a long-awaited movie will arrive on the big screen: the next chapter of the wildly popular *Star Wars* saga. It is set thirty years after the events of *Return of the Jedi*. The original characters will be in this movie, but an entirely new cast of heroes and villains will be the stars of the show. Here is a first look at some of them.

## Poe Dameron:

Poe Dameron is an X-wing pilot in the Resistance, an army created by the veteran *Star Wars* characters to combat the First Order. He is adept at what he does and a good man to have around in a crisis. He is played by Oscar Isaac. Isaac hails from Guatemala, which inspired him to designate his character's homeworld as Yavin 4.



## Bobbajo:

Bobbajo is the slow, laid-back merchant who frequents the marketplace on the junkyard world of Jakku. The *Star Wars*



Prequel Trilogy got bashed for overusing CGI (computer-generated imagery), so the decision was made not to make Bobbajo a CG character. Making this puppet character seem truly convincing was truly a challenge for the design team and filmmaking team, much like Yoda in the Original Trilogy.

In Bobbajo's case, animatronics and remote control were involved.

## Captain Phasma:

Captain Phasma is a tough-as-nails, merciless stormtrooper commander in the First Order who is decked out in hard-to-miss chrome-plated armor. She is the first significant female villain to appear in a *Star Wars* movie. She is played by *Game of Thrones* actress

Gwendoline Christie, who is just thrilled to be a part of the *Star Wars* saga.

## General Hux:

General Hux is a high-ranking commander in the First Order. He is arrogant and contemptuous, which makes him reminiscent of the men of the former Galactic Empire. He and Kylo Ren are constantly feuding with each other for power. General Hux is portrayed by Domhnall Gleeson. He and Oscar Isaac have previously worked together on *Ex Machina*.



## Kylo Ren:

Kylo Ren is a mysterious First Order warrior who is strong with the Dark Side of the Force. He is named after his own elite force of warriors, the Knights of Ren. He is fascinated by the legend of the great Sith Lord Darth Vader and feels compelled to honor his legacy. After Luke Skywalker's absence from *The Force Awakens* trailer, some fans speculated that Kylo Ren might be Luke in disguise. But those fans would be wrong- Kylo Ren is portrayed by Adam Driver, not Mark Hamill.

## Supreme Leader Snoke:

Supreme Leader Snoke is the as-yet-unseen leader of the First Order. He is portrayed by Andy Serkis, memorable for his role as Gollum in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. He was also the model for King Kong in the most recent King Kong movie. Serkis describes his character as very powerful, but at the same time quite vulnerable. This promises to make him an intriguing villain, like Darth Sidious was in the first six movies.

## Maz Kanata:

Maz Kanata is a 1,000-year-old alien space pirate with unmistakable dark goggles. Jedi Master Yoda passed away in *Return of the Jedi*, and Maz Kanata is intended to fill his role. She is even about the same size as Yoda (but not the same species). Unlike Bobbajo, Maz Kanata is a CG character. She is played by Lupita Nyong'o.

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Happy holidays!

## Reflections

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# Star Wars movie features the old and the new

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## BB-8:

There's a new cute droid in town. R2-D2 and C1-10P a.k.a. "Chopper" (from the *Star Wars Rebels* series) are getting a serious run for their money from BB-8, Rey's adorable droid companion. Despite this, BB-8 will not be replacing R2-D2, who is promised to appear in the new movie. BB-8 frequently uses his cuteness to his advantage, and his body is covered in what appears to be circular panels, which could hint at secret functions that might be revealed in later films.



## Rey:

The heroine of the new movie is Rey. Her parents abandoned her on the junkyard world of Jakku when she was five years old. She has since been living a solitary, melancholy life, desperately waiting for someone, anyone, to take her off this planet. Despite all this, however, she remains hopeful, making her a character that fans can sympathize with and root for. She is played by Daisy Rid-



ley.

## Finn:

Finn is played by John Boyega, providing the *Star Wars* universe with another significant black character alongside Lando Calrissian and Mace Windu. He is a former stormtrooper who is AWOL from the First Order. As a stormtrooper, he was trained to hate and fear Luke Skywalker and his friends. He meets Finn on Jakku and they quickly befriend each other. As to whether or not these two will become a "thing" like Han and Leia or Anakin Skywalker and Padme Amidala—well, that remains to be seen. In the words of Jedi Master Yoda, "Always in motion is the future, and many possible futures there are."



## The Big Six:

The Big Six, of course, are Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Chewbacca, C-3PO, and R2-D2.

According to director J. J. Abrams, Mark Hamill will return as Luke Skywalker in this movie, even though he was absent from the movie's official trailer.

Harrison Ford is perhaps the most prolific of the Big Six. His first movie appearance was a cameo in *Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round*. His first big break was as Bob Falfa in *American Graffiti*,



George Lucas' second theatrical release after *THX 1138*. Ford subsequently appeared as Han Solo in *Star Wars*, and soon became equally famous as Indiana Jones. He has since appeared in many other more recent movies, including *Cowboys and Aliens* and *Ender's Game*.

On the second day of shooting for *The Force Awakens*, a set malfunction occurred and a door to the Millennium Falcon slammed down on Ford's leg, breaking it. J. J. Abrams hurt his back trying to lift the door off of Ford. The part of the whole experience Ford was dreading the most was the ambulance ride. While Abrams was still

working on the door, Ford used his cell phone to arrange his own medevac to the hospital. This whole episode proves that Ford is quite a trooper as well as resourceful.

Carrie Fisher will be returning as Leia, except that she is not a princess anymore. In this movie, she is known as General Leia, since that is her position in the Resistance army. "Well, look at you! A general, huh?" (As Han would say.) Being a general isn't all it's cut out to be, though. Leia is starting to

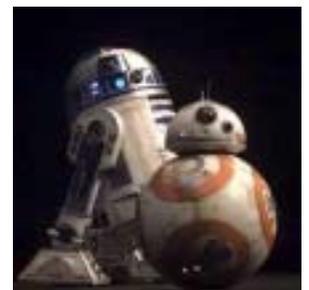
feel the weight of her position press down on her.

These days, R2-D2 is mostly operated by remote control, but Kenny Baker is still sometimes needed to operate him from the inside. Baker was almost cast as Wicket W. Warrick in *Return of the Jedi*, but he came down with food poisoning, so 11-year-old Warwick Davis was brought in to do the scene where Wicket and Leia meet each other for the first time with Carrie Fisher. Baker didn't miss out on all the Ewok fun, though—he played Wicket's fellow Ewok, Paploo, in addition to R2-D2.



Peter Mayhew and Anthony Daniels will also be returning as Chewbacca and C-3PO, respectively.

The Big Six were mostly unknown before the release of the original *Star Wars* movie, but the *Star Wars* saga sent them skyrocketing to superstardom and made them famous throughout the galaxy. The new movie will most definitely focus more on the new characters instead of them, but *Star Wars* fans of all ages will undoubtedly be delighted to see them again when *The Force Awakens* arrives on the big screen on December 18th.



## What is your favorite Christmas song?



"Let it Snow."

Carter Vashaw



"Carol of the Bells,  
by Gary Hoey"

Cam Clarke



"I don't know any  
names but I do like  
Christmas music ."

Ian Devendorf



"I don't listen to  
Christmas music."

Cody Green

# Meteorology and you

Today:



Partly sunny

**44°**

Average: 36°  
Record: 55° (1971)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy

**38°**

Average: 22°  
Record: -1° (1917)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy  
Chance rain

**50°**

Average: 36°  
Record: 62° (2000)

By Carson Metcalf



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