

## Winter arrives (finally) and that means snow days

The last few days have been exciting at G. Ray Bodley High School. Most of the students (and many of the teachers) have been wondering each day about having snow days. Now that G. Ray Bodley High School has finally had one, let's talk about what those delightful days off really mean.

Snow days are excellent for relaxing and taking care of unfinished business. They are completely unexpected days off, so few people have plans. Other than clearing out snow, there are few obligations, and there is much more time for sleep.

Snow days, however, can also cause some complications. Academically, schedules are thrown off track. With the end of the semester approaching, snow days can make it more difficult to cover everything necessary for half-year tests, but conversely can provide more time to study for them.

Athletics can be hit hard as well. Important practices and competitions can both be displaced by the snow. The same goes for every school-related activity or club. Even when the weather is fine in Fulton, conditions elsewhere can still create cancellations. This was the case on Monday when the swim team's meet against Pulaski was cancelled due to lake-effect snow that hammered the Sandy Creek-Pulaski section of Route 81.

On another note, snow days are caused by the weather conditions. As a result it's

snowy, the roads are bad and it's cold on these days, so be careful, however you spend the day off.

That all said most students would love to

have more snow days. Wednesday's day off was a welcome break from the week, and I am not alone in hoping we have more soon!

*By Caleb Almeter*



Whiteout conditions meant an early dismissal on Tuesday followed by lake-effect snow and a cancellation on Wednesday as many schools throughout Central New York were closed. While students rejoiced at the thought of the first snow day of the year, it was back to business on Thursday. (Senecal photo)

## Youth 4 Youth educators set to present

Youth 4 Youth is a group of students at G. Ray Bodley High School who dedicate their time to informing the teens of Oswego County about safe, consensual sex. These students participate in a variety of activities such as the Oswego Pride Parade, World AIDS Day (a conference in Albany as well as informative events at GRB) and offer fun events to the public.

Today and tomorrow, Youth 4 Youth will be joining the health classes at GRB for group presentations. Group facilitator Cheryl Perkins and members of Youth 4 Youth will be teaching a variety of topics. Every year, topics such as different methods of birth control, different types of contraception and the anatomy of both males and females are covered. Through OCO (Oswego County Opportunities), the group offers services such as free contraception and various birth control options.

Due to the snow day on Wednesday the amount of time to present has been cut by one third, but that will not stop the group from spreading the correct knowledge to the students in health classes.

*By Kenzii Finch*

### This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Boys Bball vs. Cortland (JV-5/V-6:30); Girls Bball @ Cortland (JV-5:30/V-7); Bowling vs. ES-M (3:30 @ Mattydale)

**Fri. Jan. 15:** Hockey vs. F-M (8:30 @Cicero); V wrestling vs. Victor (3:30 @ Cornell); Swim vs. Mexico (5 pm)

**Sat. Jan. 16:** Wrestling vs. Canandaigua (noon); Boys VBball vs. Oswego (noon @ OCC); Cheerleaders @ Chittenango (TBA)



## Opinion

# Social media lets people remove “the mask”

By Mitch Nelson



Why is social media so interesting? Well, a lot of it has to do with how people behave and interact on the internet. In the real world, people tend to “wear a mask,” or hide how they really feel. A big part of being polite is not saying the first thing that pops into your head, or not sharing any controversial thoughts you might have, and for some reason, being online cancels out that wall. But why?

A study done by Jonah Berg of the University of Pennsylvania shows that that it is not the emotion itself that makes people share news stories and whatnot, but rather the intensity of the emotion created by the shared item. Furthermore it is scientifically proven that when a person shares their true feelings it activates certain parts of the brain associated with feelings of pleasure. These feelings are

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most likely the reason why people, specifically teens, save their feelings that may not be considered socially acceptable for social media such as twitter and facebook.

When the internet and social media first became popular in the 1990s chat rooms offered the option of anonymity, and this was thought to be the reason why people found it easy to share their feelings and release stress online. But with the introduction of social media such as twitter, where users create a profile containing their true information, in most cases it showed that anonymity may not have been the driving factor. It is now widely believed that people

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find a release in social media due to the fact that no one is right in front of them looking them in the eyes. Therefore people feel that what they say has no consequences.

These actions are especially bad when people become too comfortable online, because when people become comfortable they tend to become confident in their online personality, which in some cases may lead them to commit cyberbullying or trolling.

Many people who commit cyberbullying or online harassment are people you may not expect to do such things. They believe that since the act is done online or even over text, the act is not as bad as a face to face conflict. But in reality it causes the same emotions in the victim. Social medias are just that, a way to stay connected to what is going on in our continuously advancing world. There is no room for bullying or harassment.

After all, whatever happened to the age old saying “if you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all”

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

**HOPE Club** will meet on Jan. 25 from 2:30-3 pm.

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

**Senior personalization** for the yearbook ends this Friday. Books may be ordered through Mr. Senecal in room 118 during guided study hall.

There will be a **junior class meeting** in the auditorium today during guided study hall.

There will be a meeting for all **mentors** on Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in Mrs. LaDuc’s room 220. If you cannot attend please contact either Mrs. Cronk or Mrs. LaDuc.

**Physicals** for sports and working papers will be available on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Sign up in the nurse’s office to make an appointment.

## What’s for lunch?

**Today:** Hot dog with corn, broccoli and peaches

**Friday:** Beef steak with cheddar on a roll with baked beans, spinach, applesauce cup

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## What do you think of being a freshman?



"It's fresh."

Caleb Clarke



"It's a new experience."

Liz Roik



"Fun."

Collin Labreck



"Tiresome."

Mark Weaver

# Meteorology and you

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

By Carson Metcalf



Chance snow

**27°**

Average: 31°  
Record: 69° (1995)



Chance snow

**24°**

Average: 16°  
Record: -18° (2004)



Rain/snow mix

**40°**

Average: 31°  
Record: 68° (1995)



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