



Spirit Week Off to Great Start

By Mason Rowlee

Painted faces, team colors, and showing off your school pride. All this and more is happening for the students of G.R.B. during Spirit Week 2016. Throughout the week, students are showcasing their school spirit in a series of themed days.

The week started with “Merica Monday”, a day to showcase the student body’s patriotism and American pride. Students showcased their inner Uncle Sam and came to school drenched in red, white and blue.

Tuesday was “Twin Tuesday”, a day to coordinate outfits with a friend. For this day, the students of G.R.B. partnered up and looked twice as good.

Today, expect to see some of your favorite characters walking the halls of G.R.B., because it’s “Character Day”. Richie King, G.R.B. senior, said, “I’m excited and I’ve got some ideas running through my mind”. This day is all about showing off G.R.B.’s favorite characters from television, books, or pretty much anything students are interested in.

Following “Character Day”, will be “Team Day” on Thursday. This day is for all the die-hard sports fans in G. Ray Bodley. Junior Calinda Ceterski is “wicked excited” for Team Day and is “looking forward to reppin’ for the Chicago Blackhawks”.

Finishing out the week will be “Raider Pride Day” on Friday. Students are encouraged to show their inner Red Raider and come to school covered in red and green. On “Raider Pride Day”, the most spirited students will be crowned Spirit King and Spirit Queen at the pep rally.

Student Senate advisor, Mr. Wasacz, said he’s “hoping that a lot of students come and show their pride in Fulton” and that “it would be awesome if we had an entire student body showing unity on spirit week”. Mr. Wasacz is the new advisor of Student Senate and has been working extremely hard to organize the many aspects of Spirit Week. G.R.B. is definitely grateful for his help.

Get out there, G.R.B., and show the world your Raider pride this week!

SPIRIT WEEK 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
'MERICA MONDAY	TWIN TUESDAY	CHARACTER DAY	TEAM DAY	RAIDER PRIDE DAY
				
WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE	FIND A FRIEND TO TWIN WITH	DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER	SHOW SOME PRIDE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM	SHOW YOUR RAIDER PRIDE!

Red Raider Rally Ready to Go

By Miranda Stanski

The Fulton and G. Ray Bodley community is waiting expectantly for its third annual Red Raider Rally.

Mr. Wasacz is taking over the rally for the first time. He is excited to see what it will look like and he is looking forward to the challenge. Mr. Wasacz did not want to have the rally end so he took it over from Mrs. Ferlito. He said, "It's a great idea. It brings our community together and it lets people see Raider Pride and what it looks like."

The Raider Rally will be during the day on September 24. It will start at 11:00 a.m, an hour after the boys varsity soccer game starts, and at 2:00 p.m. varsity boys football will start for their homecoming game. Varsity boys

soccer will be playing Corcoran and varsity boys football will be playing Fowler.

This will all be taking place down by the turf and there will be face painting, hair painting, Red Raider merchandise, food vendors, and, last but not least, a dunk tank. It does not cost anything to get in.

One senior student said, "Raider Rally is a great event because it gets people active and moving. It is always fun to go to! The food is

at but a little pricey so bring your money!"

Art teacher Mrs. Williams said,



Mrs. Ferlito and Mrs. Hill sell merchandise at last year's Red Raider Rally.

"It's a good opportunity for students and staff to express their Fulton pride and support the homecoming team."

Educating the Community in G.R.B. Environmental Club

By Brian Trombly

The G.R.B. Environmental Club is involved in not only doing their part to learn about environmental troubles, but also trying to educate the school community about these issues. The advisor for the club is Mr. Mainville. He teaches Biology at G.R.B. and is also the coach of the golf team. The Environmental Club will seemingly start after the golf season is over and the club is welcoming anyone interested to join. Mr. Mainville said there is a lot for club members to discuss and noted, "The students learn about problems in the environment. We tackle the problem, whether it is water, deforestation, recycling, to name a few". Members also have a lot of fun. "We go snowshoeing, trips to state parks, check out areas by the lake. Fulton has some very nice areas," he said. Former Environmental Club member Amanda Trombly offered more insight on the club. "My favorite part was being part of helping the school community, by water bottle refilling, spring cleanup," she said. The Environmental Club seems like a great place to be if you want to learn about the environment, help the school community learn more about our environment, and have fun while exploring the outdoors!

Fulton Girls Kick Off Soccer Season

by Hunter Hubel

As fall sports quickly get underway to kick off the 2016-17 school year, one team that will surely be in the spotlight will be the girls varsity soccer team. After getting eliminated from sectionals in the second round last year by a very talented New Hartford team, the Lady Raiders came back looking for an even deeper postseason run this year.

Although losing quite a few quality senior athletes, the Raider squad felt as though expectations remained the same, said Junior forward Jordan Coulon. "[Our] expectations haven't changed. We are a really good team when we play together, and yes the goal is a sectional title," she said. Having scored eight goals through six games this season, she believes at this point a yearly sectional birth is an "expectation."

With six games played so far out of a 16-game schedule, the season is rapidly approaching the midway point, and the girls have some work to do if they want a high seed in sectionals. Coach Beckwith's team currently sits at 2-4 overall, 1-0 in the OHSL F.A. Division, though this is arguably one of the harder stretches in their schedule, placing them in second behind Christian Brothers Academy.

At this point in the season, the senior leadership is in full force,

and the veterans are taking this role with pride. Midfielder Sydney Gilmore is embracing her role as the facilitator, tallying three assists in the 2016 campaign. Gilmore felt very strongly about being a senior captain and being a senior has created mixed emotions. "To me, being a senior is scary, and exciting. It's the beginning of a new chapter of our lives, and everyone is headed in a million different directions," she said. Sydney looks forward to finishing her senior year strong, and learning from the people around her on, and off, the pitch.

With the title "senior" being thrown around, one cannot overlook the Senior Night rapidly approaching for some of the ladies. Senior Defender Sabrina Verdoliva, also a softball player, has experienced the Senior Night of her previous teammates, and expects this to be a very emotional night for her team, herself included. When asked what Sabrina had planned for Senior Night, she briskly replied, "crying, but being thankful that I was a part of a great family and a team." This is typically a very emotional night for parents, and coaches,

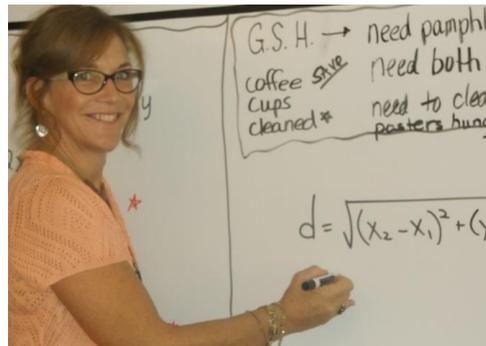
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What is Math Club?

By Josiah Dahar

One of the most underappreciated and misunderstood clubs we have here at G.R.B. is the Math Club. The reason for this is that so few students really understand the Math Club, and even fewer know



Math Club Advisor Mrs. Ryan shows off her math skills.

what the Math Club does. It may at first seem obvious that the Math Club does math. One student who asked to remain anonymous said, "Math Club is just a bunch of nerds who get together once a week and do math homework." Students simply do not have an interest in being part of a club that just does math homework. Only, Math Club does not do math homework. In fact, the Math Club is nothing like

what students think it is. Mrs. Ryan, a math teacher at G.R.B. and facilitator of the Math Club, explained that Math Club is not a weekly homework help session, but a monthly math competition. The first meeting will take place on September 27, and during this meet, Mrs. Ryan explained, the members will be divided up into the teams that will compete throughout the year. Once a month from October to April, or sometimes even May, these teams compete in relay, individual, and team competitions, following the Math Club philosophy, "Math is fun, we embrace challenges, and that's what we do in Math Club."

Mrs. Ryan also commented on the other benefits of the Math Club saying, "[It] looks good if you're in Math Club and it's not a huge commitment." She spoke about how all Math Club members would receive a Math Club t-shirt, and free snacks would be available during every meet. The Math Club also has several special events like the holiday competition in December, the National Competition in February, and Pi Day in March where Mrs. Ryan said there would not only be pi, but also pie.

Regardless of its name, Math Club is for lovers of math. Anyone in Algebra II or higher is welcome to join, according to Mrs. Ryan, who would like to say to any student who might consider joining Math Club,

"Don't be afraid to join a club, it doesn't mean you're a geek to be in the Math Club. We have lots of fun and it's a great opportunity!"

Spike Teal Means More than Ever to Players

By Nicole Hansen

The volleyball team's second annual "Spike Teal" event is Friday, September 30. Spike Teal is a fundraising game put on by the varsity volleyball team to raise money for ovarian cancer research.

This year, the event is very close to the players' hearts after the recent passing of Coach Caroline Richardson. Senior player Karly Kearns said, "The event is special to us because Coach was such an inspiration to us". The players are very grateful for all of the support they have received the past couple of months. Senior Aryelle Barbagallo commented, "We've always been a close-knit community, and the support we receive never fails to be any less than amazing".

All of the proceeds from the event will go toward the "Hope for Heather" foundation. The foundation raises money for ovarian cancer research through the family of Heather M. Weeks who passed away from ovarian cancer. Last year, the Spike Teal event raised over \$7,000. The

volleyball team is looking forward to the event and JV coach Pat Hanlon said she is very excited for the event but knows "it will be an emotional night".

At the event will be various raffle baskets and Spike Teal t-shirts for



Last year's varsity volleyball team poses with Coach Caroline Richardson at the Hope for Heather run on September 24, 2015.

sale. In between the second and third game of the varsity match, fans will be able to participate in hitting and serving competitions for only \$1. The week before the game the volleyball team will be selling little ribbons and other teal items during lunch bells. Donations will be taken at the door. There is also a website that shows the donations raised by the Fulton Volleyball Team. The link to the website is on the Fulton Volleyball Facebook page. The game will be against Phoenix and start at 6:30 p.m. for varsity, and 5:00 p.m. for JV.

Welcome to a New Year of RaiderNet!

**By Mrs. Justine Nylen,
RaiderNet Advisor**

The Raider and I go way back. I wrote for The Raider when I took Mr. Len Senecal's Journalism class my junior year of high school. I took the class again as a senior and continued to write for the paper, but that year I was also the editor. I graduated from G. Ray Bodley in 2003 and then returned to teach English at my alma mater in 2008. I found myself teaching across the hall from Mr. Senecal, one of my greatest and favorite teachers and mentors. (Mr. Senecal was also my ninth grade English teacher.)

Mr. Senecal retired in June and I miss him. He set the bar so high that I believe no one, least of all me, will ever reach it. Producing

a daily high school newspaper is an unbelievable feat and he did it year after year after year. I cannot overstate all that he did for our school and community.

As I take the helm and attempt to navigate the waters of Journalism at G. Ray Bodley, I ask that you be patient with the students and me. We may not be a daily paper, but we will certainly be giving it our all each day. We are a work in progress and we will probably remain that way for many months, if not many years.

Please know, however, that we want to hear from you as we move forward. We want your story ideas, we want your opinions, and we want your pictures.

Most importantly, we want to know who you are, where you are reading from, and what you think of RaiderNet, including the good, the bad, and the ugly.

For now, e-mail us at jnylen@fulton.cnyric.org, but look for a different e-mail address dedicated to just RaiderNet in the coming weeks.

It is not lost on me that I have come full circle with G.R.B. Journalism and I am excited to be at the start of what I am sure will be quite an exciting journey. I am certain I will learn a great deal and I am certain it will be a great deal of fun. Thank you in advance for your feedback, your questions, and especially for your support.



Math teacher Mrs. Clayton and senior Nicole Hansen show off their red, white, and blue.



Juniors Mason Rowlee and Tyler Samson take 'Merica Monday very seriously.