



Four More Minutes in Guided Study Hall

By **Mason Rowlee**

If you are curious as to why the G.R.B. bell schedule has changed for the 2016-2017 school year, you are not alone. Many Red Raiders have been asking the same questions. Why is every bell only 39 minutes now instead of 40? What is the point of extending Guided Study Hall? The answer is simple. As a school, we are constantly striving to improve student grades and the administrators at G.R.B have found that giving students even a few more minutes to study can have a real impact.

Mrs. Parkhurst, Principal of G.R.B., said, "We found in our school that there is a need for all of our students to have the opportunity for us [G.R.B. teachers and administrators] to intervene in some way." At G. Ray Bodley, "when we looked at how kids are doing in school, specifically on Regents exams or their courses in general, we discussed the need for a time in the day for that additional time to help the students," said Mrs. Parkhurst.

With the extra few minutes produced by shortening bells, students are given the opportunity to visit teachers to get help or get homework done. Julia Guarrera, G.R.B. junior, said, "It gives me

**G. RAY BODLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Daily Bell Schedule 2016-2017**

Bell	Time	Length (Minutes)
1	7:29-8:08	39
2	8:12-8:51	39
3	8:55-9:34	39
Guided Study Hall	9:38-10:04	26
4	10:08-10:47	39
5	10:51-11:30	39
6	11:34-12:13	39
7	12:17-12:56	39
8	1:00-1:39	39
9	1:43-2:22	39

This year's daily bell schedule includes a longer Guided Study Hall. The time increased four minutes from last year.

time to get work done." These few minutes may be short, but they are imperative to students who need academic intervention.

Junior Josh Compson said, "I like it because I don't have a study hall on A Days, so it gives me an opportunity to do work."

If you are a Red Raider in need of academic help, please take the time to visit teachers for classes in which you are struggling. It may only be 26 minutes, but a lot can be accomplished in that time!

Announcements

BRING YOUR PARENT TO SCHOOL DAY
Friday, September 30

TEAM POSITIVE
Friday, Sept. 30 is Dress to Impress Day. Team Positive encourages all staff and students to look your best to greet parents for Bring Your Parent or Guardian to School Day!

DRIVER EDUCATION
Applications for Fall Driver Education are now available in the Counseling Office. Students who reach their 16th birthday on or before October 1, 2016 are eligible to apply for a spot.

ART CLUB
Listen up artists! Art Club meets today, September 28. Come prepared to paint and bring some of your own artwork to share in Room 107.

LIBRARY CLUB
Library Club meets today at 2:30 in the library. We will select officers and discuss upcoming events. New members are welcome.

MENTORING TRAINING
Attention mentors, if you were unable to attend the previous training, please attend the upcoming training on Thursday, Sept 29. You must attend the training to be a mentor.

The Final Fall

By Nicole Hansen

Senior Year: The year that every athlete looks forward to, but also dreads. The desire to win finally soaks into an athlete's mentality. Playing time no longer matters and the goal is to win at all costs. The final fall sports season for many athletes is in full swing.

As underclassmen, athletes do not understand what it is like to be a senior until they are one. The role changes along with the total mindset. Senior football player Austin Greenier said that with being a senior, "You are seen as more of a leader on the field. You are expected to lead the younger players by example."

Becoming a senior means being a role model to teammates on and off the field. Senior football player Michael Peck understands this year is special because "I'm a leader to my team and the younger kids look up to me."

Becoming a senior also becomes an eye-opener on how an athlete could have done things differently in his or her career. Senior soccer player Sarah Tallents has some good advice for the underclassmen. "Be a good teammate whether you are good, bad, or somewhere in the middle. You will have so much more fun if you are a good teammate," she said.

Being a senior is a big role to take on, but the class of 2017 has done a good job of being role models so far.



Seniors Michael Flynn, Michael Peck, and Nathan Smith line up as captains before the homecoming game September 24. Fulton beat Fowler 44-20.

New Staff Spotlight Welcome, Mrs. Smith!

By Miranda Stanski

As the school year begins, you might notice some new faces in the halls. Mrs. Smith is the new ninth grade English teacher.

Mrs. Smith previously worked at Oswego Middle School for four years. She decided to come work at G.R.B. because it is close to her hometown and she only has to drive 15 minutes to work every day.

Mrs. Smith said she always knew she wanted to be an English teacher. She tried going to school for math and then realized she did not like it, so she went back to be an English teacher.

"It's been a pretty easy transition coming to Fulton schools. It's great to know the students and faculty are very welcoming," she said.

So far, Mrs. Smith said she really likes teaching at the high school level. "It's a big stepping stone for kids before they go out into the world and choose to see if they are going to go to college or the workplace. It's a really important four years to set themselves up for the adult world," she noted.

Welcome, Mrs. Smith!



Mrs. Smith is new to the G.R.B. English Department this year.

Tuesdays Just Got Better for Fulton's Elementary Schools

By Calinda Ceterski

Again this year, G. Ray Bodley students have the chance to impact the next generation.

Mentoring Club is a branch of H.O.P.E. Club that is led by Mrs. Cronk and Mrs. LaDuc. Mentoring started about three years ago and is always growing. On Tuesdays, starting October 11th, the mentors will travel to their elementary schools to meet their mentees.

Over the course of the year, mentors become very important to the younger kids. Mrs. Cronk noted that she hears from the elementary teachers that the mentoring program has made a huge impact on their lives.

A lot of the mentors also look forward to Tuesdays, too. They create such a strong bond between themselves and their mentees. Hannah Burlingham, GRB junior, said, "Mentoring last year was great. Both of my mentees were amazing kids. I'd do it again in a heartbeat".

Mentoring is a great program to get into. The mentors do not just become important to their mentees but they are great role models, as well. Mrs. Cronk said, "For some of them, it may be the only connection with someone

who actually likes school. They are such positive role models."

Being able to have such a positive impact on a little kid feels great.

If you would like to start mentoring there are applications hanging outside of Mrs. LaDuc's room (231) and Mrs. Cronk's room (119). You also need to have one

teacher reference and an hour of training. If you missed the first training, there is one more session Thursday, September 29. You can also stop by and talk to Mrs. Cronk, the head of H.O.P.E. Club and Mentoring Club.



Last year's mentees and mentors pose on the Granby Elementary playground.

Meteorology and You

By Carson Metcalf

TODAY



Mostly Sunny

72°

THURSDAY



Cloudy with Showers

64°

FRIDAY



Cloudy with Showers

67°

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Pep Rally Highlights September 23, 2016



The H.O.P.E. Club's Most Spirited Students and Teachers Pictured left to right are Alex Blaine, Becca Bailey, Collin Bennett, Erin Nicholson, Jenna Ruzekowicz, Tyler Samson, Nicole Hansen, Cole Rothrock, Mrs. Clayton, and Mr. Stadtmiller.



Homecoming King and Queen - Seniors Cole Rothrock and Brittney Alton



Homecoming Court 2016



Cole Rothrock, dressed as Chief Hiawatha, was the pep rally MC.