



## Geitner to Represent Section III

By Mason Rowlee

If you see Jacob Geitner in the hallway, be sure to congratulate him on his acceptance into the New York State Public High School Athletic Association



*Jake Geitner will be representing G.R.B. and Section III on a New York State Student-Advisory Council.*

(NYSPHSAA) Student-Athlete Advisory Council as a representative for not just the Red Raiders, but all Section III athletes.

For the 2016-2017 school year, Junior Jake Geitner was chosen to represent both G. Ray Bodley High School and all Section III athletic teams at the NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council. This is a council that will meet to discuss how to “provide programming to our member schools, and more specifically, our student-athletes,” said NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin in a press release.

The press release also notes that Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, said Geitner was chosen from 61 applicants throughout the state to join the council, which will meet throughout the year to have discussions that “revolve around the development, safety and participation of student-athletes.”

Geitner is currently captain of the boys varsity soccer team and is a member of the baseball team. He said he is “excited to represent Section III” and looks forward to “bringing back the leadership values and ideas that he learned from the committee.”

G.R.B. is wishing you the best of luck, Jake. Make us proud!



*Jake plays soccer and baseball for G.R.B.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate is hosting its annual fall blood drive. Students interested in donating blood, please sign up during your lunch bells with Student Senate representatives. You must be 17 years of age, or 16 with parental consent in order to donate. Please see Mr. Wasacz in the Technology Wing if you have any questions.

### SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Attention all Ski and Snowboard members - there is a mandatory meeting in room 111 today at 2:25 p.m. If you cannot attend, you must see Mrs. Ryan or Mrs. Downing by the end of the day.

### YEARBOOK

Any Homecoming, Spring or Fall Sports pictures are welcome. Seniors: Deadline for Senior pictures, baby pictures, prom pictures and parent ads is Friday, November 4. Please bring or e-mail your pictures to Mme. Honeywell in room 124.

*We want to hear from you!  
E-mail your articles,  
pictures, questions, and  
feedback to  
RaiderNet@fulton.cnyric.org!*

## Across the World in One Meeting

By **Mason Rowlee**

It's not often you can travel to another country as quickly as you can today. International Club will have Japanese style festivities after school in Mrs. Dauphin's room.

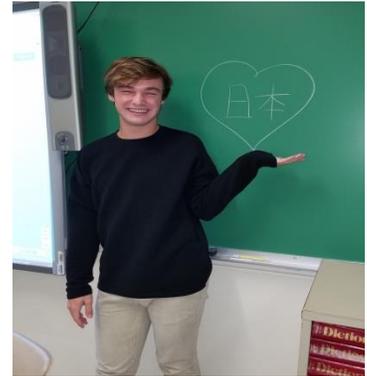
The club will be discussing the language, cuisine, and many aspects of Japanese culture with former Rotary exchange students and our school's exchange student from Japan. Otone Onishi is spending the next year in Fulton and will be studying English and American culture.

Junior Erin Nicholson said she's "excited for the meeting" and "is looking forward to it."

Last year, G.R.B. junior Mason Rowlee lived and studied in Hokkaido, Japan for an entire year. He will be discussing his year abroad and answering questions for anyone who aspires to be an exchange student.

At the meeting, Japanese refreshments will be served and it is open to anyone who is interested. Senior Josiah Dahar said, "It sounds pretty cool and I'm looking forward to it!"

International Club will be meeting bi-weekly, and each meeting will have a new theme. Mason Rowlee, International Club co-president is "eagerly awaiting the meeting" and he believes that the club "will have a great turnout."



Mason Rowlee (pictured above) with the Japanese character 日本, which means Japan.

## New Staff Spotlight Welcome, Mr. LoFaro!

By **Zoe Norton**

Mr. LoFaro is the new psychologist at G.R.B.

Mr. LoFaro went to Syracuse University and earned his undergraduate degree in psychology. He wanted to be a school psychologist because he felt it was the perfect field that would allow between education and psychology.

At the end of school last year, he interviewed to be the school psychologist. "I really liked G. Ray Bodley for a lot of different reasons. I feel Fulton has a lot of support in place for students. I'm really impressed with all the different support staff for the students and how everyone works together in order to make students successful and I really wanted to join that team," said Mr. LoFaro. Even though he was a little nervous coming into a new school, he feels everyone has been really welcoming to him. "I feel everyone has been open, accepting, welcoming to me. It's always hard coming to a new position, especially after being in a school for a few years... so far I'm really happy here," Mr. LoFaro said.

Mr. LoFaro does a lot of different things throughout his job. His role involves special education students. He runs meetings for those students and their evaluations. He also meets with students with behavioral concerns and he often meets with their parents.

Mr. LoFaro said, "I'm really just another support staff around here so if a student needs to drop by and talk, I'm able to do so." If you or another student ever needs to talk to someone, drop by Mr. LoFaro's office, which is across the hall from the downstairs computer lab.



# Red Raider Den Opens for Business

**By Miranda Stanski**

The Raider Den is back and better than ever!

The Raider Den is G.R.B.'s school store that sells food items, school supplies, and other Raider merchandise. Raider Den will open on Thursday, October 13. Raider Den will be open every day during 9th bell and some days after school. Raider Den Advisor Mrs. Taormina is looking for students who could

also run Raider Den during 8th bell. If you are a student who already took the class and you are free during 8th bell, please see Mrs. Taormina.

To join or enroll in the class, you must be a sophomore, junior, or senior. Mrs. Taormina said, "I like running the Raider Den because it's a hands-on experience for students."

Raider Den students created a survey for Guided Study Hall to see what students would prefer in the Raider Den. There will also be a suggestion box when you purchase your items that will give you a chance to note what else

you might like to see in the Raider Den.

Mrs. Taormina also said, "There will be better operation and signage around the school and higher



*Students in the small business class will be running the Red Raider Den this year.*

demand products like pizza once or twice a week, things that the students need or demand."

**Stop by the Raider Den during 9<sup>th</sup> bell and after school!**

ent kinds of snacks, like packaged snacks, microwavable foods, drinks, and school supplies.

Senior student Justine Ferriter said, "The food is sometimes expensive, but it is definitely worth it! I get a lot of good food from the Raider Den."

Junior Mariah Nolin said, "Raider Den is beneficial to the students and staff. Some students don't get a lunch so they can hurry up and

run down there to grab a quick bite to eat."

Raider Den will be located next to the gym and across from the auditorium.

## Purple Means More Next Week

Domestic Violence is a subject that is rarely talked about, but plagues the U.S. and claims lives every day.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States.

Show your support for victims of domestic violence by wearing purple on October 20, 2016, and post pictures to #WEARPURPLE, #PURPLETHURSDAY, or #DVAM.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with Domestic Violence, contact your Advocate in room 181 or call the crisis Hotline anytime at 342-1600.

Information Provided by Oswego County Opportunities' SAF Program.



## Standing for, but not reciting, the Pledge of Allegiance

By Josiah Dahar

Ever since 1989, the Pledge of Allegiance has been recited every day in schools all across America, and G.R.B. is no exception. However, while the Pledge has always been led in our school, not many follow.

While just about all of the students stand, face the flag, and put their hands over their hearts in a respectful manner, very few actually vocalize the Pledge.

Some students, like Phillip Cobb, say that they, “don’t believe the Pledge should be said in a school setting” and therefore remain silent. Others, like Koby Robinson, say they don’t know why, but they just don’t say it. Mr. Lescarbeau, English teacher at G.R.B., often leads the Pledge every morning over the PA system, and when he does, he expects students to show their American patriotism and say it with him. He does say that students do, of course, have the right to not say the Pledge, as they have their freedom of speech.

Mr. Lescarbeau encourages students to say the Pledge but also made it clear that, “To say the Pledge passively is just wasting your breath. Don’t just say it. It needs to mean something to students.” He also said the Pledge is an important part of our lives, saying that to him the Pledge is, “a daily reminder that I am very privileged to live in the freest country in the world.”



*Students stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### Are S.L.O. tests good for students? Opinions vary.

By Brian Trombly

The S.L.O. (Student Learning Objectives) tests are given out in many classes in the beginning of the year so students can see some of the material that they will be learning in the upcoming months. It also is used as a benchmark for students so they can see their improvement when compared to this first test.

The question is whether these tests are necessary and whether there are better alternatives. Some teachers and students gave their opinions about the tests and each had varying thoughts on the subject.

Physics Teacher Mr. Galek said, “I think it is very important for students to know about the subject. It is not a reflection on the

type of student. It just gives them a look at what we are doing in the subject this year.”

There is always the option of having other types of tests that might be more beneficial than an S.L.O. test. “Unlike in English class where you can write essays, our

hands are tied. We must have a multiple choice test, as it prepares the students for what they will be seeing on the Regents,” Mr. Galek said.

Mrs. Ruzekowicz, American History teacher, said, “An S.L.O. test is used to evaluate teachers more than it is students. Teachers are evaluated on how the class improved from the S.L.O.”

Some student opinions are quite different. One possible problem is that S.L.O. tests are taken so early in the year. Junior Max Sunday said, “I think that they are unnecessary because no students should know anything about a new course they are going into, so for students it is a waste of time.”

It seems like the teachers find the tests helpful in measuring students’ growth and they help administrators evaluate teacher performance. While some students might not like the tests, it seems there are more positives than negatives when it comes to S.L.O. testing.

## G.R.B. News Has It Covered

By Jazzlynn Perez

G. Ray Bodley High School has had its own newscast for a few years now. Students and staff watch the newscast to find out what goes on at G.R.B.

Junior Abby Gugula said, “It gives us a visual idea of what goes on in G. Ray Bodley High School.” Senior Zoe Norton had similar thoughts. “It is mandatory to watch G.R.B. News in our school’s Guided Study Hall because it helps to get out what goes on in our school and the world around us,” she said.

In addition, Mrs. Williams, G. Ray Bodley art teacher and G.R.B. News coordinator said, “We take the current events, clubs, and the stuff [principal] Mrs. Parkhurst puts on the daily announcements and try to provide



up-to-date information as quickly as possible, current information as quickly as possible, new and updated changing of policies and procedures so that way everybody is on the same page.”

Norton said, “Some students don’t care and skip Guided Study Hall because it isn’t interesting and doesn’t grab students’ attention.” Senior Michael Ramsey commented, “G.R.B. News isn’t interesting enough.” Mrs. Williams responded by saying, “I

know a lot of Guided Study Halls aren’t showing it. Kids are skipping it. I think a lot of kids are busy trying to get academics done during Guided Study Halls so maybe they’re not paying attention.”

But what can students look forward to on G.R.B. News? Mrs. Williams said, “We’re bringing a lot of new segments in. We’ve got a lot of new newscasters that are hopefully bringing new life into it. Hopefully people take advantage of the e-mail and Twitter so that people do have some comments and suggestions. Hopefully they take advantage of it and give us ideas or insight.” Mrs. Williams also noted that she would like more students and newscasters to do arts and crafts. She would also like a cooking segment on G.R.B. News, as well.

Stay tuned for what G.R.B. News has to offer.

## Meteorology and You

By Carson Metcalf



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