



## Big Tournament Win for Girls Volleyball

By Nicole Hansen

Last weekend, the varsity volleyball team participated in the annual Onondaga High School League tournament and won first place overall. The team traveled to Phoenix on Saturday October 22 and played against Mexico, Phoenix, West Hill, Marcellus, Oswego, Fowler and Solvay.

For pool play, all eight teams played each other in one game to 25. After all of the games were played, the teams were re-pooled into tournament play. The Raiders beat Fowler in the first round and then proceeded to beat Marcellus to send Fulton into the championship game against Oswego.

Earlier in the day, the Raiders lost to the Bucs but Fulton was ready for the challenge in the two out of three championship game. The Raiders won the game thanks to everyone on the team playing her role perfectly. The real key for the game was blocking Oswego's power middle hitters Clara Culeton and Adeline Benjamin. Taking the middles out of the equation is what helped Fulton surge into the victory lane.

The win is a big confidence booster to the team. Senior Karly Kearns said, "Winning showed us that we can achieve our goal of beating Oswego and now gives us hope and drive to beat them in sectionals."

Senior Stacey Sereno said the win makes her feel "extremely excited and proud of the team and she can't wait to head into sectionals now."

Senior captain Mallory Harter thinks that "the win made the team closer and practices will now be harder in preparation for sectionals."

The Lady Raiders will either play Oswego or Jamesville-Dewitt for the first round of sectionals on November 2. Most likely the game will be against Oswego in Oswego but nothing will be made official until the sectional meeting tomorrow.

This Friday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. will be the Senior Night for the volleyball team in the G.R.B. gymnasium. The win this weekend boosted the Raiders' confidence and they are looking for support from their school as they head into sectionals.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### STUDENT SENATE:

Student Senate is hosting its annual fall blood drive tomorrow. Please see Mr. Wasacz in the Technology Wing if you have any questions.

#### YEARBOOK:

Any student who did not get his/her picture taken in September should go to the auditorium today during Guided Study Hall, study hall, or lunch. 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.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB:

Environmental Club is meeting Thursday, October 27th in Room 202 from 2:30 - 3:30.

*We want to hear from you!*

*E-mail your articles,*

*pictures, questions, and feedback to*

*[RaiderNet@fulton.cnyric.org!](mailto:RaiderNet@fulton.cnyric.org)*



The 2016 girls varsity volleyball team won first place at the annual OHS� tournament at Phoenix High School on October 22, 2016.

## Out With the Old, In With the New

By Calinda Ceterski

Grade recovery is still here to save you, but grade recovery is different from the past couple of years. It is no longer held in after-school sessions and has become more personalized.

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst had quite a bit to say about the new Grade Recovery system. “Unlike in the past, when grade recovery was a series of three or four sessions (“an event”), teachers will identify and target specific interventions according to every individual student’s needs,” she said.

The reason behind changing grade recovery was to attempt to make it more successful and helpful for the students. Another issue that grade recovery had was it was at a bad time because many kids cannot stay after school.

Mrs. Parkhurst said, “We evaluated our old system and determined we need to provide more timely interventions and broader access.”

Many of the students who need grade recovery do not take advantage of the help. This is not because the students do not care, but most of the time the students have issues outside of school.

Global 10 and Psychology teacher Mrs. Reese said, “Typically kids who fail do not come to school or have other emotional issues.

It's not always lack of accessibility. It's because they are not here.”

Attendance plays a huge role in passing high school, and if students do not come to school they probably won't pass. Students must come to school, pay attention, and do their work.

2015-16 Marking Period 3 Grade Recovery Calendar (2:22 - 4:00pm)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
April 18 <sup>th</sup> Social Studies 9-12 Living Environment	April 19 <sup>th</sup> ELA 9 & 10	April 20 <sup>th</sup> Earth Science ELA 11 & 12	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Social Studies 9-12 Living Environment	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> ELA 9 & 10 ELA 11 & 12	May 4 <sup>th</sup> Earth Science	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
May 9 <sup>th</sup> Social Studies 9-12 Living Environment	May 10 <sup>th</sup> ELA 9 & 10 ELA 11 & 12	May 11 <sup>th</sup> Earth Science	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
May 16 <sup>th</sup> Social Studies 9-12 Living Environment	May 17 <sup>th</sup> ELA 9 & 10 ELA 11 & 12	May 18 <sup>th</sup> Earth Science	May 19 <sup>th</sup>

Social Studies 9-12: N Fasulo, room 217  
ELA 9 & 10: Pasho, room 216  
ELA 11 & 12: LaDuc, room 220

Earth Science: Mathews, computer lab 234  
Living Environment: Mainville, room 202

\* Students who have failed courses that are not listed above should see their individual teachers.

*Last spring's grade recovery calendar is included above. There is no formal, scheduled grade recovery this year.*

## All Together Now

By Mason Rowlee

If you're wondering why sophomores, juniors, and seniors now have to share a physical education class with freshmen, you're not alone. Since the beginning of this year, physical education classes have been 9th-12th grade inclusive, instead of separating the freshmen from the upperclassmen during physical education, which has been the protocol in past years.

Freshman Guidance Counselor, Ms. Rickert, said that “scheduling is a puzzle” and the main reason why we have freshmen-inclusive physical education classes this year is because of the issue of scheduling “every student a gym

bell with the addition of extra math lab bells.”

Junior Maura Botsford said she “doesn't think that it's a good idea for the freshmen” because the freshmen might “not be comfortable in a gym full of upperclassmen.”

Freshman Mark Tallents said that he likes having gym with upperclassmen and thinks that the new gym classes are “pretty cool.”

Overall, the general consensus among G.R.B. freshmen seems to be that having physical education with upperclassmen is a cool experience, while many upperclassmen are not seeing the same benefits freshmen do.

## Prepare for the Scare

By Ashlea Kemp

According to History.com, every year since the B.C. age in Ireland, a festival known as Samhain was celebrated on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They believed that the dead would rise up that night and return to the living as ghost.

People would leave some food and drinks on their door step for the dead to have. Before people went out of their house, they would wear masks to fool the ghosts and to make them think they were ghosts too.

In 1,000 A.D., the church designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November as All Soul's Day to honor the dead. The night before All Soul's Day, the church changed Samhain to "All Hallows Eve." In the 1840s, the United States got new immigrants from Scotland and Ireland leaving from the potato famine.

When the Irish came to America, they celebrated their old traditions. All Hallows Eve got shortened to Halloween in the 1920s. Now, every year on October 31<sup>st</sup> we celebrate Halloween.

Many students at G.R.B. are going to dress up for this fun holiday. Some may go out and get candy; others might just stay home and pass it out to children.

Senior Skyler Miller said that for Halloween he wants to be a Furry. He said this is a person with

animal-like features. He also said it is "a costume I created myself." For his plans for the spooky night, he said, "I'll go trick-or-treating, but with my sister, not really collecting candy for myself."



*One G.R.B. student wants to dress as Tiffany from Bride of Chucky.*

Junior Karina Whitten said she wants to be Nancy Spungen. She was the girlfriend of the head man Sid Vicious of the band The Sex Pistols. For her plans on the spooky night, she said, "I'm having a party."

Junior Mikahala Horning said she wants to be Tiffany from Bride of Chucky for Halloween this year. The night of Halloween she plans on staying home and passing out candy.

Halloween could be a very fun night for people of all ages, but sometimes collecting candy from door to door in your neighborhood could be a little scary.

Every year, there are children who find some sort of dangerous object in their bag of candy. Sometimes parents find dangerous objects and substances in their children's candy.

As you and your family are out on Halloween night this year, remember to stay safe. Always go to houses with the front porch light on. Respect those around you and have a frightful night.

## Juggling Work and School

By Skyler Miller

Many high school students hold a job while they attend school. Why do high school students try to balance both?

Senior Adam Gates said, "I personally have a job to keep me busy in free time and it gives me an opportunity to earn money."

On the other hand, senior Suzan Bean said, "I want money to pay for things, such as sketchbooks and books."

Students who have jobs often spend money differently.

Gates stated, "I use the money for anything, from what I need, to going to the mall, and now saving for a car."

Bean said, "I use money for buying jewelry and clothes."

Working and attending school can be difficult. "It can be hard to find time where you can work on school work where you're not tired and have the motivation, which can be hard after an eight-hour shift," Gates said.

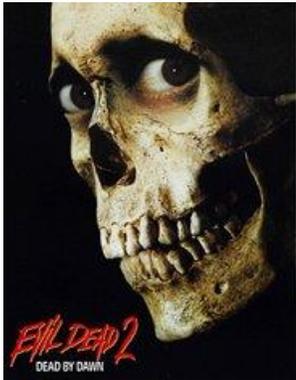
Meanwhile, Bean said, "It can be tiring and hard to function after a long day of work."

Senior Michael Ramsey, who does not hold a job, stated that "The stress of school and work is not a good idea."

## Evil Dead 2 Offers Plenty of Scares

By Justin Garrison

October is in full-swing and Halloween is fast approaching and some people are looking for a



good movie to help them get into the Halloween spirit. Sam Raimi's cult classic Evil

Dead 2 is just the right movie.

Evil Dead 2 opens with a simplified recap of the events from the first film with Ash Williams (Bruce Campbell) and his girlfriend Linda (Denise Bixler) going to a seemingly abandoned cabin in the woods where Ash finds a tape recorder belonging to a professor Knowby (John Peaks) and a mysterious book. The tape recorder explains how the professor discovered the book *Necronomicon Ex-Mortis* while he was exploring an old castle with his wife Henrietta (Lou Hancock) and how they traveled to the secluded cabin to further study it. After the professor reads a passage from the book it summons flesh possessing spirits who take control of Linda and attempt to kill Ash who defends himself from the spirits' attack with a shovel.

After this, viewers are introduced to the rest of the cast as they

appear in the movie. Sarah Berry is Annie Knowby, the professor's daughter, and her boyfriend Professor Ed Getley is played by Richard Domeier. Later Jake (Dan Hicks) and his girlfriend Bobby Joe (Kassie DePaiva).

Evil Dead 2 is a good movie if you enjoy horror and can handle a little gore and look past some of the goofy CGI special effects.

*\*Some plot details obtained from Wikipedia.*

## Say Hello to Online Homework

By Nicole Hansen

As technology continues to make daily advancements, written homework may be a thing of a past. One of teachers' new favorite ways to give homework is on Castle Learning, an online program where teachers from all subjects can give students questions and the site grades it automatically. Though many teachers feel this is a great phenomenon, some students do not feel the same way.

Math teacher Mrs. Ryan, who also teaches at SUNY Oswego, says she "assigns Castle Learning because it's multiple choice review practice that is proven to raise Regents exam scores. It prepares students for college because the majority of their work will be on the computer."

Student Julia Kingsley is not a fan of the technology aspect of the program because "it's inconvenient that it's on the computer and I literally forgot about it every week."

Math teacher Mr. Perry has things he likes about Castle Learning, but he also notes some of the negative aspects. He said, "It's multiple choice and students think they don't have to do work and can just guess, but it's still my best use for giving assignments."

The site has been known to be a cheater's paradise, which is another reason that teachers are not always willing to use Castle Learning, but the site is constantly improving. In the past few years it has become harder for students to cheat. Castle Learning is one of the many online homework sources that is being used at G.R.B. Other sites used include Schoology, Kahoot, Conjuguemos and many others. As technology advances, students should be expecting more and more online homework.



## Chess Club is More Than Meets the Eye

By Josiah Dahar

Looking for a new after-school pastime? Chess Club might be just the thing.

Run by Mr. J. Fasulo, Chess Club has started meeting every Tuesday after school. Not interested in chess? Chess Club may still have what you're looking for. You see, Chess Club is actually a combination of two clubs, the Chess Club and the Gamers Club.

The Gamers Club, also facilitated by Mr. Fasulo, is a club for those interested in critical thinking games of all sorts. At one time, these clubs operated separately from each other, but these days they are working together under the name Chess Club. This provides students with the opportunity to make friends who share a common interest in strategy games.

Some may ask why the club is named the Chess Club since it's not the only game played. Mr.

Fasulo explained that "Chess is its [Chess Club's] foundation, and the ultimate game."

According to Mr. Fasulo, who has been the club's advisor since



A member of Chess Club decides his next move.

2007, the average weekly attendance is 10-15 students. Only 3-5 of these students actively play chess. The rest partake in some of the club's other, more popular, strategy games. One favorite among the students is Magic the Gathering, a trading card game.

Michael Gerth, a junior who has been in Chess Club since his freshman year, commented that his favorite game to play at Chess

Club is Werewolf, a party card game and revision of Mafia. He said that he has always kept coming back to Chess Club because "everyone just comes in and hangs out and has fun."

Alex Stoutenger, one of Chess Club's actual chess players, said that after his first meeting and a good game of chess he plans to come back every week.

Mr. Fasulo commented that the Chess Club doesn't have any fundraising or field trips and that the only special activities that take place are various tournaments. These tournaments are held mostly at the discretion of the club members, who decide the game played and the tournament dates.

Mr. Fasulo encourages students to come to Chess Club. "If you like chess, come. If you have free time and you like strategy games, come. The kids are very open, welcoming, and a nice group," he said.

## Meteorology and You

By Carson Metcalf



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