



Big Week Ahead for Fulstonian Yearbook

The 2017 Fulstonian won't be arriving until June, but the next few weeks are extremely important when it comes to the 90th edition of the annual yearbook. That's because the end of December means an important deadline for saving money as well as the announcement of the annual senior poll and the arrangements for group pictures for the various clubs and class officers at G. Ray Bodley High School.

The Fulstonian staff is also on the lookout for pictures, particularly spring and fall sports, homecoming and candid. Pictures can be e-mailed to theraider@fulton.cnyric.org or uploaded online via hjes.com with the school code: fulstonian.

Next Friday, December 23 is the deadline for pre-ordering a yearbook at the reduced price of \$50 (\$55 for senior personalization). Orders can be placed with Fulstonian Business Advisor Mrs. Honeywell in room 124 with forms available from her or in the main office. Online orders may also be placed via the Herff Jones website at www.yearbookordercenter.com with the school code number 13715.

The price will increase to \$60 (\$65 for senior personalization) after December 23, so students are urged to get their orders in as soon as possible. There is also a down

payment plan that will reserve a book at the lower \$50 price with a \$10 deposit. "A ten dollar deposit will save you ten dollars in the

long run," Fulstonian Advisor Mr. Senecal noted. "So we're hoping to see as many orders as possible." *(Continued on page 2)*

Voting among members of the Class of 2017 recently concluded for the annual senior polls, and the winners were:

- Best dressed: Jared Miller and Miranda Prosser
- Nicest eyes: Bryce Guernsey and Aryelle Barbagallo
- Worst driver: Austin Vashaw and Brynn Waloven
- Most musical: Jeremy Herlowski and Alyssa Rosenbarker
- Nicest hair: Malcolm Wattering and Shannon Zych
- Best smile: Nick Walberger and Lexi MacDonald
- Most artistic: David Houck and Stacey Sereno
- Most athletic: Frank Barbagallo and Sydney Gilmore
- Teacher's pet: Daniel Hotaling and Emily Gerth
- Most likely to be president: Evan Beckwith and Megan Nicholson
- Class clown: Phil Summerville and Brittney Alton
- Textaholic: Matt Conn and Karly Kearns
- Most likely to travel the world: Nate Shaw and Mikhali Voss
- Most likely to be in a reality show: Mike Mankiewicz and Paige Blakeman

The winners will be contacted with passes and their scheduled picture times.

The yearbook picture schedule is as follows:

- Bell 1:** 7:40-Freshman Class officers and advisor; 7:45-Chess Club; 7:50-Sophomore class officers and advisor;
- Bell 2:** 8:10-HOPE Club; 8:20-Mentors; 8:30-Tech Honor Society; 8:40-Math Club; 8:45-Journalism Club
- Bell 3:** 9:00-LOTE Club; 9:10-Science Club; 9:20-Fulstonian Yearbook
- GSH:** 9:40-Poll (Class clown); 9:45-Poll (Textaholic); 9:50-Poll (best dressed); 9:55-Poll (Most likely to be in a reality show); 10:00-Poll (teacher's pet).
- Bell 4:** 10:10-Art Club; 10:20-Jr. Class Officers and advisor; 10:25-Poll (most musical); 10:30-Poll (most athletic); 10:40-Poll (nicest smile)
- Bell 5:** 10:50-FBLA; 11:00-Poll (most artistic); 11:05-Poll (Most likely to be president); 1:10-Poll (nicest eyes); 11:15-Poll (worst driver); 11:20-Petal pals
- Bell 6:** 11:35-LMC Club; 11:45-Poll (most likely to travel the world); 11:50-Poll (nicest hair); 11:55-Youth 4 Youth; 12:05-Dance Team
- Bell 7:** 12:20-Ski & Snowboard Club; 12:30-Student Senate;
- Bell 8:** 1:05-Senior Class Officers and Advisor; 1:10-International Club; 1:20-Christian Club; 1:30-GRB News
- Bell 9:** 1:45-Outdoor Adventure Club

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As for the club, senior poll, and class officer pictures, Thursday, December 22 is the big day, with pictures scheduled to take place in the third gym starting at 7:40 a.m. The picture schedules were distributed to club and class advisors this week and have been posted around the school, as well. Students are urged to see their advisors to obtain a pass so that they do not miss out on their group photo.

According to Mr. Senecal, “Most people won’t even think about the yearbook until the end of the school year, but right now is when we need everyone’s assistance and cooperation.”

“It’s easy for someone to complain about the Fultonian in June,” he concluded. “But right now everyone could help make a difference and they could save money in the long run.”

Plans for Art Field Trip Taking Shape

By Zoe Norton

Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Williams are taking their advanced art classes to New York City to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. They are trying to put the field trip together for the spring of 2017.

Mrs. Tyler said, “Art work looks so different in person than it does printed on the pages of a book or projected on a screen. When I see artwork in person, I have an emotional response to it that I can’t get from a photograph of it.”

This will be a great experience for the art students to be able to do.

The art students are making Christmas ornaments and cards to fundraise for the trip. Christmas cards will be sold in packs of 6 for \$5 and Christmas ornaments are also \$5. They started selling at the holiday concert on December 12 and now they are selling cards and ornaments during lunch bells.

Information and Fun Found at CiTi

On December 3, tenth graders visited CiTi in Mexico, NY for a half-day field trip. This helped students begin to make an informed decision about whether they would like to attend CiTi in 11th grade. Students were able to choose two programs to visit out of the many offered. Requirements to be able to attend CiTi were also covered with students. This was in addition to the information students received at the CiTi presentation at G.R.B. in November. Students must pass English 9 and English 10 and Global 9 and Global 10. Students also need 85% attendance (including class attendance) and nine credits by the end of their 10th grade year. Tenth grade guidance counselor Mrs. Hyde said, “The tour was very well organized by Mr. Eastman and Mr. Henry. A number of times they mentioned how well Fulton advertises this opportunity and how we have the largest number of students attend the tour. Students were buzzing on the way back to G.R.B. They were asking lots of questions and are looking forward to this rewarding opportunity.”



Sophomore Zachary Draughn welded this piece in a very short time during the field trip.



Guidance Counselor Ms. Rickert tried out some of the equipment during the field trip.

Dress Code a Hot Topic For Students and Staff

By **Jazzlynn Perez**

The dress code policy is very important for students to follow throughout the school year. Staff and teachers try to make students know that having a dress code is essential to help schools become a better environment.

At G. Ray Bodley High School, staff and students have varied opinions about the dress code policy in our school. Some agree with the policy and others disagree. Some students say they feel there should not be a dress code in schools because they should be able to wear whatever they want.

A few G.R.B. students stated that the school's dress code is unfair. Senior Zoe Norton stated, "I personally feel that the dress code is unfair. A lot of teachers don't enforce it on everyone. Some kids are allowed to walk around in stuff that others would not be allowed to. Like kids in hats. But when someone else wears a beanie, for example, they get yelled at. Some of the girls who have worn crop tops never got a word said to them. It's unfair to all students."

Miranda Stanski said that she believes in the dress code because without one, "Some people will take advantage of the dress code and dress however they want to and have things hanging out or falling out and nobody wants to see it."

These students say they have watched these things happen on many occasions during each school day. Many teachers and staff at G.R.B. have an opinion on the school's dress code policy. Social Studies teacher Mrs. Fiordimalva said, "I think the policy is appropriate in a school setting. I think that we need an established policy that helps maintain the school atmosphere and I don't think it is too restricted. Many schools have uniforms and there are positives and negatives to that, but I think that our policy is fair and should be consistently enforced."

Although the dress code tends to be more of an issue in the warmer



Junior Miranda Stanski is following the dress code.

months, the dress code debate continues all year.



H.O.P.E. Club and L.O.T.E. Club held a food drive from November 14-18. H.O.P.E. Club Advisor Mrs. Cronk said students collected 445 items. The items were donated to Fulton's food pantry. Tyler Thompson, Kelly Caza, Nora Kingsbury, Shaylee Cealie, Julia Cieszeski, Kayleigh Hotaling, and Peter Otvos helped prepare the items for delivery.

| Opinion |

Should We Only Go To School Four Days A Week?

By Hunter Hubel

There has long been the argument for starting middle and high schools later in the day for a multitude of reasons. Some may say it is for more sleep, but would students go to bed at the same time, or even later, knowing that school was later in the morning? With a new superintendent and some newly elected board of education members, maybe the discussion could start.

In recent years, there have been suggestions for the modification of school days and school day hours, as it seems to be a pressing issue for quite a few students. The idea of four-day school weeks and three-day weekends seems to appeal to the student body, but where would teachers be able to make up that extra day? Some have suggested longer school years, but let's be real here. Who would rather be in a hot school instead of at a beach, pool, or golf course somewhere. Also, we have to take into consideration that summer vacation is only two months long as it is. With an extra day missing off each week of the 40 we are in school, that equates to well over a month of school!

An idea that may seem a bit far-fetched actually isn't is crazy as it seems. The concept of longer school days in order to accommodate for that extra day off in the week may not be that bad an idea. With the school day being seven hours long, to make up for that

extra day, students would be staying at school an extra hour and 45 minutes or so. It may seem like a staggering amount of time and unthinkable to some. However, when broken down, it equates to about 12 extra minutes per bell. This would translate to a school day ending at about 4:00 p.m.

Why I say this is not as crazy as it seems is simple. Quite a few teachers stay until well past 3:00 p.m. each day with students or to keep up on planning. Some would say teachers would then have to stay even longer to accommodate for the change. Not exactly. Every teacher has a planning bell, and with longer bells, it allows them for more time. If a teacher has one planning bell, not counting a lunch bell, that is already an extra 12 minutes.

Many students agree that this would be the way to go. Junior Calinda Ceterski shared her thoughts on this suggestion and said, "Teachers are always saying that 40 minutes isn't enough time to get a full lesson in, so this would give them more time with us per bell, and we would get an extra day to sleep in."

Some may argue that elementary school ending at 5:00 p.m. is quite a bit extreme. Again, this may not be as crazy as it may seem at first sight. The traditional work day goes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and with bus transit times making up for parent travel times, elementary students and parents

would be getting home at about the same time, saving the concern for a child being alone at home for too long or worrying whether someone will be home or not. One other factor is that the average 9-5 workday is eight hours long, and with this school day, it would make for a little over eight-hour school days, helping prepare students for their eventual work day.

This proposal has no glaring flaws other than some not wanting to stay in school for that long, or believing that 4:00 and 5:00 respectively is too late to get home. This could actually be a realistic plan for schooling schedules. Whether it could ever happen or not, no one knows, but I feel this may be a quality solution to quite a few problems that teachers and students may have with the current school day.

Indoor Track is Off to a Running Start

By Josiah Dahar

The winter sports season has started and the G.R.B. indoor track team is warming up for another great season. The first practice was November 14 and the team has been working hard to get in top condition for the first meet of the season, which is taking place at the SRC Arena on December 17. *(Continued on page 5)*

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The teams' coaches are Physics teacher Mr. Galek, who coaches the boys, and Mr LaGrou, who coaches the girls. Both coaches are very excited for the new season and have high hopes for the teams.

Mr. Galek has been G.R.B.'s boy's indoor track coach for the last 22 years and is working hard to prepare his 23rd team for their first meet. Mr. LaGrou has been working with the girls team for 31 years and is still excited about this season.

Mr. Galek says there is "great potential in all of the new members, and great growth potential in all the members."

One of the new members said, "I joined the team to prepare for outdoor track." This is a common theme among the runners, several of whom have also done Cross Country to maintain top physical condition.

Every member of the boys team has set a personal goal for the season, and regardless of a win or loss at their meets, the boys hope to fulfill their goals. Mr. Galek would like the team to be Section III Scholar Athletes and he constantly reminds the team of the importance of education.

This year's boys team has several returning members including Kenneth Deloff, Bailey Hourihan, Alex Stoutenger, Jossmar Vazquez-Heaney, and Gabe Webb. The new members are Ethan Abelgore, Noah Allen,

Alex Blaine, Isaac Crandell, Josiah Dahar, Donald Dunham, Cameron Gray-Blasczienski, Devon Ketcham, Tyler Samson, and Ronde Wood.

Mr. LaGrou said, "I'd like to see each of the girls improve." He hopes that each team member will be able to participate in an event she enjoys, and meet her own goals. There are only two return-



ing members to the team, Brianna Gugula and Olivia Pawlewicz. The other eight girls are all new to the team. They are Kylie Ashline, Mackenzie Birdsell, Vita Dean, Nimbe Lopez, Leah O'Hanlon, Madison Pepper, Christina Reynoso, Cassy Senton, and Rebecca Bailey.

Good luck to the indoor track teams!



Boys indoor track team captains Tyler Samson (left) and Jossmar Vazquez-Heaney (right)

NFL Rivalry Renewed on Sunday Night ***Giants vs. Cowboys*** **By Brian Trombly**

On *Sunday Night Football*, the NFL-leading Dallas Cowboys (11-1) faced off against the New York Giants (8-4) for the second time this season. The Cowboys were trying to avenge their only loss of the season which came at the hands of the Giants in Week 1.

The Cowboys started out hot in the first quarter when quarterback Dak Prescott threw a touchdown pass to receiver Terrance Williams. That was the only score of the first half as the score was 7-0 at halftime.

The second half was all Giants, however, as they kicked an early second-half field goal and then wide receiver Odell Beckham scored a 60-yard touchdown late in the third quarter.

A hard defensive effort by both teams made this late night rivalry a thriller to the final seconds. The Beckham touchdown would turn out to be the deciding factor in the outcome of the game as the Giants squeaked out a hard fought victory in the end, 10-7.

New York will face the Detroit Lions next week and the Cowboys will face off against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Piercings at a Young Age

By Ashlea Kemp

Most teenagers see a cool, trendy, hip piercing that someone else has, and thinks to themselves that maybe that piercing would look good on them, but some parents think they should limit the age for teens to get piercings.

At any age someone could get a piercing done. Some parents get their daughter's ears pierced at very young age. According to mypregnancybaby.com parents should wait until the baby is two months or older to get her ears pierced.

For some teens, they could walk right into a piercing parlor or tattoo shop and get a piercing done with a parent's permission. Most of the choices where teens get piercings done could scar their bodies for life if they ever take it out. Some people think that a piercing is not all that bad, as long as it is going to be taken care of. Also, if you do not like the piercings you can just take it out and let the hole close on its own time.

Others think that piercings are not okay to have, unless it's just a regular ear piercing, because your dream job is on the line for a little piercing. Most parents let their teens get a piercing based on their maturity and how they handle the aftercare.

April Kemp, mother of four, said she believes teens should wait to



*High school students often consider getting piercings on their faces.
Picture from dailymail.com.*

get a piercing until at least 14 with parental consent. She said teens should only get piercings on "parts that can be hidden and do not scar. Ears, belly button- nose (side only). No other facial piercing."

Julie Pepper, mother of two, said she thinks teen should be 15 and should be limited to a teen's nose, belly button, or ears.

Brittany Kemp said teens should wait to get a piercing until they are 17, depending on the maturity of the person and she believes piercings should be limited to parts that can be covered.

Some mothers say their children can get a piercing and others make the teens wait until they turn 18. Some schools even ban piercings.

Teens should wait until they are at least 14 or 15 to think about getting a piercing and it also depends on whether their parents say yes or no to it. Some piercings don't last forever, but some may leave scars. If you don't like the piercing, just take it out and let it close.

Upset in Liverpool

By Calinda Ceterski

Raider hockey had a big win last week over Liverpool. The final score was 7-2.

On Liverpool's own ice, the Raiders came out strong for the first period, scored their first two goals, and kept the Liverpool Warriors at zero. The second period for the Raiders was better than the first. They scored their five goals. Liverpool finally put one in the back of the net when they got the first of their two goals. The third period went in favor of Liverpool as they scored their second and last goal.

Raider scorers were Senior Rocco Cannata and Junior Garrett Smith, both from Central Square. Each had two goals. Junior Josh Dynka (Central Square), Senior Ethan Cimino, and Sophomore Joseph Galvagno (Central Square) each had one goal.

Goalie Spencer Evans (Phoenix) played a great game with 13 saves and two saves against average.

The Raider hockey team includes students from other districts because Fulton's team numbers are low and other districts would not be able to field a team without combining with other schools.

Head Coach Mr. Heindorf was pleased with the team's efforts. He said, "I was proud of the guys in getting two big points in league play. The third line stood out all night. They scored three goals. We finally started playing solid team defense."

| New Staff Spotlight | Welcome, Ms. Rickert!

By Miranda Stanski

As we come into the second quarter of the school year, you might have seen a familiar face in the Counseling Office. Ms. Rickert is new to G.R.B. this year, but is certainly not new to the Fulton City School District.

Ms. Rickert has a history in business, but her undergraduate degree was in criminal justice and psychology. Still, she always knew she wanted to work with kids. Later on, she realized she did not like criminal justice very much so she went back to college for counseling to work with kids because she knew she did not want to teach.

Ms. Rickert worked at the Fulton Junior High for 16 years and she decided she needed a change. She said, "I needed the change to learn new things and being at the high school is very different from the junior high."

Ms. Rickert also said, "I like that the kids are maturing and I can see the maturing. At the junior high you see a lot of immature behavior going on and then you never see the students grow into a bigger person and mature. It's really nice to see the students growing into the potential that you knew they always have had. You never see that when you stay at the junior high."

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Ms. Rickert does have to drive somewhat far every day to work. She lives in Liverpool so her drive is about 25-30 minutes every day.

She is not sure if she can really really say she likes the high school more because she has only been here a few months.

Ms. Rickert would like to thank all the students and staff for welcoming her and making the transition much smoother than she thought it was going to be. She said it is a great feeling to know that G. Ray Bodley students and staff are very kind and welcoming. She is happy to be a part of G.R.B. and what is go-

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Although the fact that she knew mostly all the students at the school did help her transition a lot, she said it was great that the staff was just as welcoming as the students.

Junior Calinda Ceterski said, "I am glad Ms. Rickert came to the high school. She was always my favorite at the junior high and when I moved up I really missed her. I'm glad I get to talk to her again."

Junior Mason Rowlee said, "I really liked having Ms. Rickert in junior high. She was always a really nice person and she was always very helpful when a person needed help."



Ms. Rickert is a new guidance counselor in the G.R.B. Counseling Office.

Junior Class Hosts Winter Dance

By Miranda Stanski

Junior Class Advisor Mrs. Kent is looking forward to the upcoming dance this Friday, December 16.

The dance will be held in the cafeteria from 8 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The late start time is because there is a boys basketball game at home right before the dance.

Mrs. Kent would like to see all students there and wants to remind everyone this is not a semi-formal dance. She encourages everyone to dress the way you want and to have fun.

To get into the dance it will cost you \$5. The reason it is not a semi-formal dance is because the

junior class does not want people to stress out about changing their clothes.

Mrs. Kent said, “We are encouraging the student body to support the Red Raiders at their basketball game and then roll out of the bleachers into the cafeteria for a fantastic dance.”

There may be christmas music since Christmas is just around the corner. Mrs. Kent will be bringing her Christmas blow-up Mickey and Minnie Mouse decorations.

This is going to be Mrs. Kent’s first dance that is not semi-formal. She has been the junior class advisor the past two years and helped coordinate the prom,

which she loves doing.

Many people did not understand why the winter dance was not semi-formal but that is because Mrs. Kent thinks if you pay a lot of money for a semi-formal dance there should be more to offer at the dance, so she is having it as a casual dance. She also would really like to see all students there. She would like the students who are playing basketball and the ones watching to be there.

Mrs. Kent also said, “This is a classic, great night in the life of a high school student. I hope to see everybody there and I hope everybody that does end up going has a great night.

Meteorology and You

By Carson Metcalf



Carson Metcalf is a member of the G. Ray Bodley High School Class of 2012. He graduated from SUNY Oswego in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in meteorology.



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