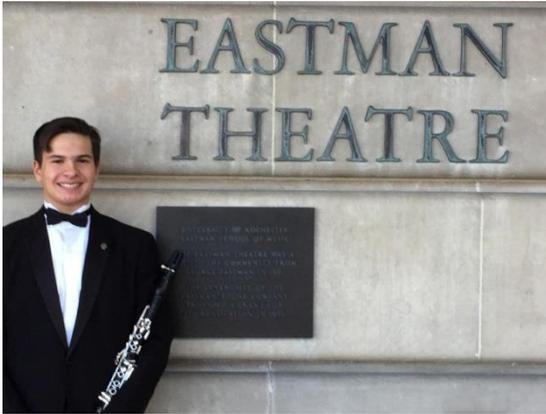




Raider Musician Goes to All-State

By Calinda Ceterski

During lunch the next day, Wallace was approached by a representative from Eastman School of Music to be one of their performance majors.



Junior Keegan Wallace performed at All-State last month.

The only high school musician to go to All-State in the surrounding counties was G.R.B. junior Keegan Wallace. All-State is a statewide concert that only accepts the best of the best. This huge concert took place early last month.

Wallace has been playing clarinet since fifth grade and has always enjoyed music. Wallace practiced for his auditions for this concert for a long time.

He said, "All-State was a lot of work but definitely worth it." With his audition nailed, he got placed second chair in his section.

The concert started at ten in the morning on December 4 in Kodak Hall. They played pieces including "In Storm and Sunshine", "Luminescence", "Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light", "Intermezzo", "Castle Creek" and more.

"All State was a great opportunity," Wallace said. "It was one of the best experiences in my life."



Pictured is a view of the entire All-State performance group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

January is National Stalking Awareness Month. According to the Stalking Resource Center, 7.5 Million people are stalked each year in the U.S. For more information, talk to your SAF Advocate or call 342-1600.

LIBRARY CLUB

Library Club will meet today at 2:30 in the library. We will discuss the upcoming Author Visit and the 3 Apples Book Awards. New members are welcome.

THREE APPLES TEEN CHOICE BOOK AWARD

Remember to stop into the library to pick out a book nominated for the Three Apples Teen Choice Book Award. Participants must read at least three of the nominated titles to be eligible to vote in April.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

There will be a mandatory National Honor Society meeting after school on Thursday, January 12 in the auditorium for all current members and new inductees to review the upcoming Induction Ceremony. See Mr. Nate Fasulo if you have questions.

YEARBOOK

It's not too late to order a Fultonian Yearbook. The cost is \$60. A deposit of \$10 will reserve your memories forever. SENIORS: the last day to order personalization (\$5 additional) is Tuesday, January 17. See Mme Honeywell in room 124 or order online.

The Fultonian Yearbook Club meets every Wednesday after school, putting together your memories from the 2016-17 school year. Please send pictures to Mrs. Honeywell or Mr. Senecal to see yourself in this year's edition.

PIN PALS BOWLING CLUB

Pin Pal Bowling Club will be starting bowling Monday, January 23. This is an 8-week bowling club. If you enjoy bowling, socializing, and having fun this is the after school activity for you. You may pick up a permission slip in room 137 if you are interested.

PSAT Results: Why They Matter

By Mason Rowlee

On October 18, all G.R.B. juniors and some sophomores took the PSAT, and it left many Red Raiders wondering, how does this score affect me? The answer is simple. The PSAT is the Preliminary Scholarship Aptitude Test and was created to give students an idea on how they would perform on the SAT.

The reason all junior Red Raiders were required to take the PSAT is because the PSAT offers an insight into the skills needed to improve your SAT score, a score that is very important when applying to colleges and universities. The PSAT is scored out of 1520 (760 points are based off Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and the other 760 is based off Math), while the new SAT is scored out of 1600.

In an example provided by the College Board, and included here, the student scored a 1200 out of 1520, and was nationally ranked in the 90th percentile (meaning that this student is in the top 10% of all students who took this test). This number is very important because it gives colleges the ability to rank students' intelligence based on their percentile.

The example also shows how the PSAT gives students the ability to see their strengths and weaknesses. Each G.R.B. student was given an in-depth answer sheet that showed their

individual strengths within the

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math sections. This gives students the opportunity to assess what they need to study in order to be successful when taking the SAT. Students are also encouraged to visit the College Board website (collegeboard.com) and create a free College Board account to view their PSAT score digitally and in more detail.

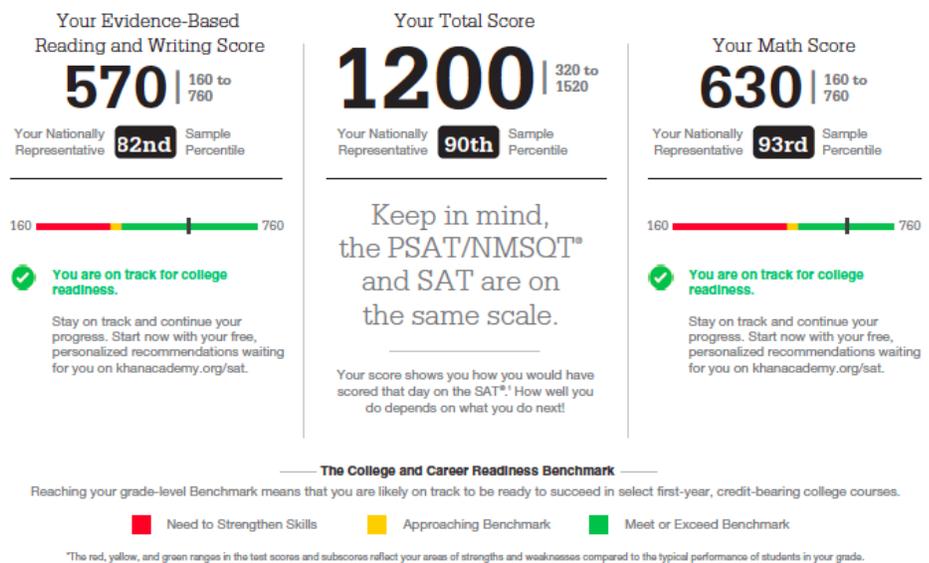
Another important benefit of the PSAT is the free Khan Academy prep via the College Board. The College Board notes that "You'll get an online score report that helps you look beyond the numbers, see how you stack up, figure out where you can improve, and get a personalized study plan on Khan Academy®" and encourages students to utilize these free resources to improve future standardized test scores.

Mr. Nofal, G.R.B. Guidance Counselor, praised the PSAT. He

said the PSAT is like driving a car and explained, "The first time you get in a car you're very nervous and your parents are scared, too, but over time you get better and more comfortable with your surroundings allowing you to improve. The same can be said for the SAT. The first time you take it, you want to be well prepared and not as nervous as you may have been had you not taken the PSAT."

Mr. Nofal also noted, "Fulton students are very lucky to have this opportunity." Many students do not have access to the free practice the PSAT offers.

G.R.B. Guidance Counselor Mr. Goodnough said in an e-mail to all G.R.B. families, "This test is likely the first opportunity for students to take a 'college entrance' type exam under real time testing conditions in a typical testing environment." He noted that students should take their results and analyze where they need work to improve their SAT score.



School In Session for Most of Regents Week

By Miranda Stanski

Some students, parents, and staff are just finding out that G.R.B. is having school during Regents week. In past years, we only came to school on Monday of that week and we had the rest of the week off. Students only needed to come if they were taking a test, making work up, or attending classes at CiTi.

This year, students will not have school on January 24, unless they go to CiTi or are taking a test that day. All English 11 students will be taking the Regents in the afternoon at 11:45 and Global 10 students who never took the Regents or who did not pass it will be taking it in the morning at 7:45.

For the rest of the week, Wednesday through Friday, students must still show up to school. Classes are still in session and Friday, January 27 is the last day of the second marking period.

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst said, “This change began to evolve last year when we had school two of the four days. Once we saw the Regents calendar for this January and the number of students who need to take an exam, we were pleased that school could be in session.”

She continued, “We do not have a significant

number of students testing and we are able to accommodate their testing needs while school is in session, except for Tuesday January 24 when school is not in session. This need from a minority of students should not dictate the schedules for all students.”

She noted there used to be more students who needed to be tested, including students with IEPs who were taking RCT exams. RCT exams no longer exist.

Mrs. Parkhurst added that it is important to keep in mind that Regents week is in place for students who have failed an exam. She said, “The good news is we have more students being successful!”

Art teacher Mrs. Williams said, “I honestly didn’t know that we had

school during Regents week. I thought students only had classes that Monday. This will actually give me more time in classes so I’m not rushing at the end of the second semester and that the students have more time for their project and final exams.

Junior Mya Decker said, “I think it’s actually ridiculous how we have school during Regents week. High school hasn’t had school for years and all of a sudden we have school.”

No matter your feelings about Regents week, good luck to any student taking an exam.

Pictured below is the New York State Regents exam calendar for January 24-27.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office of State Assessment
Albany, NY 12234

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2017

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

JANUARY 24 TUESDAY	JANUARY 25 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 26 THURSDAY	JANUARY 27 FRIDAY
7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
RE in Global History & Geography Physical Setting/Physics* RCT in Reading*	Living Environment Physical Setting/Chemistry RCT in U.S. History & Government*	RE in U.S. History & Government Physical Setting/Earth Science RE in Geometry (Common Core)	RE in Algebra II (Common Core) RCT in Global Studies*
11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	Uniform Admission Deadlines
RE in English Language Arts (Common Core) RCT in Science*	RE in Algebra 2/Trigonometry (2005 Learning Standard) RCT in Mathematics*	RE in Algebra I (Common Core) RCT in Writing	Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

Robotics Competition Comes to G.R.B.

By Josiah Dahar

On January 14, G.R.B. will be hosting the VEX EDR Robotics competition in the gymnasium. The competition will begin at 9 a.m. and go until 5 p.m. The event is completely free to anyone wishing to attend and Raider Robotics encourages students to come and enjoy the show.

VEX EDR is a subset of Vex Robotics, which is for students in middle school, high school, and college. According to the VEX website, "VEX EDR offers students a rich and exciting platform to immerse themselves in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through the fun of building robots."

For the Fulton robotics teams, this will be their third competition this school year. The teams are led by technology teacher Mr. Thurlow, who has been preparing his students for this competition since last April. There are a total of 20 students who are divided among three teams, including Raider Robotics, which is the starter team, the 6911a, and the 6911b, which Mr. Thurlow referred to as "the last-minute rookie."

Junior Nathan Summerville, who has been part of the Fulton robotics team since his freshman year, is one of the head engineers for the team. He and the rest of the team have been working on the construction of their robot since September and are now putting on the finishing touches and making minor adjustments for the competition.

The competition this year is called the Starstruck Competition because the goal, as put by Nathan Summerville, is to "pick up giant jacks (stars) and cubes, and get them on the other side of the fence." Points are awarded for each object moved over the fence. Each match consists of a 15-second autonomous period followed by a manually controlled period for one minute and 45 seconds, and whoever has the most points by the end of the time wins.

It is sure to be an exciting show so feel free to stop by!



Pictured is one of the robots that is ready for this weekend's competition.

-Opinion- Can I Wear a Hat Yet?

By Calinda Ceterski

Back in September, Mason Rowlee and I began our efforts for hats to be allowed in school. The student body took a survey and the results only helped to prove our point.

Right now, the dress code policy is still that students cannot wear hats in school, but we hope that will change.

In a letter written by Mason that was also published in *RaiderNet* on December 7, we asked for a chance to speak at a Fulton City School District Board of Education meeting. A couple of days ago, we heard back from Superintendent Pulvino with great news. Mason and I are presenting our data and ideas for a new hat policy to the Board of Education on Tuesday, January 24.

We are excited for the opportunity to present to the Board and we hope to change the policy at our school. Like all other Board of Education meetings, this meeting is open to the public and students and staff are welcome to attend to hear our presentation and support our efforts.

Students and Staff Enjoy Peace Corps Presentation

By Jazzlynn Perez

On December 19, special guest speaker Ben Boltz visited G.R.B. to talk with students about being in the Peace Corps.

Boltz, who is the son of English teacher Mrs. Boltz, discussed his life and experiences. This event was coordinated through H.O.P.E. Club.

Boltz graduated from Fordham University in 2014 and was a double major in Political Science and French. He was accepted into the Peace Corps in 2015 and went to Burkina Faso in June of 2015.

Today, he lives in Yabo, a small village in northwest Burkina Faso. Boltz has no running water, electricity, or indoor plumbing.

Boltz teaches preschoolers to speak French. He started a bee-keeping project in the village and hopes to implement other programs. Boltz will complete his Peace Corps service later this year.

Special education teacher and H.O.P.E. Club advisor Mrs. Cronk said this was an exciting opportunity for students. She added that his presentation was “really awesome.”

Stepping Stones for Raider Hockey

By Calinda Ceterski

Last Tuesday, Fulton Varsity Hockey faced off with divisional foe and number two team in the state, the West Genesee Wildcats. The Raiders put up a valiant effort in a tightly contested 2-1 game.

Senior Evan Beckwith put up the lone goal for the team in the third period. Raider goalie Spencer Evans did a phenomenal job in goal, stopping 27 shots, while having a save percentage of .931.

Losing the game by a single goal was a stepping stone for the team and a message to the league that

the Raiders are on the rise.

Team defense was a strong point in the game for the Raiders and is improving.

Coach Heindorf said that even though the penalty kill “was fantastic” for the Raiders, “it is difficult to win when players take selfish penalties.”



Pictured are members of the Raider hockey team getting pumped up before the third period in their game against Oswego on December 22.



Pictured is the moment before Raider hockey player Rocco Cannata, (far right) scored against the Bucs.

Favorites Prevail During Round One of NFL Playoffs

By Brian Trombly

The first round of the NFL playoffs have concluded and the upsets that were expected never came to fruition as all of the top seeds advanced.

The Houston Texans, who were expected to struggle with their starting quarterback out with a concussion, instead flourished to a 27-14 win over the Oakland Raiders. Most surprising about the outcome was the great play from backup quarterback Brock Osweiler, who threw for a touchdown and 168 yards against a top-notch Raiders defense.

The other AFC playoff game during the first weekend showed a common dominance in the outcome of the game. Avenging a 15-point loss to the Miami Dolphins in week six, the Pittsburgh Steelers left the Dolphins defense floundering as running back Le'Veon Bell ran for a playoff record 167 yards. The Miami offense also looked like a fish out of water as they could only manage a meager 12 points versus a struggling Steelers de-

fense. The Steelers prevailed 30-12.

The NFC side of the playoffs had a similar theme as the favorites never faltered. The Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants matchup seemed like the best matchup of the first weekend. However, the game quickly became a rout as MVP favorite Aaron Rodgers threw all over the Giants defense. The New York offense could not keep up with the scoring of the Packers as New York ultimately lost 38-13.

In what was becoming a common trend, the fourth and final first round games outcome was dominant from start to finish. The Detroit Lions were totally out-

matched by the Seattle Seahawks defense, who held the vaunted Lions offense to 6 points. The Seahawks offense had some incredible plays, including a spectacular, twisting catch by receiver Paul Richardson (see picture) that ultimately sent the Lions a devastating 26-6 loss.

For the AFC playoffs scheduled next week, Houston will travel to Massachusetts to face Super Bowl favorite New England Patriots and the Steelers will head to the mid-west to take on the Kansas City Chiefs. For the NFC, the Seattle Seahawks will take on the second ranked Atlanta Falcons, while the Green Bay Packers will head to Texas to take on the Dallas Cowboys.



*Paul Richardson had an incredible touchdown in Seattle's win over Detroit.
Photo from newstribune.com*

Another Tough Week for Girls Basketball

By Nicole Hansen

Wednesday, January 4, the Lady Raiders took the home court after their Hoops For The Hospital tournament at OCC. The team placed third in the tournament.

The Fulton girls lost Wednesday night 54-37 against the Auburn Maroons. The game started off in an unusual way after the power went out at G. Ray Bodley High School during the JV game, leaving only the gym lights on in the whole school. The scoreboard was not able to come back on so the varsity game was played using the physical-education flip scoreboard and a piece of cardboard with an arrow for the possession arrow.

Junior Mckenna Chesbro said, "It was a definitely a new experience playing with no shot clock for a varsity game."

The Raiders started off the game strong playing great defense and ending the first quarter only down 13-12. The second quarter was the downfall for Fulton. A lack of rebounding and errors including throwing the ball into the other team's hands allowed the Maroons to outscore the Raiders 18-5, going into halftime with a score of 30-18.

Leader of the game for Fulton was Chesbro with 13 points. The leading scorer for Auburn was Stefanie Gera with 23 points including five three-pointers.

During the fourth quarter, Fulton senior center Brynn Waloven took a hit and now has been diagnosed with a concussion. She will be out for at least a week, if not two.

Waloven noted, "I will be back as soon as possible to help my team reach our goal for sectionals."

The Raiders now only have eight fully functioning players, but still have a few tricks up their sleeves on how to get into sectionals.

On Friday, January 6, the Lady Raiders traveled to Central Square to play the third-ranked team in the state for girls basketball. Fulton lost 22-54 to the Hawks. Despite the 32-point deficit, the Lady Raiders did play a lot better in the second half than in the first.

In the first play of the game, the Raiders had six offensive rebounds and started with a spark. Sadly, the spark died out after that play and Fulton ended the first half with seven points to Central Square's 29.

High scorers of the game were junior duo Mckenna Chesbro and Cara Smith with six points each. The key to Central Square's game was junior Breanna Ransom who had five threes against the Raiders.

Junior Erin Nicholson noted, "That game did not reflect the way our program is and how we are as a team. We just need to get back into our groove."

The Lady Raiders will head to Oswego tomorrow night to play the Bucs with varsity tip-off at 6:45 p.m.



Pictured above is the JV girls basketball team before they played Auburn on January 4 at G.R.B.

Apparel Powerhouse Gains Another Superstar

By Hunter Hubel

Shortly after the ball dropped in Times Square to ring in the new year, the number one golfer in the world, Jason Day, dropped a ball



For the first time, Jason Day poses for a brief photoshoot dressed in the Nike swoosh.

Picture from news.nike.com.

of his own when he announced his signing with Nike on his official Instagram account.

Jason Day posted a picture on Instagram of him next to all of his title sponsors such as Lexus and NetJets. Nike's trademark slogan, "#JustDoIt", was included in his caption. Shortly after Day's post, Nike took to social media to also announce the deal by posting an emotional and inspirational advertisement featuring Day and his path to greatness.

Winning the infamous PLAYERS' Championship in 2016, and the World Golf Championship -

Dell Match Play Championship, really showed that Day is here to stay after a very successful 2015 season, winning his first Major championship at Whistling Straits (PGA Championship).

Defeating the likes of then world number three and Nike Golf Ambassador Rory McIlroy, Day won the Dell Match Play, kick-starting his 2016 campaign.

After top finishes in almost every major tournament in the 2016 season, top brands from around the globe certainly had Day on their radar following a year that saw him rise to number one in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Formerly sponsored by Adidas, the Australian found the swoosh a better fit over the three-stripped German brand.

When asked about the move to Nike by Golf Digest's Alex Myers, Day responded, "The brand is synonymous with the world's best athletes. I'm honored and can't wait to be part of the team and working closely with Nike to take my game, and the sport of golf, to even higher levels."

A brand that has seen incredible athletes such as Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, and LeBron James, Nike now has Day joining some pretty good company. Considering that Woods was arguably the best to ever play the game, and McIlroy arguably the most domi-

nant to currently play, Day's switch to the brand could spring an entirely new chapter of his career reminiscent to some of the greatest to ever play the game.

The Impact of Studying

By Skyler Miller

Does studying have a great impact on a student's grades and academic performance? The answer is not the same from students who study and students who do not.

Senior Ashlea Kemp said, "Studying helps me remember some small notes of the class."

On the other hand, senior Michael Ramsey said, "I do not study. I personally do worse when I study. I have a habit for over cramming information." He is one of many students who said they do not study.

Students who study, such as senior Suzan Bean, stated, "I study for a half hour or less, usually when I have a major test to take." This is almost the exact time that Kemp studies as she said, "I study at least 30 minutes a day."

Students who study have different tips for those who need alternative methods. Bean said, "Listen to music to help you remember."

Meanwhile, Kemp stated, "Everyone should study every day. It really helps you think and gets the small notes you need."

Indoor Track Aims for Improvement

By Josiah Dahar

On January 7, Fulton's indoor track team attended the George Constantino Memorial Invitational and it is clear to see that the team is gradually improving. The meet was once again held at the SRC arena on the OCC campus.

Even though Fulton did not win the meet, the boys scored several points and came in ninth place. The girls pushed hard, but did not place because they got zero points.

The majority of the points earned by the Fulton boys were by Isaac Crandall, who got the team two points for seventh in the 1000 meter and six points for third place in the mile.

Other points were scored by the 4x200 meter team of Josiah Dahar, Aiden Longley, Jacob Hahn, and Deven Ketcham, and the 4x400 meter team of Tyler Samson, Bailey Hourihan, Josiah Dahar, and Deven Ketcham. The relay runners scored one point and three points respectively.

The Fulton girls ran their best, but were unable to place in any of the races. They plan to practice hard in preparation for Friday's meet and hope to do better then.



This weekend the Red Raider Varsity Swim Team placed second overall out of eight teams at the Harley School Invitational in Rochester. Pictured above (from left to right) are Emily Bush, Katie Distin, Kayleigh Hotaling, Mason Rowlee, and Kelsey Rosenbarker.

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.

