



## Hat Pilot Starts Monday

**By Calinda Ceterski and Mason Rowlee**

On Tuesday, January 24, juniors Calinda Ceterski and Mason Rowlee presented their information about the G.R.B. hat policy to the Fulton Board of Education. Principal Mrs. Parkhurst also presented her idea of hosting a pilot during the third marking period. During this time, hats would be allowed in school.

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst explained in an e-mail to faculty and staff, "Based on the work of our students and Site-Based Team, we will be conducting a pilot during the third quarter. Therefore, beginning Monday (1/30), students will be permitted to wear hats *at the discretion of teachers while in class.*"

This means students are allowed to wear hats in the hallways, but hats have to be taken off in classrooms if a teacher requires it. This does not mean that the rule on hats has been permanently changed. This is simply a test of the student body to see if, as a whole, students are responsible and courteous with their hats.

Ceterski and Rowlee emphasized that this is an attempt from the student body to engage students in their learning and remove a possible barrier.

During the pilot, data will be collected in order to see if referral rates go down and attendance goes up.

Ceterski said, "We are encouraging students to be respectful and not ruin this opportunity for others."

Mrs. Parkhurst said, "This is an opportunity for students to have a voice in shaping our school culture and climate and demonstrate that they are responsible and respectful young adults."

She added, "As trivial as it may seem to some, this truly could be a turning point in our culture."

## Paint Night Fundraiser Tomorrow

**By Zoe Norton**

Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Williams are taking their art classes to New York City to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art this spring.

In order to raise money for the field trip, there will be a paint night tomorrow from 6 - 8 p.m. The event will be held in Mrs. Tyler's room, 107. There are only a few spots left so make sure you stop by her room to buy a ticket. Tickets are \$25 each.

During the two hours, you will be taught how to paint a certain painting (see photo) and light refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Tyler said, "I am very much looking forward to it. I think it will be a lot of fun to have some of my advanced art students walk our visiting artists through a painting. No artistic abilities required. Just come prepared to relax and have fun."

If you have any questions, you can stop by Mrs. Tyler's room or e-mail her at [jtyler@fulton.cnyric.org](mailto:jtyler@fulton.cnyric.org). All proceeds go toward the art students' field trip.



*Pictured above are examples of the featured painting for the Paint Night event.*

## National Honor Society Induction Tonight

**By Mason Rowlee**

Due to inclement weather, the National Honor Society induction ceremony was moved from Monday, January 23 to tonight, January 26. The induction ceremony will be held in G.R.B.'s auditorium at 7 p.m. Inductees are reminded to be at least 15 minutes early.



*Pictured is the logo for National Honor Society.*

## Seniors and Spaghetti

**By Mason Rowlee**

On Saturday, February 11, the senior class will be holding a spaghetti dinner in the G.R.B. cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to raise money for the senior trip and the senior dinner dance. Profits will also help offset yearbook costs.

The senior class will soon begin selling pre-sale tickets outside of the cafeteria during lunch bells for \$8. A big turnout is expected, so make sure to pick up tickets soon. Please see senior class advisor Mrs. Killian for your pre-sale tickets.

The senior class is also in need of many student volunteers to help work the dinner. Senior class president Megan Nicholson said, "We're getting a lot of senior moms that are volunteering their time and cooking skills to be able to make this happen."

The senior class is very thankful for this help, but also needs help from seniors. All National Honor Society members are welcome to volunteer for community service credit.

Mrs. Killian said, "We are very excited about this and looking forward to hopefully raising a good amount of money, but seniors, we need your help. The officers and myself cannot do this alone. Like Megan said, we have parents that are offering their time, as well, but please do your part. Sell tickets and bring in a box of spaghetti."

Senior Sarah Tallents would also

like to remind everyone to come support the senior class for just \$8 a ticket.

The senior class welcomes donations of pasta or any baked goods.

Senior Emily Bush said, "It's food. Who doesn't want to come eat food?!"



*On Saturday, February 11, the senior class will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in the G.R.B. cafeteria. Picture from foodnetwork.com.*

## Art Students Bringing Hope

**By Zoe Norton**

The Memory Project is a charitable, non-profit organization that asks art teachers and their students to create portraits for children and teens around the world who have been through substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, violence, and extreme poverty. This year's children and teens are from Ukraine.

The goal of the project is to inspire caring, global friendship and a positive sense of self. The art students are working hard to get these projects done before their due date tomorrow. The organization wants the portraits to help the children feel valued and important, to know that many people care about their well-being, and to act as meaningful pieces of personal history in the future.

To do this, the artist pays \$15 for shipping costs. The students receive a picture of the children to be used to create a drawing or painting. The portraits are then delivered to the children and photographs are taken after receiving the portrait so the artist can see that special moment.

Each time they deliver portraits to a country, they cre-

ate a video showing the children receiving their portraits in large group settings at each location they visit. Then they add a personalized introduction for every school. This is a great way for the art students to see how their artwork can impact other people.

Art teacher Mrs. Tyler said, "You can see from the video how happy these children are when they receive their portraits. It is a beautiful way to spread a little joy."



*Pictured above are the early stages of senior Jazzlynn Perez's Memory Project.*

## Great Season Continues for Girls Bowling

**By Ben Kimball**

On Monday, January 16, the girls bowling team had a Baker tournament. A Baker Tournament is where five bowlers each bowl two frames of the game. The first bowler bowls frames 1 and 6, the second bowls frames 2 and 7, and so on. G.R.B.'s team took second place in this tournament with Proctor in first place.

Emily Gerth, senior captain of G.R.B.'s girls bowling team, said the team is 10-2. Both losses were to ESM.

Junior Karina Whitten is a sub on the team, meaning if someone gets sick, she takes her place. She says the team is doing well.

It sounds like the girls bowling team is still going strong. Keep up the great work!

## The Baby Egg Project is Back

**By Miranda Stanski**

Mrs. Hawley's Human Development classes are doing the baby egg project again this year.

Mrs. Hawley has been doing the baby egg project for several years and it is clear she really enjoys it. This is the final project for the Human Development students. The project started Tuesday, January 17 and the project ended Monday.

The students have to bring the egg wherever they go. If you work, you have to bring it to work with you and she will stop by your place of employment to make sure you have the egg. If you play a sport, you have to bring it with you there, as well. If you go to the store, you have to bring it there with you because she might happen to see you there.

Mrs. Hawley asks the teachers and faculty members to watch out to make sure students have their baby egg with them at all times. The only time you can have somebody watch your egg is when you are in physical education and it cannot be a student or friend. It has to be a faculty member.

The students doing this project had to find a boy who stays at school all day to be the egg's father and they have to take it for one whole day. This swap

took place on Thursday, January 19.

Mrs. Hawley counts this as 30% of the grade. Students have to treat it as if the egg was a real baby.

Junior Mya Decker said, "I am always nervous that my egg is going to break. It is very fragile, but I do understand the point of the final. I believe it is a good project to do."

Junior Kate Belson said, "I like this project. My main worry is breaking my egg and ending up killing my grade a ton. I also enjoy the class and Mrs. Hawley."

Mrs. Hawley said, "My favorite part of the project is teaching students the responsibilities of taking care of a baby."



*Juniors Mya Decker and Kate Belson are holding their egg babies for Human Development class.*

## The Beautiful World of Art and Music

**By Skyler Miller**

Art and music are all around us. We see art on billboards, across social media and in museums. We hear music on phones, CDs, records, and at concerts. People may have a favorite artist or a band or musician who drives them to take up art or music as a career or hobby.

Senior Mikayla Ogden stated, "I play the clarinet and viola. I just like to play music, because it is a fun way to get lost in yourself."

Some people are looking to be a musician, such as sophomore Nick Neider. He said he has been "playing drums and singing for five years so far. Other music inspires me, and I love how awesome music can be."

Senior Jonathan Johnson stated, "I love art because it gives me something to do. I have been drawing and doing art for six years. My advice is if you're going to be an artist then get lots of paper by any means necessary. You're going to need it."

Anyone willing to put in the time and effort to be a great artist or musician can make it happen.

## Inauguration Brings New Era Fraught With Uncertainty

By **Brian Trombly**

On Friday, January 20, Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States.

Mr. Trump gave his inauguration speech in front of the thousands of people viewing the inauguration in Washington. Some of the big-name political figures present were former President Bill Clinton and his wife Secretary Hillary Clinton, former President George W. Bush, and his vice president, Dick Cheney. Former President Jimmy Carter was also present.

Donald Trump said during his speech, "Today's ceremony has very special meaning. Because today we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another, or from one party to another -- but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People."

After finishing his speech, President Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence led former Vice-President Joe Biden and former President Barack Obama to their White House exit. Former Vice-President Biden and his wife Jill took the

Amtrak train from Washington to their new home in Delaware. Former President Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama took the newly named "Executive 1" helicopter to the Washington airport where they would be flying to Palm Springs.

During his speech, President Trump thanked the former president and first lady, saying, "Every four years, we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power, and we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent."

During the next few hours, President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump paraded the

streets of Washington and at night attended the inauguration ball.

The whole afternoon, however, was not a happy and glorious occasion for all, as thousands of protesters voiced their displeasure for the new president. Guests to the inauguration ball were supposedly pelted by water and other drinks and limousines and street side stores were broken into and set on fire. The protesters got violent enough that the police were forced to use tear gas and pepper spray on the most ferocious protesters.

The Donald Trump Era has officially begun and now only time will tell whether he will be a successful president or a destructive leader of the United States of America.



*President Donald Trump acknowledges the crowd at the presidential inauguration.  
Photo from politico.com.*

## Third Quarter Blues

By Nicole Hansen

After having played 15 games this basketball season, the girls varsity basketball team seems to be consistent in one thing: letting go of the game in the third quarter. The Lady Raiders are on a six-game losing streak and with five games left in the season, Fulton needs to win four of them to get into sectionals. The next five games include Christian Brothers Academy (CBA), Cortland, Mexico, Jamesville-Dewitt and East Syracuse Minoa.

In the game Wednesday, January 18, against Homer, the Raiders went into the game with a good feeling about the night. Junior Erin Nicholson had a breakthrough game contributing 15 points. The next highest scorer was junior Mckenna Chesbro with seven points. Chesbro leads the team with overall points on the season with 176 points. Nicholson is the second highest scorer overall with 81.

The Lady Raiders went 0-3 last week with games against CBA, Homer, and Carthage. All three games started out close, then were blown in the third quarter. Going into halftime, Fulton tends to carry the momentum, then it blows away when they hit the court.

Senior Aryelle Barbagallo said, "We had the opportunity to win every game this week. It's upsetting that we couldn't finish any of the games."

A solution to this problem? The Lady Raiders are open to suggestions after trying what seems to be everything. During halftime, Fulton has tried having both long and short halftime talks, not saying anything at all, just allowing the girls to talk to each other, and even playing music to keep their intensity up.

Junior Erin Nicholson said, "I honestly have no idea why we do not win games. As a team we love each other and do not have clashing personalities. We just go on the court and can't get it done."

Junior Cara Smith also mentioned, "In practice we play hard and try to make each other better, but it doesn't seem to be working. It's not like we don't want to win."

The girls team is hoping to bounce back in their game tomorrow against CBA. The game is extremely winnable and after a good week of practices, the Lady Raiders are hungry for a win.



*Justin Thomas holds the trophy from the Sony Open following a record-setting performance. Picture from [pgatour.com](http://pgatour.com).*

## Justin Thomas Lighting PGA Tour On Fire

By Hunter Hubel

With the PGA Tour's wraparound season starting just a few weeks ago, some have taken the difficult schedule style in stride. One of those who is making a name for himself is third-year Tour sensation Justin Thomas.

Thomas, 23, turned professional in 2013 and spent a year on the Web.com Tour, the step before the big time. Winning once on the Web.com Tour and finishing in the Top 10 in an incredible seven out of 20 events, the world knew that the young man out of the University of Alabama would be something special.

Standing at 5 foot 10 inches and weighing only 145 pounds, Thomas has proven to be one of the longest players in recent weeks. At the Sony Open, he averaged 309.6 yards off the tee, ranking first in the field of all players, with 69.6% of his drives surpassing the 300-yard mark, also first in the field. One of the key stats that all players look at is the "strokes gained" stat. This is essentially a measure of how many strokes you are gaining over the rest of the field per category. In the strokes gained off the tee, he was also first in the field, gaining +1.333 strokes.

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What is equally impressive is that he was making the most of his opportunities. Thomas started the Sony Open with an opening round 59, a record-tying number, by making a lengthy eagle putt on the 18th and final hole of the first round. He would then follow suit by shooting a 64 in round two, setting a new 36-hole scoring record on the PGA Tour.

After successfully defending his title at the CIMB Classic in late October, Thomas returned the next week, but unfortunately his game did not, carding scores of 71-70-72-71 for a 4-under score, good for T-23rd. After taking all of November and December off, Thomas came back to tournament play by winning the SBS Tournament of Champions, one of the strongest non-major fields seen all year. He then followed up a 22-under par performance by a win in Hawaii at the Sony Open, firing scores of 59-64-65-65. It was a one-man race the entire tournament for Justin Thomas, as everyone else in the field was merely fighting for second place.

After an impressive stretch of golf that has seen him win three out of the last four tournaments he has played in, many golfing fans hope he can continue such an incredible run. Now sitting in 8th place in the Official World Golf Rankings behind those whom are considered the best in the game, the sky is the limit for the young man out of Louisville. (Information from [pgatour.com](http://pgatour.com).)

## Indoor Track is Catching Up

By Josiah Dahar

G.R.B.'s boys indoor track team has come a long way since the beginning of the season and the team has only seen improvement. In their last meet on Saturday, January 21, they placed eighth out of fourteen, scoring 25 points in several different events. This is a big step up from their first meet in December, when they only got two points and placed dead last.

The girls still have some improving to do. Once again, they were unable to place because they scored no points. At least they are having fun and getting lots of exercise.

The meet took place at the S.R.C. arena on the O.C.C. campus in Syracuse. The majority of the boys points were scored by senior

team captain Kenneth Deloff, who got second place in the one-mile, scoring 8 points, and first place in the two-mile, scoring 10 points. Other points were scored by the 4x200 team, the 4x400 team, and the 4x800 team.

Boys indoor track coach Mr. Galek said he has seen a lot of improvement and is sure he will see more. Sophomore Devan Ketcham mentioned that at the meet he set some personal records and was very pleased with his performance, as well as that of the team.

The girls were disappointed, but only five of them participated in the meet. They plan to work hard over the next week and a half in order to do better in the next meet on Friday, February 3.



*Ethan Abalgore (center) gets set to run a 55-meter dash.*

## One Last Swim

By Calinda Ceterski

Senior meets are more than just a meet to many seniors. It is the end of their high school athletic career.

Wednesday, January 18, the Raider swim team sent off seniors Emily Bush, Ryan Morehouse, and Sarah Tallents. The Raiders swam against the joint team of Jamesville-Dewitt and Christian Brothers Academy. G.R.B.'s team lost with a final score of 112-74, but this meet was not about winning. It was about the seniors and having a fun final home meet. Many swimmers got their best times ever and personal bests were beat by the divers.

There is a tradition of the parka that started when Fulton had a girl's swim team. The person who has the jacket is a senior and she has to pass it down to lower-classmen on her senior night. To receive the parka, the teammate must show leadership in and out of the pool and be a good, supportive, and responsible teammate. The parkas originated from the Girls Medley Relay record-holding group.

One of the two girl parkas was originally Janelle Tallents'. Then she passed the parka to Anna Guernsey, then to Abbey Zych, who graduated last

year. At Abbey's senior swim meet last year, she passed it down to Sarah Tallents, who was a junior at the time.

Current senior captain Sarah Tallents said, "Well, choosing the parka was easy. It represents leadership and empathy. Who better to give it to someone who shows leadership everyday as a captain and cares about this team as much as anyone I know."

Tallents then decided to pass down the parka to junior captain Calinda Ceterski. Sophomore Jenna Ruzekowicz was also given her parka earlier this season.

The boys "Bonnies Swimming" parka does not have as long a history. Head Coach Mr. Lacey gave his college swimming parka to record-holder Andrew Distin during Distin's junior year. Distin

then passed it down to Ryan Morehouse. On Wednesday, Morehouse gave it to sophomore Ean Stevenson.

Morehouse made his choice by asking himself, "Who would I like everyone to model themselves after?"

Morehouse said, "Ean just happened to be the perfect fit. To constantly push yourself in the middle of a bad season takes another level of toughness."

The team is sad to see the three seniors leave, but they are excited to see what great things they will accomplish in life.

## New Wrestling Rankings

The Fulton Wrestling team is currently ranked 19<sup>th</sup> for large schools in New York State.

The team has victories over two Top 25 large schools, Jamesville Dewitt (#24) and Horseheads (#25).

Fulton also has victories over two state-ranked small schools, Camden (#8) and Pearl River (#21).

In addition, Fulton has four victories over teams with honorable mention in the state rankings, Baldwinsville, Johnson City, and Vestal (twice).



*Pictured above is junior Calinda Ceterski (left) and sophomore Jenna Ruzekowicz (right) after they received their parkas.*

## Readers Among Us

By **Miranda Stanski**

If you get a chance, you should stop by and look at the upstairs commons area display case. This display case has some of our teachers' favorite books they have read throughout their life.

French teacher Miss Coleman said her favorite book is *Woodsmen* by Anne LaBastille because it "impacted my life greatly as it showed the strength of the human spirit and possibilities. Dr. LaBastille later wrote more books about her life I also read and recommend." This book is a memoir about an ecologist's adventures in the Adirondacks. Ms. Coleman said LaBastille sought to live a simple life and she built her own cabin. She lived with no electricity and saw how the scenery changed over time. She did this with her dogs.

English teacher Mrs. LaDuc's favorite book is *Insomnia* by Ste-

phen King because "I love the profound messages, especially the idea that one person can change the world. King's imagery and grasp of both language and human nature grabbed my attention and held it until I read the last page. It left me sad that I had finished." She said the book is a classic tale about the many struggles between evil and good.

Mrs. Waloven, Director of Literacy and UPK, picked the book *Trouble* by Gary D. Schmidt because of the way the author "used tragic events in the characters' lives to bring them together for a common purpose." She noted that

by the end of the book the characters learned empathy and that the journey of life is never easy. *Trouble* is a realistic fiction novel set in Maine.

Mrs. Windsor wanted to create a display of all the different books some teachers picked so that everybody in the building would be inspired to read some of these books. About two dozen teachers from all disciplines submitted their book choice.

Mrs. Windsor said, "I wanted students to see that not only English teachers love books."



Mrs. Windsor enjoyed putting this display case together in the upstairs commons area. The sign in the upper left says, "You have to Read This..."

## 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.

**THURSDAY**



Rain/Snow Mix

**40° 31°**

Record 68° (1950) Record -26° (1966)

Average 32° Average 15°

**FRIDAY**



Snow Showers

**33° 28°**

Record 64° (1916) Record -16° (1994)

Average 32° Average 15°

**SATURDAY**



Snow Showers

**31° 25°**

Record 64° (1916) Record -18° (2005)

Average 32° Average 15°



**A LAKE EFFECT SNOW WARNING IS IN EFFECT TODAY 1:00 P.M. – SUNDAY 7:00 P.M.**