



Fulton Wrestlers Champions of Section III Class A

It was back in 1989 that there was a Class A Tournament Champion other than Fulton. That year, the Raiders lost the tournament to Baldwinsville by 1/2 point. Since then, Fulton has won the event for 28 consecutive years.

Fulton achieved that 28th title in dominating fashion. Fulton had eleven finalists and seven champs to top second place Indian River 285-189. Every Fulton wrestler placed in the tournament and qualified for this Saturday's Section III Division I Championships at the SRC Arena on the OCC Campus.

Winning individual titles were Tommy Hughes, Wyatt Willis, Adam DeMauro, Nick Noel, Cam Galvin, AJ Yablonski, and Jared Crucitti.

Second place finishers included Andru Walts, Dylan DeMauro, Jon Parrish, and Sam Jones. Sam Waldron, Cuinn Burlingham, and Jaymes Garrison took third while Tyler Emeterio took fourth.

Fulton is expected to again battle it out with Class AA champ Baldwinsville for the Division I title at Sectionals on Saturday, February 11.

(Information from Fulton Wrestling newsletter.)



High Honor for Wrestling Coach

For the second time in three years as Fulton's head coach, Jeff Waldron has been voted OHSL Freedom American League Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches. The award was presented at Saturday's Class A Tournament.

Coach Waldron said, "I was honored to receive this year's OHSL league coach of the year award and, in turn, I want to honor the best coaching staff in the state. Without Chuck Burlingham, John Noel, Cam Mills, Jeremy Hutchinson and Zach Gilbert, the Fulton Wrestling program wouldn't be what it is and what it strives to be."

He added that the other coaches give themselves to the program, often at great personal expense, and help without expecting anything in return. Waldron said, "The Fulton Wrestling program and I are lucky to have them."

During his three year tenure, Coach Waldron has guided his

teams to 64 dual meet wins, seven invitational tournament titles, two league titles, three Class A titles and two Section III Division I titles. He has coached sixteen individual Class A Champs and three Division I Champs.

There is no doubt Coach Waldron hopes to add to that list this weekend at the SRC Arena.

(Information from Fulton Wrestling newsletter.)



Wrestling Coach Jeff Waldron is OHSL Freedom American League Coach of the Year.

Senior Signs for Division One Soccer

By Nicole Hansen

On Wednesday, February 1, senior Sydney Gilmore signed to Delaware University to play Division One women's soccer. Gilmore had been verbally committed since her sophomore year to be a Delaware Hen. The signing took place in the G. Ray Bodley commons area by the auditorium.

The Fulton score table used in the gymnasium was brought into the commons area for Gilmore to sit at for the signing. A crowd of Gilmore's friends, family, and coaches, plus Fulton administrators, stood and watched as Gilmore signed her letter of intent signifying her commitment to be a Hen.

Gilmore has been playing soccer since she was six years old and has been playing club soccer since she was 12. The decision for Gilmore to go to Delaware was an easy one. She said, "I love the campus and the soccer program and they offer a lot of academics that I want, too."

At Delaware, Gilmore said she plans on majoring in Biology and minoring in Spanish. Down the road, she said she would like to study abroad while in college, as well.

After the signing, Gilmore stated, "I'm so excited that it's official. It feels more real. Everything I've worked hard for has finally paid off."

Gilmore is still recovering from an ACL injury, but it does not affect her scholarship. She is currently training and getting ready for the challenges that face her as a new Division One athlete.

Congratulations, Sydney!



Pictured above is Sydney Gilmore on National Signing Day, February 1. Gilmore signed her letter of intent for Delaware University.

Sectional Win for Girls Bowling

By Benjamin Kimball

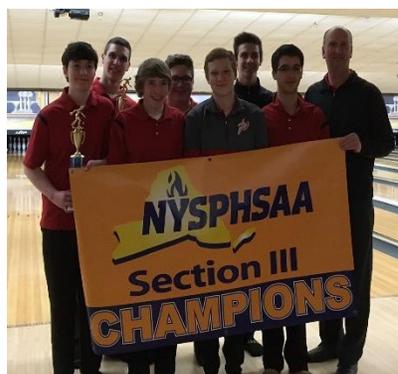
The G. Ray Bodley girls bowling team is off to States after taking first place in Sectionals on Sunday, February 5 at Strike-N-Spare Lanes in Mattydale.

Junior Megan Guernsey led the team with 964 pins, followed by senior Zoe June who rolled 952 pins. Senior Emily Gerth had 902 pins, seventh-grader Alexis Ingersoll had 860 pins, and junior Liz Brown had 670 pins.

Fulton now advances to the state tournament March 4 and 5 at the AMF Gates Lanes in Rochester.

Good luck, girls!

(Information from Syracuse.com.)



Left: The boys bowling team won the Class A title on February 5. Junior Bradley Martin will now represent the composite team at States. From left to right are Anthony Demasi, Bradley Martin, Adam Case, Aiden Franco, Joe Benavidez, Lucas Clark, Jason Southworth, and Coach Mike Tryniski.



Right: Pictured are the members of the girls bowling team. From left to right are Emily Gerth, Megan Guernsey, Liz Brown, Zoe June, Karina Whitten, Alexis Ingersoll, and Coach Mike Tryniski. The girls are Section III champions.

The Drought is Over

By Nicole Hansen

The drought is officially over for the girls varsity basketball team after they clinched their first win of the month against the Cortland Purple Tigers on Tuesday, January 31. The Raiders won 42-31 with three Fulton players ending the game with double-digit points.

The Raiders played exceptional defense on Tuesday night. They kept their hands up in the 1-3-1 zone, which resulted in easy steals and lay-up opportunities. Fulton had no problem finding the bottom of net with one of their best shooting games of the season. The Raiders had six three-pointers overall, thanks to their focus on shooting in their practice on Monday.

The Lady Raiders outscored the Purple Tigers every quarter including the third quarter 18-10, which has proven to be Fulton's weakest time during most games this season. The Raiders went into the half up 20-12 and the rest was history after Fulton started the second half with an 8-0 run by junior Mckenna Chesbro.

Leaders of the game who had double digit points were junior Erin Nicholson with 13, junior Mckenna Chesbro with 12, and junior Cara Smith with ten. Another all-star in the game was sophomore Keara Patterson who did not get her name on the score sheet, but altered the game by

playing great defense at the top of the 1-3-1.

The Lady Raiders have three more games left in their season with senior night being against East-Syracuse-Minoa on Monday, February 13.



Left: Lady Raiders as they prepare to run an out-of-bounds play at the Cortland game on January 31.



Right: Varsity coach Derek Lyons shows his team how they should be playing defense with their hands up on Tuesday, January 31 in the Cortland High School gymnasium.

Big Win for Raider Hockey

By Calinda Ceterski

Saturday, February 4, Raider hockey pulled off a substantial win over rival joint team Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) and Jamesville-Dewitt (JD) with a final score 5-3.

The game was intense, with goals going back and forth. With two and a half minutes left in the game with the Raiders down 3-2, senior Rocco Cannata scored a huge power play goal to tie the score.

Shortly thereafter, junior Nolan Bonnie wound up for a massive slapshot from the point, which deflected off senior Josh Dynka to

put the Raiders ahead 4-3.

In a last-ditch effort, CBA/JD pulled their goalie. This gave them the advantage of having six skaters against five Raiders. After a few clutch saves by sophomore Nate Lindsey, who came in for injured senior goalie Spencer Evans after the first period, sophomore Eric Shear scored an empty net goal.

This was a great game for the Raiders, who hope to carry this momentum into their away game tonight against West Genesee.

The Final Lap

By Josiah Dahar

Thursday, February 9, G.R.B.'s boys indoor track team will be embarking on their last lap of the 2016-2017 winter track season. The team will leave the high school at 3:00 p.m. to arrive at the OCC campus at 4:30 p.m. for Sectionals.

This year, there are several young lads from Fulton who will be competing. Senior and team captain Kenneth Deloff will be running the 3200m. This will be his last year of indoor track and he hopes to finish strong, saying, "I feel I have a good shot at placing top three."

Sophomore Isaac Crandall will run the 1600m. He has run the event several times before and has always placed in the top five.

Many of the other runners also qualified in some of the relays that will be taking place. Running in the 4x200m are Aiden Longley, Ronde Wood, Jacob Hahn, and Devon Ketcham. In the 4x400 will be Josiah Dahar, Bailey Hourihan, Devon Ketcham, and Tyler Samson. Hourihan said he feels "amazing" about the meet, saying, "I'm going D1" and "The four by four team is going to take home the title."

There was also a qualifying team for the 4x800 consisting of Jossmar Vazquez-Heaney, Kenneth Deloff, Tyler Samson, and Isaac Crandell. However, because Vazquez-Heaney was only able to

participate in three of the necessary four meets to participate in Sectionals, his place will be taken by Josiah Dahar.

Coach Galek said if he could describe this season's team with one word, he would say they were successful. He added, "I find this team to be very success-

ful because we have the most amazing students in this building. Great students make a great, successful team, and we've shown great success."

Best of luck to the indoor track team as they finish the last leg of the season!

Winter Break Just Around the Corner

By Miranda Stanski

Many students and staff in the Fulton City School District are getting excited for winter break, since it will be here in just over a week.

Winter break will begin Monday, February 20 and last until Friday, February 24.

Many students and teachers are not going anywhere for winter break and do not have any specific plans. Many people are just staying at home so they can spend time with their families.

Junior Mya Decker said, "I am not going anywhere this winter break. I have no plans. I will be spending my break in my comfy bed watching Netflix and sleeping. If any-

thing, I might leave my bed once or twice to go to the store with my grandma, but that's about it."

Sophomore Emeraldlee Tanner said, "For winter break, I plan on being in Williamstown for a few days with friends and I plan on going ice fishing, as well."

Health teacher Mrs. Welling said, "I am re-doing two rooms in my house. I have to update the paint, flooring, trim, and lighting. Luckily, I got Lowe's gift cards for Christmas so that helps the cost!"

Have a wonderful winter break!



Picture from kidwinks.com

FBLA Members Bring Home Awards

By Zoe Norton

On February 3, students participated in the FBLA District 9 regional competition at Bryant and Stratton College.

Advisor Mrs. Ferlito said, “Despite leaving early due to impending weather conditions, our students performed very well.”

Many students earned multiple awards and received high praise from the judges. There were 16 first place awards, four second place awards, and six third place awards.

State qualifying performance events require a first place win to move on to the NYS competition. There were four Fulton winners who will represent District 9.

Non-performance event winners (1st-3rd place) are eligible to move on to competition at the State Leadership Conference in April.



From left to right, senior Amber Boiko, sophomore Kylie Jones, and junior Caitlyn McAfee display their awards from the FBLA District 9 regional competition on February 3.

Awards Presented to Alternative Education Students

By Jazzlynn Perez

Alternative Education is a program that provides a comprehensive education for students in grade 6-12 who thrive in a non-traditional classroom setting.

Alternative Education Coordinator Ms. Stoddard said, “All students, young and old, feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when awarded for their hard

work. The smile on their face says so much. Many students in our program have and continue to overcome obstacles in their life. Our awards acknowledge their perseverance and reinforce the benefits of a positive attitude and good work ethic.”

She added, “I am very proud of the students who have earned a reward. Our new reward program is based off of Sean Covey’s *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*.”

The first three winners for Habit 1, being proactive, were seniors Jaiden Plumb, Megan Waite, and junior Jason Southworth.

The teachers work collaboratively to choose students who best exhibit the habit of the week. All teachers must agree that the student is deserving.

Congratulations to the first round of winners!



Pictured after the regional competition, from left to right, are FBLA Advisor Mrs. Ferlito, Collin Bennett, Olivia Duca, Millenia Brown, Arthur Lincoln, Noah Phelps, Lillian Bray, Alexis Phelps, Zoie Bowering, Marshall Carvey, and FBLA Advisor Mrs. Taormina.

The History of Valentine's Day

By **Zoe Norton**

Flowers, candy, hearts, and romance. That's what Valentine's day is all about, right? Well, maybe not.

As everyone knows, Valentine's Day is on February 14. Historians trace the origin of Valentine's Day back to the Ancient Roman Empire. The Romans celebrated a holiday on February 14 to honor Juno. She was the queen of Roman Gods. They also regarded Juno as the Goddess of Women and Marriage. The following day began the fertility festival called "Feast of Lupercalia."

The feast celebrated the Gods Lupercus and Faunus (the Roman Gods of Agriculture). During this time, young men and women were strictly separated. On the eve of the festival, names of young girls were written and put into a jar, then young men would draw a name. They were paired with the girl for the duration of the festival. Sometimes, the pairings would last for the entire year until the next festival. Quite often, the couple would fall in love and later marry.

The young pairing of the boys and girls set the mood for Valentine's Day as we know it, but it was actually due to the efforts of St. Valentine that the festival got its name and clearer meaning.

During the reign of Emperor Claudius II, Rome was involved in several bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius found it difficult to find soldiers and thought that the reason men did not join

the army was because they did not want to leave their wives and families. Claudius then cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

Saint Valentine defied Claudius' unjustified order and secretly married couples. Valentine was caught, imprisoned, and tortured for marrying people against the command of Emperor Claudius the Second.

One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law at the time was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. St. Valentine prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became Christian as a result.

In the year 269 A.D., Valentine was sentenced to a three-part execution of a beating, stoning, and then decapitation. This was all because of his stand for Christian marriage and love. The story says that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He inspired today's romantics by signing it "From your Valentine."

(Information from stvalentinesday.org.)



(Picture from weeksuntil.com/valentines-day.)

Celebrating Student Accomplishments

By **Zoe Norton**

For the second quarter, 670 students were recognized for exemplary attendance. Exemplary attendance means that the student missed no more than four days for the quarter. Students received certificates in Guided Study Hall (GSH) in recognition of their exemplary attendance.

The freshman class had 72% of students meet this goal. This was the highest percentage from any grade level. Seventy percent of sophomores had exemplary attendance, with 62% of juniors and 47% of seniors reaching the achievement.

On February 6, 329 students received cupcakes during GSH to celebrate that they were referral-free during the second quarter.

On February 7, 193 VIP students were treated to a catered lunch of salad, pizza, cookies, and bottled water. The VIP criteria is 95% attendance and on time to school, no major referrals, and all second quarter grades of 75 or above.

Students with a VIP pass can enjoy the benefits of not needing a pre-signed pass for study halls and lunch. They only need to show their VIP pass. Students also have the privilege of going outside during their lunch bell.

Congratulations to these students for their accomplishments!

Golf Coach Steps Down

By Brian Trombly

Fulton golf coach Mr. Mainville has resigned after two years at the helm. The team had two very successful seasons under his coaching, with Fulton having a 15-12-1 record during his two years.

The team just missed out on going to Sectionals in 2015, but the team turned it around last year and made Sectionals even after losing three seniors from the previous year.

The biggest win under his tenure came this past season when the team defeated heavily favored ESM-Blue by one stroke at home.

Before becoming head coach in the fall of 2015, Mr. Mainville worked as the assistant coach for many years under former head coach and G.R.B. guidance coun-

selor Mr. Ascenzi, who retired after the 2014 season.

Senior Hunter Hubel could not overstate his impact on the golfers. He said, "He was a great coach and an even better leader for the team."

There is an ongoing search taking place to find the next golf coach. So far, there is no timetable for

the next coach to be announced, but Mr. Mainville said he will "assist in a smooth transition in order to help the next coach succeed."

Members of the golf team will miss his coaching and leadership during the 2017 season and are grateful to Mr. Mainville for his two years of coaching.



*The Fulton golf team plays at Battle Island State Park.
Photo from parks.ny.gov.*

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.

TODAY



Chance Rain/Snow

42° ↓ **17°**

Record 60° (1925) **Record** -22° (1934)
Average 33° **Average** 17°

THURSDAY



Snow Showers

22° **16°**

Record 59° (1925) **Record** -24° (1934)
Average 33° **Average** 17°

FRIDAY



Snow Showers

22° **20°** ↑

Record 58° (2001) **Record** -17° (1948)
Average 33° **Average** 17°