



Musical Assemblies Cancelled After Threat Investigation

By Skyler Miller

An e-mail sent to parents from Superintendent Pulvino on March 9 stated, "G. Ray Bodley High School administration was informed by a student at 8:15 a.m. this morning that another student at G.R.B. made an alleged threatening statement about initiating harm to others at the school."

The e-mail indicated that the school district immediately initiated a response and that a thorough search of the building was conducted. Mr. Pulvino noted the student who made the alleged threat was immediately brought to the office and remained with administration and the School Resource Officer.

The preview of *The Addams Family* that had previously been scheduled for elementary, junior high, and high school students in the district was cancelled.

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst said, "From the time we were notified that this threat was out there, it took us six minutes to find the first student we needed to talk with. There was never a weapon involved. There was talk of a weapon, but after the threat had come to us, other concerns arose that came from social media. At no time was there a weapon in our school."

The rumor about a possible fire-arm came as the result of stu-

dents' use of social media. This likely led to about 175 students being excused from school early by their parents.

Mrs. Parkhurst stated, "I think it was handled efficiently. If this was to happen again in the future, we would work to let students know the situation sooner. If we communicated with our students sooner, it would prevent additional rumors from generating."

Many students and staff were disappointed they did not get a sneak peek at Quirk's Players musical production. Mrs. Parkhurst said, "The assemblies were cancelled to prevent any undue stress among the students and staff. We are responsible to ensure that everyone is feeling safe at all times and we take this responsibility seriously. Given the nature of the alleged threat, it was quite possible that some would not feel comfortable attending."

Mrs. Parkhurst also explained, "All the staff in our school work extremely hard to assure the safety of all our students and would like to reassure our students they are safe at all times and if their safety is in jeopardy, we would initiate a lockdown."

Mr. Pulvino's e-mail noted, "All students remained safe and under supervision during the District's response to this matter."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEARBOOK

The Fultonian Yearbook Club meets every Wednesday after school to put together your memories from the 2016-2017 school year. The final deadline for the Fultonian yearbook is fast approaching. If you have any pictures you would like to submit, please send them to Mrs. Honeywell or Mr. Senecal. Please also note the final day to order a yearbook is April 13.

PROM DRESS SALE

G.R.B.'s annual used Prom Dress Sale is almost here. From now until March 17, we will be accepting donations of gently used Prom and Senior Dinner Dance dresses, shoes, and accessories. So clean out those closets and see Mrs. Perkins in 182 or Mrs. Welling in 126 with questions or to drop off donations.

VISITING AUTHOR

On Wednesday, April 5, G.R.B. will experience our first ever author visit.

Young Adult author Liza Wiemer will conduct writers' workshops in the library throughout the day. Several classes are scheduled to attend these workshops, but there is room for additional students to participate.

If you are interested in joining the workshops during your study hall or lunch, please see Mrs. Scalfaro in the library to sign up and receive your Admission Ticket. You can also sign up to take part in the extended Writers' Workshop after school. See Mrs. Scalfaro for more information.

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questions, and feedback to
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Huge Weekend for *The Addams Family*

By Brian Trombly

With a possible boost from social media after the unfortunate events of Thursday, March 9 (see article on Page 1), Quirk's Players presented four outstanding performances of *The Addams Family* to massive crowds March 9, 10, and 11.

During the intermission of the Saturday night performance, the annual Jacalyn Stewart Memorial Award was presented to two Quirk's Players senior members for their achievement in musical theater.

The annual award is named after former G.R.B. principal Jacalyn Stewart, who died in 2004. Mrs. Stewart's son, Glenn, and mother, Olga, were present during the Saturday night performance.

Honored with the 2017 Jacalyn Stewart Memorial Award for Achievement in Musical Theatre were seniors Jeremy Herlowski and David Houck. In this year's production, Herlowski played Uncle Fester and Houck played Gomez.

Congratulations to all students and staff who were a part of this year's extremely successful and highly entertaining show.

Dedication to Uncle Fester Role Leads to Charity Donation

G. Ray Bodley High School senior Jeremy Herlowski has always been dedicated to his theatrical performances and this was no different for his portrayal of Uncle Fester in Quirk's Players recent production of *The Addams Family*.

When the use of wig caps floundered, Herlowski knew that shaving his head was the only way to achieve the perfect Uncle Fester bald-headed look. Shortly before the March 9, 10 and 11 shows in G.R.B.'s auditorium, Herlowski buzzed his hair and morphed into the quirky, uncanny character.

Just after the change in hairstyle, he confided in some friends that he wished he had set up a pledge account for the St. Baldrick's campaign to raise money to help fight childhood cancer. A local shaving event to benefit the campaign will take place later this month in Oswego.

Fellow Quirk's Players member and G.R.B. sophomore Sarah Fisch spoke to her castmates and directors of the spring musical and organized a collection for St. Baldrick's in Herlowski's name. By the closing night of the show, students, teachers, and supporters had collected more than \$400.

Director Tom Briggs said he couldn't be more proud of Herlowski, Fisch, and all of the stu-

dents and adults involved in the act of kindness.

"We work with some amazing students in our school district; Sarah and Jeremy are two outstanding examples," Briggs said. "They put others above themselves and certainly enrich our community."

(Article and photo from fultoncsd.org.)



G.R.B. students and Quirk's Players members Sarah Fisch and Jeremy Herlowski helped raise over \$400 to fight childhood cancer after Herlowski shaved his head for his role as Uncle Fester in the school musical.

Boys Baseball Poised for Another Section Run

By Hunter Hubel

Following a very successful 2016 season, the Red Raider baseball team looks to close the door that was left open at the end of last season in the section final. The baseball team of years past has had less-than-stellar records to end each season, but the 2016 campaign proved to be a complete 180-degree turn for Coach Harvey and his crew. Coming down to the section finals against CBA, the Raiders knew they were up for a tough game, and a tough game it was, resulting in a devastating loss for the Raiders.

Back and ready for more, nothing short of a section title is on the minds of the entire team. "It's section title or bust," said junior middle-infielder Austin Fleming. It is blatantly clear that this team is expecting to be extremely competitive this year, and fully expecting a birth in the section finals with an outcome in their favor this time around.

A dangerous group of boys who have played baseball together for many years, the team members look to translate this success from summer squad to varsity team. Senior pitcher Will Caster said, "I am

very hopeful for the upcoming season."

With the weather turning unseasonably warm, the players are currently in the gyms practicing for season, but are hoping to get outside much sooner than in previous years. Snow every other couple of days and temperatures in the 60s on the others can create for an interesting schedule.

The players and coaching staff are anxious to get the season started and with such a successful season last year, it is understandable that the players are beyond ready to get back to work in preparation for a deep sectionals run.



Senior Will Caster and the rest of the baseball team are ready for a big season.

Photo from Syracuse.com.

New Rule Requires 5.5 Credits Each Year

By Calinda Ceterski

A new requirement has been added for all students at G.R.B. Beginning next year, students will have to carry a minimum of 5.5 credits for all four years of high school.

The good news for current juniors is that the new rule will not infringe on the privilege of early dismissal or late arrival. The 5.5 required credits also factor in classes taken in CiTi programs as well as dual enrollment courses.

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst noted, "We want students to focus more on the process of becoming well-rounded and engaged learners who can think critically and problem-solve. We want students to challenge themselves and maximize their time at G.R.B."

Many seniors walk across the stage in June with several college credits. The school offers many opportunities for students to take college classes for free or at minimal cost. The reason for the push for 5.5 credits is so that students take advantage of all of the opportunities G.R.B. has to offer.

Do not worry, soon-to-be-seniors. You still have the ability to sleep in or leave early as long as you keep your grades up and take 5.5 credits.

-Opinion- Disney from Old to New

By Ashlea Kemp

According to seventeen.com, at least once a year a live action Disney film will be shown in theaters. This year will probably be a big hit because the new live action movie is *Beauty and the Beast*. It stars Emma Watson as Belle, Dan Stevens as The Beast, Luke Evans as Gaston, and Josh Gad as Lefou.

I loved to watch Disney Princess movies as a kid and now that I am a young adult, I still enjoy the films. As a junior last year, I even picked a yellow ball gown dress to wear at prom to dress up like Princess Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*.

I am very excited for this movie to come out in theaters and I am counting down the days for this amazing film to arrive. It will not be much longer as the live action film can be seen in theaters on Friday, March 17.



Pictured are the *Beauty and the Beast* animated film from 1991 and the live action film from 2017. Image from seventeen.com.

Freshmen Semi-Finalists in Syracuse Playwright Festival

By Mason Rowlee

On March 25, three freshmen from Ms. Florio's ninth grade Honors English class will attend the Syracuse Stage's Young Playwright Festival playwright workshop. The three freshmen, Mark Tallents, Nate Archer, and Kyle Hotaling, submitted their play, *War for the Aisle*, to the festival as part of Ms. Florio's class and were selected as semi-finalists for their grocery store-inspired tale.

The students will be attending the workshop on March 25 to "be read aloud by Syracuse University actors to a panel of professional playwrights," said Kate Laissle, Assistant Director of Education at Syracuse Stage. After these revisions are made, Tallents, Archer, and Hotaling will resubmit their play and

possibly have it performed at the Young Playwrights Festival on April 24. This is a presentation of all finalists and semi-finalists and anyone is welcome to attend. The event will be held at Syracuse Stage.

Tallents said, "It's a story about a war between gummy bears and gummy worms in a supermarket and the journey of three gummy bear companions." He noted that he was "very surprised" their play was chosen and "didn't think anyone would take our play seriously."

Ms. Florio said she is "excited for them" and thinks "they have a good chance of making it to the finals as their story is funny and creative."

More information can be found at syracusestage.org/playwrights.php.



Pictured above from left to right are Nate Archer, Kyle Hotaling and Mark Tallents. The three freshmen are semi-finalists in Syracuse Stage's Young Playwright Festival for their play *War for the Aisle*.

Students Receive Financial Advice

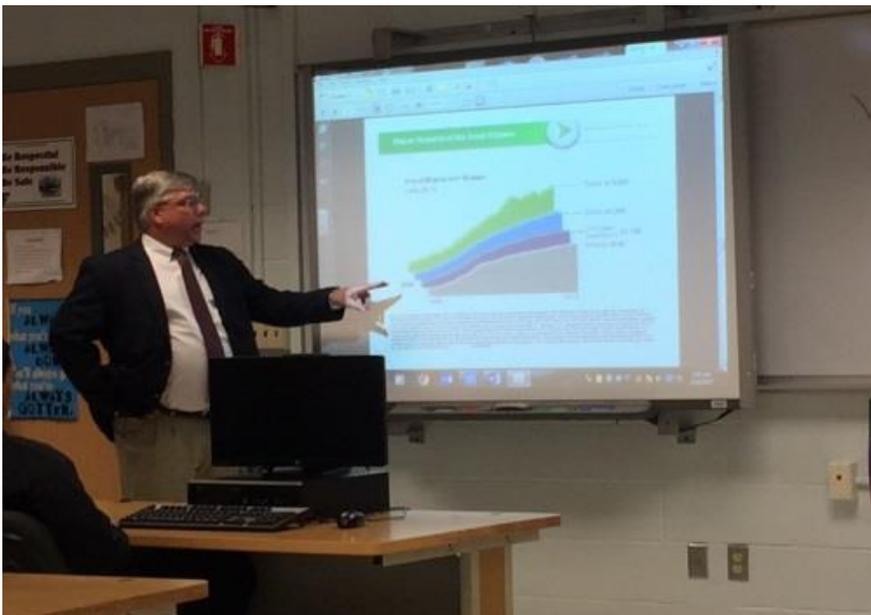
By Zoe Norton

On February 28, Mr. Jeff Petroske presented in Mrs. Ferlito's Career and Financial Management class. Petroske is the Vice-President of Wilmington Trust.

The students have been learning in class about saving and investing for the future. Petroske showed the class the difference of saving while you are young rather than when you are older.

Mr. Petroske demonstrated that you can save a lot less money per month if you start when you are young, but that you will still end up saving more for your retirement.

Mrs. Ferlito noted that the presentation for students was wonderful. One student said he really enjoyed the presentation and that it was extremely informative.



Mr. Petroske presented financial advice on February 28.

Community Giving Project Continues

By Jazzlynn Perez

Giving back to the community to help others in need is very important. School-Home Liaison Ms. Weston shared what the Community Giving Project is about.

Ms. Weston stated, "The Community Giving Project is a community-based project organized by the school-home liaisons in the Fulton City School District to help families in need."

Ms. Weston explained that each month they target a specific area based on the needs of the community.

This month, staff and students are donating new and gently used socks for those in need.

Ms. Weston noted that books were collected in February and that several Guided Study Halls donated books for all age

groups. She said, "Mrs. Ryan's class donated the most books and they will be receiving special recognition because of this."

Mrs. Ryan has 16 seniors in her Guided Study Hall. They collected around 100 books.

Mrs. Ryan noted that they were glad to support the project. She said, "We were very excited, but we did not really do it to win. We did it because we wanted to help out."

She explained that there was one student in particular who brought a whole box full of books.

She noted, "It is interesting because his grandpa had given him the books, read them all and valued them, gave them to him, and he knew he was never going to read them. He thought this was a good option so that somebody else could enjoy them so they wouldn't just sit around."

Ms. Weston stated that they may be doing additional contests in the future. In April, they will be collecting hygiene products. In May, they are collecting new toys and games and in June, they are collecting new school supplies.

The hope is that everyone will continue to help with this important effort.

Busy Time Ahead for Junior Class

By Rich King

The Class of 2018 is in the middle of selling candy bars to raise money for prom tickets. Many students will be seen carrying boxes of candy around the halls, as there are about 90 boxes of candy being sold. The candy fundraiser will continue until the end of March.

Junior Class Advisor Mrs. Kent is encouraging all members of the junior class to sell candy bars to offset the cost of their prom ticket. She noted that prom tickets will be going on sale the first week in April.

That means prom is not too far away. The Junior Prom is set for May 6 from 7-11 p.m. at Bayshore Grove in Oswego. Tickets are \$50.00 a person. To attend prom, you must have an overall passing average at the end of the third quarter. You must be in school all day on Friday, May 5, and have fewer than 10 percent unexcused full-day absences and tardies to school. To excuse absences and/or tardies, you must have a legal note turned in within 10 days.

If you plan to bring a guest to prom, he or she must first be under 21 and you have to obtain a guest pass from the main office. Class leaders and advisors are in the planning stages for prom. This includes deciding on a song, theme, colors, and more.

Follow the Junior Class on
Twitter: @grbclassof2018

New Staff Spotlight Welcome, Miss Pryor!

By Jazzlynn Perez



*Miss Pryor joined the G.R.B. teaching staff
in February.*

Miss Pryor is the new English teacher for the Alternative Education program here at G.R.B.

She is not from this area. She grew up in Dartmouth, Massachusetts and went to school in Providence, Rhode Island.

Miss Pryor said, "I just moved here in May. I really like it here."

When she was in college, she was interested in English and then she decided to major in teaching. Her parents had always told her she should be a teacher.

Miss Pryor said, "I couldn't really see it until I started learning in college."

She added, "I had always taught swimming lessons when I was

younger and I always loved school so I kind of knew I was interested in teaching." She said it took her actually declaring it as her major in college to realize it was a perfect fit.

Ms. Pryor said, "I think the best thing about G.R.B. so far are the teachers that I work with in the Alternate Education and English Departments. They have been so kind, supportive, and welcoming."

Ms. Pryor shared that the little things the faculty has done to reach out to her have made a difference. She feels supported and was offered a helping hand as she got settled. Ms. Pryor said, "Feeling like you are a part of a community where you work is really, really important."

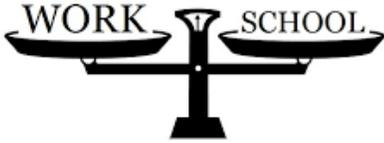
Ms. Pryor shared that the students in the Alternative Education department are great and she noted that she appreciates how accepting the students have been.

Ms. Pryor said, "They are extremely bright, fun-loving, passionate students, and they inspire me everyday to be a better teacher."

Welcome, Miss Pryor!

-Opinion- The Juggling Act of Being a Young Adult

By **Ashlea Kemp**



Balancing school and work can be difficult for teenagers. Image from stellacoomsentinel.org.

The one thing teens and young adults often struggle with is balancing school work and a part-time job. For teens who are 17 and under, it might be a little easier because they are not working past 9:30 p.m. on school nights. After work, they get to go home and work on their school work or even study for a test the next day.

But for a young adult who is at least 18, it is a real-life struggle. I am a senior and I go to CiTi for Cosmetology. It will help me in the future for my dream job as a funeral director. I work at a Taco Bell restaurant that is at least a 30-minute drive away from my home.

When I have work after school, I barely have time to do any school work. I also have pets to take care of while I'm getting ready for work. As soon as I get home from school, I have limited time to get ready.

The time I work on school nights is usually from 5 or 5:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. I don't get home until around 11 p.m. and then I don't get to bed until midnight or

later. Usually, on weekends, I work until 11 p.m.

I love my hours at work, even though I can barely get sleep for school. I work amazing hours that I couldn't get at any other place. Minors should know that once you turn 18, whether you're in school or not, you will work late at night, possibly even on school nights.

At CiTi, my program offers after-class work until 5 p.m. on Mondays for their students to make up hours or to work on a live client. It's a two year program and you need to have 1,000 hours before you finish in June of your senior year.

I have around 397 hours left to go. I been trying to get an all-day pass to go to the morning and afternoon session, but the hard part is me missing class time for notes and important things I need to know.

I would go to the Monday after-school days, but I usually work Mondays. I like my job. I know I work late at night, but a job is a job. It's helping me pay for a car, my college supplies, and activities with friends.

If you have a job, and you're a minor or not, always try to balance your work and school work. If you can, try to get fewer hours at work so that you are caught up at school. Everyone struggles with something in life, but it's important to try hard and find a way to juggle it all.

What A Time To Be Alive: Chicken Nuggets for \$1.49

By **Mason Rowlee**

Recently, Burger King updated its menu to include the almighty Burger King 10-piece chicken nuggets for only \$1.49. This exciting announcement came with many other rollouts, including Jalapeno Chicken Fries.

Senior Nicole Hansen said that this chicken nugget deal is "so groundbreaking" and noted, "As a soon-to-be broke college student, this is very important."

Burger King's biggest rival, McDonald's, has a 20-piece nugget for only \$5.00. However, this new deal by Burger King blows McDonald's out of the water.

Senior Connor Broderick said, "McDonald's nuggets are clearly better" and "Burger King's nuggets are decent, but not the same as McDonald's."

Junior Nolan Johnson thought this deal was "pretty awesome" and was very eager to try Burger King's nuggets.



Burger King recently rolled out a 10-piece chicken nugget meal for only \$1.49.