



Almost, Maine Opens Tonight

By Brian Trombly

Quirk's Players of GRB are pleased to present John Cariani's popular play, *Almost, Maine*, for their fall production. Set in rural Maine, the show is a compilation of vignettes about life, love, and loss.

"We're very excited to present *Almost, Maine*, for our fall show," explained Theater Director Mr. Briggs. "The show's themes and touching story lines have made it one of the most frequently produced plays in the United States over the past decade," he said.

Briggs explained that a cast of 19 students will take to the stage this week, many for the first time. "We have several new students joining Quirk's Players for the first time this fall," he noted.

Almost, Maine will be performed tonight, Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21 in the auditorium. Curtain time is set for 7:30 p.m. each evening and tickets are available at the door.



Pictured here are the G. Ray Bodley Students featured in the cast of Almost, Maine: Front Row (l to r): Jasmine Fauler, Wesley VanBuren, Chris Tetro, Emily Sohoski, Donald Austin, and Michael Gerth; Middle Row (l to r): Selene Belrad, Olivia Hawthorne, Jessica LaPage, Sunny Clinard, Michael Zarichny, and Sean Hein; Back Row (l to r): Karina Whitten, Justin Atwater, Alexis Phelps, Alex Blaine, Alfred Arduini, Nicholas Brown, and Babette Dunham.

Halloween Blood Drive Needs Donors

By Camiel Heagle

Student Senate will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, October 31 in the Large Group Instruction room. There will be students walking around with sign-up sheets during lunch bells from October 23-27. Student Senate member senior Mason Rowlee said, "I'm excited for the turnout this year." He also stated, "Students seem more excited than in previous years."

There are requirements for giving blood. If you are male, you must:

- Be healthy and feeling well

- Be at least 17 years old (16 with parent consent)
- Be at least 5'1"
- Weigh at least 130 lbs.

If you are female, you must:

- Be healthy and feeling well
- Be at least 17 years old (16 with parent consent)
- Be at least 5'5"
- Weigh at least 150 lbs.

People who have been sick or are sick need to wait until they feel well enough to donate. People who are diabetic are able to donate with a well-controlled diet, non-bovine insulin, or oral medi-

cations. A pregnant woman cannot donate, but a woman can donate six weeks after pregnancy.

A person may donate if a tattoo was applied at a state-regulated facility that uses sterile needles and single-use ink. A person must wait 12 months after having a tattoo applied in a facility that is not state-regulated regardless of if the needles and ink were sterile.

A person may donate after surgery if they returned to normal activity, feel well, and the underlying illness is not a disqualifying factor. See Student Senate members with any questions.

Huge Night of Soccer Ahead

By Jessie Sharkey

The boys and girls soccer teams have a busy night tonight. Both teams are hosting a Sectional game on their home turf.

The girls are the second seed and are playing Wassertown at 5 p.m.

The boys are the first seed and are playing Indian River at 7 p.m.

Athletic Director Mr. Ells stated, "It's very exciting to have a boys and girls home game on the same day for soccer playoffs. We hope to see you there."

Senior Cara Smith stated, "I'm excited to be there for two of the biggest games."

This will be an exciting and fun-filled night. Everybody can come and support the boys and girls soccer teams and watch them in their attempts to win big tonight.



The girls varsity soccer is ready for a big win tonight. In the front row from left to right are Hailey Carroll, Holly Bourgeois, Domonique Johnson, Leia Abbott, Kaylee Waugh, Mallori Kitts, Jordan Coulon, and Maddi Lang. In the middle row from left to right are Lilly Bray, Lizzie Russell, Emily Smith, Mckenna Chesbro, and Maddie Baum. In the back row from left to right are Kelly Caza, Jada Ballard, Aiyana Congden, Maddy Gilmore, Mckenna Bourgeois, Erin Nicholson, Kylie Jones, Jessie Sharkey, Lindsey McGraith, and Jasmine James.



The boys varsity soccer team is the first seed and plays Indian River tonight. In the front row from left to right are Donovan Duell, Nathan Stuart, Luke Stoutenger, Cole Green, Cameron Stuart, Mark Tallents, Sam Cary, and Nick Wallace. In the middle row from left to right are Jake Geitner, Josh Compson, Nate Summerville, Matt Borrow, Collin Bennett, Kenny Verdoliva, and Raiden Hanson. In the back row from left to right are Chris Schreck, Ethan Caruana, Conner Ware, Connor Wilde, Robert Salerno, Jesse Smithers, Anthony Salerno, Fisher Whitter, and Keegan Wallace.

Senior Night Excitement for Boys Soccer

By Cara Smith

On Thursday, October 12, boys varsity soccer had their senior night game against ESM, one of their biggest rivals.

The boys came out strong in the first half. Senior Jesse Smithers assisted senior Anthony Salerno with the first goal of the game within the first half.

Salerno stated, “Even though we let one slip through to tie it up in the second half we kept our heads in the game and scored another one three minutes after to bring the score to 2-1.”

He also noted, “We did what we were expected to do and we will keep doing it for weeks to come.”

After the huge win for the boys team, the student section wanted to rush the field. Coach Murray commented that he was very thankful and proud that the stu-

dents respected him when he asked that they refrain from doing so. He added that he wants the students to storm the field when the team wins the state title.

The win against ESM gave the team the league title and the No. 1 seed for the Section III Class A playoffs. The team plays tonight at 7 p.m.



Senior members of the varsity soccer team pictured from left to right include Josh Compson, Jake Geitner, Kenny Verdoliva, Nate Summerville, Anthony Salerno, Matt Borrow, Robert Salerno, Jesse Smithers, Keegan Wallace, Cole Green, Luke Stoutenger, and Nick Wallace.



During the weekend of October 14-15, Fulton’s varsity cheerleading squad placed first in their division during a local tournament. Congratulations!

Real World Learning during Construction Field Trip

By Nolan Johnson

On October 12, Mr. Sievers and his construction class took a very informational and enriching field trip. Mr. Sievers said he was very pleased with the outcome of the trip.

Students were taken to the Syracuse Fairgrounds for a career fair focusing explicitly on construction jobs and other occupations relating to construction. Students had the opportunity to have a great hands-on experience with professional guidance.

There were many different types of heavy equipment to operate and there were demonstrations throughout the fair. One example was a demonstration of block and brick laying in a professional setting.

This is the third year the class has taken this trip and Mr. Sievers said it was an “absolutely great experience.”

Mr. Sievers hopes to continue this annual trip because of the exposure to a wide variety of careers compared to what most of the students experience on an average day.



Students were able to operate construction equipment during the Construction Day field trip on October 12.

Pretzels, Bratwurst, and Fun at LOTE Meeting

By Jessie Sharkey

The Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Club celebrated Oktoberfest on Monday, October 16. Oktoberfest is a German celebration so Frau Ruggio hosted this party in her room.

There were a lot of snacks, songs, and Spezi, which is a mixture of orange soda and cola.

Senior Jake Willcox was in charge of making the bratwurst. He said his recipe was very tasty.

It was important for everyone to learn about different cultures. Senior Liz Brown stated, “It’s an opportunity for people to see the culture of Germany.”

Frau Ruggio stated, “It’s fun for the advisors to share the cultures

because we’ve all studied different languages.”

Frau started the meeting by telling a few jokes. One lesson students learned was that you can actually wash a pair of lederhosen. Many students found this to be a great experience and enjoyed the opportunity to learn about a new culture.



Senior Jake Willcox made bratwurst for the LOTE Club’s Oktoberfest event.

Shining the Light on Domestic Violence

By Camiel Heagle

Today is a day to wear purple for nationally recognized Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

“Shine the Light” is a campaign in New York State to shine purple lights on buildings, wear purple, or hold purple events during the month of October.

A flyer for the event emphasizes to go purple and talk about it because awareness is the first step toward real change.

Every year, individuals and service providers across the country take part in “Wear Purple Day” in honor of the victims and survivors of domestic violence and to raise awareness.

Take a picture of you, your friends, or colleagues wearing purple and post it on social media using the hashtags #DVAM, #FultonWearsPurple, #ShinetheLight, #WearPurpleNYS, #NYDVAM, and #PurpleThursday.

You are also welcome to post your photos to the Facebook page “Services to Aid Families.” Help flood social media with purple!

Our school-based advocate is Katie Petro and she can provide free, confidential services regarding your relationship, home life, or friends experiencing domestic violence. She is at GRB every day from 7:30-3:30 in room 181. Services to Aid Families (SAF) also has a 24-7 crisis hotline. The number is (315) 342-1600.

Student Involvement is Key Topic at Roundtable

By Megan Guernsey



The Principal’s Roundtable met for the second time on October 16 after school in the cafeteria.

There were new faces, new issues, and new opinions during the meeting.

The topics mostly had to do with enabling students to get involved in the school. This included questions about how to run for class officer positions, how to start a club, and if it would be possible to have student hall monitors.

Junior Jea Adams went to the roundtable meeting and said it was “a great way for the students of GRB to talk directly to and connect with the head of our school and have their voices heard.”

Other topics brought up were the inappropriate use of bathrooms, the music selection for prom, and the possibility of painting ceiling tiles.

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst shared good news as follow-up from the first meeting. She announced that new hardware locks for the bathroom should be coming in shortly.

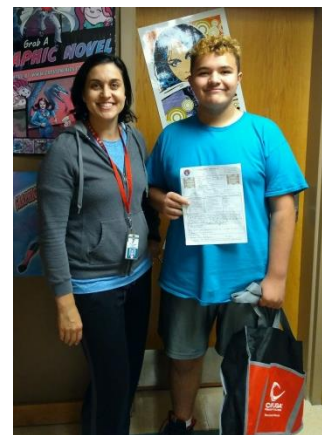
Golden Referrals Return

Golden referrals are continuing this year as part of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team’s student recognition.

Golden referrals are written by staff members for students who help others or are exceeding the school expectations in one or more areas in academics and behavior. Cayuga Community College (CCC) has generously donated merchandise for the winners.

At the end of the month, one student is drawn at random from the golden referrals received for that month. He or she is called to the office for a picture and to receive the CCC merchandise.

Golden referrals can also be written by students to acknowledge their teachers and show appreciation for their efforts.



Pictured is the September student of the month, freshman Deven Searor (right) and PBIS coach Mrs. Lazarek. Searor was selected from the golden referrals received in September.

- Opinion - A Senior Night When Seniors Did Not Play

By Calinda Ceterski

As I watched the Fulton boys varsity soccer team pull ahead against ESM on Thursday, October 12 later in the second half, I realized there were five seniors who had not touched the field. This realization did not sit well with me. I am a student athlete and have been on the swim team for all four years of high school, so the thought of not participating in senior night breaks my heart.

After discussing the issue with the boys who did not play, a couple of them felt angry and disappointed. Head Coach Murray explained that he does not have any real requirements for playing time, other than players cannot get in trouble in school, but said all of these boys are good, well-rounded kids. Mr. Murray said he and the other coaches put together line-ups that they think will give the team the best chance to win.

Two of the seniors were told to go warm up and to get ready to play towards the tail end of the game, but they never touched the field. After the game, I went down on the field and chatted with Athletic Director Mr. Ells about my disgust about the playing time for our seniors. Mr. Ells deemed it an important title game and agreed to disagree with my concerns. When Mr. Ells and I spoke again this week, he explained that playing time for varsity players or for seniors is not guaranteed, regardless of what game it is. He highlighted that Senior Night is not about playing in the game, but about being recognized for being on the team. He also explained that playing time is a coach's decision, talking with him right after the

game is not ideal, and he does not discuss playing time.

It is helpful to note that Mr. Ells' office is here in the high school, which makes him easily accessible to students if they have any issues regarding sports.

The team's victory gave them the league title. However, regardless of the outcome of that game, if our team got blown out of the water or demolished ESM, they had the second seed position locked and loaded, which gave them a bye for the first round of Sectionals. Nevertheless, before the game, the team discussed what they wanted the outcome of the game to be and the team wanted to win.

Senior night is a bittersweet moment in any athlete's high school career. The night is an important part of your senior season and should be something seniors participate in, without a doubt, even if it is only for a couple of minutes or only for one race.

Again, as an athlete, I am a very competitive person and I love winning. I think that there is no better feeling of coming together as a team and celebrating your victory. Although it is great to win, that should not be the main focus of high school sports. I mean, sure, it is a great goal to have, but if players on any team are miserable, it truly is not worth it. Teams sometimes become so caught up in winning and advancing to Sectionals they lose the "fun" aspect of the sport.

The boys varsity soccer team is enjoying a wonderful season. I congratulate them as a team, and wish them the best of luck in their journey in Sectionals.

- Opinion - PSAT Important, But Stressful

By Molly Metcalf

It is that time of year again. On Wednesday, October 11 the junior class and selected sophomores took the PSAT in the GRB gymnasium.

Taking the PSAT is important because it prepares students for the SAT they will typically take during their junior or senior year. The SAT can be very important to getting accepted into college because it shows what you can do and how much you have learned and have grown throughout your high school years. There is a mix of English, math, and language questions throughout the PSAT.

Walking in the gymnasium, at first, is very intimidating because you know it is a very important test. Even if it does not count toward your actual score for getting into college, you still want to do well to show what you know.

There are four parts to the test. The first part is English, then language, then math without using a calculator, and, finally, a math section that allowed calculator use.

Overall, the test for me was fine. There were definitely lots of questions I had trouble with, but also lots of questions I knew. I did not finish every question and there is no problem if you could not get them all.

Once the scores are in, students will have an opportunity to review their answers and find out what they need to brush up on for the upcoming SAT. I am keeping my fingers crossed that I did well, as are many other GRB students.