



## Fundraising Starts for Spring Musical

By Brian Trombly

Putting on a quality school musical can be an expensive endeavor so throughout the month of November, Quirk's Players' parent and volunteer group "Friends of Quirk's Players" will be holding a fundraiser to help pay for some of the cost of running the spring musical. The March Quirk's Players production will be *Annie*.

The group is selling poinsettias for the holiday season. Orders for poinsettias are currently being taken. Anyone interested has until Thursday, November 30 to order from any member of Quirk's Players. Buyers can pick up their poinsettias in the GRB cafeteria on Friday, December 8 starting at 3:00 p.m.

Poinsettias are available in red, white, and pink. The price for a single poinsettia basket is \$10. The group will also be having a deal where people can buy three poinsettia baskets for \$25. Any checks are to be made out to "Friends of Quirk's Players."

Hopefully, the community will support the organization's effort to put on a quality show by buying a poinsettia basket. Be sure to email [friendsofquirks@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofquirks@hotmail.com) if there are any questions.



*Members of Quirk's Players are selling poinsettias. Proceeds will go toward funding the spring musical, Annie.*



*On Monday, November 13, the senior class hosted a Lights on the Lake fundraiser that was open to the students and staff of GRB. Thirty students, staff members, and staff children showed up to ride a bus to the evening walk-through of Lights on the Lake. Dunkin Donuts also generously donated donuts and hot chocolate for those who attended.*

*Pictured are the attendees for the fun night of lights.*

*(Picture from Mr. Mainville.)*

## Assembly Increases Interest in CiTi

By **Jessie Sharkey**

On Wednesday, November 8, the sophomores of G. Ray Bodley attended an assembly about the Center for Instruction, Technology and Innovation (CiTi).

CiTi offers a great hands-on learning opportunity and many different career paths. The program offers Culinary Arts, Heavy Equipment Repair, Computer Systems, Advanced Metal Manufacturing, Auto Body Tech, Early Childhood Education, Public Safety, Outdoor Power, Automotive, Construction, Cosmetology, Nursing, Digital Media, and Welding.

To be placed into CiTi, a student needs good attendance and good grades. He or she also needs to pass all core classes and do well in tenth grade. Passing all classes is very important because it will give students an option to choose when they want to go to CiTi. AM CiTi is from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. PM CiTi is from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Senior Dustin Parkhurst is a part of the CiTi program and stated, "It prepares you for the career you are interested in."

Senior Paige Drake said, "It's a good learning opportunity."

CiTi programs are New York State Regents approved and can offer four credits toward an Advanced Regents Diploma includ-

ing English, math, science, health, and physical education. Many of the programs offer college credit.

The best part about CiTi is that it is completely free. There is no cost to a student or a parent. All of the supplies and equipment are provided.

CiTi is normally one or two years and students may take only the first year of a two-year program. If a program is not right for students, they can talk to their guidance counselor about changes. Students do not have to stay in a program if they do not like it.

For seniors, CiTi offers a New Vision program where students

can specialize in a career. They will go off-campus and go to SUNY Oswego and work sites. They will do rotations in a workplace environment. For New Vision, students need an 85% or above and need to be a responsible student.

They also offer Skills USA where students enter competitions and could win \$10,000 in scholarships and prizes.

If students are interested in career and technical education, there is a tenth grade field trip on December 7. Students will be spending a half-day visiting the campus. The permission slips were passed out this week and should be handed in with a parent's signature as soon as possible.



*Pictured from left to right following the informational assembly for sophomores are tenth grade counselor Ms. Rickert, sophomore Austin Bowering, CiTi representatives Dave Eastman and Scott Henry, and principal Mrs. Parkhurst.*

## Ninth Graders Begin Fundraising Efforts

By Gage LeBlanc

The Class of 2021 is off and running!

Class officers have been elected and include President Samantha McRae, co-Vice Presidents MacKenzie Treneer and Emma Weaver, Treasurer Anthony Epolito, Secretary Jessica LaPage, Publicist David Cordone, and Historian Natalie Summerville.

The freshman class held a fundraiser October 11 at Subway. According to Freshman Class Advisor Mrs. Lazarek, Subway donated 10% of their sales for the day to the freshman class here at GRB and the class raised \$140.

Mrs. Lazarek said there will be a fundraiser at McDonald's on November 20 from 4-7 p.m. Please mention the class of 2021 when ordering.

There will be a fundraiser at Fajita Grill on Tuesday, December 5. There will also be an event at Red Baron on January 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please mention the Class of 2021 for the Red Baron event.

The class will also be selling Gertrude Hawk candy bars throughout the year.

To sign up for the freshman class reminders, text @9hb466 to 81010.

## Robotics Team Takes On First Competition of Year

By Megan Guernsey

The GRB Robotics Club kicked off the year with its first competition on Saturday, November 4.

Fulton had three teams competing, each with different robots. The teams were Twisted Axle (senior Nate Summerville, sophomore Taylor Bonoffski, and freshman Brandon Hacic), Last Minute Rookie (seniors Jeremy Samson, Justin Barney, and Devin Boyce), and Robo Raider (juniors Ryan Barry and Andrew Dedich).

Two of the teams made it through to semifinals and the other team made it to the quarter finals.

Senior Jeremy Samson said he used the first competition to "see the other teams and some of the ideas that are coming together" and also to give the teams ideas for the upcoming year.



GRB students competed in the first robotics competition of the year on Saturday, November 4.

With their eyes set on states coming up in March, senior Nate Summerville is hoping to improve on the team's performance from this competition to the next.



On Tuesday, November 14, senior Megan Guernsey signed her letter of intent to attend Franklin Pierce University to continue her bowling career. The college is in New Hampshire and is a D2 school for bowling. Guernsey said, "It was very nice to see all my teachers, coaches, and friends there to support me." The signing took place at Lakeview Lanes in Fulton and everyone in attendance congratulated Megan and enjoyed cake to celebrate. Guernsey is a current member of the girls varsity bowling team. Their first match is November 28. Pictured at the signing from left to right are Megan's mother, Kelly Guernsey, Megan, and her father, Mike Guernsey. Congratulations, Megan!

## Winter Sports Begin

### By Mason Rowlee

Beginning the week of November 6, G. Ray Bodley's winter sport season kicked off with wrestling, boys and girls basketball, bowling, swimming and diving, and indoor track and field.

Girls basketball starts the season with four seniors, Cara Smith, Mckenna Chesbro, Mallori Kitts, and Erin Nicholson. Coach Derek Lyons said, "They have been important parts to this program for many years. We will go as they go. If they take their skills to the next level, we have the chance to be a very good team."

He also noted, "We have some juniors coming up who will get their first taste of varsity basketball and if they can adapt quickly, that will be huge as well." The first game for the girls is December 1 at G. Ray Bodley.

Boys basketball began November 6 and is led by Coach Matthew Kimpland, an elementary school teacher and administrative intern at the high school. Recently, he said, "In looking ahead, we need to understand that we will not be able to show up and win by just outscoring teams. We will have to do all the little things perfectly and win all the small aspects of the game each and every night. Those things include 50/50 balls, rebounding, turnover battle, free-throws, and more. I believe that this group has bought into that concept and maintaining that type of mentality throughout the season will be important.

He added, "Defense has to be a priority for us. That is going to be what creates our offense and wins us basketball games." He noted, "You could see a very fluid rotation for us this year as we will want to get up and down the floor and play at a very high pace on both ends."

Boys and girls swimming and diving began on Monday, November 6, with more than twenty swimmers on this year's team. Their first contest is against Mexico on November 28 at Granby Elementary School. Coach Shane Lacey said, "We are looking forward to starting off the season with a win against our rival and defending Class B champion, the Mexico Tigers!"

Wrestling Coach Jeff Waldron said, "We had 55 kids on the first day of practice and I am hoping to increase the numbers every day for the first week. My goal was to have 60 kids on the team, which is four kids for each of the 15 weight classes." He also noted, "Last season we won the Class A and the Division 1 sectional tournament. We hope to repeat those performances as well as win the section 3 Duals to qualify for the first NYS Dual Meet Tournament at the SRC Arena on January 27. Our first match is against the returning D-2 NYS Champions, Central Valley, on November 28. We follow up two days later against the always tough Baldwinsville team at home. Our entire schedule can be viewed on the district website or [CNYwrestling.com](http://CNYwrestling.com)."

The bowling team began practicing last week, as well, and players are looking forward to defending their Section III championship. Their team is comprised of six seniors, including Megan Guernsey, Bradley Martin, Elizabeth Brown, Jasmine James, Jacob Willcox, and Jason Southworth. Senior Megan Guernsey signed with Franklin Pierce University's Division II bowling team on November 14. Their first match is November 28.

The Ski and Snowboard Club is another group that looks forward to the winter season. Advised by math teachers Sue Ryan and Penny Downing, the trips begin later this winter, but the group is already holding meetings. Mrs. Ryan noted, "Lake effect snow is predicted later this week so we are hoping to have our Tuesday passes before Christmas break and hit the slopes early this year! We can't wait!" She also added, "One change this year is that we will be using school transportation instead of a charter bus, which makes it more convenient for us when we have to reschedule and also more affordable for our members."

Gary Galek, coach of Fulton's indoor track team, noted that more information would follow and he is excited for the group's upcoming competitions.

GRB has been abuzz with winter sports beginning and the ending of the first marking period. Students are excited for what's to come this winter.

## Season Starts for Girls Basketball

By **Cara Smith**

Last season, the girls varsity basketball team had high hopes to move onto Sectionals. That goal was not reached because many injuries occurred early in the season. Coach Lyons said this offered an opportunity for the younger girls to get more playing time.

With practices just beginning, the team and coaches are hoping for a great season. Mr. Lyons stated, "The season is going to depend on the seniors. They have been in the program for a long time and it is their time to step up."

Senior captain Mckenna Chesbro noted, "I'm excited to see where this season goes. I have a good feeling because the first few practices went really well."

Senior captain Erin Nicholson stated, "We are going to have to work hard this season, but I think the hard work will pay off throughout the season."

Mr. Lyons also noted, "I'm looking forward to watching the girls get stronger and faster as well as becoming better people."

Sectionals is the biggest goal of the season for the girls. Good luck!



*Pictured is last year's girls varsity basketball team after a tournament win with Coach Wallace and Coach Lyons.*

## College Discussions Starting Early

By **Molly Metcalf**

Just about every week at GRB, a college representative comes to the Counseling Office and is available to speak with students about the college that is being represented. The students get a chance to ask any questions they may have. It gives an opportunity for students to start to get an idea about what they want to do and where they want to go after high school.

Counseling Office secretary Mrs. Caza stated, "They are working for the colleges and they are trying to recruit students to come to their colleges. Students can come down to talk to the representatives about their specific college, or to ask questions about college life, in general."

Mrs. Caza also explained that students from any grade can come down and speak to the representative. She said, "It's never too early to start thinking about college."

If you are thinking about speaking to a representative, information is on the Fulton City School District website on the Counseling Office page. You will also see signs around school and you can ask any other questions by going to the Counseling Office. Listen closely to the announcements for more information, as well.

Information from the representative will also be on the website about visits to the college. You can also visit the Counseling Office to get left-over flyers if you could not be there to speak to the representative in person.

## Boys Basketball Ready for Big Season

By Macean MacIntyre and Nolan Johnson

The winter sports season is upon us as wrestling, swimming, basketball, and more begin for our student athletes. Basketball usually attracts large crowds as it is inside where it is nice and warm and can seat our student section comfortably.

Senior Ryan Sheffield said, “We should be a solid team between our speed on offense and size on defense. We will be a hard team to beat.”

Coach Matthew Kimpland has high expectations for this year’s squad.

He said he “loves the depth” this team has with the 14-man roster, the biggest roster he has ever had.

Kimpland also said this type of depth will lead to “a fast and fluid style of play on both ends of the court.”

He challenges leaders like junior Jacob Gugula and senior Ryan Sheffield to “make sure players arrive ready to work and get better.”

Last season had some success, but they also graduated some key players in key positions. Some of the athletes will have to step up and fill some pretty large holes for the varsity basketball team. With limited varsity minutes on the team, this should be an interesting development process for the players.

Good luck to the boys basketball team and to all our winter sports teams.



Fulton basketball’s 2016-2017 team included (back row left to right) Coach Shatrau, junior Jacob Gugula, senior Ryan Sheffield, junior Ryan Michaels, Nick Burescia, senior Nolan Johnson, Gage McHenry, and Coach Steve Minor. In the front row from left to right are Senior Tyler Coant, Kyle Perry, Connor Broderick, senior Cole Green, Frank Barbagallo, and Head Coach Matt Kimpland.

## Students Learn Useful Information on CiTi Field Trip

By Cara Smith

Cosmetology students from the Center for Instruction, Technology and Innovation (CiTi) took part in a field trip to many hair care stores on Thursday, November 9. The stores are only open to licensed cosmetologists or students with proof of hours through the program.

The class visited Cosmo Prof, Goldwell, and A&A and then went to Great Northern Mall for lunch.

Kerstin Harris from Phoenix stated, “Going to these stores was a great opportunity to find out more in-depth information about hair supplies and how they work.”

Autumn Shepard from Sandy Creek stated, “This gave me an opportunity to get early Christmas gifts for my friends and family.”

Brittney Palencar from Central Square stated, “Going to the stores gave me a good sense of prices and products to put into my store when I become a licensed cosmetologist.”

Senior Kaitlin Hanna stated, “It gave me a chance to see what my future will look like. Going into the stores and talking to business owners gave us a look at our future career.”

The trip was a fun lesson about being a future cosmetologist!



Pictured are some of the CiTi Cosmetology students with two of their teachers during their field trip on Thursday, November 9.

## GRB Welcomes New Technology

### By Mason Rowlee

Next school year, G. Ray Bodley will begin a 1:1 Chromebook initiative giving each of the approximately 1,100 students at G. Ray Bodley access to a laptop computer during all bells of the school day. These laptops are designed to create a 21st century learning environment for students. A Chromebook differs from a laptop in that it is more streamlined and offers easy access to Google programs such as Google Documents and Google Slides, which are used as alternatives to Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

This initiative came from a growing demand for 21st century skills from employers and students alike. In today's digital age, computer skills are more essential than ever before. Currently, most colleges are offering online course alternatives for students, allowing college students to take full courses online.

Similarly, several free online and interactive video courses are being offered at GRB through Distance Learning Courses. These classes are technologically driven, and offer students instruction in a variety of courses in the disciplines that interest them. These students meet in a computer lab everyday and log in to their classes to receive instruction. Their real-time instruction comes directly from Onondaga Community College (OCC) or Cayuga Community College (CCC), and

gives students the feeling of taking an actual course directly from these colleges. Currently at GRB, American Sign Language is offered as a 3-credit course through OCC. These students meet for one hour every-other day to listen to a professor driven lecture.

Similarly, online courses are offered at the high school as well. Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take four different online classes to earn CCC credit. Currently, GRB has a few students enrolled in Anatomy and Physiology and The Entrepreneurial Process, which differ from interactive video courses due to the pace at which students are permitted to take these classes. With online classes, students are able to take the course on their own time outside of the school day, since no time is allotted for them during the school day to complete their course work for these classes.

All interested students should speak with their Guidance Counselor during their scheduling appointment in the spring, keeping in mind that these courses are not teacher-led

and require a student commitment to seek out resources and help when needed.

At the high school, the use of technology in the classroom is even more subtle than just laptop assignments and online courses, but instead encompasses all facets of the classroom. Many teachers utilize online resources to supplement and review class materials through online review presentations, supplemental videos, and online quizzes and assessments to help organize and streamline the homework for a particular class.

Outside of online classes at GRB, it is important for students to have online technical skills for the world beyond the walls of high school. The addition of 1:1 Chromebooks to classrooms is aligned with the movement of education in the Fulton City School District. Dominick Lisi, Director of Technology for the Fulton City **(continued on page 8)**



*Pictured is a Chromebook computer. Chromebooks are being introduced to GRB next year through the district's 1:1 Chromebook initiative. This initiative gives all students at the high school access to a Chromebook computer throughout the school day.*

School District, said he “would expect that the transition itself will take time. Change is difficult, yet taken on as a community with the ultimate goal of providing our young learners with the tools to succeed, it can be both transformative and exciting.”

Lisi also noted, “Several advantages come to mind including the ability to readily access resources that wouldn’t otherwise be available. The ability to collaborate, create and communicate (all 21st Century skills) is easily facilitated through the effective use of this technology. Chromebooks, as a technology, are very reliable, cost effective and relatively easy to support. This, in turn, results in more efficient use of class time and ultimately district resources.”

This move forward in technology is a huge step for GRB and more information is still to come as the logistics of the Chromebook initiative are clarified. Stay tuned for more information, Raiders!

For the Fulton community, this change will help “to provide the resources our community needs in order to prepare our young learners for the future,” said Lisi. He added, “As a district we feel that these devices fulfill that need at this time. As educational and technology needs and challenges arise we must reevaluate and adjust.”

Seemingly, the addition of Chromebooks to G. Ray Bodley will help initiate conversation and help students in the technological-

ly dependent world we live in today. This change to learning will not only help supplement independent learning and

thought, but gives students more incentive to come to school, be involved, and learn more about topics that interest them.

## The Orange Return

**By Nolan Johnson**

The Orange are entering their fourth year of the very competitive ACC conference. While this conference will most likely again send a team to contend for a national title, this year will include heavy losses from almost every team. It should be interesting to see how these teams try to overcome these losses and fans hope some unlikely heroes come out of this as a result.

One of those unlikely heroes this season could be the Syracuse basketball team. Syracuse has a knack for being the underdogs. Somehow putting them down and out lights a fire in them to succeed.

The Orangemen returners will include junior Frank Howard, sophomore Matthew Moyer, and the highly anticipated sophomore Tyus Battle. Battle will be the player to watch this year as he is projected to have an outstanding

year. Syracuse.com analyst Andrew Godnick said, “The Syracuse Orange (are) relying on their second-year shooting guard to have a year to remember.”

While Battle gives fans some optimism, other fans would argue that a solid second year player would not be enough to compete. On their way out were four seniors of the five starters last season and a key piece of the ‘Cuse offense in Taurean Thompson, who had to transfer due to family problems.

While the season is still a question mark, Syracuse fans will never admit it and will always be rooting for their team.



*Sophomore Tyus Battle is poised for a great second season on the Syracuse squad.*

## -New Staff Spotlight- Welcome, Mr. Gilbert!

### By Jessie Sharkey

This year, GRB welcomed a new English teacher. Mr. Gilbert is teaching English for the Alternative Education program.

Mr. Gilbert said he was inspired to become an English teacher because of his love for reading. He stated, “I just think my passion for stories is what drove me to be an English teacher.”

Mr. Gilbert went to Mexico High School. He was Class President and Salutatorian. He went to college at Florida State University to study business, but he realized business was not the right career path for him.

He explained, “I understood business. I could do it. It just didn't bring me any joy.”

Before teaching at GRB, Mr. Gilbert got a job as a sports photojournalist. He covered local and professional sports for four years. Then he went back to school to get his Master's Degree in Education. After college, he got a job at Onondaga Cortland Madison County BOCES. After one year, he got a job in Fulton. He taught Special Education at the Junior High for three years and then came to GRB at the start of this school year.

Mr. Gilbert said he enjoys his job at GRB. He likes contributing to the community and helping kids contribute to the community. He stated, “I love being a part of the community. It's really a blessing, because I live here.”

He added that it's really special to “work in the same community I live in and try to make a difference in the community.”

Outside of school, Mr. Gilbert is

one of the wrestling coaches. He is an assistant coach for varsity wrestling and is the head peewee wrestling coach. He also loves hanging out with his family, including his wife and two sons. He said, “Basically anything I can do to spend time with my kids is pretty much the greatest thing that I can imagine doing when I leave school.”

If you see Mr. Gilbert in the hallway, please be sure to welcome him to GRB.



*Mr. Gilbert is the new English teacher in the Alternative Education wing.*