



Latest Data Shows Behavior Improvements

By **Brian Trombly**

With the first 15 weeks of the school year already finished, administrators and members of the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports committee have started comparing the behavior data between the first 15 weeks of this school year and last year's first 15 weeks.

The top three behaviors that are continuing to be prioritized are skipping classes, truancy/leaving school without permission, and defiance/insubordination. By sharing these statistics, the hope is that students and staff will recognize the behavior issues that need to be addressed by each class.

Although there is still a high number of students skipping classes (441 skips), the amount of skips has decreased by 15.2% compared to last year. There was also an 11.3% decrease in the number of instances of trancies compared to last year (238 instances in 2016-2017 and 211 instances in 2017-2018).

Some improvements are still needed for GRB. Instances of harassment have increased compared to last year (19 instances in 2016-

2017 and 33 instances in 2017-2018).

Skipping continues to be a problem that administrators and teachers are tackling head on. Physical Education classes are an area that continues to be examined, as there were 129 instances of skipping from those classes.

Seminar teachers are now focusing on showing their students the behavior data. Teachers are talking with students about the importance of being in class. They are also discussing job expectations and what would happen if they skipped a day or if they were late for work.

This data on behavior will hopefully give students an idea of the areas they may need to improve and should help build a school community full of high-level learning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FULTONIAN YEARBOOK

Calling all winter athletes and club members. The Fultonian Yearbook is currently working on your pages for the 2018 yearbook. Send your pictures to Mrs. Honeywell, Mr. Senecal, or tweet #GRBYB.

LOTE CLUB

LOTE Club will be celebrating Kings' Day at our weekly meeting. Don't miss the fun and see who will find the trinket to become King or Queen of the party.

JOURNALISM CLUB

There will be a Journalism Club meeting in Mrs. Nylen's room today after school. Stop by to discuss the many ways you can contribute to RaiderNet this year.

HASHTAG CONTEST

Do you have a way with words? If so, you can help write a clever hashtag to highlight Oswego County School Libraries on social media. The deadline is January 17. See Mrs. Scalfaro for details.

TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

Announcing the Summer Reading 2018 Teen Video Challenge. Create a video to promote the New York State Summer Reading Program with the theme "Libraries Rock!" The winning team receives \$100. See Mrs. Scalfaro for more information.

Seniors to Order Caps and Gowns Next Week

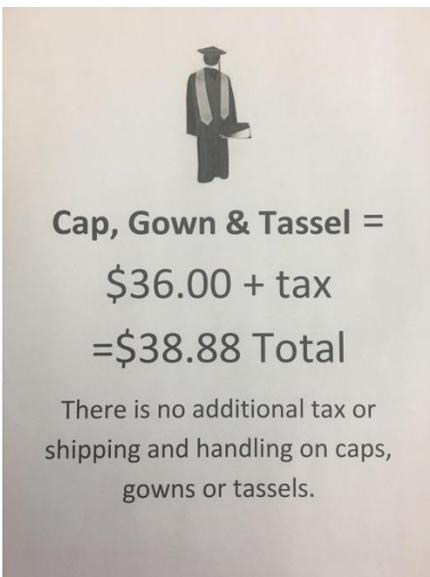
By Jessie Sharkey

Cap and gown packets were distributed to seniors on Monday, January 8 during Guided Study Hall.

There are multiple bundles that students can choose from when they place an order. The main bundle is the cap, gown, and tassel bundle, which is \$38.88 including tax.

Students can also order graduation announcements and invitations.

Orders will be collected Wednesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 18 during lunch bells.




Cap, Gown & Tassel =
\$36.00 + tax
= \$38.88 Total
 There is no additional tax or shipping and handling on caps, gowns or tassels.

Pictured is one of the flyers included in the packet that was distributed to seniors.

Time to Clean Up Recycling

By Nolan Johnson

Students in the Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) Global Environment class have been a part of the recycling program at GRB for over 20 years. While Environmental Club Advisor Mr. Mainville and the students take pride in their efforts and enjoy doing their part for the environment, the recycling crew has noticed some changes need to happen regarding what goes into the recycling bins.

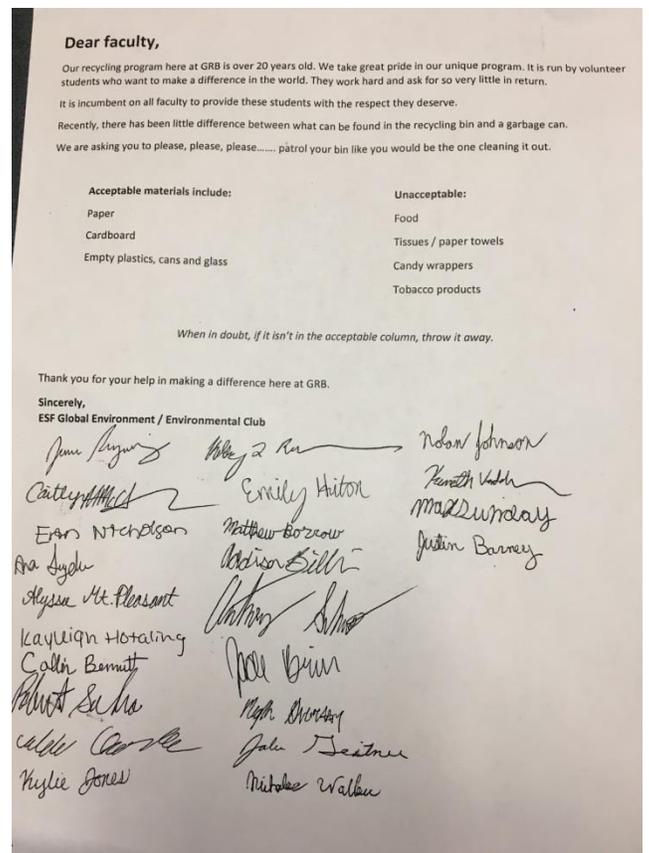
For the most part, students and faculty do their job regarding disposing of recyclables properly, but slip-ups are still apparent to the recycling group. On some days, students find non-recyclable items like milk cartons or used tissues in the bins.

Senior Justin Barney said he is “disappointed with the lack of regard given to the students who try to make the school a cleaner and environmentally-friendly place.”

Mr. Mainville recently shared a letter with faculty members that outlined the problem

and listed what is and is not acceptable for recycling. Acceptable items would include paper, cardboard, empty plastics, cans, and glass. Unacceptable items would include food, tissues or paper towels, candy wrappers, and tobacco products.

With the reminder, students and staff are hopeful that recycling bins will only have the appropriate materials in them from now on, which will make life a little easier for the volunteer recycling committee.



Pictured is the letter given to faculty members outlining what is acceptable to be recycled and what is considered trash. All of the students in the ESF Global Environment Class signed it.

Wrestling Tournament Honors Veteran

By Jessie Sharkey

Kenneth Haines graduated from G. Ray Bodley in 2000. He was a member of Fulton’s Section 3 Championship Wrestling Team.

In 2006, he lost his life in Iraq serving his country.

Kenneth Haines received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. He was also awarded service medals for his combat service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism and earned the Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Every year, the Fulton Wrestling Team hosts the Kenneth Haines Memorial Tournament in his memory.

This year, the tournament took place on December 29 and December 30.

Fulton ultimately won the tournament with 257.5 team points. In second place was Niagara Wheatfield with 179.0 team points and in third place was JD-CBA with 176.5 team points. Considering none of Fulton’s wrestlers earned a first place win, an overall win is an impressive accomplishment that shows the team’s wide-spread ability.

Junior Adam DeMauro stated, “I think overall the team did outstanding. Even with some bumps

in the road, our team still came out on top.”

Senior Sam Jones stated, “I think the team is doing great this year. We are working really hard to achieve our goals.”

Sophomore Cole French noted that it was a tough tournament for the team.

Overall, there were 41 teams that participated in this tournament and it is one of the biggest tournaments of the year.

Many Fulton wrestlers placed in the tournament.

-Thomas Hughes placed 3rd at 113 pounds.

-Kaleb Carreon placed 5th at 120 pounds.

-Andru Walts placed 7th at 120 pounds.

-Samuel May placed 7th at 132 pounds.

-Cuinn Burlingham placed 4th at 138 pounds.

-Adam DeMauro placed 7th at 145 pounds.

-Brandon Guernsey placed 8th at 152 pounds.

-Nick Noel placed 6th at 160 pounds.

-Camrin Galvin placed 4th at 170 pounds.

-Matej Zavacky placed 5th at 170 pounds.

-Dylan DeMauro placed 7th at 182 pounds.

-Jonathan Parrish placed 2nd at 195 pounds.



The American flag in the upstairs common area of GRB helps keep the memory of Kenneth Haines alive.

Two Wins and a Loss for Boys Basketball

By Macean MacIntyre

On December 28, the boys varsity basketball team played Camden and scored a win over the Blue Devils with a final score of 38-25.

Senior Cole Cotton said, “We didn’t shoot the ball well from three, but played good defense to make up for it.”

After the team’s low-scoring victory over Camden, they faced off against Central Square on January 3, losing the game with a score of 67-44.

On January 9, the boys played against Oswego, which is always a fun game to watch due to the rivalry Oswego and Fulton have always had. The team won this game with a score of 47-31.

The team now stands at 4 wins and 5 losses and is slowly making its way back up to a positive record.

The team’s next opponent will be Jamesville-Dewitt. They play them at GRB in the gym on Friday, January 12.

Come support the boys team tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.



Pictured from left to right are Nolan Johnson, Ryan Sheffield, Cole Green, Tyler Coant, and Cole Cotton, the senior members of the boys varsity basketball team.

Class Rings Available for Purchase

By Molly Metcalf

On Wednesday, January 3, the junior class had an assembly about class rings during Guided Study Hall.

The purpose and meaning behind the rings was discussed and it was noted that class rings are a special way to remember the journey through high school and a way to promise to graduate with your class. Juniors also can purchase and personalize a necklace or a dog tag.

Jewelry can be ordered January 17 and 18 during the lunch bells.



Pictured are the catalogs juniors received on January 3, which feature class rings, necklaces, and dog tags.

More Losses for the Hockey Team

By Camiel Heagle

On January 3, the Raider hockey team took on West Genesee for the second time this season.

West Genesee scored 12 goals throughout the game and sophomore Pat Galvin scored his first career goal with 17 seconds left in the game to break a shutout, leaving the final score for the game at 12-1.

Coach Heindorf said, "I think that between the injuries and the quit-

ters it was difficult to keep pace with the second-ranked team in the state. At full strength, we could provide a much tighter game than the one we played. I am still proud of the way our guys have handled adversity and how the ones on the bench and in the room with me have no quit in them."

On January 9, Fulton took on Baldwinsville at the Lysander rink.

The team gave Baldwinsville a breakaway 15 seconds into the game and never really recovered. Derek Schumaker from Central Square scored his first career goal for Fulton, assisted by Joe Galvagno, who is also from Central Square. Fulton's goalie, sophomore Jadon Lee, had 47 saves.

The final score was 9-1.

Good luck to the Raiders as they take on Rome Free Academy at 6 p.m. at home tonight.



Orchestra students performed in front of the auditorium for teachers and students on December 21 before the holiday break to spread a little holiday cheer. From left to right are orchestra teacher Mrs. Edele, freshman Victoria Stouten-ger, senior Hunter Dudley, senior Megan Johnson, sophomore Emily Tice, sophomore Anna Sampson, sophomore Lei Yeh, junior Jasmine Criswell, senior Alexis Phelps, senior Madison Lang, and senior Noah Phelps.

New Year Brings New Goals for Students

By Cara Smith

Many people made New Year's resolutions as they started the new year of 2018. Some may be small, little changes and some may be bigger changes.

Senior Paige Drake stated, "My New Year's resolution is to stop eating fast food because I'm diabetic and it's not healthy for me."

Senior Anthony Salerno said, "My New Year's resolution is to make and save as much money as possible and not spend it on stuff I do not need." Salerno also commented that college is coming fast for him and with the growing



costs of tuition, room and board, and books, it will not be cheap.

get more sleep at night so I'm not as tired going to school."

Junior Emily Hilton noted, "I plan to study more before tests and to

RaiderNet wishes everyone a safe, healthy, and happy new year!

GRB News Needs You

By Jordan Sawyer

Students watch GRB News every other week at GRB during Guided Study Hall. If you have ever thought about joining or wondered how any of it works, now is your chance to find out.

GRB News Director Mrs. Williams is looking for students to join and help make GRB News great.

High school students of any grade are welcome to be a part of the group. There are lots of positions available, including for students who do not want to be on camera. Students can work the camera, edit, proofread, and help decorate to keep things interesting.

If you have any questions about the news or how to join, please see Mrs. Williams in Room 106.



Pictured is the logo for GRB News.

Putting a Positive Twist on Referrals

By Molly Metcalf

Here at GRB, there are Golden Referrals that recognize students who are doing great things. A staff member can nominate someone who may have done something to help someone else or who went above and beyond everyday expectations.

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Coach Mrs. Lazarek said, "Other schools in the district are recognizing students for exceeding expectations. We took this idea and customized it to meet the needs of GRB."

Every month, students who were nominated get their picture taken and a phone call to a parent or guardian explaining the honor. One student is randomly drawn and that student wins a bag of Cayuga Community College merchandise.

Thirteen students have earned a Golden Referral this year. The PBIS Committee has set a goal to increase the number they receive each five weeks.

Mrs. Lazarek said, "The students who have received a Golden Referral are excited that they are being recognized. Their parents/guardians are also proud of their actions when they are told about it. The students are always thankful and many times are surprised that the staff member noticed them doing the action."

Pictured is the Golden Referral that staff members use to recognize students.

GRB Students Busy During School Break

By Sammy Tanner

The holiday break is over and school is back in full swing. Students were on break from December 22 to January 2. For many people, the vacation was a great way to spend time with family and friends.

Senior Hannah Burlingham said, "My break was really fun. I spent a lot of time with family and friends. I also helped out with the wrestling team's Haines Tournament."

Despite the rough weather, senior Jeremy Samson got into the giv-

ing spirit by donating blood to the American Red Cross at our school's blood drive.

Some students traveled outside of Fulton to celebrate the holidays. Senior Jake Wilcox said, "I went to South Carolina to visit my brother, his wife, and my new nephew."

Many students enjoyed the vacation and were sad to see it end. Now the end of the marking period is just two weeks away and students have another five weeks of school until winter vacation from February 19-23.