



Plenty of Opportunities for Student Involvement

By Mason Rowlee

Recently, the students and staff of GRB have noticed a subtle decrease in student participation in student-led organizations. At Principal's Roundtable and other meetings, many students have commented on the difficulty of becoming involved in a variety of student activities. Yet, with new schedules and activities designed to bring more students in, why are many students feeling isolated from their school?

The answer is not simple. Currently, the primary student government organization at GRB, Student Senate, holds two separate meetings in order to cater to the needs and busy schedules of students. These meetings are held weekly and are open to all students. Additionally, every week, all class officers hold public meetings open to all students.

"All students' opinions, ideas, and suggestions are important. We would like to hear them," senior class advisor Mrs. Killian said. The senior class, which meets Wednesdays during Guided Study Hall, is busy preparing for the senior class trip to Virginia Beach. These meetings are open to all students and senior class officers Mason Rowlee, Jake Geitner, Maddi Lang, Jasmine James, Caitlyn MacAfee, and Bradley Martin are always open to student feedback.

Students in other grades can share information with their own class

officers and advisors, including Mrs. Kent (juniors), Mr. J. Fasulo (sophomores), and Mrs. Lazarek (freshmen).

With two separate weekly meetings scheduled for Student Senate in conjunction with weekly class officer meetings, students have multiple ways to get involved. Even for students who are not in the building all day because of classes at CiTi, reaching out to a class officer or advisor is an alternative to attending a weekly meeting.

"It's important for students to understand the channels of our student government, thus how their voices can be heard," Mrs. Parkhurst said.

She added, "It's also important for our students to understand why we have class officers, their role, and how students could be involved as a member of each class. We also need to be sure we have ways to communicate how students can get involved in our student government opportunities."

There is no question there are vast opportunities for students to be heard. Despite low attendance at some meetings, GRB's Student Senate and class organizations continue to offer a wide variety of activities to all students and members look forward to hearing from new voices at upcoming meetings.

Announcements

SENIORS

Reminder to Seniors - Jostens will be in front of the auditorium today during lunch bells to take your cap and gown orders.

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. The LOTE CLUB after school trip to the Junior High is Monday, Jan 22. We will be cooking in the FCS room. Please get a permission slip from Miss Coleman.

NEW VISION

Attention Juniors - There will be two informational meetings for prospective New Vision students in the coming weeks. The first is Thursday, January 25 in the Counseling Office during Guided Study Hall. All interested students should attend. The second meeting should be attended by parents and students and is on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in SUNY Oswego's Sheldon Hall. Applicants must be entering grade 12 for the 2018 - 2019 school year, have an attendance rate of 90% or better, possess at least an 85% un-weighted GPA, and have interest in health care, law and government, business, or a specialized career field. You will need to prepare an essay and have a personal interview. Be sure to attend.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Spring Driver Education registration packets are now available in the Counseling Office. Students who will turn 16 on or before March 5 are eligible to apply for a slot.

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.

Senior Receives Full Ride to Alfred State

By Mason Rowlee

If you happen to pass Nathan "Nate" Summerville in the halls of GRB, make sure to congratulate him. Summerville has been awarded the Excellence in Education scholarship from Alfred State University. This scholarship will allow Summerville to attend Alfred State with free tuition, room, and board, given he maintains a 3.25 grade point average every semester he attends Alfred.

As a long-time member of the Fulton Robotics Team and an intern at Net and Die Machine Shops in Fulton, Summerville has had a strong interest in engineering for many years. This scholarship will allow Summerville to pursue a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology from Alfred University in the fall of 2018.

Additionally, Summerville said he is also interested in being a



Pictured is senior Nathan Summerville, who was recently awarded the Excellence in Education scholarship from Alfred State University.

part of many activities at Alfred State, including intramural sports and engineering societies.

"GRB has given me a wide variety of classes that have allowed me to look into many dif-

ferent options," Summerville said. He added, "I'm looking forward to making new friends, studying something I love, and becoming a part of an engaged community at Alfred."

Congratulations, Nate!

New Year, New Roundtable

By Megan Guernsey

As the new year comes around, so do more ideas centered around school improvement here at GRB. Using the Principal's Roundtable as an outlet, there were several discussions brought up by students at the last meeting on January 3.

The seniors took the meeting by storm, as some of the issues brought up were the yearbook, senior year privileges, and how to recognize graduating seniors.

It was noted at the meeting that although senior superlatives may not make it in this year, there are a number of improvements being made, such as larger portraits for the seniors.

Senior year privileges come as a way to transition into adulthood. A program that Mexico High School has is to let seniors leave the school grounds during their lunch or study hall bell. Many students think this sounds exciting, but safety concerns were discussed. Principal Mrs. Parkhurst said that she will reach out to colleagues in the Mexico School District to discuss the program and to see if it is a possibility to implement at GRB.

Following the senior trend, Mrs. Parkhurst brought up the question of how to recognize top seniors at graduation. In the past few years, the positions of valedictorian and salutatorian have become competition starters. In an effort to erase this competitive feeling, Mrs. Parkhurst has brought up the idea of having a system similar to the Baker's Dozen in Baldwinsville, where the top thirteen students would get recognized.

Another change being made around the school that came from the voice of the students is when benchmark tests (common assessments) are administered. Benchmark tests come at five and ten-week points of each marking period. For some students, these tests can stack up in a time span of two days, creating a great deal of stress. At the last department meeting, schedules were handed out for when teachers should administer the tests. This is an attempt to lighten the stress load during the last two weeks of each marking period.

Mrs. Parkhurst hopes to hear more ideas from students at the next Principal's Roundtable meeting on Tuesday, February 13.

Field Trip Informative for GRB Journalists

By Mason Rowlee

On Tuesday, January 9, GRB's Journalism class and GRB News members went on a field trip to Syracuse's CBS/NBC Studios and iHeartRadio station. The trip - organized by GRB News advisor and art teacher Meredith Williams and English and Journalism teacher Justine Nysten - gave many of these young journalists a glimpse into what journalism at a professional scale looks like.

Beginning early in the morning, the young journalists explored the

iHeartRadio studios in downtown Syracuse. During their tour, they met with multiple radio personalities including Pat McMahon from Y94, the morning hosts of WSYR 570, and the host of Power 670. The radio personalities spoke to the importance of self-marketing in today's digital age and stressed the idea that no job is too insignificant to pass by, since many of the current personalities on the radio started in low-level positions. Additionally, students got a look into the production of radio commercials and the role of social media in local entertainment.

Senior Samantha Tanner thought the tour of the studio was informative, but was shocked to discover that so much of the radio she listens to is pre-recorded.

After visiting iHeartRadio, GRB's young journalists went across town to the CBS/NBC studios on James Street. The television studio, constructed in 1958, is home to three different public broadcast stations: NBC 3, CBS 5, and CW 6. Upon arrival, the students were greeted by Laura Hand, 45-year anchor at NBC 3
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Pictured posing in the studio with anchors Laura Hand (center left) and Allison Bybee (center right) are (left to right) GRB News director Mrs. Williams, junior Molly Metcalf, Journalism teacher Mrs. Nysten, substitute teacher Mr. Jones, senior Megan Guernsey, senior Camiel Heagle, senior Arthur Lincoln, senior Jessie Sharkey, senior Mason Rowlee, senior Cara Smith, senior Brian Trombly, senior Samantha Tanner, senior Noah Phelps, senior Millenia Brown, junior Makaylee Schmeer, freshman Kaylee Hutchins, freshman Justin Atwater, freshman Olivia Hawthorne, senior Alexis Phelps, sophomore Alex Blaine, senior Jordan Sawyer, senior Madison Wilson, junior Memphis Kress, and senior Jessica Kleiman. Missing from the photo is special education teacher Ms. Thompson, who also chaperoned the field trip.

and current host of Weekend Today, who gave the group a tour of the entire television studio for both NBC and CBS.

The students were present during the live broadcast of CNY Central's Noon News on CBS 5, which was anchored and produced by Allison Bybee. They spent time in the studio and the control room during the filming. After the broadcast, students were able to ask questions about broadcast journalism, take pictures with Bybee and Hand, and explore the television set.

Many of the students were excited to be a part of this trip, which gave students such close access to local broadcast journalists at no costs to them. Both GRB News members and RaiderNet contributors are hoping to use some of the information shared by these professionals when reporting on issues pertinent to GRB.

Girls Lose Hard-Fought Battle

By Cara Smith

On Tuesday, January 16, Lady Raiders basketball lost a hard battle against Auburn with a final score of 56-42. The Raiders showed effort and attitude throughout the whole game.

Senior captain Mckenna Chesbro stated, "Our intensity was there throughout the whole game and we competed."

Junior Emily Smith stated, "I'm excited because we get to play them again so I think we'll all be ready for this game."

Freshman Lexi Patterson stated, "This game was such a fun game to play because we were all in it the whole time and our hard work was terrific."

Come support the team at home on Saturday, January 20 against New Hartford at 2:00 p.m.



Pictured is the girls varsity basketball team standing for the National Anthem and the Alma Mater before a recent game.

Raider Bowlers Prepare for End of Season

By Megan Guernsey

The boys and girls varsity bowling teams are starting to round up their season, with only four more matches to go. As the season winds down, the team is looking forward to senior night tonight at Lakeview Lanes in Fulton as they take on ESM.

The boys team has a record of 7-3, with hard-fought losses against Oswego, Liverpool, and CNS. The Raider girls follow suit with a record of 7-3, with tough losses

against ESM, Liverpool, and CNS.

Monday, January 15, both teams traveled to Oswego's Lighthouse Lanes to participate in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tournament. This tournament was bowled in baker games, where each of the five members bowl two frames each game. After a day of 15 baker games, the champions of the tournament were declared. Fulton girls came in second, behind Rome Free Academy, and ahead of Oswego. The

boys also took second, coming in behind VVS.

The rest of the season includes matches against ESM, Auburn, Homer, and Cortland. On January 30, the varsity bowlers will travel to Strike and Spare in Mattydale to participate in the county team tournament. Afterward, the strikers will be preparing to take Sectionals head-on at Strike and Spare the day of the Super Bowl, Sunday February 4.

Good luck to the bowling teams as they wrap up their seasons!

Busy Weekend of Tournaments for Fulton Wrestling

By Jessie Sharkey

On Friday, January 12, ten wrestlers from the varsity wrestling team traveled down state to compete in the Eastern States Classic tournament.

Teams from many states participated in this tournament and it is one of the toughest of the year.

Even though no Fulton wrestlers placed, Coach Waldron said it is still a very good experience to wrestle with kids from different states.

He added, "It was extremely tough competition and we

brought our best wrestlers to compete. Unfortunately, none of our guys placed in the top eight."

The Fulton Wrestling team also traveled to VVS for a tournament on Sunday, January 14.

-Freshman Ethan Holliday took 6th place at 106 pounds.

-Sophomore Cole French took 5th place at 132 pounds.

-Freshman Sam May took 5th place at 138 pounds.

-Sophomore Ian Bogardus took 3rd place at 145 pounds.

-Senior Matej Zavacky took 3rd place at 170 pounds.

-Senior Jacob May took 6th place at 220 pounds.

Coach Waldron explained, "The section place wrestlers were at Eastern States so it was hard to win this tournament with our ten top guys gone."

Hockey Loses Tough League Battle

By Camiel Heagle

On Thursday, January 11, the Red Raider hockey team took on Rome Free Academy in their home rink.

In the first period, a goal was scored by junior Joe Galvagno from Central Square, who plays for Fulton. This left the first period with a score of 1-0.

In the second period, Danny Mecca put up Rome's first goal of the game. Fulton took the lead again with a goal from senior Nick Dingman, leaving the end of the period with Fulton still ahead by one goal.

In the third period, two more goals were made by Rome. This left Fulton with another loss and a final score of 3-2. Sophomore Jadon Lee had another great game with 33 saves.

Coach Heindorf stated, "We had some good looks, but their goalie came up with a couple of huge saves when he needed to. Our players tried to grind out a win, but unfortunately came up short. I couldn't be more proud of the effort the guys put in and I know that we are trending up as a team."

