Hoops for Hope Basketball set for April 13

The second annual Hoops For Hope basketball game is coming up on Friday, April 13. The Hoops For Hope event starts off with a student tournament followed by a game played by G. Ray Bodley teachers against the News Channel 3 cast.

Student games start at 3:30 pm and will end at 6:30 pm. The Fulton Teacher vs. News Channel 3 tips off at 7:15 pm.

All proceeds from the event go to the Upstate Cancer Center, so help patients with unmet needs such as gas cards, grocery cards, massage vouchers and rides to chemo. Mrs. Cretaro said "our goal is to beat our donation last year which was $4,500. Hopefully, we beat the $5000 mark"

To participate in the tournament each team must pay $5 per player and include at least one female student. Admission to the event is $7 unless you are wearing a presale event shirt, which you can purchase from Mrs. Cretaro in room 112 or Mr. Lyons in room 206. ***By Sammy Tanner***

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Record numbers bring discussion to roundtable

By Megan Guernsey

On Monday, April 2 students gathered at Principal's Roundtable over recent concerns that have sprung up. This meeting drew several students into the meeting, breaking record numbers of attendance.

On the agenda was GRB News, with the proposed 8-bell schedule next year, and our school culture.

The meeting went for an impressive hour and a half, starting with the discussion of GRB News.

For those who do not know, GRB News has been around for approximately five years and is a staple on no move Fridays during guided study hall. In the past year, the newscast has been working closely with P.B.I.S. to determine what gets put on the webcast. Lately, the future of the newscast has been up in the air, as the cast is currently on a hiatus.

Principal Mrs. Parkhurst went over the original purpose of the newscast, which is to communicate local news, build school community and to set the building up for career and college readiness. She discussed the need to pull ideas from the student body, along with creating a poll to help guide the future of GRB News.

Some suggestions thrown out by students were bringing old segments back (such as "Simply Science"), using the monitors in the halls to display and interact with the cast, and creating daily live announcements to watch in the morning.

Next on the agenda was the proposed eight-bell schedule for next year. The schedule takes lunch out of normal scheduling, along with reducing it to twenty minutes rather than 40. This would allow the other eight bells to go from 39 to 43 minutes, increasing institutional time.

Although there were many concerns about the schedule, the bell being removed from the schedule was the most mentioned. With the growing amount of opportunities becoming available throughout the school, such as New Visions, Pell Grant, CiTi, and online classes, many students were upset that a bell was planning on being removed. With the bell being removed, it may influence kids to pick between elective classes and programs when they would like to do both.

Another concern was that the shortened lunch would not give students the time to properly socialize, and create connections with teachers and friends. Also, if students are planning on having a full schedule, there may not be time to decompress and take a break.

Both of these topics tied together to finalize Monday's discussion, by focusing on school culture. Students voiced opinions on how they feel like not only are the students as a whole not on the same page when it comes to topics, but also the students and the administrators.

Several students wanted to improve the feeling of uneasiness in the school, and recent events were talked about, involving highlights in music, sports, and the arts. There were a number of ideas thrown out to increase student participation in these events.

If you have any ideas you believe could take place at GRB, or just want to chat with our administrators then be on the look out for the next Principal's Roundtable date in May.

Team Positive hosts Easter egg hunt

On Thursday, March 29, Team Positive hosted an Easter egg hunt for children of faculty and staff.

Team positive is a committee made up of teachers who aspire to spread positivity to students, staff, and faculty. About 30 people attended the event.

The Easter celebration was hosted in the G Ray Bodley Library Media Center and went from 4:30-6 pm. There were multiple activities for the children to participate in, including a coloring station with candy, stickers, and Easter-themed coloring sheets.

The egg hunt was divided into two age groups: one for kids 4 and under, and one for kids 5 and older. There was a golden egg hidden for each age group. The children who found the golden eggs were awarded a giant chocolate bunny and a stuffed bunny as a prize.

After the egg hunt festivities were over, all the families enjoyed pizza while socializing and coloring.

By Jessie Sharkey

Opinion

Community College is a strong option

By Brian Trombly

As the school year starts to wind down, the time for seniors to make a decision on where they are heading to college is quickly approaching.

This decision is a huge step as students prepare for life after high school.

It is not uncommon for some students to feel unsure of what they want to major in, and what path they may want to pursue. A great solution to that problem is going to a community college.

There are many positives to going to a community college. For starters, the price of attending a two year college is significantly cheaper than that of a full four year university. This is perfect for students of low income families or those who want to avoid paying an exorbitant amount of money in student loans at a four year college. Undecided students will be able to start with one major and have the ability to change if they realize it is not for them without significantly harming their wallet.

Another positive of starting at a community college is students will be able to get the same required general education courses for all majors that students will still need at a four year college. Students will get to start their college career by getting these classes out of the way and will be able to focus on whatever path they decide to take.

Upon completion, students will be able to transfer to a college of their choice to finish their four year degree. They may also decide to join the workforce after community college with a much better understanding of their interests and what career they ultimately choose to pursue.

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Raider hoopsters honored by Fulton Kiwanis

One of the most successful seasons in school history did not go unnoticed for the boys junior varsity basketball team. But it was more than the team's impressive 16-4 record that has brought them some well-deserved recognition.

The entire team was recently honored by the Fulton Kiwanis Club at the Lock Restaurant in Fulton. And according to JV Coach Sean Broderick, "the Kiwanis Club recognized this group not only for their 16-4 record but more importantly for their TEAM play, sportsmanship and dedication to each other."

Team member Michael Janaro spoke to the Kiwanis Club about the loss of his father during the season, and how his teammates rallied around him to support him and his family through a very difficult time. Seth Grimshaw also spoke on the unselfishness of the TEAM and how much they improved and supported each other throughout the season.

"This was tremendous recognition for a well deserving group of our student athletes," Coach Broderick noted. "It also gave them the opportunity to meet some of our local community/business leaders."

Members of the Junior Varsity Basketball team were honored for their accomplishments both on and off the court at a recent gathering of the Fulton Kiwanis Club.

Members of this years team were Seth Grimshaw, Anthony Carter, Nolan Dexter and Anthony Dashnau as well as Verzell Kaigler, Toby Roberts, Jack Broderick and Dom Abbott. Rounding out the squad were Marcus Shepard, Robert Johnson, Collin Fyffe, Michael Janaro, Alex Vescio and Cam Warren.

Villanova cuts down the nets for a third time

Earlier this week, Villanova immortalized this season by winning the NCAA national championship game. Monday night was not only the crowning of a champion, it symbolizes the ascension of this program. Alumni from all over and from all ages came to support the Wildcats on their win including 1985 champion Ed Pinckney, all-star point guard Kyle Lowry who played at Villanova from 2004-2006, and 2016 champion current Los Angeles Laker Josh Hart. The gathering of these illustrious alumni made the night that much more special.

Coming into Monday's matchup, Villanova was favored over Michigan by an average of 10 points. Michigan did not let this stop them from coming out to an impressive start. The first few minutes of the game made it look like it could go either way. Michigan's stars junior Forward Moritz Wagner, sophomore Forward Charles Matthews, and senior Shooting Guard Muhammad Ali Abdur-Rahkman got Michigan to a strong start on both ends of the court, leading Villanova for most of the first half.

Villanova was just too solid and too balanced of a team to be beaten by three players, though. First, it was junior Guard Jalen Brunson making key steals and setting up teammates to chip away at the surging Michigan team. Then, off the bench, Sophomore Guard Donte DiVincenzo entered the game. Divincenzo ended the first half with 18 points and helped Villanova to a 9 point edge at the end of the half. Entering the second half Michigan held DiVincenzo to 0 additional points for nearly 10 minutes, but could not gain an edge still falling into a double-digit deficit. Then the Sophomore Guard started pouring it in again. His second-half performance almost single-handedly puts Michigan away. Divincenzo ended with a game-high 31 points making 10 of his 15 shots and hitting 5 of his 7 shots from three.

Villanova hoisting the trophy after their win April 2 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

The final score was 79-62 Villanova, making them the 2018 NCAA Basketball champions. This is Villanova's second title in the last three years and the college's third championship overall.

Head Coach Jay Wright talked about the anticipation he felt before the game saying, "it's a constant struggle, don't screw this up and then don't be afraid to fail. It's a struggle in your mind up until three minutes to go in the game tonight (against Michigan)."

Congratulations to the Villanova Men's Basketball team on all of their success!

By Nolan Johnson

What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

THREE APPLES TEEN BOOK AWARD Attention All Students: Final voting has begun for the Three Apples Teen Book Award. The Three Apples Award is the only New York State children's book award that is based 100% on readers' choices. Readers can vote by using the QR code displayed on flyers throughout the building, by going to the link on the library's website, or by obtaining a paper ballot from library staff. Voters should have read or listened to at least three of the final 15 titles. See Mrs. Scalfaro for more information.

BODLEY'S GOT TALENT Clear your calendars for Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 for Bodley's Got Talent! Join us for a night of mind-blowing entertainment and fundraising for amazing charities.

HOOPS FOR HOPE The 2nd Annual GRB Hoops for Hope Breast Cancer Charity Game takes place on Friday, April 13th. The Student Tournament begins at 3:30 and costs $5 per student. Each team must include one female player. See Mr. Lyons in Room 206 to sign up. The Fulton Teachers vs. CNY Central Tip Off is at 7:15 pm. Admission is $7. All proceeds benefit the Upstate Cancer Center. Order your t-shirt for $10, which includes admission to the event, from Mrs. Cretaro in Room 112, or Mr. Lyons. The last day to get your pre-sale tshirt will be Thursday, April 5th.

FULTONIAN YEARBOOK Last chance to order your Fultonian yearbook in person or online. The deadline is Friday, April 13th. Get a form from Mrs Honeywell in room 124 or order online at yearbookordercenter.com. Don't miss out- there are no guarantees we will have extra books this year!

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Bodley's Got TALENT

Thursday, April 12
6:30 pm
in the GRB Auditorium

Raider Sports

Boys rally, girls roll in early season lacrosse

Close calls and a runaway marked the opening week of action for the Fulton lacrosse teams as the boys rallied for a 12-11 win over Rome Free Academy while the girls battled to a split in their opening two games. West Genesee outlasted the Lady Raiders 9-8 before Fulton blasted Cortland 16-2 to even their record at 1-1.

A 5-1 fourth quarter helped the Raider boys storm from behind in their season opening win against the Black Knights. Sam Cary led the way with four goals and two assists and Evan Kistner added three goals and an assist for a Fulton side that also picked up two goals and an assist from Matt Borrow and two goals off the stick of Josh Compson.

The Lady Raiders first trip to the turf produced a hard-fought battle against West Genesee that the Wildcats survived by the closest of margins. The 'Cats built a 5-4 first half lead and held on for the win as each side scored four times in the second half. Keara Patterson led the way for Fulton with four goals and two assists and Jordan Coulon scored three times against a Wildcat cause that was paced by four goals and an assist from Phoebe Nelson.

The girls came back with a vengeance in their second game with a 12-0 first half barrage that buried the Purple Tigers. Hailey Carroll paced the runaway attack with seven goals and two assists while Emma Weaver scored four goals and McKenna Chesbro added three goals and two assists toward Fulton's 16-2 triumph.

Tough loss for Raider tennis

On Monday April 2, the Varsity boy's tennis team had their first match of the season at home against Jamesville Dewitt, falling 4-3 to the perennial powerhouse Red Rams.

The individual stats for the Raiders include:

Anthony Salerno won first singles 7-5, 6-4 while Ryan Lalik claimed a 7-5, 6-3 win at third singles. Collin Bennett and Hunter Dudley won second doubles in three sets while Eric Shear fell at second singles. Robert Salerno and Jesse Smithers lost first doubles and Jon Simpson and Kyle Hotaling went down in third doubles in straight sets.

A heartbreaking three set loss at fourth singles from C.J. Hyland pushed the Rams to their victory as Mark Bratslavsky won 7-5 in the first and third sets while Hyland prevailed in a tie-breaker in a marathon second set.

Senior Anthony Salerno stated, "It was a tough loss to start the season but the way we all played, it will most likely be our last."

Junior Collin Bennett stated, "Overall, I feel like for our first match it went very good, though we didn't win, we learned their strategies for next time and I think it was a good learning experience for the rest of the season ahead."

Senior Captain Robert Salerno stated, "Even though we lost the match, we have never come this close to beating one of the best teams in the section. So it a small step in the right direction and we will be ready for them the next time we see them."

The Raiders next match is on Wednesday April 11, at Oswego. ***By Cara Smith***

Busy week ahead for Lady Raider softball

The first week in April is a busy one for Coach D. Lyons as he prepares his varsity softball players to play against Phoenix, West Genesee and Auburn. Now that the weather is somewhat decent, the girls are able to practice outdoors. This allows the team to do situational drills and practice on the turf. Coach Lyons will hit pop flies and do infield and outfield work with his players. Hopefully the weather isn't too bad or else games will be cancelled.

Girls Varsity Softball v. Phoenix (Home)
Date: April 4, 2018
Start time: 4:30
Location: G Ray Bodley HS

Girls Varsity Softball v. West Genesee (Home)
Date: April 6, 2018
Start time: 4:30 PM
Location : G Ray Bodley HS

Girls Varsity Softball v. Auburn (Home)
Date: April 7, 2018
Start time: 11:00 AM
Location: G Ray Bodley HS

Come out to the softball field this week and support the Red Raiders! Good luck to all of the players! ***By Jada Wettering***

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Girls Lax vs. C. Square (JV-5/V-6:30)
Friday, April 6: Softball vs. West Genesee (4:30); Boys lax vs. C. Square (JV-5/V-6:30)
Saturday, April 7: Girls lax vs. Auburn (V-10/JV-11 am); Softball vs. Auburn (V-11/JV-noon) Boys V lax @ Lowville (3 pm)
Monday, April 9: Baseball vs. J-D (4:30); V Softball vs. ES-M (6:30 @ OCC); Tennis vs. Nottingham (4:30)
Tuesday, April 10: Boys lax @ ES-M (JV-4:30/V-6:30); Girls lax vs. ES-M (JV-5/V-7 pm); Baseball @ J-D (4:30); Softball @ J-D (4:30)
Wednesday, April 11: Track vs. C. Square & Fowler (4:30); Tennis @ Oswego (4:30)
Thursday, April 12: Softball vs. ES-M (4:30); Boys lax vs. J-D (JV-5/V-7 pm); Girls lax @ J-D (JV-5/V-7 pm)

all schedules subject to change due to weather

FULTON RED RAIDERS