



Holiday Spirit Comes to GRB

By Nora Kingsbury

Monday, December 17 kicks off a Winter Holiday Spirit week at GRB. The week lasts for four days from Monday through Thursday, December 20. Friday is not included as it is the first day of GRB's holiday break.

Monday is Movie Monday when students can dress like they are from their favorite holiday movie. Tuesday is Twin Tuesday and students can pick a friend to wear a holiday themed matching outfit. Wednesday is Whiteout Wednesday in which students can dress in all white. Lastly, to wrap up the week, Thursday is Silly Sweater Thursday when you can wear your silliest holiday sweater!

Implementing a holiday spirit week at GRB was brought about by Student Senate. Student Senate was in charge of deciding the days for the week and the dates it would take place. The days were decided by members in the club with a vote.

Student Senate President, senior Jenna Ruzekowicz, said, "Our purpose for the holiday spirit week was to bring cheer to the building as a whole regardless of the holiday they celebrate this time of year. We were happy to choose days that everyone could participate in and show their pride with."

Many people enjoy holiday spirit weeks at GRB. Freshman Maya Gugula said, "It inspires me to get in the holiday mood and appreciate my friends and family."

Sophomore Chloe Devendorf said, "I really like holidays so I like being able to get into the holiday spirit and spend time with my friends the week before break."

Student Senate's inspiration to create a holiday-themed spirit week came about from the desire to boost school spirit. Its aim is also to make sure GRB is a place students look forward to coming to everyday. The hope is that creating spirit weeks will increase attendance and make students feel welcome.

Time to Smile for Club and Class Officer Pictures

By Cody Birmingham

On Thursday, December 20, yearbook pictures will be taken of the members of every club, and pictures will also be taken of the class officers. Pictures will be in the auditorium and the schedule for Thursday is below.

Bell 1 7:45 HOPE Club, 7:55 Christian Club, 8:00 Art Club, 8:10 Petal Pals
Bell 2 8:25 Debate Club, 8:30 Student Senate, 8:40 LOTE Club, 8:45 Technology Honor Society, 8:50 Outdoor Adventure Club, 8:55 WGRB
Bell 3 9:10 Mentoring, 9:20 Journalism Club, 9:25 Senior Class Officers

2018 Holiday Raider Pride: Dec. 17-20

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Movie Monday	TWIN TUESDAY	Whiteout Wednesday	Silly Sweater Thursday
			
DRESS AS A CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY MOVIE	FIND A FRIEND TO TWIN WITH	DRESS IN ALL WHITE	WEAR YOUR SILLY HOLIDAY SWEATER

Pictured is the lineup for next week's Holiday Spirit Week.

Bell 4 10:20 Junior Class Officers, 11:10 Environmental Club

Bell 5 11:50 FBLA, 12:00 Raider Den

Bell 6 12:55 Yearbook

Bell 7 1:05 Science Club, 1:20 Sophomore Class Officers, 1:25 Chess Club, 1:35 Freshman Class Officers

Bell 8 1:50 Math Club, 1:55 Ski Club

If anyone wants to add their pictures to the yearbook, there are many ways to do so. You can use the #GRBYB hashtag on Twitter. You can also use the website hjshare.com and use the keyword Fultonian, and it will send any pictures you send into a storage place for future use.

The best way to order your yearbook is to go to yearbookordercenter.com and use the code 13715 to get a \$10 discount on your yearbook order.

You can also go to Mrs. Honeywell's classroom (room 124) and order your yearbook today!

HOPE Club Rings Bell

By Dani Avery

HOPE Club, led by Ms. Palmer, does great things for the community and GRB. Just recently, they rang the Salvation Army bell.

On Friday, December 7, outside of the Fulton Walmart Supercenter, five high school HOPE clubbers had a fun time ringing the bell from 3 - 5 p.m. Later, Mrs. Reese and her HOPE Club students from Lanigan, rang the bell from 5 - 7 p.m.

Although it was very cold, the students said they all had a good time singing carols. Many shoppers were very generous. HOPE Club advisor Ms. Palmer said,

“Ringing the bell for the Salvation Army was an awesome experience and it was awesome to see the generosity of the people as they came in to do their Christmas shopping.”

Senior Shaylee Cealie said, “Despite the freezing cold, it felt good to be participating in something that helps others.”

Senior Ana Snyder said, “HOPE Club wanted to ring the bell because it is such a great cause, especially around this time of year when a lot of families are in need. It was an easy and fun thing to do after school that also benefited the community.”



Pictured ringing the Salvation Army bell outside Walmart on December 7 are, from left to right, sophomore Aryona DeGregorio and seniors Abby Cuyler, Ana Snyder, Nora Kingsbury, and Shaylee Cealie.

Winter Concerts Set to Delight

By Eric Shear

The G. Ray Bodley Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble are performing in their second concert of the year.

The groups will perform on Monday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. This concert will showcase the band's ability to play popular holiday tunes.

Senior Justin Hatch stated, "The concert will showcase many talents from the bands." Hatch has been in Wind Ensemble (the highest band) for three years. He has enjoyed his time playing with the group and learning different instruments.

Senior Jon Simpson is in Wind Ensemble and though he has never been a member of the Jazz Ensemble, he enjoys hearing them each year. He stated, "The jazz band is very 'jazzy' and I always look forward to their performance."

Mr. Caviness is the conductor of all three bands. He noted, "It is nice to see the progress in all the bands in just a few months. The concert should be a good one with many different types of holiday tunes."

The Orchestra groups, conducted by Mrs. Edele, have a concert on December 18 at 7:30 p.m. This is their holiday concert. Because Mrs. Edele will be out on maternity leave in the spring, this will also be the senior concert. Every

senior gets to choose and conduct any song he or she would like.

Come out and support our music groups at their winter concerts!



On December 6, 2018, 90.5 pounds of paper, 23.15 pounds of plastic, and 20 pounds of cardboard were recycled. This is equivalent to 19,948.01 sheets of paper or 2.42 trees. The students in Mr. Mainville's ESF class coordinate GRB's recycling efforts.



On November 30, Tom and Beckey from B104.7 broadcast from Mimi's diner in Fulton to talk to the school news station, WGRB, and members of the GRB boys soccer team. The boys shared highlights from their championship season. Pictured from left to right are Tom Owens, junior Sam Cary, Coach Nate Murray, senior Connor Wilde, junior Hayden Sachel, junior Mark Tallents, and Beckey Palmer.

Seniors Selling Save Around Books

By Chloe Davis

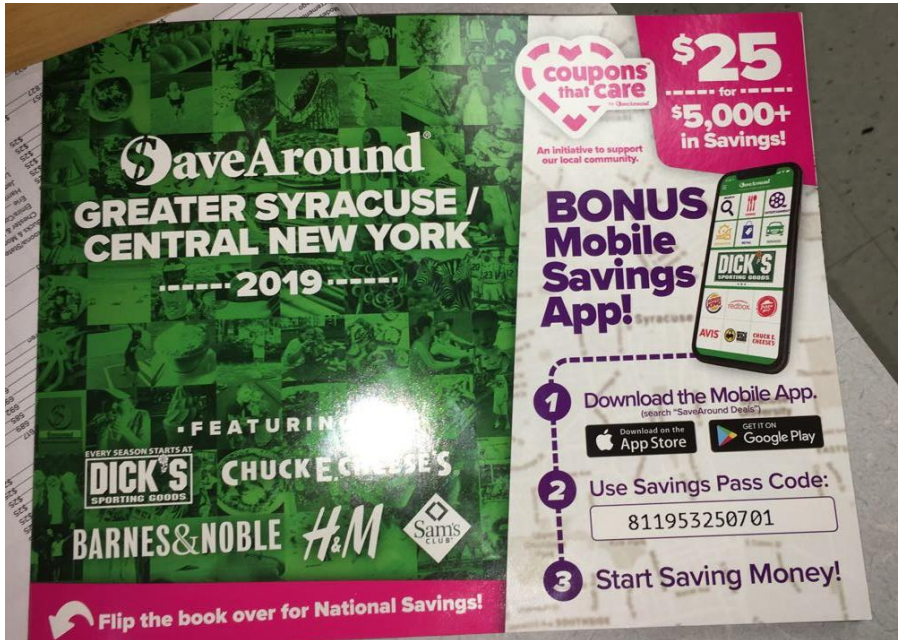
Mrs. Killian is the senior class advisor and does all the senior class things, like the senior dinner dance and the senior trip. One of the most important things she does is coordinate fundraisers.

Right now, the senior fundraiser is Save Around coupon books. Many People have participated already. Mrs. Killian said, “For each book a student sells they get \$10 in their student account.” It is a good fundraiser to participate in and the books are really easy to sell.

Each book contains hundreds of coupons you can use at dozens of places. Many adults would love to use them because most adults like coupons.

Mrs. Killian added, “For every five books you sell, you get a free book for yourself.” That is a really good deal and it is a great fundraiser to get involved in and any senior can participate.

Mrs. Killian runs all the fundraisers for the seniors and they really help out for the senior trip because the more you have in your school account, the less you have to pay yourself.



Pictured is the Save Around book seniors are selling for their latest fundraiser.



On Wednesday, December 5, the GRB wrestlers faced off against Central Square. They won easily with a score of 65-14 to solidify their first dual win of the season.

Raider Bowlers Off and Rolling

The Raider Boys bowling team is off to a great start this season. Currently they are 5-0 on the season with convincing wins over Henniger, Baldwinville, F-M, CNS, and Cortland.

Seniors Joe Benavidez, Anthony DeMasi, and Aiden Franco are leading the team with assistance from senior Michael Hartmann and sophomores Mitch Donaldson and Owen Sheldon.

Up-and-comers Mark Smith and Tyler Goutermout-Reynolds are working very hard to develop their skills, too. They are doing well and hope to reach their goal of finishing the season with all wins.

Meanwhile, the Raider ladies are off to an okay start. They are currently 3-2 on the season with tough losses to Baldwinville and Cortland. This year's girls team is a young team. After having lost three seniors last year, the starting team now consists of sophomore Lori Daino, freshmen Alexis Ingersoll and Jaden Harrington and eighth-graders Miranda Laws and Paige Phillips.

They do have several up-and-coming lady rollers including Katelyn Gerth, Skylar Abbott, Sarah Gigliotti and Linda Hartmann, who are showing promise.

Although the girls team is struggling a little, it has been a season of "firsts." Ingersoll rolled her first 700 series of her bowling

career on November 29 against F-M. Laws hit her first 500 series against CNS on December 7, and Harrington rolled her very first 200 game in practice and is looking to do it again in a match.

Both teams are representing the league well in the individual standings with Ingersoll leading the league standings for the girls with a 220 average. Harrington is in 26th, Laws is in 27th, Daino is in 39th, and Phillips rounds out the team in 49th.

DeMasi is in 3rd in the boys standings with a 206 average. Benavidez is in 13th, Franco is in 21st, Donaldson is in 23rd, and Sheldon is in 30th.

It has been an adjustment this season for both teams as they work with their new coach, Mr. Perry. Mr. Perry has been bowling most of his life and brings great experience. He is hoping to help the Raider bowlers put his experience to work for them.

The next match is tonight, December 13, at Central Square. You can also see the Raider rollers at home tomorrow, Friday, December 15, against West Gene-see at 3:30 p.m. at Lakeview Lanes.

Come support your fellow students. Go Raiders!

Girls Basketball Off to Rocky Start

By Rylie Cotton

The GRB girls varsity basketball team is currently 1-3. The team had a good win against Mexico on December 7 with a final score of 39-27.

The team had hard losses to Henniger (45-33), VVS (57-36), and Auburn (47-31).

Junior Maddy Gilmore stated, "We have had a rough season so far. I believe if we put more work in we will turn the season around."

Junior Bernadette DeMott said, "We need to work harder in practice and better our skills to achieve our goals for the season. It's been a bit rocky so far. If we work as a team, this season will get better."

Junior Brittney Baum said, "I think the season has started off a little rough, but we are definitely improving even if that's not what the scoreboard says at the end of the game."

The team has been working really hard. They haven't been winning as often as they are capable of, but if the team keeps putting work in and playing hard they will get better and end with a better season than they started.

First Win Ever Against JD/CBA for Swimmers and Divers

By Cameron Grower

On December 7, the Fulton swim team had a swim meet against JD/CBA at 4:00 p.m. The Fulton Raiders got on the bus to the JD middle school at 3:00 p.m.

In past seasons, JD/CBA never lost to Fulton. Coach Lacey really wanted to beat this team and wanted to push the students to do it. The whole team knew that if they won the meet, it would be a huge achievement for the Fulton swim team and Coach Lacey.

As the meet started, the 200 medley relay began. Junior Nate Archer, junior Mark Tallents, sophomore Jaden Patterson, and senior Ean Stevenson placed first, and freshman Rebecca Stone, freshman Tyler LaDue, eighth-grader TJ Clayton, and senior Cameron Grower placed third in this relay.

After the relay, the 200 freestyle is the next event. Freshman Bryce Rogers placed second, junior Koji Burdic placed third, and sophomore Justin Atwater placed fourth. After the freestyle, the next event is the 200 IM, which is the individual medley. Tallents placed third and Clayton placed fourth.

Eighth-grade diver Will Patterson placed second with 174.05 and junior diver Tanner Vant placed third with 152.65 points.

The next big event is the 100 butterfly and then the 100 freestyle. In the 100 butterfly, Clayton placed first and senior Jenna Ruzekowicz placed fourth. In the 100 freestyle, Stevenson placed second, sophomore Jaden Patterson placed third, and Atwater placed fourth. In the 500 freestyle, Rogers placed second, eighth-grader Aunna Metelsky placed third, and freshman Courtney Pierce placed fourth.

The four final races are the 200 freestyle relay, the 100 backstroke, the 100 breaststroke, and the 400 freestyle relay. For the 200 free relay, Tallents, Burdic, Stevenson, and Rogers placed second, and Clayton, Atwater, Metelsky, and Jaden Patterson placed third. In the 100 backstroke, Archer placed second and Stone placed third. For the 100 breaststroke, Tallents placed second, Burdic placed third, and freshman Tyler LaDue placed fourth.

After the breaststroke, the score was very close, with JD/CBA having 86 points, and Fulton having 85 points. For the final race, the 400 relay, Rogers, Archer, Atwater, and Burdic placed first, and freshman Christina Tallents, Metelsky, Stone, and senior Cameron Grower placed third.

The last race had so much suspense built behind it and the team was very excited to hear that the final score was Fulton 95 to JD/CBA 90.



Pictured is eighth-grader Will Patterson preparing to dive against JD on Friday, December 7. Patterson placed second.

-Opinion- Make Time for Christmas Movies

By Kim Bednarz

Ever wonder what to do during the coldest month of the year? Watch a Christmas movie, of course!

Some people make watching a Christmas movie with their whole family a tradition. The most important thing for making a perfect holiday is spending time with your family and friends.

The most popular channels for Christmas movies are the Hallmark Channel, Freeform, and AMC. Netflix also adds new and old Christmas movies to their list.

Personally, I prefer the Hallmark Channel. It is filled with so much joy and cheer for the holidays.

Christmas movies start airing around the first day of December through December 25.

Some of the most common movies to watch every year are *Elf*, *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *Christmas with the Kranks*, and *The Polar Express*.

To get in your comfortable movie zone, you can sit down with a warm blanket, a cup of hot cocoa, and the people you love.

Senior Hayley Hammond said, "My favorite movies to watch during Christmas time are *The Grinch* and *Elf*." She also said, "I think the reason why people watch Christmas movies during

December is because we can get into the Christmas spirit and it is something fun to do!"

Freshman Maya Gugala said, "My favorite movies to watch are *The Grinch*, *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*, and *The Polar Express*." She added, "I think that Christmas movies are something that can get you in the Christmas spirit! It can also become a tradition."

Enjoy your favorite Christmas movies this season!



Pictured is Buddy, star of the movie Elf, which is a Christmas favorite.



Senior Andrew Hyde broke the five-minute-mile barrier Saturday, December 8, at the indoor track season opener at OCC. Pictured is Hyde (left) running during last year's outdoor season.