



KNIGHT INSIGHT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015

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Elementary Sports

Third Grade Basketball recently concluded a successful six week program that saw all of the participants make improvements in their basketball skills. Special thanks to the Tully Elementary School PTO and Tully Parks and Recreation for purchasing the adjustable hoops that were instrumental in their development. Everyone involved had a lot of fun and were wishing for more! Pictured are some of tomorrow's stars!



TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



“There’s No Place Like Home” - Tully T-Shirts and Sleeves

Our sixth graders designed and sold t-shirts and spirit sleeves to students and staff to wear on Friday’s to show our red/black school spirit.

After two weeks of wearing the shirts & sleeves, students began to ask if there was going to be another opportunity to purchase the shirts & sleeves. The order was such a success both in shirts ordered and exceptionally generous donations from our families, that close to 75% of students and staff will proudly wear their shirts and/or sleeves every Friday for the remainder of the year.

Funds raised are to offset the cost of sixth grade end of the year activities. Thanks so much for showing your school spirit. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Moss, a sixth grade parent, who organized this event with the sixth graders!

A Holiday Performance by the Elementary Band and Chorus

Our fifth and sixth graders put on yet another fantastic performance for family and friends in December in the Tully Elementary School Auditorium.

Both the daytime and evening performances were very well attended and enjoyed by all. For over twenty years and again, as expected, the chorus concert ended with “Let There Be Peace on Earth”. The students started the song with the audience joining in to end the evening performance.



TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Success at a Competitive Lego League Regional Qualifier in Utica

It was surely a GREAT time had by all with Tully represented and represented WELL in the field of 24 teams. Tully students and coaches/mentors had three solid team performances. There were two special awards given out at the Regional Qualifier that need to be mentioned and applauded!



Cyber Techno Knights team

Glenn Ball was personally recognized as an OUTSTANDING MENTOR in his work with the FIRST Lego League program.....great job! Glenn's NEXT GENERATION team also did the almost unthinkable, by repeating as the Regional champs! Although they were initially offered a spot in a three day tournament in Arkansas, they have now been invited to return to Lego Land in California in May for the North American FLL Open.

Congratulations to team members: Ellie Ives, Colden Ives, Nicole Ball, Kellan McCasland, Connor McCasland, Eleanor Kelly, Brian Kelly, Matthew Kelly, Austin Frost, Nathan Cattell, and coaches/mentors: Mr. Ball, Mr. Doolittle, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Matteson!!

Way to proudly represent TULLY!!

Make –★– Wish Update

We completed the first of three fundraisers this year to support Make – A – Wish. The students all brought in loose change for the fundraiser. Mrs. Fallon's second graders collected the most money. The school had a total of well over \$1000. We look forward to the winter and spring events and are hopeful that we'll be able to offer Make - A - Wish a fabulous donation to support a gift for a child with a life -threatening illness.



Mrs. Cox, elementary principal with two members of The Harlem Wizards. Our elementary students



enjoyed their show on January 6 in the elementary auditorium.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

TAYLOR ERIN CURRIE



Family:

Nate Currie (dad),
Linette Mowers (mom),
Matt Currie (brother)

What has been the best part of your high

school career and why?

Making memories and friends is always fun, study hall with Jen & Brandi is great.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?

High school isn't that great. The real world has a lot more to offer and there are some pretty awesome people out there.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

Being on the NYS FFA Dairy Judging Team and competing at National Convention was an amazing experience that I will never forget.

What are your plans after high school?

I plan to attend Morrisville or Cobleskill in the fall for Ag Business and Dairy Science.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?

I hope to graduate college and find a job that I really enjoy doing.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?

My music teacher, Miss Erin Reppenhagen and actor Blake Shelton; we would talk about music and share funny stories.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

Getting up for school in the mornings is always a struggle, but the thought of graduating and going to college motivates me to go to school and be a good student.

Who's your hero and why?

Spiderman is my hero because he is awesome and he saved all of New York City. I also think that he is fabulous because of his costume and ability to shoot spider webs from his hand.

RAYMOND J. HERRICK



Family:

Raymond M. Herrick (father),
Leslie Herrick (mother),
Aaron Destafano (brother),
Paige Herrick (sister)

What are your plans after high school?

To attend a four year college or university and then pursue the military and work for the federal government.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?

To have a degree, retire as a Lt. Colonel in the military and to be in a well-paying federal government job.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?

Morgan Freeman – so I can hear him narrate everything I do.
Steven Hawking – so we can talk science.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why?

Winning leagues for baseball last year because it was my first league title.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?

Giving back to a community is the greatest feeling in the world. You feel like you've contributed to a greater cause and to me that is amazing.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

Getting accepted at Norwich University.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

I've gone through many personal difficulties but I've kept in the back of my mind that someone has it worse than me. I just focus on school, my sports and my road to success.



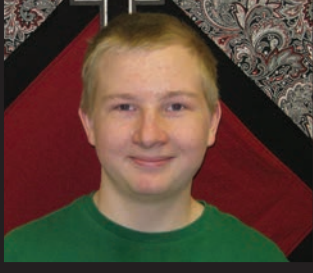

Who's your hero and why?

My parents are my rock and there for me anytime. They have made me into the person I am and are my motivation in life to be successful.




TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Student of the Month for November

★STUDENT of the MONTH

	Angela Touchette	English
	Thomas Morse	Social Studies
	Ed Young	Mathematics
	Rachel Berry	Science





★STUDENT of the MONTH

	Roy Morris	French
	Ben Reed	Fine Arts
	Ian Byrne	Physical Education, Health
	Anna Moss	Career and Technical Education




TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Student of the Month for December

★STUDENT of the MONTH

	Heather Lipsky	English
	Jade Hendricks	Social Studies
	Taz Josh	Math- ematics
	Erynn McNerney	Science

★STUDENT of the MONTH

	Edwin Young	American Sign Language
	Brad Phelps	Fine Arts
	Cassidy McGinn	Physical Education, Health
	Michael Lombardo	Career and Technical Education

TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Scholastic Art Award Participants



Nathaniel Bizub
Photography
Honorable Mention



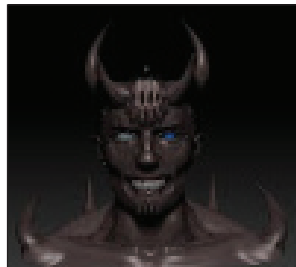
Jacob Ganley
Painting
Honorable Mention



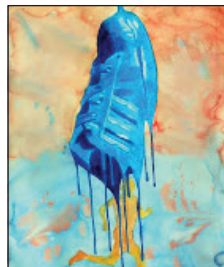
Troy Phillips
Photography
Silver Key



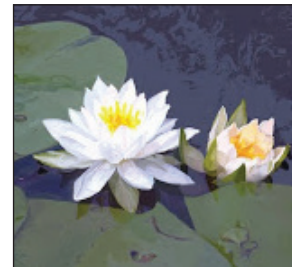
Mackenzie Rienhardt
Photography
Honorable Mention



Emily Congelli
Art Portfolio
Honorable Mention



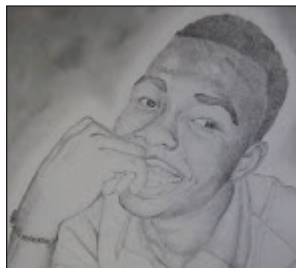
Ryan Hanson
Drawing and Illustration
Gold Key



Megan Pierpoint
Digital Art
Silver Key



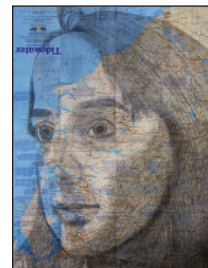
Katie Spaulding
Painting
Honorable Mention



Madison Featherstone
Drawing and Illustration
Honorable Mention



Ellen Jaworski
Drawing and Illustration
Honorable Mention



Isabella Puente
Drawing and Illustration
Honorable Mention



Jordan Sturgen
Photography
Silver Key



Jeffrey Fields
Photography
Honorable Mention



Dominique Negrete
Photography
Silver Key

TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Junior High International Club at the Craft Show



On December 6 the Junior High International Club showed their support for the Junior High Craft Show by serving free coffee to the vendors and making homemade, delicious (!) Belgian Waffles for our customers. Also making a return appearance were Bonbons in four flavors! Many thanks to the officers and our parent volunteers, Mrs. Heather Edinger, Mrs. Amiee Pellettiere, Mrs. Nancy Byrne, Mrs. Denise VanDyne, and especially Mrs. Dorothy Wood, who stayed to clean up. We appreciate your time and help – it was a fun day!

Danny Gambell



The Junior High International Club hosted Danny Gambell, guest speaker, at the December meeting of Café International. Danny has been to Spain two times during his summer vacations and has also hosted for three summers, Hugo, from Spain, as well. We enjoyed a slideshow of his travels around Spain including the cities of Santander, Segovia, and Madrid to name a few. He told us that Hugo's father hiked the famous Camino de Santiago which begins in France and ends in Galicia at the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela (apostle of St. James) in the northwest of Spain. This pilgrimage route leads to the shrine where tradition has it that the remains of the saint are buried.

He visited the Guggenheim Museum, the Roman aqueduct in Segovia, The Royal Palace in Madrid, and the Bernabeau Stadium in Madrid where the Real Madrid soccer team plays their games. The tapas bars were one of his favorite places to sample Spanish cuisine. Many thanks to Danny for sharing his presentation with us and thanks to Mr. Dando for excusing him from class!

TULLY DISTRICT WIDE NEWS

Private Transportation Requests Due by April 1st

New York State Education Law Section 3635(2) requires that a written request be made to the Board of Education of a School District when transportation of a student to a non-public, private or parochial school is required. This written request should be made annually and should be received by the school district no later than April 1st for transportation for the next school year. Most non-public schools have a form available to make this request and can be contacted for assistance.

Please have these written requests sent to Attn: Theresa Flaherty, Tully Central School Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2015.

Share Your Photography!

Tully is requesting that parents, students, teachers, friends or neighbors send pictures of things that happen in, around, or relating to school.

You don't need to send an article, just an image(s). If you send in your name we will publish it with your picture(s)!

Please send to: mfisher@tullyschools.org

Guidelines for Articles for Knight Insight

The Knight Insight is published ten times per year and available online @ tullyschools.org.

The **deadline** for article submissions is the **10th of each month** for the following month edition, except the combined issues: the deadline for the summer issue, July/August is June 30 and the deadline for the winter issue, January/February is December 30.

We must adhere to the deadline in order to publish each issue in a timely manner. All material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

If you would like to submit an article, please **email articles to Mary Fisher** at the Tully Central School District Office at mfisher@tullyschools.org

If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6204.

It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Please do not capitalize all the words in the article. Please do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi. If you are unable to email the picture, you may drop it off to the district office. If you want the picture returned, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you are unable to email your article in Word format, it is helpful if the material submitted is typed. You may drop it off to the district office or you may fax it to (315) 883-1343.

Alumni News

The Knight Insight wishes to highlight news of recent graduates. If you have information relating

to academic or the career path of recent graduates, please email to: mfisher@tullyschools.org

If you prefer, mail your article to Mary Fisher, Tully Central School District, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159.

If you have any questions, call the district office at 315-696-6204.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Substitute Job Openings

Looking for part-time work with flexibility? Hours vary. All positions on an as needed basis.

- ◆ Substitute Bus Drivers – Requirements: clean driving record; a CDL license with a Passenger Endorsement.
- ◆ Substitute School Monitors (Bus Monitors)
- ◆ Substitute Food Service Helpers – Positions available in the elementary and junior/senior high school.
- ◆ Substitute Cleaners – Positions available in the elementary and junior/senior high school.
- ◆ Substitute Clerical
- ◆ Substitute Nurses – RN certification preferred. May consider LPN certification.
- ◆ Substitute Teachers – Positions available in the elementary and junior/senior high school. NYS certification preferred.
- ◆ Substitute Teaching Assistants

Substitute applications are taken on an on-going basis. All eligible must complete an application and will be fingerprinted through the NYS Education Department.

Applications may be obtained from the school website: <http://tullyschools.org> or may be picked up at the district office, business office, elementary or high school office.

School Budget Workshop/Community Forum February 9, 2015 – 6:00 pm • JSHS Library

Board of Education Upcoming Meeting Dates

Meeting location: **Junior/Senior High School Conference Room or Junior/Senior High School Library**

Meeting time: **6:00 pm.** Dates, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis. Check the school website for updates: www.tullyschools.org

01.26.15	(Monday)	Meeting
02.23.15	(Monday)	Meeting
03.16.15	(Monday)	Meeting
04.13.15	(Monday)	Meeting
04.20.15	(Monday)	(Meeting will need to be held week of 04.20.15 if budget was not adopted at 04.13.15 meeting. Budget must be adopted by 04.24.15.)
05.07.15	(Thursday)	Budget Public Hearing (Must be held 7-14 days prior to Budget Vote Day)
05.19.15	(Tuesday)	Meeting Budget Vote – 6:00 am-9:00 pm
06.15.15	(Monday)	Meeting

Tully Central School District

2014-2015

BOARD MEMBERS

Term Exp.	Member
2015	Mr. Ken Steiger, President 358 Frenchs Bay Road Tully, New York 13159 Home: (315) 696-5829
2017	Mr. James Bertolo, Vice President 5360 Peninsula Road Tully, New York 13159 Home: (315) 696-8786
2016	Mrs. Denise Cardamone 6368 Route 80 Tully, New York 13159 Home: (315) 696-5599
2016	Mr. Mark Drumm 5344 Rt. 80, PO Box 1177 Tully, New York 13159 Home: (315) 696-5958
2015	Mr. Jan Kublick 7416 Maple Ridge Road PO Box 79, Tully, New York 13159 Home: (315) 696-5292
2017	Mr. Steve Pierce 5613 Whittier Lane Tully, New York 13159 Cell: (315) 575-0728
2015	Mr. Brad Phelps, Student Ex Officio member 1025 Sky High Road Tully, New York 13159 Home: (315) 696-2450
2015	Mr. Dan Twentyman 143 Long Road Tully, New York 13159 Home: (315) 696-8741

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CLOSING REMARKS



On February 9th, beginning at 6:00pm, in the JR/SR High School Library, we will be holding a Budget Workshop/Community Forum. This event is open to the public, and all members of the Tully community are welcome to attend. At this forum there will be a brief presentation, outlining what we know to date regarding the 2015-16 school budget, followed by a chance to ask questions and offer feedback.

Governor Cuomo will be releasing his Executive Budget on January 21st, and by February 9th, we should have a sense for what our 2015-16 State Aid might look like. We have also already done some preliminary work to identify what our local tax cap might be. We should, therefore, have a general sense for potential total revenue for the 2015-16 school year. We have also already begun to identify our Capital, Administrative, and Program needs for the 2015-16 school year. So, on February 9th we should also be able to present general overview of preliminary 2015-16 expenses.

Our goal on February 9th will be to raise awareness of where the District stands financially, as we look forward to the 2015-16 school year. We would also like to solicit feedback from the community prior to making any final budgetary decisions. As has been the case for the past few years, we anticipate that we will be running a slight

budget deficit during the 2015-16 school year, because of the ongoing Gap Elimination Adjustment. To cover this gap, we anticipate using a combination of fund balance and reserves.

Over the past few years the Board and the administration have sought to contain costs through sustainable financial structures, such as the current bus leasing program, and the current technology leasing program. We have looked for ways to cut costs, such as implementing the current Energy Performance Contract, and contracting with OCM BOCES for food service management services. By engaging in these practices, we have been able to maintain most of our academic, co-curricular, and athletic programs.

Going forward, our goal is to continue looking for ways to contain and cut costs, so that we will continue to be able to provide our students the best educational experience possible. Our Budget Forum/Community Workshop on February 9th is your opportunity to be a part of this process. Hope to see you there.

Robert Hughes,
Superintendent of Schools
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 Email: rhughes@tullyschools.org

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