



Elementary Drama Club Performs Shrek Jr.

On February 1st and 2nd the Tully Elementary Drama Club performed the production of *Shrek Jr. the Musical*. The students have been rehearsing since October and have worked so hard. All their hard work paid off on performance days. The outstanding cast had the audience on the edge of their seats with their fantastic acting, dancing, and singing. They got a standing ovation and lots of compliments on their accomplishments. They have made Tully proud!



High School Musical



On March 1st-3rd, the Tully HS Musical club put on four performances of *The Addams Family*, which tells the story of Wednesday Addams, a young woman who has grown up and wants to marry Lucas Beineke, a "normal" boy from Ohio. Gomez Addams tries to keep the marriage plans secret from his wife, Morticia, while all relationships are tested when dark secrets are revealed. The Latin/pop soundtrack and zany characters all contributed to a set of wonderful performances.

Cast members included: Bailey Albro/Nicole Ball (Wednesday), Zack Ebert (Gomez), Anna Moss/Marissa Scalza (Morticia), Natalie Slazik (Alice Beineke), Joey Morgan (Fester), Lucas Bibik (Pugsley), Tiernan Tobin (Mal Beineke), Flynn Bruhn (Lucas Beineke), Emma Huggins (Grandma Addams), MaryPearl Echard, Ellie Ives, Eleanor Kelly, Allison Kolodziejczyk, James Locke, Airelle Ringhiser, and Carina Scalza.



School Budget Presentations

Monday, April 8, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

Town of Otisco Board meeting, Town Hall, 1924 Barker Street, Tully.

Monday, April 29, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Meet the BOE candidates night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Tully Free Library.

Monday, May 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Tully Fire Department, 1 Railroad Street, Tully.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

Town of Tully Board meeting, Tully Municipal Building, 5833 Meetinghouse Road, Tully.

Monday, May 13, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Tully CSD Budget Public Hearing, followed by Tully BOE meeting, JSHS.

Thursday, May 16, 2019 – 7:00 a.m.

Tully Rotary meeting – Tully United Community Church, 5872 Meetinghouse Road, Tully.

Kindergarten Registration

In June, the Tully Central School District will hold screenings for incoming kindergarten students who reside in the district. If you have not already done so, please register your child(ren) online at www.tullyschools.org. To enter kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age by December 1, 2019.

Information about the screening process will be mailed out to enrolled students in mid-May. Please don't hesitate to contact the elementary office at 696-6213 if you have specific questions about the registration or screening process.

Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Positions

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P2 Update

Tully Elementary students and staff welcomed Jill Walsh to our February Positivity Project assembly. Ms. Walsh is an Ironman (triathlon: swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles, and run 26.2 miles back to back in one day), a three-time world champion cyclist, and a double silver medalist winner in Paralympic cycling. Ms. Walsh shared her story of loving to run, bike, and swim. She spoke to our students about a time in her life when these activities became more difficult for her. It was then she shared that she had been diagnosed, not too long ago, with MS (multiple sclerosis).

MS had started making cycling and running difficult for her. MS affected her balance when biking and running. She found that cycling on two wheels was a struggle because she would fall when she needed to stop her bike. One of the many inspirational things Ms. Walsh said during the assembly was, "When something got hard, I had to adjust. I had to find a different way." A man named Steven Peace introduced her to racing on a trike. It was hard at first, but she was determined and persevered to learn to race on it.

And persevere she did! In 2014, Ms. Walsh became The United States Champion of paracycling. She earned a spot on the United States Paracycling Team and won a silver medal in the world championships. In 2016, she competed in the Paralympics in Rio and earned two silver medals in paracycling. The whole school got to see her Olympic medals up close. Her next goal is to compete in Tokyo in 2020! One of the many lessons our students took away from her presentation was, "If it matters to you, you'll find a way. If it doesn't matter, you'll find an excuse."

Thank you again, Ms. Walsh, for your inspiration!



Merry-Go-Round Theatre



The Kindergarten classes experienced live theater, through Merry-Go-Round Playhouse. *Do You See What I See in the Sea?* was performed. The actors did a fantastic job preparing the students on what they were going to experience. Each actor came into the kindergarten classrooms

and encouraged the students to use their imaginations. They had them act out silly scenarios to get their imaginations going.

All the students got to put on their own imaginary scuba suits and take a trip with the actors under the sea. They encountered many fun characters throughout the play. The theme of the play was how true friends are a real treasure.

The Merry-Go-Round actors made the whole performance enjoyable for our students. The characters were very interactive and engaging. This was an excellent play that kept everyone (including the teachers) hooked and laughing the whole time.



PTO Updates

Greetings from the PTO! Who else cannot wait until spring? We are heading into the end of the school year which means we have only a few more events to tell you about! On Friday, May 3rd we will be hosting our annual Father/Daughter Dance. You may have received information regarding the dance already. Tickets will be available for purchase. We will be raffling off various items at the dance.

Also, the Book Fair will be happening during the month of May. Stay tuned for more details! Lastly, save the date for our annual Mother/Son night on May 31st. Again, tickets will be available for purchase with more details to follow.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in and attended the Harlem Wizard event. Special thanks to our sponsors throughout the community who helped make this event happen! We also wish to say thank you to those of who participated in the Gertrude Hawk fundraiser.

Please feel free to attend our next PTO meeting to be held on April 10, 2019. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., in the Teacher's break room of the Elementary School.

Tully Athletes Sign National Letters of Intent



Three Tully Senior student/athletes have signed NCAA Division 1 National Letters of Intent.

Senior Alison Carr will attend Siena College in the fall and play Women's Lacrosse. Senior Gemma Guy will also attend Siena College in the fall and play Women's Lacrosse. Senior Jake Edinger will attend Denver University in the fall and play Men's Lacrosse.

The Tully Community is proud of their athletic and academic accomplishments and wish each of them all the best as they start a new chapter of their athletic careers!!

Brooke Rauber Places 6th at Nike Cross Country Nationals

For the 2nd consecutive year, sophomore Brooke Rauber has qualified to compete in the Nike Cross Country National meet held in Portland, Oregon.

Also for the 2nd consecutive year, she has come away with a 6th place finish at the national meet. In 2017 she was the first freshman to cross the line, and in 2018 she became the first sophomore to cross the line.

Brooke ran the 5k course in 17:19, beating her time by 38 seconds from the previous year. Brooke received All-American recognition for her performance.

Congratulations, Brooke!



Generous Donations to Athletics

Every year our Boys and Girls Lacrosse programs host large, multi-school tournaments, which brings attention to our campus. Our highly organized and well-designed tournaments are focal points for many schools for off season training and opportunities to expose athletes to college coaches who scout talent. These tournaments not only assist with college exposure for many athletes, but also are used as fundraisers. The lacrosse booster clubs also generously disperse their fundraised dollars to other athletic and extra-curricular programs as a way of giving back to a multitude of students within the Tully community.



During the 2018-19 school year, The Girls of Summer Lacrosse Booster Club made a generous donation to the Tully Golf program by purchasing 9 new Titleist carry golf bags (pictured, left). The team was very excited to receive the bags as they created a sense of pride and professionalism for the team.

The Boys Lacrosse Booster Club made a donation to the Boys and Girls Basketball programs by purchasing a Shoot-A-Way Gun 10k machine (pictured right). This device allows our student/athletes the opportunity to develop a consistent jump shot through massive amounts of repetition while it rebounds and passes the ball to eleven different spaces around the 3-point line arc. Our athletes are already seeing return on their time invested in shooting!!



Congratulations Decathlons

The Tully High School Academic Decathlon team made a strong showing at the State Academic Championship held at SUNY College at Brockport on February 8-9, claiming third place.

The Academic Decathlon is widely considered to be one of the premier academic competitions for high school students in the country, and the level of study is well beyond most high school curriculum. Each team is comprised up to three each of students with A averages (Honors division), B averages (Scholastic division), and C averages (Varsity division), who compete against participants in other schools from within their respective divisions. The United States Academic Decathlon establishes a yearly theme for the competition, which is made up of 10 academic events: math, science, economics, literature, music, art, social science, speech, interview and essay writing. This year's theme was the Sixties, and the topics of all of the written academic tests related to that area. Awards are set on an Olympic model, where gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded in each category for each grade point division. Each student competes for individual medals and their total scores count for the team total.

Our team consists of Rachel Berry, Ellie Ives, Moira McAninch, Caitlin Halladay, Alex Wiers, Marypearl Echard, and Ethan Vaughn. Medal winners for Tully were: Marypearl Echard (5 gold, 2 bronze), Caitlin Halladay (3 silver, 2 bronze), Alex Wiers (3 gold, 1 silver), Rachel Berry (2 silver, 1 bronze), Ellie Ives (1 gold, 1 bronze), Moira McAninch (2 bronze), and Ethan Vaughn (1 bronze). Alternates for the team included Bailey Albro, Dante Bertolo, Arielle Ringhiser, and Natalie Slazik, with Bailey, Dante, and Natalie each winning a medal for being the highest scorer in an event amongst all alternates. In addition, both Marypearl Echard and Ellie Ives were chosen to participate in the Speech Showcase, a celebration of the speeches that judges thought were the most important for their peers to hear.



Senior Spotlight - JAKE EDINGER



What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career was playing lacrosse with my brother and cousins. It was a special experience.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? I've learned that bonds and friendships made with teammates are some of the most tight-knit and long lasting.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment was winning a basketball Sectional Championship and competing in the state Final Four.

What are your plans after high school? I will be attending the University of Denver to study business finance and play Division 1 lacrosse.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? I will have a college degree and be working as a Financial Advisor. I hope to have a great family, house, and car.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? I would invite Neil Armstrong to discuss the landing on the moon. I would also invite Vince Lombardi to talk about his success and career in sports.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? I've been faced with a hearing problem in my right ear that I've had four surgeries to fix. It's made me stronger and has helped me cope with disappointment and frustration.

Who's your hero and why? My heroes are my parents. They have sacrificed a lot to put me in the position I'm in today. I can't thank them enough for the opportunities they have given me.

Senior Spotlight - JENNA HAMELINCK



What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has definitely been creating friendships with people that I know will last forever. These friendships have taught me many life lessons and left me with many great memories.

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

I have learned that I need to use my time meaningfully and put my work ethic towards things that matter.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment in high school so far has been achieving my goal of being in the top ten. I worked hard all of high school and learned that hard work pays off.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to attend college and study either adolescent education or something related to math.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I'm 30 years old, I hope to have a successful career and have started a family.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? The challenge I have faced has been balancing sports, school, and work. I have overcome this by making time for what is most important at the time and by always working my hardest.

Who's your hero and why? My mom is my hero because she helps me overcome every obstacle I face. She always puts my needs before hers and is there for me whenever I need her.



Edward Kupiec



Mary Ann Murphy

A Message From the TES & JSHS Principals

NYS Assessment Information

Between April 1 - 8, 2019, Tully students in grades 3 - 8 will take the NYS English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment. The Math Assessments will be given between April 30 - May 7, 2019. We encourage all students to participate in the state assessments to help us improve our program and best meet the learning needs of individual students. This month, we would like to provide more information about the composition of the ELA Assessment as well as introduce computer-based-testing.

The ELA Assessment is designed to be administered over two consecutive days and includes three types of questions: multiple choice, short-response, and extended-response. Multiple choice questions are used to gauge reading comprehension. Short-response questions require short written responses to reading passages, while extended-response questions require longer responses to the reading selections. These reading selections may come from a variety of grade-level appropriate sources, including novels, articles, poems, and first-hand accounts. All three question types assess student achievement of reading comprehension and language conventions, and the written responses provide for measuring the achievement of writing standards. There is no time limit to complete any session of the test. Teachers have modeled their local assessments after the state assessments to reflect these types of questions so our students are comfortable with the design of these exams and the performance expectations.

Students will take both the ELA and Math assessments in the computer-based-testing format (CBT). The content tested is the same as the paper-based versions and we are helping students prepare for the experience by providing additional time during the school day to work with the Chromebooks and become familiar with the layout of the assessments. The tentative testing schedule will be as follows. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information:

Grades	ELA	Math
3 & 4	April 2 & 3 @ 8:30	April 30 & May 1 @ 8:30
5 & 6	April 4 & 5 @ 8:30	May 2 & May 3 @ 8:30
7 & 8	April 3 @ 11:30 April 4 @ 8:00	May 6 @ 11:30 May 7 @ 8:00
Make-ups (All Grades)	April 4 - 11	May 3 - May 10

We are excited to see how our students perform on this year's assessments. Again, if you have any questions or concerns about assessments at Tully, or you wish to receive additional information, please contact your child's counselor, teacher, or principal.

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JSHS COUNSELING CENTER UPDATE

2019-20 Course Scheduling

Tully Junior-Senior High School counselors have been meeting with students to begin registering them for classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Students entering grades 9 through 12 next year have most likely already filled out a course selection sheet with their counselor, indicating classes they would like to take during the upcoming school year. Parents, if they have not done so already, should sign and return a copy with their child. If parents have any questions regarding their child's classes for the next school year, they should contact the Counseling and Career Center.

Le Moyne College Campus Tour

On Friday, February 1st, Tully Junior-Senior High School sophomores had the opportunity to explore and learn more about Le Moyne College. Students ate lunch in a dining hall, toured the Le Moyne College campus, and listened to an overview of the college admissions process. Overall, the trip was a success and students were able to gain valuable insight into the college admissions process.

Scholarship Program Finalist



Rachel Berry was recently announced as a finalist in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 15,000 students nationwide were named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists based upon the results of the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Congratulations Rachel on being named a finalist, Tully is so proud of you!

From the Superintendent



On March 18th, the Tully CSD Board of Education adopted a proposed 2019-20 school budget of \$20,844,017. This proposed budget maintains all of our existing curricular, co-curricular and athletic programs, and includes funding to support our bus-leasing program. Additionally, this proposed budget maintains the school district's reliance on appropriated fund balance (our savings) at less than 1% of budgeted revenue, and keeps the local tax levy increase below 2%.

Over the past four years we have added several new opportunities for our students, including driver education, pre-kindergarten, junior high school agriculture courses (including a junior high FFA club), and a 1:1 computer initiative. The proposed 2019-20 budget supports these opportunities for our students, as well as all of the other opportunities Tully Schools have traditionally afforded our students.

Currently, the district is in the sixth year of its bus-leasing program. This bus-leasing program has contained and stabilized transportation costs related to purchasing and maintaining our fleet of school buses. Going forward, the district is now in a position to use funds from the general fund budget to cover costs associated with any new bus leases. Doing this eliminates the need to ask the community for additional funds outside of the general fund budget for the purpose of leasing buses.

Finally, the proposed 2019-20 school budget calls for a local tax levy increase of less than 2%. We anticipate that our overall State Aid will increase by approximately 9%. Much of this State Aid increase will come in the form of Building Aid, and is dedicated to offsetting expenses related to our current Capital Project. Foundation Aid, which we use to offset general operating expenses, is projected to increase by less than 2%.

Please note, our annual Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 13th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the JSHS library. The Public Budget Hearing is an opportunity for members of our community to learn more about the proposed 2019-20 school budget, and to ask questions regarding this proposed budget.

Additionally, you may contact me directly if you would like (696-6204 or rhughes@tullyschools.org).

Mr. Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Positions

Two terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2019. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 at the annual school district election to be held on May 21, 2019.

Board of Education vacancies are not considered to be separate specific offices. This nominating petition does not describe a specific vacancy. Each candidate is considered for a vacant seat on the Board of Education as a whole and not as only to a specific office presently held by an individual.

Candidates may be nominated only by petition. Each nominating petition must be filed with the School District Clerk, Tully Central School District Offices, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2019. Each nominating petition must state the name and residence of the candidate and be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the school district. Each person signing must also state his or her residence. It is good practice to obtain more than 25 signatures.

Under the law, a qualified voter is one who is entitled to vote at a school district election. To be entitled to vote, a person must meet these three qualifications:

- **A citizen of the United States**
- **At least 18 years of age**
- **A resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the election.**

Nominating petitions will be available February 20, 2019. If you would like a nominating petition, please contact the district office at (315) 696-6204 or email mfisher@tullyschools.org

2018-2019 Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2020 **Mrs. Elaine (Fay) Burt**
Cell: 315-440-6149

2020 **Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella,**
Vice President
Home: 315-696-8540

2019 **Mrs. Denise Cardamone,**
President
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2021 **Mr. Donald Cole**
Home: 315-238-7068

2019 **Mr. William Ralbovsky**
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2021 **Mr. Matthew VanBeveren**
Home: 315-696-5745

2021 **Mr. Edward Wortley, II**
Home: 315-696-8609

Upcoming Board Meetings

Location: Jr/Sr High School.

Time: 6 p.m.

Dates, time, and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

2018-2019 School Year

Monday, April 1, 2019

Monday, April 22, 2019

Monday, May 13, 2019

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Monday, June 17, 2019

Check the school website for updates:
www.tullyschools.org

Tech Challenge Team 8863

Tully's FIRST Tech Challenge team 8863 competed over February break at the Vermont FIRST Tech Challenge State Championships. There were 32 teams in competition that traveled from states all over the north east including Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and New York.

The team is judged over many areas including the team's connection with the community, working with experts, describing problem solving, and the design process; describing the efficiency and effectiveness of the parts of the robot; use of sensors and unique aspects of their robot. On top of all of those things, the team also needs to describe how they work as a team and team organization. On top of all of those things, the team also needs to describe how they work as a team, as well as how they work with other teams, and how their team is organized.

The team took home many honors from the Vermont State Championship including:

2nd runner up - Motivate Award - Sparking others to embrace the culture of FIRST!

1st place Connect Award - Connecting the dots between community, FIRST, and the diversity of the engineering world technology.

1st runner up - Inspire Award - This is the overall top award. Tully's FIRST Tech Challenge team won 2nd place overall!

The Vermont State Championship awarded two tickets to the FIRST World Championships which will take place in Detroit, Michigan in April. Tully's team 8863 was awarded a ticket to attend the World Championships to compete against top teams from all over the world!

Tully Parks and Recreation

Green Lake Beach will open on Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd from 12-8 p.m.

Then the beach will open permanently for the summer season on Saturday, June 29th and remain open until mid/late August (depending on available lifeguards).

Beach hours are 12 - 8 p.m. daily, with swim lessons from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. (M-Th)

Green Lake Swim Lessons

Session 1- 7/1/19 - 7/18/19

Session 2- 7/22/19 - 8/8/19

Level 1 – Introduction to Water Skills

Age: 4+
(11-11:30, Mon - Th)

Level 2 – Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Age: 5+
(11:30-12, Mon - Th)

Level 3 – Stroke Development

Age: 6+
(11-12, Mon & Wed)

Level 4 – Stroke Improvement

Age: 7+
(11-12, Tues & Thurs)

Level 5 – Stroke Refinement

Age: 8+
(11-12, Tues & Thurs)

Level 6 – Swimming & Skill Proficiency

Age: 9+
(11-12, Mon & Wed)



**The Library is located near Tully Elementary and across from the Tully Masonic Lodge*

Tully Free Library

**Open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Closed Sundays**



Full Steam Ahead is doing **Art Exploration** this semester! Spots available for 5-8 graders on Fridays at 3:30 p.m., so sign up if you haven't already.

All Ages Chess Club is every Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. Come on by and learn a new skill or brush up on the ones you have!

School's Out Movie Matinees on Monday, 4/15 at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, 4/18 at 11:00 a.m. Stop in ahead of time to vote on what we watch.

Tully **Board of Education Candidates Night** is Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Babies and Kids: Terrific Tuesdays are held every Tuesday except 4/16 at 2:45 p.m. **Terrific Tuesdays** are filled with crafts, snacks, stories and fun! Recommended for 2-4 graders.

Tykes Time is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Tykes Times is an interactive play-and-learn time for toddlers and little kids up to pre-school age.

Teens: **Board Game Club** is held on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Play fun board games that you've never seen before!

Wii Tournament Day is held on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. Play with and compete against your friends!

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

APRIL 2019

- 1 JH Spring Sports begin
- 1 BOE Meeting, HS, 6 p.m.
- 1-8 NYS ELA 3-8 Assessment
- 15-19 Spring Recess, No School**
- 19 Good Friday, No School**
- 22 BOE Meeting, HS, 6 p.m.
- 30 NYS Math Assessment

MAY 2019

- 1 - 7 NYS Math Assessment
- 9 JH Academic Awards, 6:15 p.m.
- 9 HS Academic Awards, 7 p.m.
- 13 Budget Public Hearing, HS, 6 p.m.
- 16 Elementary Open House, 6 p.m.
- 17-18 JH Drama Production, 7 p.m.
- 21 Budget Vote, ES conference room, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
- 24 & 27 Memorial Day Holiday, No School**

