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KNIGHT INSIGHT





Safety Patrol Names New Captains/Lieutenants





The TES Safety Patrol has issued new captains and lieutenants for March and half of April. These students have been recognized as responsible and careful in their duties, securing spots in leadership positions. Congratulations to Captain Christian Chaney (6th grade) and Lieutenant Logan Allen (5th grade) for the AM shift, and Captain Antonio Morquecho (6th grade) and Lieutenant Charleigh Mossow (5th grade) for the PM shift!







Meet the 2021 Top Ten



Tully JSHS is proud to announce 2021's Top Ten students! These students have driven themselves to achieve academically, even in the worst of times, in their educational careers earning them a spot on the Top Ten list with their cumulative grade point averages. Our 2021 Valedictorian is a student that engages in many activities including Teen Institute, Student Council, International Club, Mock Trial, Art Club, and is a longtime member of Chamber Choir. She is also a member of National Honor Society. Congratulations to Elizabeth Caron! Our 2021 Salutatorian is also a student that has spent much of her free time dedicated to activities such as Academic Decathlon, Tri-M, Environmental Science Club, and is a longtime member of the drama department. She has earned first place in the Shakespeare Recitation competition for the last two years and she is also a member of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to Moira McAninch! All students on the Top Ten list engage in a wide variety of activities including sports, Student Council, BOCES programs, volunteer programs, and school clubs. We wish each and every one of these students much success in their forthcoming educational and career aspirations!

Valedictorian – Elizabeth Caron; Salutatorian – Moira McAninch; 3rd – Carly Bastedo; 4th – Bailey Albro; 5th – Ian Leiby; 6th – Clara Zook; 7th – Joseph Murray; 8th – Brooke Rauber; 9th – Tiernan Tobin; 10th – Emma Bielecki.

Save the Date for the 2021 HS Musical:

A KILLER PARTY

(Virtual) April 16-17

TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

As you are probably aware, New York State did not receive the waiver regarding this spring's 3-8 Assessments. While exact dates for specific grade levels have not yet been determined at the time this article was due, this year's New York State Assessments in grades 3-8 are still currently scheduled to be administered across the state between April 19th and April 26th (ELA) and between May 3rd and May 10th (Math). If the format remains the same as past years, the number of test sessions for each grade level will once again be two (2) days of testing for each subject, and all Tully students will take their assessments in the computer-based testing (CBT) format using Google Chromebooks instead of the paper-based format.

Over the past few years, the number of students whose parents have refused the administration of the NYS Assessments has steadily decreased. The last time the assessments were administered, in 2019, Tully had one of the highest percentages of student participation in Onondaga County, allowing us to make better sense and generalization of the data to improve instruction. We would like to thank our families for participating in state testing to help us achieve our goals.

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.

This month in P2, students will cover Humor, OPM - Identifying & appreciating the good in others, Fairness, Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence, and Purpose

I hope that everyone had a wonderful, albeit very early, Spring Break. With only Memorial Day as a scheduled break between now and the end of the year, it will be a different finish to what has already been a very non-traditional school year. Thank you for helping us push through to the finish these next three months.

Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal • Phone: 315.696.6213 • Twitter: @ekupiecTullyES • Email: ed.kupiec@tullyschools.org

Operation Valentine



Students from several classrooms at the elementary participated in "Operation Valentine," a community service project that helped surrounding nursing home residents

feel the love during the month of February. Several of these projects have been coordinated since the start of the pandemic and this is the second one that a large group of Tully students has participated in. These projects let the senior citizens of our community know that we care, and although they are not able to receive visitors, they can still receive "hugs" in other ways.

350 homemade Valentine cards from classrooms in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade were divided up and sent to Guthrie Cortland Rehabilitation Center, Cortland Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, and Crown Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. The residents were delighted at the sweet gesture. Lucille Busch wrote, "Thank you for brightening our day!!!! So many residents NEVER get mail. Thanks so much!" Joseph Barket shared, "We received your Valentines. The residents would like to thank your students for thinking of them and making Valentines for them." And one of our district employees, Mike Compton, whose mother resides in one of the centers also shared his sentiments, "Just wanted to let you know that the Valentine's card for my mom was a great pick me up. Especially after she realized it was from Tully. Great Job!" Tully CSD shares Mr. Compton's sentiments when he says, "Great job!" We are proud of our students and the acts of kindness they display year-round!

Grrrr, Squeak, Chirp





Many children like animals and are curious about them, which is why the 3rd grade teachers tapped into that interest for their science unit. Students explored the unit of "What Happens When an Animal's Habitat Changes" by each choosing a focus animal such as a parrot, jaguar, arctic fox, panda, or chinchilla (among others) to research. They then researched information on that particular animal including what they would need to survive (type of food, water, shelter). After, they placed the information in a booklet that integrated a review of text features. Some booklets were completely done on Kami, a technological extension. When the research was complete, they got creative with Mrs. Martin who helped to make their habitats come to life through art!

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Congratulations

to Brooke Rauber who was a fierce competitor at the Adidas Indoor National meet in Virginia!

Rauber placed 2nd in the 1000 meters and 4th in the mile, receiving All-American honors in both events.



Scholar Athlete Teams

Congratulations to the **Varsity Girls' Basketball** and **Varsity Boys' Basketball teams**, whom each held a GPA of 90 or higher.

Spring Sport Start Dates

Varsity and **Junior Varsity** Spring Sports begin on Monday, April 19, 2021. This includes B/G Track & Field, B/G Lacrosse, Softball and Baseball.

JH (7/8) and **Modified (7/8/9)** Spring Sports begin on Friday, April 30, 2021. This is for the JH Co-Ed Track, Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' Lacrosse, Softball and Baseball.

2021 Spring Coaching Staff

Kate Mahns - Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Ally McNerney - Varsity Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Nicole Damon - Modified Girls' Lacrosse

Stew Snyder - Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Zach Chawgo - Varsity Assistant Boys' Lacrosse Jeff Russell - Modified Boys' Lacrosse Dan Longnecker - Modified Assistant Boys' Lacrosse

Michelle Rauber - Varsity Girls' Track & Field Bettemae Russell - Varsity Assistant Girls' Track & Field Jim Paccia - Varsity Boys' Track & Field Emily Paccia - Varsity Assistant Boys' Track & Field Charlie Locke - Head JH Coach

Don McClure - Varsity Baseball Head Coach Don Mohat - Modified Baseball Head Coach

Bill Donald - Varsity Softball Head Coach Carly Willey - Modified Softball Head Coach

SOUTHERN HILLS STORM YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

FABIUS-POMPEY • LAFAYETTE • TULLY REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT: www.storm1stand10.com
Season begins in August

CHEER FEES:

Grade	Team	Before June 1	June 1-Nov. 1
K-2 must turn 5 be- fore 12/1/2021	Flag Football	*\$60	*\$75
101e 12/1/2021	Cheer		
3-4	C Cheer	*\$60	*\$75
5-7 cannot turn 13	B Cheer	*\$60	*\$75

FOOTBALL FEES:

Grade	Team	Before June 1	June 1-Nov. 1
K-2 must turn 5 before 12/1/2021	Flag Football	*\$30	*\$40
3-4	C Football (Tackle)	*\$90	*\$110
5-6	B Football (Tackle)	*\$90	*\$110

*Due to circumstances over the past year and their direct relation to strains on fundraising, there will be a \$40 fee added to the registration costs. Registrants are given an opportunity to earn that \$40 back by selling the two raffle tickets given to you (\$20 each). You may sell the tickets and return the stubs or simply fill out the stubs yourself to be entered into the drawing. To all registration fees listed above, there will be a \$40 charge added to it (the \$40 fee is NOT included in prices shown above).

Grades for registration are as of FALL 2021;
Partial payments option available;
For scholarships and all other questions,
please call: 315-575-0728

"The Tully Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse programs both are in combinations with the Fabius-Pompey CSD. Tully is the host school for daily practices and home games for all levels and both genders of the sport.

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TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

JSHS Principal's Message



Mary Ann Murphy

On March 1st, the Junior Senior High School welcomed back all students in grades 7 and 12 that wished to learn in-person, four days per week. It has been incredible to see so many students in full classrooms after almost an entire year! At the time I am writing this article, Onondaga County just instituted a policy proposal to increase participation for in-person learning for all K-12 students, five days per week. This is fantastic news for all students across the region. Given the parameters for decreasing space between students in classrooms from 6 feet to 3 feet with barriers, we feel quite hopeful that we can accomplish this provided that barriers can be secured and in place at some point in the near future. There are many other things we will need to consider such as accommodating students in lunches, on buses, and in the hallways, as well as classes with different social distancing requirements such as band, chorus, and physical education. Wearing masks, hand washing, and the use of hand sanitizer will remain the norm for our staff and students.

As I mentioned, we are very excited to have our seniors and seventh graders back in the building. Adding the rest of our students who wish to be in-person learners is a huge bonus and a goal the staff and I very much look forward

to achieving. It will take some time for school to feel "normal" again, but we will gratefully accept this challenge head-on and support our students to the very best of our abilities. It is my hope that by the time this edition reaches the homes of our families and community, we will be welcoming more students back to in-person learning. The continued support and understanding of our parents and families has been extraordinary. The staff and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, JSHS Principal • Phone: 315.696.6235 • Twitter:@tullyjshsprinc • Email: mmurphy@tullyschools.org

FFA Students Add Accomplishments to Their Résumés

Several FFA students recently competed in District 7's Leadership Development events, only to find themselves with another accomplishment to add to their ever-growing résumés. The FFA students at Tully are no strangers to awards, which is not surprising given all their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all award winners, especially those who stepped out of their comfort zones!

Senior Prepared Public Speaking:

Jeremiah Dennis - 4th and Vanessa Resch - 5th.

Junior People in Agriculture:

Lily Darling - 1st, Molly Verbanic - 4th and Lane Greczyn - 7th.

Employment Skills:

Jacob Verbanic - 1st, Matthew Haier - 5th, Cheyenne McCormick - 6th and Emma Weisbrodt - 8th.

Agricultural Issues:

Tully FFA Blue (Ty Edinger, Will Lund, Amelia Jaworski, Lauren Grosso, Stephen Coffin) - 1st, and Tully FFA Gold (Katie Haier, Cheyenne McCormick, Ella Hall, Aurora Drumm, Adrienne Edinger) - 2nd.

Conduct of a Chapter Meeting:

Matthew Haier, Ella Hall, Lily Tranquill, Megan Weisbrodt, Jacob Verbanic, Ella Tordel, and Lila Greczyn - 1st.

Junior Creed Speaking:

Ella Hall - 1st, Lucy Wright - 2nd and Adrienne Edinger - 7th.

Junior Prepared Public Speaking:

Ella Tordel - 2nd.

And the Golden Owl Award Goes to...



The Tully FFA has become well known in the community for their achievements and awards in the past few years since Mrs. Jordan has taken the reigns. She has worked tirelessly to provide students with an education and experience that not only will they not forget, but can also put to good use. Mrs. Jordan's students and colleagues have recognized this, nominating her for the Golden Owl award - an honor that is presented to a much deserving Ag teacher by the NY FFA Association, Farm Bureau, and Nationwide Insurance.

This is the third year for this award to be given, but the first in NY. Nominations for Mrs. Jordan were plentiful with one student commenting, "Throughout my whole FFA and Agriculture experience, I have always had one person that I look up to, which is my teacher and advisor, Mrs. Jordan. One thing I enjoy about her is the way she teaches. In the classroom, she always works her best to make it so every student can learn by their own way." Colleagues told the nominating committee "Her skills in building relationships with students are on par with a veteran teacher," and "She is adventurous with her teaching techniques – making the students stretch their capabilities and reach for goals they didn't realize they had." Mrs. Jordan was surprised with streamers and confetti by her students, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Bennett.

In addition, a Zoom award ceremony featuring the Golden Owl representatives and her husband broadcasted live to her room. She received a check and a plaque marking her dedication, and is in the running towards the Golden Owl grand prize amongst six other states and their nominees. This honor will be announced during the NY FFA State Convention in May. We are all rooting for you, Mrs. Jordan!

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Senior Spotlight - NATHANIEL COLE



Family: Sarah Cole and Donald Cole.
What has been the best part of your
high school career and why? One of the best
parts of my high school career would be the
friends I was able to make during my time in
school, while also discovering my love for history and writing.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? I have learned guite a lot from the different

activities that I have participated in. In robotics, I learned different engineering skills along with programming skills. These were applied to the Computer Science club in school. During my time in track, I learned how to work with others to better my own time and help the team. I have learned more about music through Jazz Band as well. This isn't even mentioning the wonderful opportunity I had during the summer, working with Mr. Duvall as an IT Assistant. The job helped me consider my future career choices and taught me several skills needed to work in that field.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment of high school would be my ability to keep my GPA consistently high throughout my last couple of years, even with the pandemic.

What are your plans after high school? I plan on attending Onondaga Community College for one to two years for a liberal arts transfer degree, and then transferring to LeMoyne. At LeMoyne I plan on either pursuing a history degree with a minor in education or a degree in programming/IT work.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? If I could invite anyone to dinner just to talk, I would invite Bernie Sanders, Martin Luther King Jr., and W. E. B. Du Bois. I would like to talk about the current state of the United States compared to the past, understand the different points in history each man was from, and what they had done politically. Part of it would be to understand from a historical perspective, what their goals were. At the same time, I would like to learn their views on Civil Rights when they were alive and compare it to today's movements. It would be quite an interesting and engaging conversation.

Who's your hero and why? I have two heroes in my daily life that I look up to constantly, which would be my parents. Every day, I see them working hard despite the pandemic and adjusting their lifestyles to make sure their family is safe. They have raised me to be empathetic to those around me, and made sure that I try to see everyone's point of view. They communicate with each other on any matter, which is incredibly inspiring to me, as the media tends to portray relationships as anything but that. They are incredibly compassionate people, who make sure their values and ideas are heard. If anyone has made a big impact on my life, it would be my mother and father.

Got News? To submit an article, email articles to Sherry Huggins at sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org. If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6236.

Senior Spotlight - TIERNAN TOBIN



Family: Mark, Kelley and Liam.
What has been the best part of your
high school career and why? The best part of
my high school career was being able to meet
so many incredible people, both teachers and
students alike. I'm lucky to have met so many
great friends through drama and cheerleading
and to have met so many incredible teachers.

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

Outside of school, I'm a volunteer at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and work at Cobblestone Valley Farms. Working at both of these places have been a dream for me, as they've allowed me to gain tons of experience and have taught me to be a hard worker. They have also prepared me for the future, both with college and my career.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment in high school was being able to become one of the finalists for the ESU National Shakespeare Competition and compete on a Broadway stage. This was one of the most terrifying and incredible experiences in my life and I'm still amazed that I was able to reach that point.

What are your plans after high school? My plans after high school are to go to Cornell University and graduate with a major in animal science and perhaps a minor in biology. I also hope to be able to study abroad at some point.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? I hope that by the time I'm 30, I will have traveled around the world and experienced all sorts of cultures, as well as being able to study different ecosystems on different continents. I also hope to be married and start my own animal sanctuary at some point.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? Throughout 2020, I struggled a lot with mental health, as many other people did during that time. I had very little motivation to participate in anything involving school, but I am proud that I was able to work through this and still remain active in school, work, and clubs. I put in a lot of effort towards bettering myself, and I am glad to see that it paid off.

Peer Tutoring Among Students

Community is about helping those around you and the Tully student body is doing just that. The National Honor Society, the French & Spanish National Honor Society, and the Senior High International Club members saw a need with their fellow classmates and teamed up to offer tutoring in a variety of subject areas.

While tutoring is nothing new to these clubs, the need has grown this year, which is why these students pulled together to broaden their abilities and serve more student needs. Students began meeting in person during activity period on Tuesday/Thursday in the JSHS library or met via Google Meet. This joint effort began at the beginning of March with much success.

With approximately 30 eager tutors, many students have had the opportunity to deepen their knowledge, get questions answered that they may not have asked during class, and receive homework help.

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From the Superintendent



It seems that lately we have been taking important steps in making a transition back to a sense of normalcy. As I write this article, we are making plans to offer all of our students the option of full-time in-person learning. According to our recent survey of parents/guardians, approximately 90% of our families will be choosing this

option. At the Elementary School, this does not represent a big change, as most of our elementary students have been attending school full-time in-person all year. At the Junior/Senior High School, however, this is a big change, and a welcomed one at that.

Additionally, we have been able to safely offer our students winter sports opportunities, including basketball, volleyball, and indoor track. We are hopeful that spring sports will proceed almost as normal. We are planning on staging musicals this spring at both Tully Elementary School and the Junior/Senior High School. As we make these changes, however, it is important that we are disciplined about maintaining public health measures. These public health measures include wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing, COVID testing, utilizing health screenings, and limiting the number of spectators/audience members in the school buildings.

A lot has happened over these past twelve months, but it does seem that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Going forward we will slowly resume our focus on improving our academic program for our students. We will continue to work to maintain and enhance our co-curricular and athletic offerings for our students. We will continue to build a social/emotional support system for our students. We will continue to upgrade our facilities so that the learning environment is better for our students. We will do all of this in order to help our students resume a sense of normalcy in their lives and come to terms with the events of the past year.

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools Phone: 315.696.6204 • Email: rhughes@tullyschools.org

Article Submission Guidelines

Please email articles to Sherry Huggins at sherry. huggins@tullyschools.org. Email articles in Word format whenever possible. Do not capitalize all the words in the article, or embed a picture within the actual Word article. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.

Material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

School Budget Presentations

Virtual or in person, as permitted. Subject to change. Check **tullyschools. org** for updates or contact Tully CSD, District Office @ 315-696-6204.

Town of Otisco Board Meeting Town Hall 1924 Barker St, Tully, NY **Monday, April 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

> Tully Fire Department 1 Railroad St, Tully, NY Monday, May 3, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Tully CSD BOE Meeting and Budget Hearing Junior/Senior High School **Monday, May 10, 2021 6:00 p.m.** Town of Tully Board Meeting Tully Municipal Building 5833 Meetinghouse Road, Tully **Wednesday, May 12, 2021** 7:30 p.m.

Tully Rotary Meeting
Tully United Community Church
5872 Meetinghouse Road, Tully
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – noon

School Budget Vote Tuesday, May 18, 2021 6:00a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tully Free Library – Meet the Board of Education Candidate Night – Tuesday, May 4 @ 7 pm. TFL will place notice on sign outside of TFL. Announcement to be included in BOE petitions picked up @ Tully CSD.

Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Positions

Three terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2021. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 at the annual school district election scheduled for May 18, 2021.

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 19, 2021. 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 are available beginning March 1, 2021. If you would like a nominating petition, please contact the district office at (315) 696-6204 or email mfisher@tullyschools.org

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Tully Free Library

12 State Street • tullyfreelibrary.org 315-696-8606

We are excited to announce that plans are in the works for our library to start offering content

from Hoopla! Hoopla is a digital platform that allows users to borrow music, movies, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, and TV shows. You can stream content or download items to enjoy them offline. We'll be announcing the official start of this service on our website and Facebook page, so be sure to stay tuned!

Spring is here, even if it's still cold, and that means we're setting up our seed library! Did you know you can check out seeds, just like you can check out books and movies? We will be offering a variety of flower, vegetable, and fruit seeds; planting is a great activity that the

whole family can take part in!

It's been really nice seeing the littlest kids at our monthly Tykes Time story time on Zoom! Be sure to register on our website to get the Zoom link for these sessions.

We are continuing our grab-and-go craft and activity bags for teens and little kids every month.

Our Youth Advisory Committee welcomes new members. If you know a teen in grades 7-12 who would like to be a part of this group, please have them contact Miss Amber at the library.

Enjoy the longer days this time of year - you have more time to read! Stop in and pick out a nice book - we hope to see you soon!

TULLY PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS:

Register at **www.active.com** (search: Tully, NY) Email - tullyparksrec@gmail.com with questions



Divisions/ Grade Levels:

Majors Baseball & Softball

Grades 5th & 6th (April 5 - June 17) • Baseball -Tues/Thurs, Softball - Mon/Wed

Minors Baseball & Softball

Grades 3rd & 4th (April 5 - June 17) • Baseball - Tues/Thurs, Softball - Mon/Wed

Modified Coach Pitch

Grades 1st & 2nd (April 14 - June 18) • Wednesday/Friday

Tee Ball

Grades Pre-K & Kindergarten (April 29 - June 10) • Thursdays

*Cost: Majors & Minors Baseball/Softball - \$40 Tully Resident / \$45 Non-Tully Resident. Mod-Pitch - \$30 Tully Resident / \$35 Non-Tully Resident. Tee Ball - \$20 Tully Resident / \$25 Non-Tully Resident. *multi-child and coaching discounts available

Tully MOO Run 2021

Saturday, June 12th

Race Starts at 9:00 a.m. Crooked Lake 5K Course

Look to register later this spring at **www.active.com** (search: Tully, NY)



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TO: LOCAL POST OFFICE BOXHOLDER OR RURAL ROUTE PATRON

TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS







