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KNIGHT INSIGHT



Mark your Calendars!

MIDDLE
SCHOOL
MUSICAL

SHREK JR.
THE MUSICAL

February 1 at 7 p.m.
February 2 at 2 p.m.

Spanish and French National Honor Societies

On October 11, twenty-three Spanish and French students were inducted into Spanish and French National Honor Societies. Not only do these students excel in their other subjects, but they have maintained a high average in their foreign language since they began studying it. As a result, they received national recognition. Students wore their honorable pins to school the next day. Congratulations to everyone that was inducted!



Fall Athletics

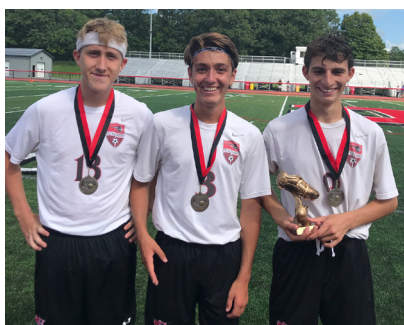
The Black Knights continued their success on the athletic fields this past fall season. League Championships were won by Varsity Girls Soccer, Varsity Girls Cross Country, and Varsity Boys Cross Country. The Black Knights Girls XC team also won the OHSL Patriot League Meet.

The Fall Post-Season brought the Tully CSD some success as the Black Knights Varsity Girls Cross Country team won their first Class D Sectional Championship in three years by beating South Lewis by 1 point- 47-48!! Brooke Rauber won the race by over 1 minute with an impressive 18:37 in slow, muddy conditions, then Tully placed the following runners across the finish line to capture the Class D Title: 11th - Lilly Fowler-Conner (21:46); 12th - Katie Edinger (21:48); 13th - Alison Carr (21:50); 14th - Rachel Berry (21:53).

Boys and Girls Soccer had very successful seasons this fall as well. The girls team won an OHSL Patriot League Championship, which gives Head Coach, Sue Reilly, 15 league titles in 18 years and over 250 wins in her career! Both the boys and girls teams won their opening round sectional games, advancing to the Quarter Finals where their luck finally ran out.

Southern Hills FB finished 2-6 this season. The season was marred with injuries in key positions but the team won 2 of their final 3 games to show their continued improvement throughout the season! Southern Hills should be in a better position for success in the 2019 season!

Fall Golf had a successful season as well, finishing with a 7-8 record and a 5th place finish in Sectionals. Logan Bedford, Ryan Shute, and Tom McKenna finished the season with 9 hole match averages in the 40's.



ES Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

In December through the Positivity Project, we will learn about the character strengths of Kindness, Humility, and Self-Control. This means by the time students leave for the break, they will have learned to recognize half of the P2 strengths in themselves and others. December is also the time of year when I traditionally make a comment about the importance of student attendance. When children are sick, it is greatly appreciated that they stay home to get better, but we do encourage everyone to try to limit unexcused and avoidable absences. Chronic absenteeism is strongly correlated with a decrease in academic performance. Unfortunately, this year, attendance figures in both September and October were up by over 60 absences in each month compared to last year, so trying to maintain good health is even more critical this year. Do not hesitate to contact me or our school nurse, Mrs. VanSlyke, with any questions. On behalf of Tully Elementary, I want to wish you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season!

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PTO News

Hello parents! With the weather changing from fall to winter and temperatures dipping lower and lower, the Tully Elementary PTO is just starting to warm up to support some upcoming events! We would like to thank everyone who sent in Box Tops. As a result of your cooperation, between the spring and fall time frames, we were able to turn in \$1,118.20 worth of Box Tops. Great job everyone!! We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Yankee Candle Fundraiser.

Our latest fundraiser was ***Spirit Wear***, which ran during the month of November, and should be delivered just in time for the holidays. The PTO will also be featuring a movie night on **Friday, December 14th**. More detailed information for both will be coming home with your students in the near future. The PTO will soon be setting up committees to assist in planning for the ***Father/Daughter Dance*** and the ***Mother/Son Night***.

The PTO is also looking into having the ***Harlem Wizards*** come to the school in the upcoming months. If you are interested in helping, the PTO is always looking for new members and we welcome you to come to the next meeting which will be December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School. PTO meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Tully Elementary Conference Room. If you cannot attend a meeting, please join the Tully Elementary PTO Facebook page or be added to the PTO email list.



Visit from the Fire Department

Recently, two firefighters from the Tully Fire Department came to talk with our Pre-K through second grade students about fire safety. The students got to see what type of gear the firefighters have to wear when they get called to a fire or emergency. Mr. Bibik even showed the students what firefighters look and sound like with their oxygen masks on! TES students now know to use the back of their hand when feeling if a door is safe to go out of and to stay low if there is a lot of smoke in a room. The Tully Fire Department taught us all some great ways to stay safe in case a fire or emergency happens.

Ways to conduct fire safety at home: Come up with a home emergency evacuation plan as a family and practice it. (Where will you all meet once out of the house safely – neighbors, corner of street, etc.) and practice your home address and phone numbers with your child(ren).

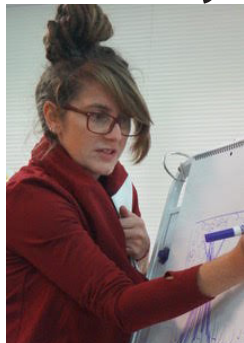
Rotary Dictionary and Dairy Princess

October 19, 2018 was an exciting day for Tully Elementary School's third graders! They were recipients of dictionaries, courtesy of three local service organizations: Tully Rotary Club, LaFayette Optimists, and Pompey Lions Club. For 15 years, these groups have generously purchased dictionaries and visited TES to present them to students. Thank you!

In addition to that visit, The Onondaga County Alternate Dairy Princess, Sydney Grosso, came over from the JSHS to teach the 3rd graders about the nutrients found in milk products and about the various breeds of cows that give us our milk. Did you know that every day a cow drinks the amount of water that would fill a bathtub?! Thank you to Sydney for her time, knowledge, and the pencils she brought for us!



Someday



The Pre-K students had the pleasure of meeting an illustrator, Abbey Paccia. Ms. Paccia is a very talented Tully graduate. She shared her artistic talents with the world by illustrating a book called, **SOMEDAY**. This is a beautiful story with a wonderful message. The message, *"I can and I will,"* is taught throughout the story as a little apple and a little boy learn to think positively.

Ms. Paccia brought in her original sketches from the book and talked to the children about how she became an illustrator. She even drew some pictures for the children, which was very exciting. After her presentation, the Pre-k students drew their own pictures expressing what they hope to do, **SOMEDAY**. We created a display sharing their illustrations and photos.

"I can and I will" is a saying that is used every day in Pre-K!

JSHS Principal's Message



Mary Ann Murphy

Literacy in the Content Areas

For the last several years, teachers at the Junior-Senior High School have been studying and implementing instructional strategies that focus on literacy in the content areas. Historically, teaching reading comprehension, all aspects of vocabulary development, research skills, etc., has been the responsibility of the English teachers. This has not been the case for some time, and we are actively doing something about it. All of our teachers focus on the literacy skills as they take on different meaning depending on the content students are learning. In social studies, students must be able to read primary source documents such as political cartoons, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, etc., to construct meaning from them. In science, students must write lab summaries using appropriate scientific language and structure. In math, students must read problems as if they are text to determine what they are being asked to do. They must then use logic and formulas for arriving at final answers. In physical education, art and music, students apply literacy strategies for kinesthetically expressing their understanding of the content. Let us not forget that taking a world language enhances understanding and reinforces grammar, sentence structure, and vocabulary in all academic areas.

Teachers work collaboratively within departments and across grade levels to share and implement similar literacy strategies in order for students to see that the skills they utilize in one class cross over into other classes. For example, many teachers implement content-specific methods for annotating text (highlighting key ideas, identifying vocabulary, and noting areas that need further explanation) which aids in reading comprehension. Teachers also analyze student work, looking for strengths and areas of improvement. At Tully Junior-Senior High School, many teachers were using their own expertise to teach students literacy strategies that were necessary for success in courses and on Regents exams long before we began our work several years ago. Now there are revised state and national standards for all subjects that require a focus on literacy in the content areas. I am proud to say we are much farther ahead than many secondary schools and look forward to our continued work towards creating a culture of literacy that will better prepare our students for college and career readiness.

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Teen Institute Buddies



On Friday, October 19th, during Activity Period, the Teen Institute (TI) held their first event of the year by starting the 7th grade Buddies Program, which is a mentoring program. TI members helped with organizational skills and explained different things that occur at the Junior-Senior High School like activity period and various clubs and sports options. Snacks were provided with special help from Mrs. Bennett's culinary students.

The Teen Institute consists of students in 10th through 12th grade. This year's members are Bridget Whitney, Brooke Rauber, Joey Murray, Lizzie Caron, Maddy Erno, Nicki Edinger, Owen Lantiene, Stephen Coffin, Tessa Mucha, Angela Touchette, Ethan Selmsier, Nicole Ball, Tino Ferro, Ian Byrne, Allie Kolodziejczyk, Morgan Spaulding, Katie Moncada, Wiley Shaw, Maddie Smith, Caleb Erno, Dante Bertolo, Rachel Berry, and Marcus Lombardo.

Visit from Paul Frey



Ms. Kirk's second period Regents Earth Science class had the distinct pleasure of visiting with Mr. Paul Frey on October 26. Paul is a 2006 graduate of Tully Central who lives in California and is currently employed as a Program Manager for Google as well as the Space & Ground Operations Manager for SOLSTAR. Paul shared a presentation with the students that covered varying topics such as Wifi capabilities in space, using rockets for scientific work as well as tourism, satellites that orbit Earth in 90 minutes traveling 15,689 mph, and how to hunt asteroids! Paul brought a postcard with him that was sent to space and back. The students enjoyed their visit with Mr. Frey and look forward to researching some of the space-related topics that they learned about.

Music Department News



Congratulations are due to Nathan Cattell for his acceptance into the NYS-BDA Honor Concert Band! This is a very prestigious group, with only 120 students accepted statewide. This distinction notes Nathan as one of the top players in the state.

Students are accepted based on their performance in the previous school year's NYSSMA festival and director recommendations. Nathan will rehearse and perform over a three day weekend in the beginning of March.

Welcome Ivan, Our Rotary Exchange Student

Do you know what Cremona Italy is world famous for? Violins and the most important violin maker of all time – Antonio Stradivari (Stradivarius Violins).



The 7th and 8th grade Junior High International Club members attended a presentation to learn about Ivan and his life in Italy. His city, Cremona, has a population of about 70,000 people and is full of Roman history and architecture. His dad is a mechanic, his mom is a graphic artist, and he has a younger brother who is a student, as well as an older brother who lives in nearby Parma.

Yes! He misses his family and friends, as they are very close. Teens there enjoy soccer, but in his city rowing is also very popular. Ivan loves basketball, but in Cremona it is not a school sport.

This is common in much of the world - sports are not included in school, rather, kids have to join private clubs. His high school is specific to the sciences. Students in Italy have a choice of high schools according to their interests. Presently, he is thinking of going to college to study math or physics.

In his free time, he enjoys going to the youth club, to the river with friends, or sports clubs. He misses the public transportation that makes travel so easy.

Family is very important in Italy. Major holidays are spent primarily with family eating big meals, and spending time together. Food is an important part of those gatherings; the meals are central to the gatherings, and they are enjoyed, not rushed through. Everyday mealtime with family is also important in Italy. There are a few holidays in which he is "allowed" to spend with friends, for example New Year's and Carnevale.

His favorite food is parmigiana and pizza (but it is not like American pizza). The Italian language varies slightly in all regions of Italy and he thinks Italian is similar to Spanish. He is currently staying with the Iozzo Family and is busy with the Rotary program. He has been studying English for eight years and we can appreciate his efforts to speak English. Bravo Ivan and Mille Grazie!

Tully FFA

An Opportunity of a Lifetime! On October 24-27, 2018, five Tully FFA members had the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 91st National FFA Convention and Expo. Dalton Currie, Angela Touchette, Sydney Grosso, Meghan Weaver, and Cheyenne McCormick traveled to the convention and toured Batavia Turf (NY), Wilson Football (OH), Buckeye Hybrids (OH), Wright State University (OH), Fair Oaks Farms (IN), and Louisville Slugger (KY).



Once at the convention and expo, FFA members participated in leadership and career development workshops, took part in the college and career fair, listened to amazing keynote speakers during sessions, and even attended an "FFA only" Garth Brooks concert.

Lastly, of the 69,000 people at the National FFA Convention this year, 10,000 of those FFA members got the chance to be in the same room as the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Purdue. Every year the National FFA organization, which is chartered by the Federal Government, invites the President to the National Convention. The last President to visit was George H. W. Bush in 1991. Prior to that was Jimmy Carter in 1978.

Regardless of political preference or personal opinion of the President, this was a once in a lifetime experience for these Tully FFA members!

SH International Club



The Tully Senior High International Club has been very busy since the start of the school year. In September, we had a school supply drive to support a community center in Loíza, Puerto Rico that helps students in that area after school. Loíza was devastated by Hurricane Maria and is still in the process of rebuilding. Students and staff generously donated enough school supplies to fill ten boxes! The school supplies will be delivered to the Spanish Action League in Syracuse, which will deliver them to the center in Puerto Rico.

Senior Spotlight - WILEY RIGGS SHAW

Family: Amanda, Matthew, and Addison Shaw.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career was the transition from the soccer team to the cross country team. Mr. Paccia has taught me not only to be an amazing runner but also to carry myself with a greater sense of character and humility. I am truly blessed to have experienced the wisdom of such a dedicated coach. He has made the team feel like family. I have taken away lessons on life that will continue to guide my future.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? I have had the opportunity to visit twenty-one countries. From my extensive world travel I have gained a unique perspective on the world. I seek to enhance my international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural, and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? This fall I completed my first full marathon. I learned the importance of patience, persistence, and dedication. It was an arduous task made more difficult because while I was training for the marathon, I was also running and competing for my school's varsity cross-country team. The hard work paid off when I successfully completed my marathon in my goal time of just under four hours.

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

I would undoubtedly invite Jimmy Fallon for the laughter he invokes with everything that he does. I would also invite Former President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. They are such galvanizing individuals and I would be honored to have dinner with them. I would seek to discover how to have such an unparalleled positive impact on a world this big.

Senior Spotlight - KATIE MONCADA

Family: Father: Mike, Mother: Beth, and my sister, Gabby.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has definitely been the sports I have been involved in. During these sports seasons, I have grown very close to my teammates. Whether it was Mr. Russell's speed ladders or Ms. Reilly's extended horn, my teammates and I found ways to have fun and accomplish the goals we had in front of us.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? I have learned that you only get to experience certain things once; therefore, you should live with no regrets and work as hard as you can.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment of high school so far is being on the basketball team. This team has taught me so many qualities as an athlete, but also as a person. I was able to play in every game with my teammates for two years and every game was so much fun due to the effort and determination we all put out every game.

What are your plans after high school? After high school I am planning on attending college and studying Psychiatry.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am thirty years old I hope to have a successful career in psychiatry.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? The biggest challenges I have faced have been balancing sports along with school. My father helped me overcome this challenge by telling me one simple thing, "delayed gratification". He always tells me that the effort you put in now will come in handy when you are older.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is my Grandma Lyon because she manages to help and support everyone in my family. There has not been a day she has faltered. She approaches each day with an open mind and treats everyone fairly.

NEWS from the COUNSELING CENTER**Construction Career Day**

Several students from Tully Junior-Senior High School had the opportunity to participate in the 12th Annual *Construction Career Day* held at the New York State Fairgrounds. Students from across the Central New York region joined up to learn more about careers in the construction field, had the opportunity to speak to vendors, and tested out excavators and backhoes. Students were able to participate in hands-on activities like bricklaying, welding, painting, and carpentry. Students learned a great deal of information about different careers in the construction industry and had the chance to talk to representatives from various construction firms.

**What is the FAFSA??**

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a form that the federal government uses to determine eligibility for aid. It can include scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans. By filling out the FAFSA, it will determine the amount of money families can be expected to contribute to college costs each year. The FAFSA can be found on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students may file the FAFSA any time after October 1st. It is recommended that the FAFSA is completed and filed as soon as possible after October 1st. Early submission of the FAFSA maximizes your chances of receiving aid. If you have any questions regarding the FAFSA, contact the Counseling and Career Center or call 1-800-4-FED-AID.

From the Superintendent



On October 22nd, the Tully BOE adopted the 2019-20 Budget Development Calendar. Some important dates from this calendar are as follows:

December 17, 2018	BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2019-20 Capital Budget
January 22, 2019	BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2019-20 Administrative Budget
February 11, 2019	BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2019-20 Program Budget
March 4, 2019	BOE Meeting: Review of Revenue and Overall Budget
March 18, 2019	BOE Meeting: Budget Adoption
April 1, 2019	BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of Fund Balance Management Plan
May 13, 2019	Public Budget Hearing: Presentation of BOE approved 2019-20 school budget
May 21, 2019	Annual District Meeting & School Budget Vote

As we go through the upcoming budget development process, there are a number of opportunities for members of the public to ask questions and share ideas. Specifically, at all of our Board of Education meetings there is an opportunity for members of the public to speak at the start of the meeting and then again at the conclusion of the meeting. Additionally, on May 13th, we will be holding our Annual Budget Hearing, during which members of the public may ask questions regarding the proposed 2019-20 school budget. This Budget Hearing will take place in the JSHS, beginning at 6:00 p.m., prior to the start of the May 13th BOE meeting.

Additionally, as we go through the budget development process, there are a number of opportunities for building administrators, faculty, and staff to help clarify budgetary needs. There are two goals in bringing building administrators, faculty, and staff into the budget development process. First, doing so helps us to identify ways to improve upon the learning opportunities we provide for our students. Second, doing so helps everyone to develop a more common understanding of the financial constraints we face as a public school. If we are effective on both of these fronts, we should be able to identify areas for improvement and cost-saving measures.

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From the Board of Education

The Facilities Committee serves as a sub-committee of the Tully Board of Education. The Facilities Committee consists of Rob Hughes, the Superintendent of Schools, Brad Corbin, the School Business Administrator, Jerry Bishop, the Assistant Director of Facilities, Lee Duvall, the Technology Coordinator, three board members, Don Cole, Bill Ralbovsky, and Ed Wortley, and two community members, Don Mohat and Al Castle. Jake Smith and Larry Apgar, the Architects, and Peter Marsenison, the Construction Manager, also attend Facilities Committee meetings while the Capital Project is in progress. Doug Clay has also attended some meetings to assist with explaining work on our mechanical systems.

The primary purpose of the Facilities Committee is to discuss the current condition in all aspects regarding the facility. This committee considers the priority in which things need to be taken care of. This will help determine whether something needs to be done currently or could be included in a future Capital Project.

Currently, this committee is focused on providing oversight of our Capital Project (i.e.: how we are doing financially, and what parts of the project are completed). We have begun looking into alternate items to include in the project, such as a new playground and updates in the bus garage. As a committee, we determine best solutions and then bring recommendations to the full Board of Education.

Sincerely, Tully BOE

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Article Submission Guidelines

To submit an article, email articles to Mary Fisher at mfisher@tullyschools.org. If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6204.

Please email articles in Word format whenever possible. Do not capitalize all the words in the article. Do not insert 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.



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

Tully Free Library

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

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

Tully Free Library **has something for everyone!** We are here to serve the entertainment and educational needs of the whole family, from birth through adulthood.

In addition to books, magazines and movies, we have public computers and WiFi, plus laptops and Internet hotspots you can borrow. And fun, free programs for babies, kids and teens are happening every weekday.

Full STEAM Ahead will have its open house on **Monday, December 17 from 6-7 p.m.** Discover what kids in K-12th grade have learned in the Fall semester and explore some of our technology. Full STEAM Ahead is a free after school enrichment program for K - 12th grades, with classes focusing on fun STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities.

New classes start in January! Visit our website or the library for more information.

Babies, Kids and Teen Events:

Tykes Time Storytime for babies and toddlers every Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:30 AM.

Terrific Tuesdays after school crafts & snacks every Tuesday from 3 - 4 P.m.. This program is for kids in grades 2-4 and registration is requested so we have enough supplies.

Tech Time Drop-In is Tuesdays from 3-4 P.m. for grades 3-12. Drop in and play with different types of technology like Makey-Makey, little bits, snap circuits, snap circuit rovers and many more!

Chess club for all ages and abilities meets on Wednesdays from 2:45 - 4 P.m.. Learn the game or sharpen your skills.

Teens - join us after school for gaming, Magic: The Gathering tournaments sponsored by TCGplayer, Late Night @ the library murder mystery events, makerspace programs and more! Check out our online calendar for all upcoming events at tullyfreelibrary.org/events.

What do YOU want at the library? Help us plan programs and pick books for the teen collection by joining the YAC (Youth Advisory Council). YAC meets monthly, and is open to all in 6-12th grades.



Tully Parks and Recreation

1st & 2nd Grade Basketball for Boys & Girls

Starts:

Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Location: Tully Elementary Gyms

Register using the following link:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/TullyParksandRecreation>

Information will also be sent
home through "Back Pack Express"

Questions? Email
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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



DECEMBER 2018

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| 11 | Holiday Band Concert, 7 p.m. |
| 17 | BOE Meeting, JSHS Library, 6 p.m. |
| 18 | Holiday Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. |
| 20 | 5th/6th Grade Concert, 7 p.m. |
| 24-28 | Christmas Recess - No School |
| 31-Jan 1 | Holiday Recess - No School |
| Jan 2 | Classes Resume |