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Congratulations

We welcome Bill Ralbovsky, newly appointed Board of Education Member, elected at a special election held September 26, 2017.

Save the Dates!

High School Musical

March 2 and 3 – The planned musical is *Disaster!*

It features hit music of the 1970's in a comedic setting upon a floating casino plagued with disasters.

Middle School Musical

Beauty and the Beast – The performance dates are Friday, **February 2** at 7 p.m. and, new this year, a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. **February 3**.

Disney Trip

The first week of October is usually cooler for Tully students. Not so for the Boys Cross Country team who traveled to Orlando Florida to compete in the Disney Cross Country Classic at the ESPN sports complex in Kissimmee. They arrived Thursday afternoon and drove to Daytona Beach for a work out witnessed by the Atlantic Ocean. On a hot and humid Friday afternoon the JV and Varsity boys cross country raced against 35 schools from all over the United States including California and Alaska. Daniel Bort led the race for a while and finished 3rd overall out of 250 runners. Jackson Deal and Bryce Florian finished in the top 25. The Varsity team placed 8th overall.



Fall Athletics

The Tully Black Knight varsity athletic teams had another successful season this past fall. Girls Soccer and Girls Cross Country won OHSL League Championships, and every varsity program qualified for sectional play.

Varsity Football merged with La-Fayette & Fabius Pompey this year, to form a team called the Southern Hills Storm. The Storm finished the regular season with a 4-3 record and qualified for sectional play. They drew General Brown in the playoffs, who sported a



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7-0 record and the #1 seed. The Storm had General Brown tied at halftime 20-20, but eventually lost 41-26.

Girls Soccer won another league title and entered sectional play as the #2 seed after sporting a record of 14-1-1 through the regular season. The team beat their first two opponents at home (Bishop Grimes & Cooperstown) with shutouts. The Class C semi-final game against Little Falls was played at Chittenango HS. The Black Knights got behind early, but continued to battle to the end, eventually losing 3-1. →

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Edward Kupiec

The arrival of winter signals a predictable rise in the number of absences due to colds and other illnesses. To limit the spread of these germs, PLEASE keep your children home when they are sick. These are excused absences.

Unfortunately, many students also have unexcused absences which can result in cumulative and compounding negative impacts on student success and achievement. Last year, approximately 75% of TES students had at least one UNEXCUSED absence from school. These were most commonly the result of a vacation or family trip, but it could also have been due to a lack of a note being sent to school.

Our goal this year is to try to reduce the number of unexcused absences. A 2014 analysis of research examined the impact of attendance on reading proficiency. Some of their findings include:

- ◆ Chronically absent students (>10 absences a year) are significantly less likely to achieve reading proficiency
- ◆ Children from low-income families are four times more likely to be chronically absent
- ◆ Parents are often not aware of the level of impact absences have on student learning

To assist our efforts regarding attendance, I encourage you to check out this research brief for additional information on the impact of attendance. Again, please keep your children home when they are sick but also try to limit unexcused and avoidable absences and send in a note after any absence. Do not hesitate to contact me or our school nurse, Mrs. VanSlyke, with any questions.

Source: Attendance in the Early Grades: Why it Matters for Reading. (February 2014). <http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Attendance-in-the-Early-Grades.pdf>

Sincerely, **Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal**

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Explore, Design and Create



The Tully Elementary School Maker Lab is in full swing. Students in 5th and 6th grade worked with Mrs. Meldrim and Mrs. Fowler-Conner on a Super Science chemistry unit. First, students had to build their own mini lab. Using nails and hammers proved to be a bit challenging. Then, we began conducting a series of experiments. Students were given a choice of a variety of experiments demonstrating chemical reaction. This gave us a chance to practice the Scientific Method. Some 6th graders have chosen to enjoy eating and working in the Maker Lab during lunch. Programs will continue to be offered to all age groups throughout the school year.

Math Help at Home

Having difficulty remembering how to divide fractions? Unsure how to find the surface area of a three dimensional figure using a net? When helping children with homework or studying for a test, many parents might need to refresh their memories about skills or concepts.

There are many math resources available on the Internet. Some children use games to practice recalling math facts. In addition to these websites, there are instructional video websites that parents and children may find helpful. Access to these resources is gained by enrolling with an email address.

The following are a few websites that are free of charge:

- *Learnzillion.com* provides short instructional videos. The videos may be sorted by topic, common core standard and/or grade level. The videos are about 3-5 minutes long.
- *Khanacademy.org* provides short instructional videos. In addition, there are multiple choice questions so children can check their understanding of the skill or concept.

Teachers have found these websites to be helpful and incorporate instructional videos into math lessons, as a tool for reteaching or review. These resources benefit children both in school and at home.

5th Grade "Book Tasting" Party



On Friday, October 13th, TES 5th graders held a "Book Tasting Party." This event provided an opportunity for the students to learn about the 12 fruits/vegetables/nuts that are important in the book *Esperanza Rising*, which they have been reading in class.

A great time was had by all!

Ithaca College Steel Drum Band Visits Tully



On Monday, October 16, 2017 both Tully Elementary and Tully Junior-Senior High Students were treated to a visit from Ithaca College's Steel Drum Band. The performances were arranged by the Tully Elementary Music Association. The performances were incredible and the assemblies were thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff!

ATHLETIC NEWS

Fall Athletics

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Boys Soccer had a slow start to their season this fall. The team suffered several key early injuries, but ended up finishing the regular season 7-7-2, beating three state ranked teams down the stretch! They entered the sectional playoffs as the #14 seed, and pulled off an upset beating #3 seeded Westmoreland 1-0. They then traveled to #4 Beaver River. Regulation play and 2 OT's was not enough time to declare a winner, so this game ended in penalty kicks, with Beaver River eventually winning 4-2.

Girls Cross Country won a Patriot League Championship and a League Meet Championship this fall. The team put together a strong performance in the Class D Sectional race at VVS HS finishing in 3rd place. Tully Freshman, Brooke Rauber, won the Class D race in impressive fashion and Junior, Rachel Berry, finished in 5th place. Both qualified for the NYS Class D Championship race at Wayne CSD in mid-November.

Boys Cross Country finished in 2nd place in the Patriot League

and 2nd place in the League Meet this fall. The team ran an impressive race in the Class D Sectionals finishing in 3rd place. Tully Senior, Daniel Bort, finished in 3rd place in the sectional race and qualified for the NYS Class D Championship race at Wayne CSD in mid-November.

Varsity Golf completed the season with a league record of 6-10 and qualified to compete in the Class B/C/D Sectional event at the Marcellus Golf Club in early October. Tully Senior, Wyatt Brown, shot an impressive 83, finishing in the top 8 of the tournament, and has now qualified to compete in May 2018 in the NYS Qualifier at Colgate University.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Ann Murphy

The 21st Century skills of critical thinking and problem solving are important aspects of learning in today's world. Teachers set up learning activities in their lessons that ask students to think about real world problems and to consider possible solutions. Sometimes this is related to the content and other times it can be related to a particular school or life skill. Either way, the days of students as strictly receivers of information are fading away. Students are being asked open-ended questions, given opportunities to figure things out on their own, and implementing other strategies that cause them to exercise their brains to formulate their own conclusions or discover their own answers. Students who practice the art of critical thinking throughout their K-12 schooling experience will be well on their way to success with their college and career aspirations. Ultimately, employers look for people who can problem solve, make inferences, use facts to draw assumptions; anything that demonstrates their ability to think. At Tully Junior Senior High School, we will continue our efforts to assist students in this area. Many teachers use project-based learning or problem-based learning in their lessons to foster problem-solving skill development. We sometimes hear from high school students that they "wish the teacher would just give us the answer." Chances are the teacher will ask the students a series of questions to assist them with developing their critical thinking skills so that they may find the answer within their own brains. The Internet is full of articles and websites dedicated to this topic. They can be excellent resources for parents to gain an understanding of what we are trying to accomplish in school and how they can help their children at home as well.

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Environmental Science Field Trip



On October 17th the High School Environmental Science class took a field trip to the Tully Valley mud boils to learn about this geological phenomena that is unique to the Tully Valley from a US Geological Survey representative, Bill Kappel. Prior to visiting, the students learned about the causes for the mud boils and the ecological impacts on Onondaga Creek and the surrounding area. They were able to experience first-hand the nature of the mud boils, and directly observe them discharging water and sediment, subsidence of the land surface, and governmental remediation efforts by the Onondaga Lake Partnership. They learned about the history of the mud boils and the surrounding land, the geology and the formation of the mud boil features, as well as the problems being caused environmentally and socially by the mud boils. In addition, the students were able to take water samples in several different locations from the mud boils and surrounding bodies of water to test at a later time for a variety of factors.

Circle Singing Workshop

On September 28th, students in the high school chorus and band, along with select students from Fabius-Pompey, Homer, and Skaneateles, had the wonderful opportunity to work in a Circle Singing workshop.

Circle Singing is a community driven type of singing with influences from jazz, pop, groove, Latin, and African styles. Much of the music is improvised throughout the workshop and learned by ear. The instructor of the workshop was Joey Blake, a renowned musician, composer, and faculty member from the Berklee School of Music.

Students learned and sang several songs over the course of the three hours. In addition, Gene Shinozaki, a World Champion beatboxer, had the chance to work with several students in a smaller setting. These students received a crash course in beatboxing, and later had a chance to perform along with the larger group, adding a percussive element to all of the songs.

Several students performed two songs later that evening at a concert at the train station along with Joey Blake and his band. This was a wonderful musical experience for the students at Tully High School.

Our many thanks to the Tully Music Association for sponsoring this workshop and making it all happen!

Junior High International Club



The new officers of the JH International Club are ready to plan a busy year led by President Mary Babbage, Vice-President Katelyn Lamoureux, Secretary Robin Drzewicki, Treasurer Stelly Van Beveren, and Historian John McKenna. They are planning guest speakers, preparing for Belgian waffles and Bonbons at the Craft Show on Saturday, December 2, and planning a Souper Bowl Canned Soup Collection for February to coincide with the Super Bowl. Spirit bracelets were sold in October to raise money for international relief donations and cookie dough sales will help with club activities and those students traveling to Quebec in January. If you would like to be a guest speaker, please contact us at the High School. We would love to see your pictures and hear about your travels and/or learn about your culture! Thank you for all your support!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - Raden Averill



Family: Dad-Corey Averill, Mom-Doreen Averill-Garafalo, Step-mom-Lucy Averill, Brother-Trevor Averill

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

My proudest moment of high school so far has been being inducted into the National Honor Society and maintaining solid grades throughout my high school career in order to do what I desire in the future.

What are your plans after high school?

My plans after high school are to attend one of the United States federal service academies, or to attend an elite institution that offers Naval ROTC. I would then like to graduate with a major in some sort of engineering and become a pilot in the United States Navy.

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

Many of the challenges that I have faced throughout high school have been both academic as well as physical challenges. I believe that self-determination and confidence are good moral values that will always keep you successful. In sports, I have overcome and beat other challenging teams by simply outworking their players and having confidence in my team. I have overcome various academic challenges by working harder in class, studying harder, doing my homework, and staying after class.

Who's your hero and why?

My hero is undoubtedly my father. My father has never once left my side when I've needed help on certain things throughout my whole life. He has shown my brother and I what we can do to be successful and he has always put our necessities ahead of his own. He is truly who I have to thank for providing me with all of the insight, information, and knowledge that I have used to my advantage throughout my whole life. My father is truly a remarkable person and without him, I would not be the same person that I am today.

Senior Attends the Congress of Future Science & Tech Leaders

Taz Josh, senior, had the opportunity to attend the annual gathering of America's high-achieving high school students aspiring to be the next generation of science and technology leaders at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. This exciting event took place in Boston, Massachusetts this past summer. While at this event, Taz and other young people learned how to make a difference and devote their futures to changing the world through science and technology. Discussions on state-of-the-art inventions occurred and students were able to meet world-changing researchers, futurists, and technologists. Way to go Taz!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - Grace Chaffee



Family: Mom-Nancy, Dad-Matt, Sister-Kate, Grandma

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

The best part of my high school career has been the success of our sports teams with the guidance of great coaches.

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

I have learned the importance of being a good teammate and working well with others.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

My proudest moment in high school was two back to back undefeated volleyball seasons with two sectional championships. I am also extremely proud of the softball program, we have grown so much over the past few years.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I plan on studying education at Stevenson University and being a part of their beach volleyball team and possibly the indoor volleyball team as well.

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

I would invite Micha Hancock, my favorite setter, and Leonardo DiCaprio, my favorite actor. I would like to talk about how they came to success and what was their inspiration.

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

A challenge I've faced is juggling my school work with athletics and clubs. I've overcome this by setting priorities and using my time wisely.

Who's your hero and why?

My younger sister, Kate, is my hero because she dares to be different. She's kind hearted, brave, and motivated.

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 scholarship, 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 anytime 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 24th, the Tully BOE adopted the 2018-19 Budget Development Calendar. Some important dates from this calendar are as follows:

- November 20, 2017 --- BOE Meeting:
Discussion of Budget Priorities and Goals
- December 18, 2017 --- BOE Meeting:
Initial Discussion of 2018-19 BOCES Budget
- January 22, 2018 --- BOE Meeting:
Initial Discussion of 2018-19 Capital Budget
- February 12, 2018 --- BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2018-19 Administrative Budget
- March 6, 2018 --- Community Forum for Budget Input @ 6:00 p.m.
- March 6, 2018 --- BOE Meeting:
Initial Discussion of 2018-19 Program Budget
- March 20, 2018 --- BOE Meeting: Final Discussion of Revenue and Overall Budget
- April 3, 2018 --- BOE Meeting: Budget Adoption
- April 16, 2018 --- BOE Meeting
- May 8, 2018 --- Public Budget Hearing: Presentation of BOE approved 2018-19 school budget
- May 15, 2018 --- 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 concerns. 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 March 6th, we will be holding a community forum for members of the public to ask questions and provide feedback on either the 2017-18 school budget, or on the proposed 2018-19 school budget. This community forum will take place in the JSHS, beginning at 6:00 p.m., prior to the start of the March 6th BOE meeting.

Additionally, as we go through the budget development process, there are a number of opportunities for building administrators, faculty, and staff to share concerns and 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.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns (315-696-6204 or rhughes@tullyschools.org).

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

Article Submission Guidelines

Material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article. If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6204. 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. 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.**



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Meeting Dates

Meetings in Junior Senior High School library at 6:00 p.m. Date, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled as needed. Check the school website for updates.

Monday	December 18, 2017
Monday	January 22, 2018
Monday	February 12, 2018
Tuesday	March 6, 2018
Tuesday	March 20, 2018
Tuesday	April 3, 2018
Monday	April 16, 2018
Tuesday	May 8, 2018 – includes budget public hearing
Tuesday	May 15, 2018 – budget vote 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tuesday	June 19, 2018



Tully Free Library

12 State Street
 tullyfreelibrary.org • 315-696-8606
 Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Closed Sundays

The fun continues at the Tully Free Library in December! We have free programs for babies and toddlers, kids, and teens. **Full STEAM Ahead @ TFL (formerly Tully Regional Enrichment Program or TREP)**

Enrichment classes for PreK - 12th grades continue through the week of December 15. December 18 we will be holding an open house at the library from 6-8 p.m. Stop by to see what we've learned this semester! The Spring semester of classes will start up in February, and we are planning a family field trip as well!

You are invited to sign up for email updates on Full STEAM Ahead @ TFL by visiting tullyfreelibrary.org/full-steam-ahead

Chess Club is now all-ages! Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Chess Club has evolved into a family program. Open to players of all ages and abilities. Join us for skill-building each week and monthly tournaments. Learn tips and tricks and compete with other chess lovers. Eric Godiers will be teaching beginners and coaching those who already play the game. Families welcome!

Babies & Kids Events and Resources:

Terrific Tuesdays afterschool crafts & snacks now every Tuesday from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. This program is for elementary-aged kids. Please register online or by phone so we have enough supplies. *Tuesday, December 12 will be a special Terrific Tuesday where we will make holiday crafts*

Rockin' Readers Storytime for preschoolers (ages 3+) on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tykes Time Storytime for babies and toddlers (up to age 3) on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Teen Events (5th-12th grades):

Movie & a Snack - watch a new-release movie and enjoy a snack with us each month after school. Free! Check our calendar for dates and movie titles.

Teen Murder Mystery Night on Friday, December 22nd from 7-10:30 p.m. From 7-8 p.m. there will be pizza and a movie, and then from 8-10:30 p.m., the teens will use their skills of deduction and work in groups to solve a mystery of the season! Registration required.

Duel Club every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5. Learn how to play new dueling card games or compete against your friends in battle! You can bring your own cards or we have decks you can use. You can play Pokemon, Yu Gi Oh, Magic, or any other duel club cards you have. All ages. No signup required.

Board Game Club every Thursday at 3:30. Play new and classic board games! No signup required.

Role Playing Game Club (Dungeons & Dragons and other games) every Friday at 4 p.m. No signup required.

For more information, you can call the library at 315-696-8606. Visit our website at tullyfreelibrary.org or give us a call at 315-696-8606. We hope to see you soon!

New Tully Community Baseball Field



Progress continues to be made on the new Tully community baseball field. In October the backstop netting and 20,000 square feet of sod were installed with the help of Ballard Sports, Adhan Piping and many community members.

To date, over 100 community members have taken part in the project. Over \$50,000 has been raised and 18 companies have supplied equipment, materials and labor. When completed, Tully will be home to a first class baseball venue.

Tully Parks and Recreation

The Tully Youth Wrestling Program will again take place this winter. The wrestling program runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:00-7:00 p.m.) from January 4, 2018 – March, 8 2018. This program will be offered for boys and girls in grades K - 5th. This program will take place in the Elementary Café Gym.

Registration will begin on December 1st, by using the following link or visiting the Tully Schools website (Community/Parks and Rec). <https://www.active.com/tully-ny/camps/tully-parks-and-recreation-2017>

Please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Dando (tullyparksrec@gmail.com) with any questions. Discount coupons are always available for all Tully Rec programs.

Tully 1st and 10 Club

The Tully 1st and 10 Club would like to thank the community for your continued support for all that we do for the program. Your sponsorships, donations, volunteer work, and presence at all the games is truly recognized and appreciated.

The 1st and 10 Club sponsored a preseason football family picnic, pre-game pasta dinners for the players and cheer squad, and a fundraiser for the Cpl. Kyle R. Schneider Foundation which is a local non-profit committed to providing services to our U.S. Military Veterans. Proceeds from tee-shirt sales and gate donations for the Westhill game on September 29 contributed to a \$1,000 donation to this cause.

Our season will be capped with a celebration banquet on November 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria. Other purchases made this year include weight training software, weight training incentive gear, additional coaches headsets, field storage facility, and a donation to the annual Lenny Bucaro Scholarship, awarded to Ben Jones at the 2017 Graduation Ceremony.

This is the 4th year that the 1st and 10 Club has sponsored our local youth football players and cheer. This year we followed suit with the scholastic teams and converted to the Southern Hills Youth Football and Cheer, which LaFayette and Fabius-Pompey athletes joined. The teams are having a terrific season and enjoying the comradery of new friends across the three communities.

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

December

Tues	12	JSHS Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Mon	18	BOE Meeting, JSHS Library, 6 p.m.
Tues	19	JSHS Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.
Thurs	21	ES School Concert, 7 p.m.
Mon-Fri	25-29	Christmas Recess, No School

JANUARY

Mon	1	Holiday Recess , No School
Tues	2	Classes Resume