



## Being the "I" in Kind

Our 3rd graders have been putting their P2 skills to the test! They have been practicing random acts of kindness, in and out of school, without expecting anything in return. Students have written kind words to one another, helped others in the hall, and made each other laugh when things got tough. It sounds like some have even helped out with chores a little more at home! In addition, when asked about what being kind looked like, their answers were top-notch. Among others, "sticking up for each other," "accepting others' differences," and the all-known "treat others how you want to be treated" were widely used. Tully is proud of their third graders rising to the task and exceeding expectations!

## Meet Your 2021 Safety Patrol

On December 18th, Tully Elementary School held its AAA Safety Patrol training for 25 volunteer 5th and 6th grade students led by Melinda Hathaway, School Social Worker, and Ray Herrick, Director of Safety and Security for the district. The AAA Safety Patrol recruits students who work well with others, considers the feelings of others, expresses friendliness, leads by example, and are respectful, responsible, and safe.

Our 5th and 6th grade Safety Patrol Officers are responsible for ensuring the safety of students during arrival and dismissal times. We have three types of Safety Patrol duties: Bus Patrols, State Street Patrols, and Sidewalk Patrols. These Patrol Officers are responsible for escorting younger students on and off the bus and help to enforce the school safety rules while walking to and from the school building. Safety Patrol Officers started their duties on Tuesday, January 5th, after a Meet and Greet with their fellow PK - 3rd grade students, who they will be assisting during arrival and dismissal times.

We would like to congratulate our new Captains and Lieutenants for the first six weeks of patrol: Captain Trevor Litz and Lieutenant Alexandra Dickson who will serve as our morning Safety Patrol Officers; Captain Andie Fairchild and Lieutenant Tyler Wood who will serve as our afternoon Safety Patrol Officers. The Captain's responsibility will be to enforce the rules of Safety Patrol, take attendance of Safety Patrol Officers, fill in for absent Patrol Officers, and report back to the Safety Patrol supervisors. The Lieutenant's responsibilities will be to fill in for the Captain or other Patrol Officers should they be absent. New Captains and Lieutenants will be elected every six weeks.

We are proud and honored to have our Safety Patrol Officers who have volunteered their time to lead by example and ensure the safety of our students! If you see one of our Safety Patrol Officers on duty, feel free to thank them for their time and effort! \* = Returning Safety Patrol Officers



Fifth Graders: Logan Allen, Alexandra Dickson, Ashley Ellis, Colman Hathaway, Carmen Mannino, Emmaline McElroy, Charleigh Mossow, Patrick Pierce, Sophia Simmons, Evangeline Votra and Tyler Wood



Sixth Graders: Vanessa Altman, Hunter Bennett\*, Ben Bowers, Collin Brady\*, Christian Chaney, Andie Fairchild\*, Caden Graves\*, Brier Huggins\*, Trevor Litz\*, Riley McDermott, Kameryn Meaney\*, Antonio Morquecho\*, Kira Reis and Luca Viel

## ES Principal's Message



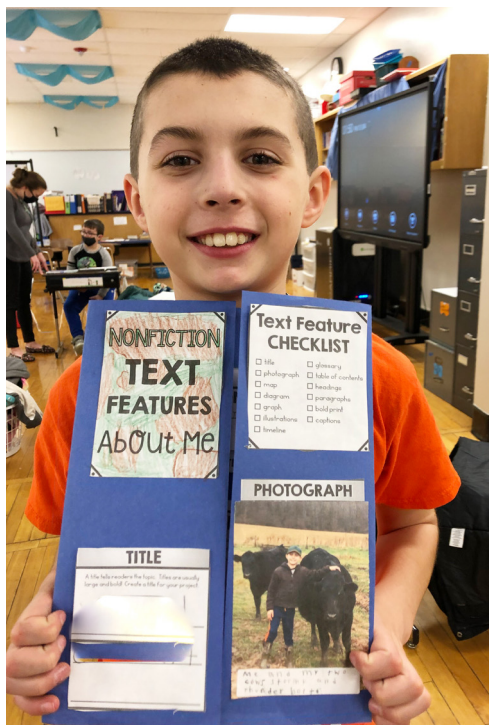
Edward Kupiec

We've reached the halfway point of the school year! That is an accomplishment in itself that we all should be very proud of! During the month of January in P2, students learned about the strengths of hope/optimism, prudence, and perseverance along with supporting others when they struggle. I am certainly hopeful and optimistic that the rest of this school year will be as successful as the first half was, and definitely more typical than it was last year! Students continue to exercise prudence and perseverance through their studies along with continuing to properly social distance and wear masks. This month, students will learn about integrity, love, humility, and cheering other's successes.

As a reminder, there is no school Monday, February 15th - Friday, February 19th for the mid-winter break. February is a short month, so let's make the most of it!

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## All About Me!



The third graders were very busy these past few months. Not only did they focus on others while showing kindness, they focused on themselves when introduced to text features in non-fiction books and articles.

They learned that text features are a great way to learn more about a topic. The students created a text feature project called "Non-Fiction Text Features - All about Me." They designed maps, diagrams, illustrations, a glossary, and a timeline to make a foldable all about themselves!

These text features helped inform readers about the many facts that make up each third grader. The students and teachers are very proud of their efforts and hard work. Way to go third graders!

## 2020 Maker Lab Creations



Maker Lab at the elementary was in full swing this past fall with Wendy Fowler-Conner and Nathan Keefe as co-advisors for the club. There were two groups that participated: a cohort for grades 2-3 and one for grades 4-6. Each group consisted of about a dozen students, and both in-person and remote students were able to participate. Each group met via Zoom to create different projects. For all Maker Lab participants, a bag with supplies for each project was sent home for each member to use. Projects were a mix of crafts and gadgets, and students were encouraged to be as creative as they could. Four projects were completed, all with the common theme of using wooden clothespins: a turkey craft, a clothes pin racer, a catapult, and a snowman craft. During meetings, students previewed upcoming projects and shared their completed creations with the group. The Maker Lab advisors are planning a winter session and a spring session as well this year, with the same basic format. Parents will be emailed information about how to sign their child up prior to each session.

## Holiday Week 2020: Elementary Festivities

What starts with reindeer antlers and elf ears and ends with a splattering of red and green? Holiday Week at the elementary! Students got festive the last full week of instruction before holiday recess to bring in some holiday cheer to the school days. On Monday, they wore Santa hats, elf ears, and reindeer antlers. Tuesday was Holiday Sock day and Wednesday was the all-time favorite Ugly Sweater day. Thursday was originally Holiday Pajama day but the students celebrated that at home with a much-anticipated snow day. Pajama day was then moved to the following Wednesday during the last school day of 2020, which was also celebrated with classroom parties. Friday was an All Red and Green day where students put their creativity to the test to see how much red and green they could possibly wear in one outfit. Other activities such as gingerbread house making, door decorating contests, and a surprise visit from Santa took place. Remote students got to drive through to see Santa and pick up holiday treats! The students, teachers, and staff enjoyed the festivities and getting into the holiday spirit and we hope each and every Tully family had a wonderful holiday recess!



## JSHS Principal's Message



Mary Ann Murphy

As you may recall, the Junior Senior High School had the good fortune of adding a social worker to our staff this school year. Mrs. Morasco works alongside our school counselors, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Davin. Together, they provide support, assistance, and guidance for our students in many different ways.

Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Davin work with grades 7-9 and 10-12, respectively. Their jobs entail counseling students in the following areas: guiding students with decision making while understanding their strengths and areas for improvement; scheduling of classes; career and college planning; advocating for students' academic, social, and emotional needs; and developing skills for a variety of situations. Mrs. Newton is also the Alcohol-Drug Abuse Prevention Education Program counselor for all of our students. Mrs. Morasco works with families and students in grades 7-12 who need assistance in the following areas: personal and social development; psychological issues; substance abuse and other at-risk behaviors; individual and group therapies for a variety of situations; and directing families to outside resources.

Our counselors and social worker collaborate on numerous items while communicating with each other regularly to provide a student-centered, team approach to assisting students. They are all available for crisis intervention, one-to-one counseling, and advocating for students' needs. We are very fortunate to have three individuals who care deeply about our students. Parents who need assistance with their children may contact any of them by calling the Counseling Office at 315-696-6240, visiting their websites, or emailing them individually.

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### Senior Spotlight - WILLIAM HARDY



**Family:** Bill, Sue, Tom, Dan, and Karla

**What has been the best part of your**

**high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career has been competing with my teammates because we have built great friendships and made many memories.

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

I have learned a lot about teamwork playing club lacrosse in the summer. Most of the time you have to play with new people and try to play well together.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** My proudest moment in high school was committing to Jacksonville University to play lacrosse at the Division I level.

**What are your plans after high school?** I plan to attend Wilbraham and Monson Academy for a post-graduate year where I'll play football and lacrosse. After that, I plan to attend Jacksonville University to play Division I lacrosse and major in business.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** By the time I'm thirty, I hope to have a master's degree in business and a great job that I enjoy.

**If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?** I would invite Dave Portnoy, Elon Musk, and Arnold Schwarzenegger to dinner. Each of them have done so much for others and they are idols of mine. I would like to ask them for advice on how to run a successful business.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** The cancellation of sports season has been a great challenge, but I have overcome it by continuing to work hard and further improving myself.

**Who's your hero and why?** My hero is my grandfather. Although he passed away when I was young, the legacy he has left on my family has inspired me. He was an honorable man who affected the lives of many people.

### Senior Spotlight - BROOKE RAUBER



**Family:** Michelle, Chris, Ian, and Ryan

**What has been the best part of your**

**high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career has been Cross Country. It isn't only the sport though. It's the support from the community, the school, my team, and my friends.

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

I have learned that any challenge thrown my way is able to be overcome. It may be a struggle at first, but there will always be a way to get through it and come out better than I went in.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** My proudest moment is being able to represent my country at the Pan-American games in Victoria, Canada.

**What are your plans after high school?** After high school, I will be attending North Carolina State University in order to pursue my athletic and academic career.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** By the time I am 30 years old, I hope to have my doctorate degree and be a professional runner alongside my family and friends.

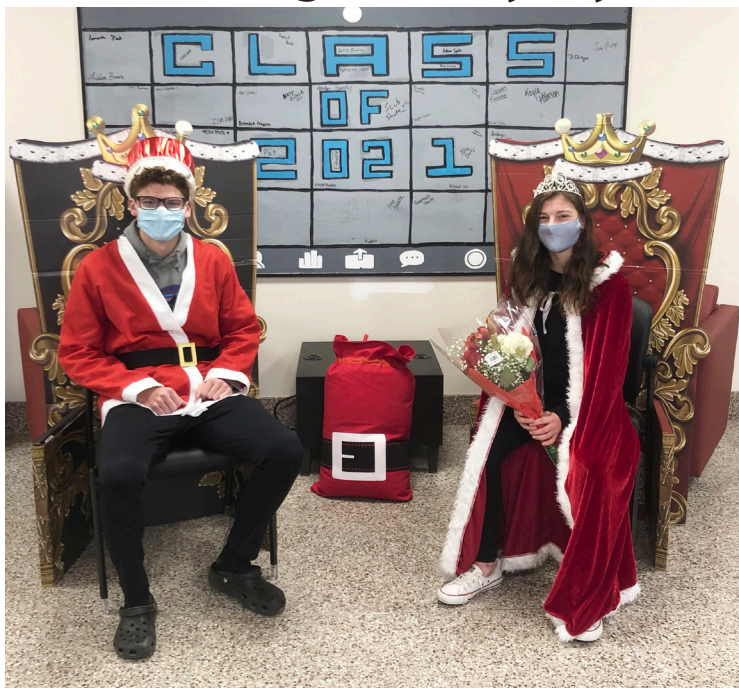
**If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?** I would invite Michael Scott, Dwight Schrute, and Jim Halpert to talk about hiring me in The Office and beets.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** I have faced a lot of challenges when it comes to pressure.

Often people don't understand that I have to work towards my goals and it doesn't just come easy. A lot of people expect me to win, but it is impossible to have my best day every day. I learned that in the end, I run for me and for my love of the sport. I don't care what the critics say as long as I am happy with myself.

**Who's your hero and why?** My hero is my mom. She has always been there to push me and support me. I wouldn't be where I am today without her.

## Homecoming, Holiday Style



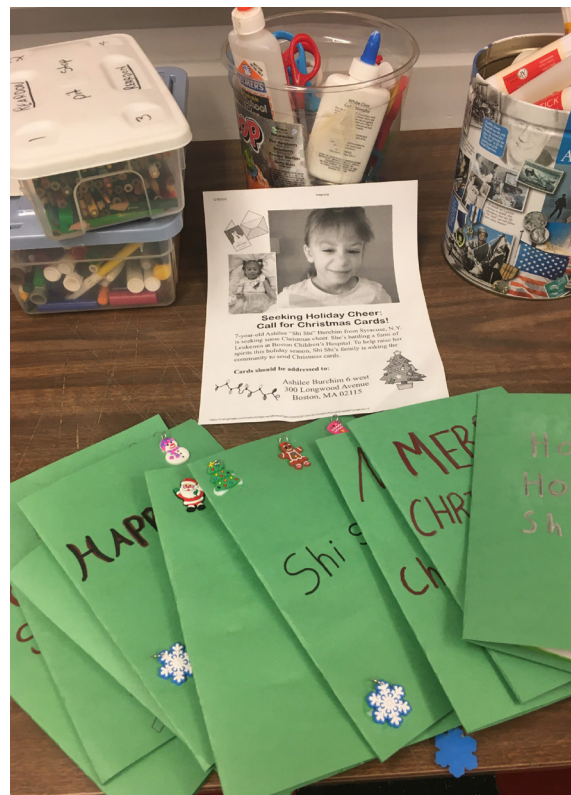
Football was canceled this year but that doesn't mean that the Senior High Student Council was about to forego all of the fun. Instead of nominating a Homecoming king and queen, the student body nominated a Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Grades 9-12 got to vote on who they thought would make a jolly pair for the holiday season and Joseph Murray and Brooke Rauber were dubbed 2020's Mr. and Mrs. Claus for the senior high. Mr. Herrick participated in the fun by helping hand out candy canes to the junior high students as they left the school building.

What fun the JSHS had in turning an old-time tradition into a new and festive time!

## Study and Support Class Turns the Tables

The 7th grade students in Mrs. Sheldon and Mrs. Newton's Study and Support Class gave a new meaning to their class title. Normally, the students in this class receive support as a means to help them in their educational endeavors but they have turned the tables. After hearing about a local girl



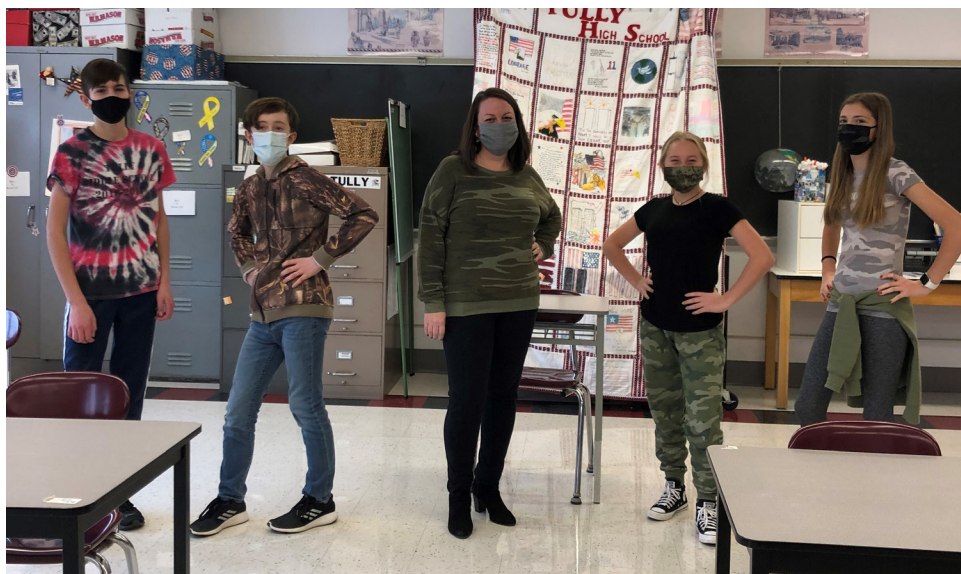
whose family was seeking cards to help brighten her holiday, the class thought it would be a good idea to show their support for someone else. The seven year old from the Syracuse area is fighting a form of leukemia away from home in Boston. The class created handmade cards and sent them in time to make it to Boston before the holidays began. Tully wishes her family a healthy holiday season!

## Spirit Week? More Like SPIRIT MONTH!

With students on campus during different days according to their cohorts, the Senior High Student Council decided that a Spirit Week just wouldn't cut it.

Instead, a Spirit Month was created so each cohort could enjoy dressing up with the specific theme designated for the particular day. Remote students sent in pictures of their spirit from home. The JSHS enjoyed two days each of Sports Day, Tully Pride Day, Retro Day, Tie-Dye versus Camo Day, 'Merica Day, Hat Day, and Ugly Sweater Day.

The French and Spanish National Honor Society also got in on the holiday fun by wrapping lockers in festive paper when the hallways were empty. A Senior Mr. and Mrs. Claus were announced at the end of Spirit Month as a great send-off to the students and staff as they went into the holiday recess.



## Private Transportation Requests Due April 1st

NYS Education Law Section 3635(2) requires that a written request be made to the Board of Education of a School District when transportation of a student to a non-public, private or parochial school is required. This written request must be made annually and received by the school district no later than April 1st for transportation for the next school year.

Most non-public schools have a form available to make this request and can be contacted for assistance. Please have these written requests sent to Attn: Jamie Wortley, Tully Central School District, Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2021.

## Article Submission Guidelines

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

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.

## ATHLETICS NEWS

### 2021 Fall 2 & Spring Sports Start Dates

#### JV/Varsity Fall 2 Sports

Monday March 1, 2021 to April 24, 2021

Varsity Football, Fall Cheerleading, JV & Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Boys' & Girls' Indoor Track

\*High Risk sports (FB/Cheer/VB) haven't been approved by the state yet.

#### Modified Fall 2 Sports

March 1 or March 8, 2021 – TBD to May 1, 2021

Modified FB, 7th & 8th grade Girls'VB

#### Varsity Spring Sports

Monday April 19, 2021 to June 19, 2021

Baseball, Softball, Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' Lacrosse, B/G Track & Field

\*High Risk sports (Boys' Lacrosse) haven't been approved by the state yet.

#### Modified Spring Sports

Monday May 3, 2021 to June 19, 2021

Baseball, Softball, Boys' Lax, Girls' Lax & Co-Ed Track

### Congratulations to Brooke



Tully's very own Brooke Rauber has been named the NYS Girls' Cross Country Runner of the Year in addition to being named the NYS Top Senior.

Rauber will be heading to North Carolina after the school year ends to run for NC State. We can't wait to see what your future holds!

### 2021 Tully Fall 2 Coaching Staff

#### Southern Hills Football (high risk)

Brad Keysor - Head Varsity Football

Jeff Russell - Assistant Varsity Football

DJ Charles - Assistant Varsity Football

Stewart Snyder - Head Modified Football (7/8/9 grade)

Nick Zupan - Assistant Modified Football

#### Fall Cheerleading (high risk)

Bettemae Russell - Head Varsity Fall Cheerleading

#### Indoor Track (low risk)

Jim Paccia -

Head Varsity Boys' Indoor Track

Michelle Rauber - Head Varsity Girls' Indoor Track

#### Girls' Volleyball (high risk)

Jeremy Cook - Head Varsity Volleyball

Allyson McNerney - Junior Varsity Volleyball

Michelle Gazdik - 8th Grade Volleyball

Sue Hardy - 7th Grade Volleyball



## From the Superintendent



Several articles in this issue of the Knight Insight highlight student activities that might occur during a typical school year. For example, our Elementary School students have been involved with activities in the Maker Lab and on Safety Patrol, our Junior/Senior High School students held a Spirit Week, and all of our students are still involved in the Positivity Project. Our school

community is working hard to maintain some sense of normalcy for our students during this pandemic.

On the other hand, we are also experiencing some things that are not typical as a result of this pandemic. We have all been wearing masks and conscientiously social distancing. Many of our students have had to learn remotely while under quarantine. Some of our teachers have had to teach remotely while under quarantine. On more than one occasion, we have had to pivot to remote instruction in order to allow time for contact tracing. On a handful of occasions, specific classrooms at our Elementary School have had to pivot to remote learning because someone in that classroom had tested positive for the Coronavirus.

I am hopeful that before this school year is done we will begin the process of returning to a more typical learning environment. As we make this transition, there will be four big challenges that we will need to work through. First, we will need to work with outside agencies to provide opportunities for members of our school community to get the Coronavirus vaccine. These agencies include Onondaga County and local health care providers. Second, we will need to figure out how to provide more in-person learning opportunities for our students, especially the Junior/Senior High School students. We have already begun the planning process for this. Third, we will need to figure out how to bring back athletic and co-curricular opportunities for our students. Athletic opportunities during the spring semester will be contingent upon the Governor's approval. Perhaps our biggest challenge, however, will be addressing the social and emotional needs of our students as more of them return to in-person learning. Helping our students make sense of their experiences during this pandemic, and helping them rebuild their lives, will take time and a concerted effort. Faculty and staff at both the Elementary School and the Junior/Senior High School have been working steadily with students and families to address this concern.

Our strong sense of community and our willingness to support each other have enabled us to endure the hardships brought about by this pandemic. This sense of community and caring will also enable us to rebuild as we emerge from this pandemic over the next several months.

*Robert Hughes,*

*Superintendent of Schools*

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## 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](mailto:mfisher@tullyschools.org)

### 2020-2021 Board Meetings

**Location: Junior Senior High School, 6:00 p.m.**

Subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

**Dates:** February 8, 2021, March 1, 2021, March 22, 2021, April 19, 2021, May 10, 2021, May 18, 2021 and June 21, 2021.

**Check the school website for updates: [www.tullyschools.org](http://www.tullyschools.org)**

### 2020-2021 Board Members

*\*Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2023	<b>Mrs. E. (Fay) Burt</b>	315-440-6149
2023	<b>Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella</b>	315-696-8540
2022	<b>Mrs. Denise Cardamone</b>	315-696-5599
2021	<b>Mr. Donald Cole</b>	315-238-7068
2022	<b>Mr. Michael Dziok</b>	315-796-9177
2021	<b>Mr. Matthew VanBeveren</b>	315-696-5745
2021	<b>Mr. Edward Wortley, II</b>	315-696-8609



## Tully Free Library

12 State Street • [tullyfreelibrary.org](http://tullyfreelibrary.org) 315-696-8606

We are currently open **by appointment only** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Closed Sunday

**We welcome you to call us at 315-696-8606 to make an appointment to come in and browse our selections. New items are added regularly. Please continue to return your materials via our outside book drop.**

Happy New Year to you all from the staff at Tully Free Library! This time of year is usually a time of reflection for many people, as we think about where we've been and what the future holds. Let us help you with your goals and plans.

Did you make any resolutions? If you'd like to take more time for

self-care, learn a new hobby, or a new language, the resources at the library will help you start off on the right foot! In our non-fiction section, you can find plenty of books about cooking, yoga, knitting, and more. Check out our website for online resources that will help you explore the world!

Are you inspired by anyone? The library has many biographies in the adult and children's sections that can give you insight into the lives of many famous people throughout history.

We hope you have a safe, happy, and healthy 2021!

## Tully Parks and Recreation News - Baseball and Softball Dates

**Registration** - starts March 1, 2021. Visit this website: [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and search Tully, NY. (More registration information will be made available later this winter.)

**Season** - tentatively starts April 5, 2021 (T-Ball and Modified Pitch start dates may vary.)

**The Levels** - for boys and girls - are as shown: T-Ball/Kindergarten; Modified/Coach Pitch/1st-2nd grade; Minors/3rd-4th grade and Majors/5th-6th grade.

**Field Update** - the town baseball/softball field is getting a face-lift! The Tully Parks and Rec Dept. is working with Jeffrey Proulx of North Country Contractors in fixing the field. The field has been dragged, re-edged, and will get a new layer of in-field mix just in time for the 2021 season!



## Interact News

We had a special guest at our monthly Zoom Interact meeting, John Morgans. He talked with the group about how he approached leaving high school and deciding what to study in college. Morgans shared that although he started in one field, he realized while in college, that wasn't what he wanted to do so he switched fields and graduated in a different area. He then switched careers after 13 years and now works in a field that he never considered. Morgans assured the students that it's ok to be undecided at this time and that it's also ok to change your mind.

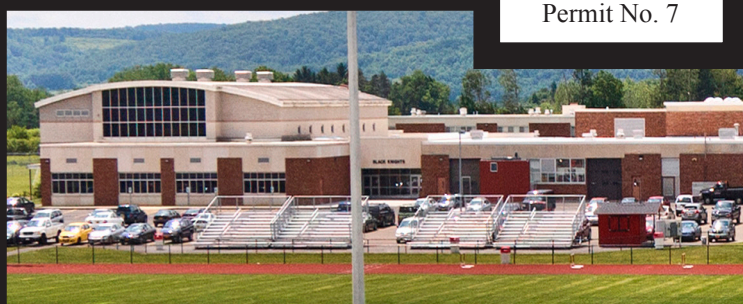
We also had two December events where the students were able to help our community. We helped PEACE, Inc. with their annual holiday give-away events. Thanks to the generous donations of our community, Mrs. Kohberger, and members of St. Leo's Church, forty different families were able to receive four bags of food and household items this year. The Interact students were able to help fill the bags with the assorted items. In addition, all residents at the Meadows Apartments were able to receive a ham, potatoes, carrots, and a gift bag of goodies. Our Interact students enjoyed dropping the bags at each apartment and sharing a socially distanced "Merry Christmas" with each resident as they knocked on the door to drop off the bags.

Our Interact group continues to be eager to help the community. Please contact us at [tullyinteract20.21@gmail.com](mailto:tullyinteract20.21@gmail.com) if we can be of service to you or your group.



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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



### FEBRUARY

- 8 BOE Meeting, 6 PM
- 10 PTO via Zoom 7PM
- 15-19 Mid-Winter Recess -  
No School**

*Dates are subject to change. Please check our website  
for the most up-to-date information.*

