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Elementary School Safety Patrol



Tully Elementary proudly has 17 trained Safety Patrol Officers. The Safety Patrol Officers are responsible for helping students to stay safe during afternoon dismissal. We have assigned a Patrol Officer to each of the PK - 2nd grade classes. They help to walk out the younger students, then go to their assigned bus post until the buses are loaded. We will also have two Safety Patrol Officers on State St. to remind students to follow directions and stay safe. When you see one of our new Safety Patrol Officers (wearing the bright green belt), make sure to say congratulations.

Private Transportation Requests Due by 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: Theresa Flaherty, Tully Central School District, Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2019.



Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

In June, the Tully Central School District will hold screenings for incoming pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students who reside in the district. If you have not already done so, please register your child(ren) online at http://www.tullyschools.org by March 31, 2019.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, children must be district residents and turn 4 years of age, but not yet reach age 5, by December 1, 2019. For the 2019-2020 school year, Tully Elementary School is able to accommodate a maximum of 36 students in pre-kindergarten. If more than 36 students have been registered for pre-kindergarten by March 31, 2019, we will need to conduct a lottery to determine enrollment and organize a waiting list.

To enter kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age by December 1, 2019. Unlike pre-kindergarten, there is no limit on the number of district-resident kindergarten students who can be enrolled at Tully Elementary.

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



A Message from the TES & JSHS Principals NYS Assessment Information

While exact dates for specific grade levels have not yet been determined, this year's NYS Assessments in grades 3-8 will be administered across the state from April 1st - April 8th (ELA) and April 30th - May 7th (Math). As reminders for parents: first, the number of test sessions for each grade level has been reduced from three (3) days of testing to two (2) days of testing for each subject; and second, all Tully students will take their assessments in the computer-based testing (CBT) format using Google Chromebooks instead of the paper-based format. Last year, all of our students used the CBT assessment platform. Feedback from teachers and students was very positive in our district and across the state. We are excited to see how our students perform regionally and statewide!

Edward Kupiec



At Tully, we use several measures, including student performance on the NYS assessments, to evaluate our curriculum and instructional program. We use NYS assessment results along with other standardized measures and classroom performance on homework, guizzes, tests, and projects, as well as communication with home to evaluate children at an individual level. The more information we have about student performance, the better we can make informed decisions about what adjustments to educational programs are necessary on both a district and individual student level. Over the past few years, the number of students whose parents have refused the administration of the NYS Assessments has steadily decreased. Just like last year, 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.

Mary Ann Murphy

If you have any questions or concerns about assessments at Tully, or you wish to receive additional information, please contact your child's counselor, teacher, or principal.

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Gratitude and Appreciation



The athletic department received a generous donation of stadium chairs & a cart from the LBK booster club this fall. The chairs arrived just before the start of the 2018-2019 basketball season and were showcased at the 1st Annual Tip-Off Tournament on Dec. 7th & 8th. Both of our basketball programs look forward to using these for our home games for many years to come!



ATHLETIC NEWS

2019 Spring Coaching Staff

Head Varsity Boys' Lacrosse	Stewart Snyder
Assistant Varsity Boys' Lacrosse	Zach Chawgo
Head JV Boys' Lacrosse	Dan Longnecker
Assistant JV Boys' Lacrosse	Tom Meixell
Head Modified Boys' Lacrosse	Jeff Russell
Head Varsity Baseball	Doug Clay
Head Modified Baseball	Don Mohat
Head Varsity Softball	Bill Donald
Head Modified Softball	Carly Willey
Head Varsity Boys' Track	Jim Paccia
Head Varsity Girls' Track	Michelle Rauber
Assistant Varsity Track	
Head Junior High Track	Charlie Locke
Head Varsity Girls' Lacrosse	Sue Reilly
Assistant Varsity Girls' Lacrosse	Kate Mahns
Head Modified Girls' Lacrosse	Danielle Sicignano

Start Dates

JV/V Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse	March 4, 2019
Varsity Baseball, Softball & Track	March 11, 2019
JH Spring Sports	April 1, 2019

FEBRUARY 2019

Holiday Concert



On Thursday, December 20th, Tully Middle School students in grades 5 & 6 performed a Holiday Concert for both elementary school students and parents. The audiences enjoyed a wide variety of songs performed by our elementary school band and chorus. Some of the band favorites included "Jingle Bells, Samba Bells," "Any Way You Want It," and "Snap, Clap, Swing." The chorus spread winter cheer with songs like "Winter Celebration" and "Reindeer on the Roof." The Holiday Concert concluded with some audience participation as everyone joined in and sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth," a Tully tradition for over 30 years!

Congratulations to all of the 5th & 6th grade chorus and band members on a fine performance!

Middle School Dome Trip



On December 17, 5th and 6th grade students took part in "School Day" at the Carrier Dome. Students from around the area were treated to an SU women's basketball game. Tully students got to dance, cheer, and "Baby Shark" together! Later, when asked to describe their favorite part of the day, responses included: the score (94-45), meeting Otto, all the 3-pointers, catching a t-shirt, being on the "Jumbotron," and watching a 3-year-old sing the National Anthem. Tully students showed great sportsmanship and arena behavior. The Tully community should be proud! We look forward to making the trip again next year. Go SU!

PTO Updates

Middle School Dance



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Middle school students took to the dance floor on December 7th for the Ugly Sweater Dance. Students boogied to favorites such as "YMCA", the "Macarena", and the "Cupid Shuffle."

A special thanks goes out to DJ Scully-Smith. She kept the students rockin' with a Dance-Off, Lip Sync Contest, and plenty of favorite songs, old and new. Highlights included a dance circle, dancing to the "YMCA", good food, spending time friends, and the Fortnite Dance.

A big thank you to families for all the canned goods that were collected for our food drive. Thanks to parents who sent in snacks and drinks to help make the evening a success. This was a great event to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

Physical Education News

This year in physical education class students have enjoyed activities and games while demonstrating P2 character traits. Teamwork, creativity, and bravery are just a few of the traits students have cultivated and used successfully during PE class. These traits have allowed students to learn and improve upon PE skills while enjoying being physically active. Our elementary school students have enjoyed many holiday activities and are excited for the Jump Rope for Heart events to start!



Over the past few months we have certainly been busy! During the month of December we had a popcorn day for the entire Elementary School. This, as usual, was a huge hit among students and staff. We also held a movie night featuring Shrek the Halls and Shrek. Throughout the month of February, we will begin selling Gertrude Hawk products in honor of the upcoming Easter holiday, and we will be sponsoring our annual father/daughter dance. We have also been very busy planning for the Harlem Wizards to come back to our community, and anticipate their return on March 20th. Tickets are on sale, if you have not purchased yours, please do so soon. This will be a very exciting event for people of all ages. Just a reminder, the PTO cannot operate without your support. We are always seeking assistance. That said, our next meeting will be February 13, 2019 @ 7 pm in the Faculty Room of the Elementary School. Please consider attending this meeting to see how you can become involved.

High School Art News



High school art students recently visited Syracuse University to attend a lecture and exhibit of work by artist Robert Shetterly. In the exhibit titled *"Americans Who Tell the Truth: Models of Courageous Citizenship"*, Shetterly portrays 238 portraits that represent Americans who use(d) their voice to advocate for values and issues they believe in. Subjects range from people who demonstrate(d) courage despite adversity to folks who stand up for what they believe to be right. Joining Shetterly on stage was Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, the pediatrician whose research exposed the high levels of lead in the water causing illness in the children of Flint, Michigan and Richard Bowen, the former Citi Bank employee who questioned the bank's subprime lending practices that ultimately led to the 2008 economic crisis.

Additionally, students enjoyed a walk on the SU campus taking in a beautiful winter's night view of the architecture and city lights. The lecture occurred in the Setnor Auditorium at Crouse College, the castle on the hill, and students were able to explore the building and its magnificent woodwork and stained glass features. All advanced studio art and photography students will be participating in a portrait project where they will create a portrait of someone in their life that is a model of bravery and citizenship or someone whose story they, as artists, are compelled to tell.

7th Grade Loretto Trip

HS Photography



Cornell doctoral student, Berit Goodge, visited the Photography I classroom to teach students about the science (physics) of lenses. Berit is working on her Ph.D. in Applied Physics at Cornell University. Berit uses high-resolution electron microscopy for her research focused on understanding the atomic structure of materials used to make things such as phones, computers, batteries, etc. Photography students are learning about focal length and how to control focus using their digital cameras. Berit brought along some helpful hands-on light mapping activities and models that demonstrate what happens to light rays when they pass through a camera's lens.



On November 20, our 7th graders visited Loretto, an elder care facility, in Syracuse. This has been a Tully tradition for over 20 years! Groups of students and parent volunteers worked with the senior citizens to make apple pies. Before the trip, students discussed various "conversation starters" so that they would be able to begin and hold a meaningful conversation with the senior citizens.

After the pie-making, students sang patriotic and festive songs for the senior citizens and then shared a snack of donuts and cider. Various local news stations came to document this community service project. The pies remained at Loretto for their Thanksgiving feast.

Students discussed the experience afterwards: "I liked it because I could talk to the elders and make pies with them. The elders told me they had a lot of experience making pies before and they told me where they went to school. Singing was fun, too." - Zach Tilden

"I liked speaking to the elders because they are really full of history, and it was nice to hear what they had to say." - Doug Earley

"I was interviewed by News 10 about what I was doing at Loretto. I liked it because I have never been interviewed before and some people saw it on TV." - Garrett Lyon



International Club

This past summer Mrs. Lisi had the opportunity to travel to Belize with the NY State Master Teacher Program. We viewed photos of her visit to the Mayan Ruins, rainforests, cave explorations, and interactions with the rescued animals at the Belize Zoo. Through her experience, she was able to learn about the issues affecting Belize and Central America and about the impact people are having on our climate. She enjoyed the local cuisine, including the daily "smoothies," along with rice, beans, and plantains. Thank you, Mrs. Lisi, for sharing your trip to Belize with the JHS and SHS International Clubs.

Senior Spotlight - KATIE MORGAN



Family: Jody (father), Michele (mother), Hannah (sister), and Jake (brother).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has been becoming a Career and Technical Education student at BOCES taking Cosmetology. I love to learn about different hairstyles and nail designs. Nail design is especially my favorite. I am excited when people are willing to let me paint their nails.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? Volunteering at From The Ground Up, an Equine Therapy program, has taught me patience while working with the animals and other people at the barn.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment in high school was when I had enough courage to do NYSMA when I was in Chorus. It was a very big thing for me because I am a shy person and don't really like putting myself out there.

What are your plans after high school? My plans after high school are to go to college, to become a vet tech, and to help animals as well as their owners.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am 30, I hope to be working in a vet clinic as well as teaching people how to ride horses. I hope to show people the bond you can create with any animal you have, as long as you are willing to put the time and effort into it.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? The people I would invite to dinner are Beezie Madden (an American show jumper) and Jennifer Madden (a country singer). I would talk to Beezie about riding techniques and different routines you could do on a daily basis. I would talk to Jennifer because I started listening to her when I was younger and I really like her.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is my mother because she is the sweetest woman you will ever meet. She will always greet people with a smile and put a smile on other peoples' faces. My mother is a beautiful, kind, amazing, caring person whom I love very much. She puts others needs before her own and always tries her best to make people happy. She works very hard and is very good at what she does. She is very patient. In most situations, where people would lose it doing what she does, she stays put together and comes up with a solution to the problem.

Junior High Canned Food and Toiletries Drive

In November, Junior High Student Council sponsored a canned food and toiletries drive. Homerooms competed against each other to see which one could donate the most. Mrs. Bovi and Mrs. Yonta's homerooms won the competition. 7th and 8th graders collected a total of 616 items! Students were excited to make the donation right before Thanksgiving in order to help local families. The donations went to the Tully Outreach Food Pantry at Saint Leo's Church.

Senior Spotlight - ETHAN WILSON



Family: Fred (father), Gail (mother), and Megan (sister).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of high school has been meeting my amazing friends, creating many memories with them, and sharing a lot of laughs.

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

school? Through various activities, such as track, Boy Scouts, and stage crew, I learned determination,

camaraderie, leadership, and teamwork.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My

proudest moment was when I finally became an Eagle Scout. I've been working toward this goal since 5th grade, and it was really rewarding to know that the hard work I had put in to develop leadership skills for the past seven years had finally paid off.

What are your plans after high school? I don't really have distinct direction of where I want life to take me. I'm going to college where I will hopefully find my passion. After that, I'll see where the wind carries me.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am 30, I hope that I am doing something that I love, that I am happy, and that I have no regrets about anything I have/have not done.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? If I could invite three people to dinner, I would invite David Hogg, Marsha P. Johnson, and Malcolm X. I would love to talk to them about their struggles to create change in the face of such strong opposition.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? I am a terrible procrastinator and I am still procrastinating about improving upon my terrible time-management skills.

Who's your hero and why? My heroes are my parents. Whenever I needed help, they never hesitated to offer it, and when I felt like giving up, they encouraged me to keep going. If it wasn't for them, I don't think I would have the wonderful life I have now.

Junior High Fall Dance

Junior High students enjoyed their first dance of the year on Friday, October 26th. Newly elected Junior High Student Council Officers planned and advertised, collected and counted admissions, and decorated and cleaned up for this event. Congratulations to our new officers: Daniel Mech, Max Selmser, Alexa Shay, Matthew Haier, Ella Hall, Samantha Garback, Doug Earley, Carina Scalza, and Eleanor Kelly.

Many students participated in a costume contest with first, second, and third place winners. Lorenzo Garafolo won third place as a sumo wrestler, Rachel Daddona and Sam Garback won second as M&Ms, and Otto Brissette won first as Jurassic Park. Students enjoyed gym games, dancing, a limbo contest, snacking, and socializing. It was an enjoyable way to start the fall season.

Nominating Petitions for Board of Education Positions

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

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

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

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

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age

• A resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the election.

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

From the Superintendent



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Currently, all public schools in New York State are in the process of rolling out new learning standards in English Language Arts, math, science, social studies, technology, and the arts. The process of adopting new learning standards occurs over a long period of time, and each of these new sets of learning standards was adopted at a slightly different point in the past. So, while this may seem like a lot for schools to take on, it is in reality a manageable task.

The NYSED Board of Regents adopted new K-8 ELA and math learning standards in September of 2017. Beginning with this school year, we will begin the process of gradually aligning our PreK-8 curriculum to these new learning standards. Along the way, the 3-8 ELA and math assessments will gradually be revised to reflect these new learning standards. The goal is that by the 2020-21 school year, our PreK-8 curriculum will be fully aligned to these new learning standards, as will the 3-8 ELA and math assessments. This gradual process allows teachers to slowly shift our local cur-

riculum and slowly modify the instructional practices they use, which provides our students with a more consistent learning experience.

The NYS Board of Regents adopted new science learning standards in July of 2017. These new science learning standards provide a K-12 science curriculum framework. Because these are K-12 learning standards, the process of adopting them will take a little longer, and it will involve revising the grade 4 and 8 science assessments and high school science regents exams.

The NYS Board of Regents adopted new social studies standards in April of 2014. Like the next generation science standards, these social studies standards are a K-12 framework, and involve revision of high school Regents exams. We anticipate we will have made a full transition to these new standards beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

Finally, the NYS Board of Regents adopted new standards in the arts and in technology during the 2016 school year. There are no state exams in art or technology, and so the adoption of new learning standards in these subject areas is a little less complicated, and typically happens a little more quickly. The expectation is that it should take one school year to become familiar with these new learning standards, prior to implementing them. Given this, we became familiar with these new standards during the 2017-18 school year, and have already made appropriate adjustments.

Given the cumulative and complicated nature of educating children, and given the changing nature of our world today, I expect that this process of rolling out new learning standards will not end anytime soon. I also would like to extend a word of thanks to our faculty and staff, who have been working steadily and diligently on all of the curriculum development initiatives listed above.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Location: Jr/Sr High School. Time: 6 p.m. Dates, time, and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

2018-2019 School Year

Monday, February 11, 2019 Monday, March 4, 2019 Monday, March 18, 2019 Monday, April 1, 2019 Monday, April 22, 2019 Monday, May 13, 2019

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 Monday, June 17, 2019

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



*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

Full Steam Ahead

Each week we will explore different forms of art as well as different artists. We will learn as we make our own art in these styles. Below are listed some of the many activities we have prepared for this session of Full STEAM Ahead. This will be an eleven week program. Library staff will meet students at Tully Elementary at 2:35 p.m. and escort them over to the library for the program.

It is advised that your child bring a snack to eat before we start. Registration is required for this event, either on the library website or by calling 315-696-8606. These programs will take place upstairs at Tully Free Library.

At the end of the 11 weeks we will be holding an open house for you and your family to see all the accomplishments that your child had during our eleven weeks together.

K-1st Mondays @ 2:30 p.m.

Chromatography for Kids CD/Seed Art Painting with Yarn Self Portrait with Name Background Shaving Cream Art Pointilism with Q-tips Straw Mosaic Art Shake It Up Art Shadow Art 3D Paper Art

2nd-4th Thursdays @ 2:35 p.m.

Newspaper Art Make Your Own: Monet's Pond Tessellation Puzzles Chromatography Piet Mondrian Art Mosaic Art with Construction Paper Joan Miro Art Paul Klee Art Jackson Pollock Art

5th-8th Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.

Newspaper Art Paper Quilling Art Geometric Art Tessellation Puzzles My Own Version: Monet's Pond Jackson Pollock Paintings Piet Mondrian Art Name Print Art Profile Portraits Van Gogh Art with Glue

9th-12th Fridays @ 2:30 p.m.

Podcasting

Movie Matinees

Monday, February18th @3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21st @11:00 a.m. Get out of the house, hang out with your friends, and check out the Movie Matinees during the break on Monday and Thursday. Watch classics like *Neverending Story* and *Pagemaster*.

Tully Parks and Recreation

Registration Update

The Tully Parks and Recreation staff encourages parents and families to register for programs online, using www.active.com. Links to programs can be found on the Tully Schools website, under Community/Parks and Recreation. By registering online, the staff is able to chart enrollment and better plan each program.

Please remember to register on time. Late registrations make it harder to plan out programs, inform coaches, and order the necessary equipment. Late registrations can also cause a delay in receiving jerseys/shirts.

Information for all programs will be circulated through back pack express, emailed, and available on the Tully Schools website.

Important Dates & Reminders

Baseball & Softball - Registration will open on March 1st Majors (5th/6th) - will start after Spring Break (week of April 22nd) Minors (3rd/4th) - will start after Spring Break (week of April 22nd) Coed Mod-Pitch (1st/2nd) - will start the first week of May Coed T-Ball (Kindergarten) - will start the first week of May

Baseball Field Update

Pictured are the remaining Scouts after a long day's work on Jack Mohat's Eagle Scout Project. The project began several months ago with Jack touring ballparks to develop his dugout design. It culminated on a brisk Sunday in October with a wonderful bench, helmet cubby, and bat rack in the "home" dugout.



Please contact tullyparksrec@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to be added to the email blasts.



TO: LOCAL POST OFFICE BOXHOLDER OR RURAL ROUTE PATRON

TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

FEBR	RUARY 2019	
11	BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.	
18	President's Day – Holiday	
	Schools Closed	
19-22	Mid-Winter Recess	
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4	BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.	
8	Trivia Night, 7 p.m.	
13	Cabaret Night, 6:30 p.m.	
18	Superintendent's Conference Day – 🔪 🚺	
	No Students	
	BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.	
20	Harlem Wizard Basketball Game, 5 p.m.	More and Market
27	Senior High Concert, 7 p.m.	
28	Junior High Concert, 7 p.m.	