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TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tully Elementary School Has a Busy Last Month of School

June 1 – Our final school-wide meeting with all of our students and faculty celebrating the end of our Wizard of Oz theme where we learned life lessons by having our students perform for the school each month. Concert on the Lawn: Our fourth, fifth and sixth grade instrumental students will perform at 6pm in front of the building.

June 3 and 4 – Kindergarten Screening: We'll welcome almost 50 new students to our building as they spend some time with our kindergarten teachers. Moms and Dads will have an introduction to our school.

June 6 – Junior High Visitation: Our sixth graders will spend most of the day at the Junior-Senior High School spending time with seventh graders and meeting the faculty and staff as they get ready for the move to the building in the fall.

June 10 – Our Final PTO meeting of the year: We'll vote for new officers and begin planning for next year.

June 15 – BOE meeting: We'll have our final school year Board of Education meeting. We'll thank and say good-bye to three Board members, Jan Kublick, Ken Steiger and Dan Twentymen.

June 16 – Field Days: All students, during their "specials time" will participate in outside end of the year PE activities including a bounce house.

June 18 – BUGZ Play: Our kindergarteners will perform the annual BUGZ play for both the school and their families.

June 19 – Barbecue Lunch: We'll have our final BBQ lunch on the lawn. Students and staff eat hotdog/hamburger lunch on the playground.

June 24 – 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony – We'll celebrate with remembering all that we've done over the past seven years and wish our sixth graders the best as they move on to JSHS. 11:30 Dismissal: All students will dismiss at 11:30 for the day.

June 25 – Last Day: Our students will spend their final morning with their homeroom teachers and dismiss at 11:30 for the summer.



TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Music All Around

Tully Elementary School had a busy musical month. We started the month with our third graders performing on their recorders prior to the start of Open House. They learn and practice for months with Mrs. Rahrle to learn to read music and play their first school instrument. This gives the students the opportunity to understand how to play an instrument in anticipation for beginning band in fourth grade.

Our fifth and sixth grade chorus sang a medley of songs from Tarzan, Charlie Brown, and Broadway. This concert highlighted many students as they performed solos throughout the performance.

Every year students are asked if they'd like to perform NYS-SMA (New York State School Music Association) solos for judges. This year we had band and chorus students from grades 4 through high school participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival at Jamesville Dewitt Middle School. Each student practiced both after school as well as on their own time and then performed their piece. Mrs. Dardaris, our instrumental music teacher, came up with the idea for the students to share their performances with their families in a musical recital. The evening event had 36 students perform and then enjoy a reception with their families.

Yet to come is our instrumental Concert on the Lawn highlighting our fourth, fifth and sixth grade band students as well as the Elementary Jazz band and Junior High band.

We have amazingly talented musicians in our community! It's fabulous that we're able to have so many performances showing their talents.



Class of 2015 VALEDICTORIAN and SALUTATORIAN

S. DOUGLAS WEHBE



Valedictorian

It is with great pleasure we recognize Tully Junior-Senior High School's Class of 2015 Valedictorian, **S. Douglas Wehbe**. Academically, Douglas does outstanding. Throughout his high school career, Douglas has always challenged himself. He dedicates 110% to his academics and strives to achieve favorable results. He is taking a full load this senior year, AP Calculus, AP Biology as well as OCC French and OCC Lit/Comp. His hard work has not gone unnoticed. He has won numerous academic awards at our annual achievement night and is always on the high honor roll. Douglas is also a member of the National Honor Society. His hard work has paid off as he is a member of National, Music, and French Honor Societies. He is also a recipient of the Rensselaer Medal Award.

Outside of the classroom, Douglas truly is a renaissance man and has dabbled in several clubs and activities. He serves as secretary of the Running Club and the president of Technology Club. In addition, he is an active participant in International Club, Pit Band, and Teen Institute. He has also found the time to volunteer for different community organization and events.

Douglas plans on attending Binghamton University and majoring in Computer Science. Way to go Douglas and good luck on all your future endeavors!

JULIE KUNNUMPURATH



Salutatorian

Julie Kunnumpurath, Salutatorian, has established herself in the Tully Junior-Senior High School community and has been a tremendous asset to our school.

Academically, Julie is a superior student and has taken honors and accelerated courses in every core area offered at Tully High School. Julie has always challenged herself particularly in the math and science fields. Last summer, Julie kicked it up a notch and enrolled in a chemistry class through our local community college. This course was so enlightening she decided to take an AP Chemistry Independent Study class we are offering for the first time this year. In addition, I also want to mention that Julie is taking AP Calculus and AP Biology.

When Julie is not immersing herself in academics, Julie has served as president for the International Club and currently serves as vice president for Interact and is the secretary for FFA. She is dependable, loyal, and gets the job done. She is also a contributing member of National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon and our music program. Julie has devoted countless hours volunteering at pancake breakfasts, hospitals, and Pennies for Polio.

Julie plans on attending Binghamton University to major in Computer Science.




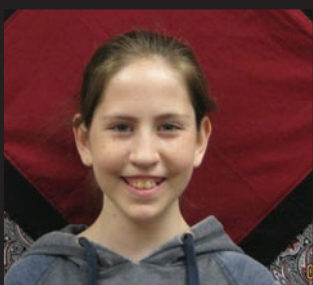
Congratulations Julie on all of your accomplishments and best wishes for the future!

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Student of the Month for April

★STUDENT of the MONTH

	Rachel Gould	English
	Danny Gambell	Social Studies
	Tessa Doody	Mathematics
	Anna Moss	Science

★STUDENT of the MONTH

	Maureen Murphy	Spanish
	Zach Ebert	Fine Arts
	Megan Hafler	Physical Education, Health
	Leo Touchette	Career and Technical Education

TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL ♦ HONOR ROLL

Third Marking Period – 2015

The following junior high (7-8) and senior high (9-12) students at Tully Junior-Senior High School qualified for the High Honor, Honor, or Merit Roll for the third marking period. Students attaining an overall average of 94.5 and above qualified for the High Honor Roll. Students who attained an overall average of 89.5 and above qualified for the Honor Roll and those with 84.5 qualified for the Merit Roll. There must be no incompletes.

SEVENTH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Nicole Ball
Ian Byrne
Elizabeth Ives
Anna Moss
Ethan Selmser

HONOR

Rachel Biggs
Nathaniel Cattell
Sarah Daddona
Camryn Denick
Jade Dillenbeck
Cameron Downey
Constantin Ferro
Sarah Karinsky
Taylor Kotary
Chelsea Phillips
Marissa Scalza
Angela Touchette

MERIT

Iris Bassett
Ashlynn Craig
Allison Gero
Matthew Kelly
Brooke Malchak
Jonah Shay
Grace Swan
Kilee Walsh
Emily Wolf

EIGHTH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Rachel Berry
Dante Bertolo
Jessica Bizub
Madison Brown
Caleb Erno
Erin Hutton

Marcus Lombardo
Sierra Yonko
Timothy Zilberman

HONOR

Bailee Abalos
Kaycee Bailer
Logan Bedford
Colin Byrne
Alison Carr
Mackenzie Delles
Jacob Dietz
Jacob Edinger
Tyler Edinger
Sydney Grosso
Gemma Guy
Jenna Hamelinck
Rachael Hanson
Timothy Kamakaris
William Lake
Nathan Lamoureux
Ashley Lippert
Heather Lipsky
Mackayla MacDowall
Sydney McNerney
Kathryn Moncada

Anabella Morgan
Maria Murray
Garrett Pierpoint
Wiley Shaw
Madison Smith
Morgan Spaulding
Kaylee White
Alicia Wood

MERIT

Kayla Barry
Payton Beckwith
Shane Bowers
David Bruns
Zachary Ebert
Bryce Florian
Caitlin Halladay
Tarissa Hiltbrand
Alexia Hotchkiss
Alex Locke-Wright
Dylaney McNerney
Margaret Picciano
Andrew Schaber
Jared Swift
Austin Taubman
Keith Van Dyne
Ethan Wilson

NINTH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Daniel Bort
Julia Coffin
Joseph Crawford
Jessica Donald
Morgan Hiltbrand
Olivia Krom
Gabrielle Moncada
Andrew Moss
Dominique Negrete
Jessica Swift

HONOR

Ceili Austin
Kaden Averill
Joseph Baker
David Ball
Jessica Benedetto
Joanna Case
Grace Chaffee
Matthew Doolittle
Elena Fecco
Haley Fowler-Conner
Mary Frank
Rachel Frateschi
Emma Gero
Ryan Gordona
Abby Harrington
Taz Josh
Matthew Kamakaris
Emily Lantiegne
Spencer Metz
Thomas Morse
Matthew Slazik
Gerrit Van Dyne

Madalynn Wiers
Peyton Wolf
MERIT
Christina Aylesworth
Alexandra Becker
Joshua Canaan
Leah Cook-Nethery
Jackson Deal
Mary Estay
Elizabeth Ferguson
Ryan King
Sean King
Ashley Quinn
Evan Rapp
Alexandra Walowsky

TENTH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Amanda Bielecki
Daniel Gambell
Magdalyn Kosalek
Jakob Moss
Mackenzie Rienhardt
Alyssa Riese
Alexandra Tornatore

HONOR

Cody Baehr
MacKenzie Bolt
Payton Earley
Danah Earley
Emily Fournier
Elsa Gauss

Rachel Gould
Hunter Griffin
Taylor Grosso
Jade Hendricks
Skylar Kays
Callahan Lyon
Brendan Lyon
Griffen Magnan
Francis McKenna
Maureen Murphy
Emmeline Perkins
Jason Phelps
Sarah Sawmiller
Emily Spath
Alexander Stoogenke
Michael Wood

MERIT

Kara Clark
Ryan Foody
Anthony Geiss
Meghan Hawley
Aaron Hughes
Benjamin Jones
Gaige Maloney
Katelyn McNerney
Laura Pascarella
Kyle Redman
Jordan Sturgen

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HONOR ROLL ♦ CONTINUED

ELEVENTH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Walter Abrams
Danielle Bedford
Sabrina Covey
Ashleigh Crawford
Emma Currie
Ashley Daddona
Tessa Doody
Landon Drumm
Spencer George
Sarah Huggins
Ellen Jaworski
Jon Lippert
Michael Lombardo
Elena McAninch
Cassidy McGinn
Brendan McGinn
Erynn McNerney
Caesar Morenus
Patrick Morse
Matthew Nassif
Samuel Pitman
Joseph Schultz
Sophia Sheldon
Samuel Sheldon
Nellie Sherlock
Emily Teeter
HONOR
Lily Aldrich
Trevor Averill
Gracie Bartholomew
Kyle Berardi
Katelyn Bordwell
James Davenport
Wesley Fecco
Zoe Fritz

Timothy Gibbons
Desirea Hemingway
Ashley Howe
Jeremy Lake
Hannah Leva
Meredith Mumper
Charles Petit
Alexis Poltorak
Chelsea Smith
Breanne Trudeau
Kimberly Welch
Maureen Whitney
Christian Zook

MERIT

Rachael Acosta
Karmen Beckwith
Nathaniel Bizub
Brandi Bradley
Jasmine Carr
Carly Cox
Montana Curtis
Maurysha Cuttino
Nickolas Edinger
Brendan Gordona
Shauna Hayes
Steven Hust
Nicholas Martino
Alicia Snyder
Christian Tague
Deeanna Wade

TWELFTH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Jenna Bailey
Rebecca Cornell
Taylor Currie
Jonathan DeCarlo
Clare Denick
Madison Featherstone
Kayleigh Fournier
Katherine Graham
Lydia Guy
Megan Hafler
Julie Kunnumpurath
James Maskelony
Danielle O'Neill
Bradley Phelps
Sara Reppenhagen
Elizabeth Russell
Bridgette Spicer
Michaela Tracy
Kathleen Warner
S.Douglas Wehbe
Brianna Wolf
Christine Yeomans

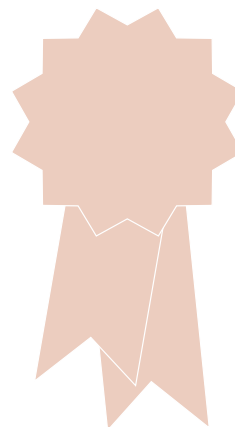
HONOR

Madison Bossard
Lucia Chacana
Emily Congelli
Hunter Currie
Meagan Dennis
Cheyanne Fisher
Bernard Kelly
Liam Lipsky
Madison Lyon
Adrian Nash
Lindsey Petit
Megan Pierpoint
Isabella Puente
Jordan Spoor
Jillian Stewart

Carleigh Tarala
Evan Visconti
Matthew Wood
Carolyn Zobel

MERIT

Jennifer Barrows
Madison Beckwith
Emily Cornue
Jeffrey Cota
Brandi Fritz
Olivia Ganley
Raymond Herrick
Emma Hyvarinen
Jacob Jaworski
Grace Johnson
Anthony Negrete
Montana Patriarco
Mackenzie Prince
Taylor Quinn
Taylor Soderholm
Kirsten Soos
Katie Spaulding
Caitlynn Taylor



Senior Luncheon with Retired Citizens

On Friday, April 24th, members of the Class of 2015 traveled to Tully United Community Church for a luncheon with retired Tully citizens. Both Tully students and Tully citizens bonded over lunch and dessert. Friendships were established and all in all everyone had a great time!!

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test Update

Elena McAninch took the PSAT last fall and met the requirements to enter the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.

There were over 1.5 million program entrants, each of these students is among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants who will be recognized in the fall of their senior year as either a Commended Student or a Semifinalist and will continue in the competition.

Congratulations Elena!

Reminder for OCC Course Credit

Students must request transcripts to be sent from OCC to their prospective college to be awarded college credit. Any questions, please contact the Counseling & Career Center (696-6240).

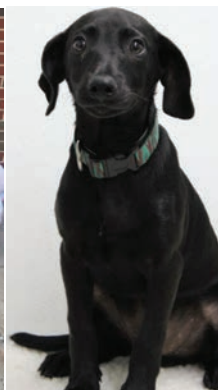
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Helping Hounds



The National Junior Honor Society collected items for *Helping Hounds* from May 4th to May 8th. *Helping Hounds* is a local dog rescue that transports dogs up from Alabama and Texas that are in high kill shelters, and adopts them out to homes in Central New York.



HelpingHounds

DOG RESCUE

Women's History

Students in Mrs. Bovi's *Women in History* class had the privilege of exploring local sites related to remarkable women who impacted America's history. The first stop on the tour was the Women's Rights National Historic Park in Seneca Falls. Students viewed various exhibits at the museum, watched an educational documentary sponsored by the National Parks, earned Junior Park Ranger badges and toured Wesleyan Chapel. The Chapel was the site of the first women's rights convention sponsored by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Frederick Douglass and other influential members. After that, the class went to the National Women's Hall of Fame. Students explored the museum and learned more about the numerous females (over 100) who have made a difference in our society including Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt and Billie Jean King.



Cheering on Olympians!



Members of the Tully High School Student Council volunteered recently at the winter Special Olympics. Students were responsible for creating posters, cheering on Olympians and overall providing an exciting atmosphere for the contenders. The Olympians appreciated the support of the Tully students while they played intense games such as floor hockey at the Syracuse Oncenter. Mrs. Bovi is proud of all the students who volunteered their time for such a worthy cause.

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Students Honored at Holocaust Memorial Observance

Two Tully students received First Place Awards in this year's *Yom HaShoah Art and Essay Contest* sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Central New York. This year's theme was "Why We Should Continue to Study the Holocaust."

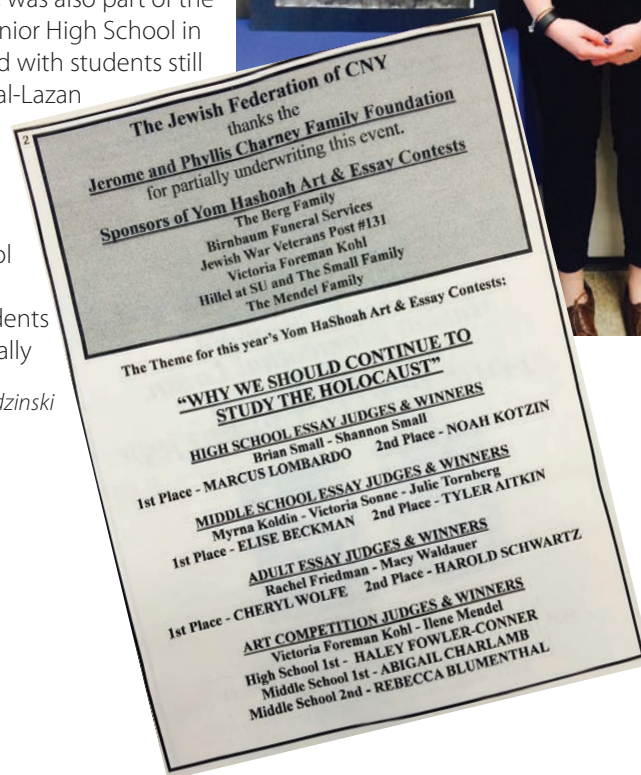
Having studied the Holocaust through the Junior High curriculum, the topic is relevant and significant to many Tully students; eighth graders learn about the Holocaust thoroughly as they read *The Diary of Anne Frank*. **Marcus Lombardo, eighth grader, won First Place for the High School Essay Contest. Haley Fowler-Conner, ninth grader, won First Place for the High School Art Competition.**

Haley, pictured at right with her award winning submission, attended the event to accept her award; she was accompanied by her mother, Wendy; father, Ralph; and sister, Lily.

A memorial observance took place on Sunday, April 19, 2015 not just to honor these student winners, but also to take time to remember all those affected by the Holocaust. Marion Blumenthal Lazan, Holocaust survivor and author of the book *Four Perfect Pebbles*, was also part of the program. She was a guest speaker at Tully Junior Senior High School in the spring of last year. The powerful story she shared with students still resonates strongly with them today. Mrs. Blumenthal-Lazan was very pleased to hear that the Tully students made the effort to enter the contest. She is making trips throughout central New York the week of April 20 - April 24.

Michelle Gazdik, Tully Junior/Senior High School Art Teacher, attended the event to encourage her students. She stated that she was "Proud of our students for taking on this very important topic, both artistically and with words."

By Stacia Derdzinski



FFA NEWS

The roster for the 2014-2015 school year for the Tully FFA came out and we noticed there was a problem. We did not have many Junior High kids involved in the only FFA chapter in Onondaga County. These kids are our future and without having the involvement of the Junior High they would not know what Tully has to offer in the agricultural field. To fix this problem we needed to get the Junior High kids involved and what better way to do it than going to talk to the kids first hand. We decided to talk to Mr. Zupan, the 8th grade Tully veteran of 20+ years and see if we could come into the 8th grade classrooms, every Tuesday, from 2:27-2:40, for eight weeks.

With the help of the 8th grade team we were able to show them everything we do as FFA members. To start out the sessions we began asking them what FFA was and how agriculture was important. We talked about Camp Oswegatchie and how anyone can go to Camp O even if they weren't in FFA. We showed them Power Point presentations of all the activities that we do such as State Fair events, National Conventions, Community survive projects, and participating in SAES.

We also had the vice president of New York State FFA come to visit during one of these sessions. Mr. Hauk Boyes (NYSFFAVP) said, we at Tully, had the only program of this kind for Junior High students in the entire state. I would like to thank Mr. Hill, Mr. Zupan, Ms. Derdzinski, Ms. Fischer, and Mrs. Yonta for their cooperation.

Submitted by Jake Jaworski, FFA member

TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Wonderworks Field Trip

On May 8, 2015 the eighth graders visited the Wonderworks Museum at Destiny, USA for our second annual trip! It proved to be another successful excursion.

From the bubble laboratory to the hurricane shack, 4D theater to anti-gravity globe, all 83 students enjoyed every inch of the interactive, hands-on museum. Students were "shocked" by the Telsa Coil, which emits 100,000 volts of electricity to imitate the feel of lightning. They piloted the skies in a virtual Apache Helicopter, played various virtual sports, navigated the world using a giant Google Earth screen, and played simulated air hockey – that's right; there was no physical puck, just a computerized projection of one!

In one of the more popular exhibits, Mind Ball, students challenged each other. A headband with electrodes is used to determine which competitor can remain the most calm and relaxed. EEG Technology is "used as a training tool for cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Officers are not only trained to be alert but also to control their thought process in order to remain calm in high-pressure situations" ("Wonderworks").

A student favorite was the Bubble Room, a tiled room filled with various buckets of bubbles and many different items that could be used to make bubbles. Some students just rolled up their sleeves, dunked their hands in, and made giant bubbles using only their own hands and breath. It was amazing to see how enthralled and intrigued the students became with this simple yet mesmerizing activity.

Students had the opportunity to bond as a class, have fun, and learn while doing it! Overall, we had a wonderful day!

article submitted by Stacia Derdzinski



ALUMNI NEWS

Area Resident Earns Commencement Medal at Marywood University

SCRANTON, PA (May 16, 2015)—Rebecca Gould, Tully, N.Y., was awarded the Sister M. Immaculata Gillespie Medal for Excellence in the Secondary Education Program at Marywood University's 2015 commencement ceremony. The Gillespie Medal was established by Elizabeth Young Arvad, M.D. and recognizes the first dean of Marywood, who served from 1915-1943.

While a student at Marywood, Ms. Gould was a member of the Education Club and Delta Epsilon Sigma (National Scholastic Honor Society for Students, Alumni, and Faculty of Catholic Colleges and Universities).

The daughter of Sheri Albro and Cary Gould, she graduated from Tully Junior-Senior High School and received a bachelor of music degree in music education from Marywood University.



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Send In Your Alumni News

The Knight Insight wishes to highlight news of recent graduates. If you have information relating to academic or the career path of recent graduates, please email to: mfisher@tullyschools.org

If you prefer, mail your article to Mary Fisher, Tully Central School District, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159.

If you have any questions, call the district office at 315-696-6204.



Our TULLY GRAD'S - Making Us PROUD!

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CLOSING REMARKS



First, thank you to all of you in the Tully community who voted on May 19th. Our school budget was approved, and three new school board members were elected. These new board members will each serve a three year term, beginning in July 2015. Our new board members are Carrie Edinger, Matt VanBeveren, and Ed Wortley II. Congratulations to each of them.

Second, thank you to the three school board members, who will be stepping down at the end of this school year, for your many years of service to the District. These three board members are Jan Kublick, Ken Steiger, and Dan Twentyman. Combined, these three board members have served on the board of education for a total of 42 years. Mr. Kublick has served for 18 years, Mr. Steiger and Mr. Twentyman have each served for 12 years. Each of these board members has volunteered countless hours, and has been a part of the leadership team that has guided our district through some incredibly difficult financial circumstances over the past seven years.

Third, as we look forward to the summer there are two big initiatives that we will be focused upon. The first initiative is a potential capital project, aimed at addressing some of our infrastructure needs. Specifically these are mostly needs related to our parking lots, roofs, elementary school heating systems, and our elementary school bus garage. Over the course of this summer we will begin to work with an architectural firm to explore possible options. The second initiative is that we will be revising our teacher evaluation process (APPR). The challenge with this initiative is that we will not know any of the requirements or guidelines for making these revisions until after July 1st. Regardless of the condensed timeline, we will have something in place prior to the start of the 2015-16 school year.

Again, thank you to all who voted on May 19th.

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