



## Giving a Little PEACE around the Holidays



The Senior High International Club has been at it again! Club members generously donated \$1,500 to P.E.A.C.E. Inc for their Holiday Community Basket Program, which buys holiday ham dinners with all the fixings and groceries for the week that school is out for local families and individuals in need. In addition, club members bought and donated a variety of gifts to help make the season a little brighter for community members.



## Tully FFA Named NY Star Chapter

The Tully FFA chapter of Tully, New York, has been recognized in 2019 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization. The Tully FFA chapter received a 3 star rating, which is the highest score that can be rewarded for that particular program.

The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging in late July and were recognized at the 2019 National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 in Indianapolis.

All star-rated FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere.

"Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today's farmers," said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate contributions for John Deere. "The skills and experiences learned through the National Chapter Award Program will help meet the critical needs."

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 669,989 student members who belong to one of 8,630 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 459,514 alumni members in 2,236 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.

Indianapolis – Thursday, October 31, 2019/National FFA Organization

# Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT



2019 Fabius-Pompey vs. Tully Boys & Girls Soccer  
**Communities Kickin' Cancer**  
**"Kids Playing for Kids"**  
**\$8,000**

Supporting the Dr. William J. Waters Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital

## Safety Patrol Names Newest Captain and Lieutenant



The Tully Elementary Safety Patrol is working hard to make sure all students are safely entering and exiting their buses, even in the cold weather. Beginning December 2nd, a new captain took over and a lieutenant has been added.

Congratulations to Molly Verbanic on her hard work patrolling; she has been named Captain, and congratulations to Brier Huggins for her outstanding performance while on duty; she has been named Lieutenant. Tully thanks Captain Sean Mize for his outstanding leadership ability during the months of October and November. Sean was friendly but firm to students and his fellow officers and exhibited all the qualities of a successful Safety Patrol Captain!

## Stories in a Flash!

This fall, fourth graders were given the challenging task of writing flash fiction! Students needed to create an entire plot in less than 100 words. These tiny stories were called Spooky Sagas. Students' pieces were entered into an online contest offered by an organization called Young Writers. Unfortunately, prize winners will not be announced until April, 2020, but in the meantime, we decided to do a local contest where students were able to vote for their favorite story. Below, you will find the top three favorite pieces of flash fiction, written by our very own fourth graders here at Tully Elementary!

### "The Growl!!" by Jason Hodge

GROWL!! I open my eyes to see on my clock it's 6:00 a.m. and look around to see where the sound is coming from. I try to get out, but my door is jammed. So I scream as loud as I can. My parents can't hear me. So I keep looking because I want to go to sleep. I look in my closet; I find nothing except drool! I finally hear where the sound is coming from so I tiptoe, and the floor creaks. I get onto my bed. I go to look under. Bark! Oh, it's just my dog.

### "Goosebumps" by Allison Marinich

I knew it was a bad idea to go to the pet store during the month of Halloween. As I stepped in the pet store, I got goosebumps. I thought I should go visit the guinea pigs - that calms me down most of the time! I grinned. Then I heard a noise...GURRRR! My goosebumps came back. I started stepping slowly toward the noise. Faster and faster my feet went. I was there when I finally saw it. I could not speak. I wanted to scream! It was...the cutest puppy I had ever glimpsed! That is the day I found Lily!

### "Watching Me" by Lennon Shaw

I've been scared ever since that night. I woke up and silently walked into the kitchen. I was feeling like something was watching me, but I didn't know what. I got so scared! I ran back to my room, but was too scared to stay there. Running to my parents' bed, I say, "I am so scared!" "Go back to bed," they say.

I ran back to my room and leaped for my bed, pulling the covers over my head. I know something is watching me. I can feel it. Ever since that night, I felt like something is watching me.

## TES Jog-A-Thon Main Event

In October, students participated in the Jog-A-Thon Run and Fundraiser sponsored by the TES PTO and TES physical education department. The goal of the fundraiser was to raise \$10,000 in which the students received prizes for individual fundraising; as a school, if the goal was met, students would get to have a main event assembly. The students completed the goal and raised over \$10,000! The main event assembly took place in December and included three competitive events between Mr. Kupiec, the principal, and Mr. Charles, a P.E. teacher. The main events included an obstacle course race, free throw shooting, and a balloon competition. The winner of the events got to slime the other competitor in front of the whole school! Mr. Kupiec and Mr. Charles both competed hard and ended up sliming each other.

## PTO Update

In February, we will be holding a family movie night. Each family will be given a list of specific donations, which will cover the "admission cost" for the movie. All donations will be sent to the Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse.

In March, we will be hosting our annual Daddy/Daughter Dance and in May, our Mother/Son night will be taking place. Once each of the dates have been set, we will provide you all with the details.

The TES PTO meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the break room. We invite all parents of Tully Elementary students to attend. We are also a 501(c)(3) organization and gladly accept tax-exempt donations. As always, thank you for supporting the TES PTO.







## Ugly Sweaters Invade the Middle School Dance



Middle school students took to the dance floor on December 6th for the Ugly Sweater Dance. Students boogied to favorites "Shake it Off," "Africa," and "The Cupid Shuffle."

Special thanks goes out to DJ Meixell.

He kept the students rockin' with a dance-off, lip sync contest, and plenty of favorite songs, old and new. The mood was festive and all dancers had a great time. Gloria's favorite part was the ugly sweaters. Garrett loved all the food. Elise really loved the lip sync contest to the song "Let it Go." Maddy and Aurora loved dancing and hanging out with their friends. A big thank you 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!

**SAVE  
THE DATES**

### Madagascar, Jr. - Middle School Musical

1/31/20 at 7 p.m. and 2/1/20 at 2 p.m.

### Freaky Friday - High School Musical

3/6/20 at 7 p.m. and 3/7/20 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## ATHLETICS UPDATE

### Spring Sports Start Dates

#### JV/V Spring Sports:

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

Varsity Boys'/Girls' Lacrosse

Varsity Baseball/Softball

Varsity Boys'/Girls' Track

#### JH Spring Sports:

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

Modified Baseball/Softball

JH Track

Modified Boys'/Girls' Track

### Spring 2020 Coaching Staff

Head Varsity Boys' Lacrosse.....	Stewart Snyder
Assistant Varsity Boys' Lacrosse.....	Zach Chawgo
Head Junior High Boys' Lacrosse.....	Jeff Russell
Assistant JH Boys' Lacrosse.....	Dan Longnecker
Head Varsity Baseball.....	Don McClure
Head Modified Baseball.....	Don Mohat
Head Varsity Softball.....	Bill Donald
Head Modified Softball.....	Carly Willey
Head Varsity Boys' Track.....	Jim Paccia
Assistant Varsity Track.....	Emily Paccia
Head Varsity Girls' Track.....	Michelle Rauber
Assistant Varsity Track.....	Bettemae Russell
Head Junior High Track.....	Charlie Locke
Head Varsity Girls' Lacrosse.....	Kate Mahns
Assistant Varsity Girls' Lacrosse.....	Ally Mc Nerney
Head Junior High Girls' Lacrosse.....	Danielle Sicignano-O'Toole

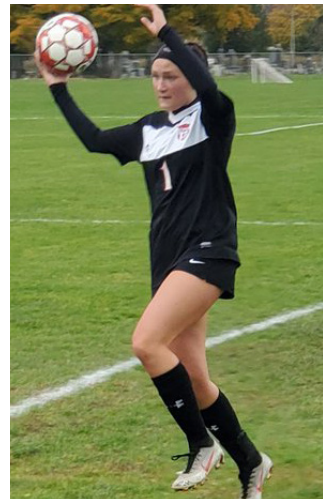
*\*No JV Boys' Lacrosse in 2020- hoping to bring it back in 2021*

*\*No JV Girls' Lacrosse in 2020*

### Congratulations!

**Emma Byrne**, Tully Sophomore, has recently earned herself a spot on the 4th Team All State in Class C soccer! This is not the first time she has found herself on a team other than Tully's. In 2018, Byrne made the 1st Team OHSL Patriot American Girls Soccer All-Stars. In addition, Byrne was named the 2018 OHSL Patriot American Player of the Year.

Congratulations Emma!



### Alumni News

**Bryce Florian**, Tully graduate of 2019 and freshman at Nazareth College, recently broke Nazareth's pole vault record at 13' 11 1/4". Breaking records is nothing new to Florian. He had broken Tully's record with a height of 14' 0 1/4" just last year.

Congratulations Bryce!

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Nazathletics.com*



## Eleven Inducted into National Technical Honor Society

Tully JSHS is proud to announce its latest inductees into the National Technical Honor Society. On December 4, eleven Tully students made their way across the stage, earning recognition for their endeavors in their technical and career pathway. Each student earned purple cords signifying their accomplishment.



Congratulations (in no particular order) to Travis Kent, Cassondra Fisher, Meagan Porter, Payton Vantassel, Emily Wolf, Cameron Downey, Maggie Liddell, Jonah Shay, Rachel Biggs, Sarah Daddona, and Jade Dillenbeck! Tully is proud of these students and their hard work, and can't wait to see where their career pathways take them!

## The *Little Mermaid, Jr.* Swims to the Junior High



The Junior High put on a spectacular play, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, recently. Several students took on more than one role and even a few middle school students joined in on the action. With lively, creative, and colorful costumes made by Sue Biggar, the audiences could feel the ambiance of the underwater adventure. Two shows were performed, one Friday night and one Saturday, but the cast entertained their audiences equally with humor, music, and fun. Mrs. Rahrle, Mrs. Moss, and Mrs. Biggar would like to thank all the parents that helped to sell tickets, provide concessions, and give their support to the cast and crew during practices. Without the help of the parents, the show could not have gone on!

## Brooke Rauber Takes 7th in Nike Nationals, Toyota Athlete

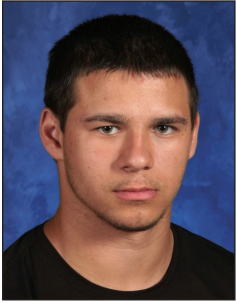


The chilly precipitation didn't wane Brooke Rauber, Tully junior, from running her best in her 3rd consecutive Nike Cross Nationals cross country meet in Portland, Oregon on December 7th. In a field of 203 runners, Brooke placed an outstanding 7th. With this placing, she also received All-American Honors for the 3rd year in a row. Rauber is only the 2nd athlete from Tully to compete in a national cross country meet; she is in the company of Lopez Lemong. Rauber was also voted the NYS Junior of the Year, won her 4th consecutive NYS individual title, and was named 1st Team All-State. Additionally, Rauber received an early Christmas present and was coined Toyota's High School Athlete of the Week. Rauber will be continuing her cross country season with a trip to the USATF Nationals cross country championships in January, where she hopes

to qualify for the Pan-American Games being held in Victoria, Canada. Congratulations to Brooke and all her achievements. Tully can't wait to see where her feet take her next!



## Senior Spotlight - Travis Kent



**Family:** My parents, Ed and Julie, and my sister, Amber.

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career has been the construction class I have been taking at BOCES. I have learned a ton of skills that will be able to help me out in my future career.

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

Through the BOCES program, I have learned construction skills that will help me in my future career.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** Being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society based on the work I have completed in BOCES is a proud accomplishment.

**What are your plans after high school?** I plan on going straight into the workforce after school. I plan on shingling roofs during the summer and being a plumber in the winter.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** By the time I am 30, I plan on having a good paying job, a family, and a house.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** I have worked through many challenges in my life and I just move forward every day.

**Who's your hero and why?** There is not one specific person in my life I consider a hero. People act in heroic ways every day without being acknowledged for it.

## Senior Spotlight - Kilee Walsh



**Family:** Kim Walsh (Mom), Tom Walsh (Dad), Gino Florian (Stepdad), Tom Walsh (Brother), Tyler Walsh (Brother), Bryce Florian (Stepbrother), and Brooke Florian (Stepsister).

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** My proudest moment in high school was being inducted into Spanish National Honor Society. This is my proudest moment because being offered another language is a privilege and I believe everyone should take

advantage of it. Being inducted into this society was a big deal in that the requirements were very grade specific, that the student showed interest, as well as being culturally aware.

**What are your plans after high school?** My plans after high school are to go to college and to bartend to make money while in college. The college I wish to attend is Syracuse University to pursue a career in the medical field as a physician in the specialty of oncology.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** The challenges I have faced are nothing compared to what others are faced with and I keep that in mind. I tell myself daily, "God wouldn't put you through this without having a lesson come with it." I live day by day and step by step.

**Who's your hero and why?** My hero is my brother Tyler because I know I can talk to him about anything and not be judged by my actions. He may live far away; however, he is just a phone call away. He encourages me; I may lose myself but he always finds a way to put me back on track to my independent, stubborn, understanding, honest, and kind-hearted self. This is what makes Tyler my hero.

## Baking with International Club



The Senior High International Club held their annual apple tart fundraiser recently, which had them making 60 pre-ordered French apple tarts from scratch. The students did all the work including peeling and chopping the apples, combining the ingredients, and baking the tarts to perfection. Nothing went to waste as the apple peels were taken to nearby animals for a treat. Ms. Altmann's mom, Grandma Altmann, also came in to work with the students, and we're sure, to share some wonderful baking tips! The Senior High International Club would like to thank all who supported this year's endeavor and ordered!

## Long-Time Holiday Tradition



For nearly a quarter of a century, Tully JSHS 7th graders have been visiting Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center just before Thanksgiving. This is a time when several generations can come together and share an experience loved by all. Students practice songs such as "God Bless America" and holiday carols beforehand to add to the experience. Residents and students prepare over forty pies each time they visit for a social that the center puts on during the holiday week. This year, local news filmed part of the event. You can see that footage at [localsyr.com](http://localsyr.com).

## From the Superintendent



As a public school district, one of our primary responsibilities is to provide a safe and orderly learning environment for our students. The Tully Board of Education and every member of the Tully faculty and staff takes this responsibility very seriously.

During the 2019-20 school year, we will again conduct five types of safety drills. We will conduct bus safety drills, during which students practice evacuating school buses. We will conduct fire drills, during which students practice evacuating school buildings. We will conduct an emergency evacuation drill, during which TES school students evacuate to the JSHS and JSHS students evacuate to TES. We will conduct lockdown drills, during which students practice sheltering in safe places within the school buildings. We will conduct lockout drills, during which faculty and staff practice securing the perimeter of the schools. In addition to these safety drills, faculty and staff receive training on what to do in crisis situations.

This school year, Mr. Raymond Herrick will again serve as our Director of School Security and Safety. Mr. Herrick is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of our safety drills and for conducting faculty/staff training. He works closely with our social worker, our psychologist, our counselors, and our administrators to provide support for our students and their families. He acts as a first responder, should there be a critical incident, and he coordinates with other first responders (police, fire, paramedics). Police response time to our school campus, should there be a critical incident, can be as long as ten minutes or more. Because of this, we believe it is important that Mr. Herrick continue to be an armed presence on campus.

This school year, we again have a School Health & Safety Committee in place. This committee includes representatives from the Board of Education, the Tully Fire Department, local law enforcement, the school district, and the Tully community at large. This committee has two areas of focus. The first is to provide oversight of our school safety initiatives, such as those listed above. The second is it to investigate and follow up on any safety concerns related to ongoing construction on our school campus.

Finally, during the 2019-20 school year, we will begin using the Raptor System as a tool to screen visitors to our school buildings. Once this system is in place, during the school day, all visitors will need to present a picture ID, such as a driver's license, in order to gain entrance into our schools. The Raptor system is widely used in public schools and other public facilities such as hospitals.

As always, thank you to the all the members of the Tully school community for your support.

**Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools**  
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## A Message from the TES and JSHS Principals

While exact dates for specific grade levels have not yet been determined, this year's New York State Assessments in grades 3-8 will be administered across the state from March 24th - March 31st (ELA) and April 20th - April 27th (Math). As reminders for parents: first, the number of test sessions for each grade level will once again be 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. We are excited to see how our students perform regionally and statewide!

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, quizzes, 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.

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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## 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: Jamie Wortley, Tully Central School District, Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2020.

## Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Positions

Two terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2020. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 at the annual school district election to be held on May 19, 2020.

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 no later than 5:00 pm on April 20, 2020. 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.

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 February 20, 2020. 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)

### Board Meetings

**Location: Junior Senior High School, Conference Room #2 – Room 109, at 6:00 p.m.**

Dates, time, and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis.

#### 2019-2020

January 21, 2020  
February 10, 2020  
March 9, 2020  
March 23, 2020  
April 20, 2020  
May 11, 2020  
May 19, 2020  
June 22, 2020

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

## Tully Parks and Recreation

### Important Dates & Reminders for Baseball & Softball

- Registration will open on March 15th.

Majors (5th/6th) - will start the week of April 20th.

Minors (3rd/4th) - will start the week of April 20th.

Co-ed Mod-Pitch (1st/2nd) - will start the first week of May.

Co-ed T-Ball (Kindergarten) - will start the first week of May.

Softball will play and practice on Monday/Wednesday

Baseball will play and practice on Tuesday/Thursday

Coach Pitch will play and practice on Wednesday/Friday

T-Ball will play and practice on Thursday

**Please do not hesitate to email with any questions:**

[tullyparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:tullyparksrec@gmail.com)



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## Tully Free Library

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

Happy New Year to all our patrons! We hope you enjoyed the programming and services we offered in 2019; we look forward to offering you many more reasons to come to the library in 2020.

New for this year is our Teen Book Club! We got off to a great start at the beginning of the month with *The Umbrella Academy* graphic novels. Our selection for February will be *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman, and March's selection is *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist* by David Levithan and Rachel Cohn. Teens are welcome to join in anytime!

Coding: Unplugged was the theme for last fall's Full Steam Ahead session for kids in K - 4th grades that ended in December. The students had a great time learning all about coding. Our next session starts up again the week of February 3rd with the theme of Science You Can Eat. Registration will begin January 13. More info at our website: <http://www.tullyfreelibrary.org/full-steam-ahead>.

Ongoing programs for kids include Tykes Time Story Time on Wednesday mornings for children younger than preschool age, Terrific Tuesdays for elementary students, and many programs for teens such as Chat & Craft and Magic the Gathering.

You can find more information about these and all our other programs on the events calendar page on our website [www.tullyfreelibrary.org](http://www.tullyfreelibrary.org).

Tully Free Library is located at 12 State Street in Tully. Our phone number is 315-696-8606. Our hours are Mon. – Fri. 10 AM to 7 PM and Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM.



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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



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### February

- 1 Middle School Musical, 2 p.m.
- 10 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 12 PTO @ TES 7 p.m.

**17-21 Mid-Winter Recess – No School**

### March

- 6 High School Musical, 7 p.m.
- 7 High School Musical, 2 p.m./7 p.m.
- 9 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 11 High School Instrumental Concert, 7 p.m./ PTO @ TES 7:00pm
- 12 Trivia Night, 7 p.m.
- 13 Superintendent Conference Day – No Classes**
- 16 JV/V Spring Sports Begin
- 23 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 31 High School Choral Concert, 7 p.m.