



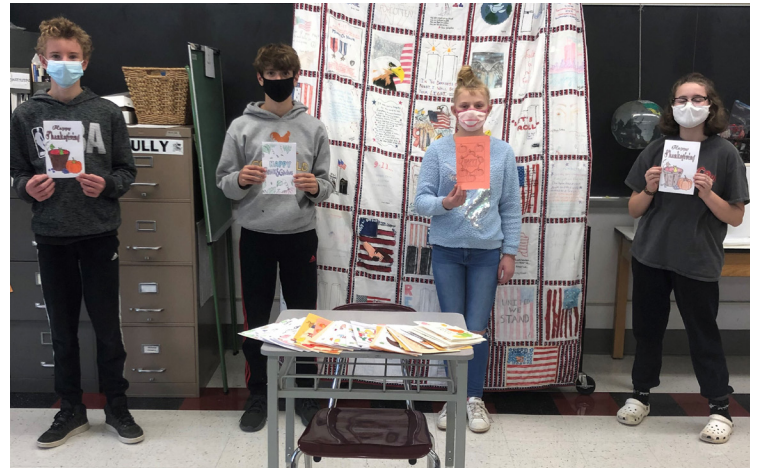
Tully Student Artwork Displayed at Syracuse Airport



The Tully Senior High Art Club had the pleasure of creating a work of art to display in the Syracuse Airport for the month of December and into the New Year. They were among ten other organizations in Onondaga County asked to participate in this opportunity. The Syracuse Regional Airport Authority thought that this was a great way for artists to express themselves during the pandemic and bring a sense of community to travelers. You can see colorful and heartfelt work by Emma Bielecki, Emma Byrne, Lizzie Caron, Luke Doody, Maggie Fraser, and McKenzie Smith displayed in two different sections of the airport. Next time you head to the airport, take a few moments to find these displays.

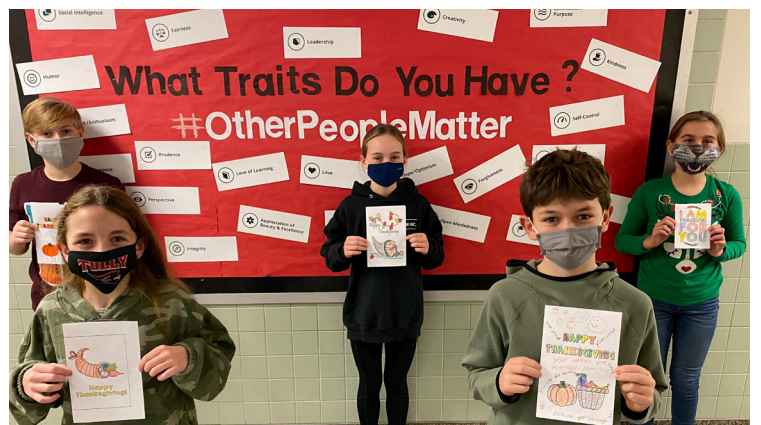


Letters to Loretto



Annual traditions have been put on pause but that doesn't mean we stop our community services here at Tully CSD. The long-standing tradition has been that the Tully 7th graders head to Loretto during the holiday season to sing songs, bring joy, and make pies with the residents. To keep the residents safe this year, a plan was put in place for the 7th graders to bring joy from afar by making cards and writing letters to each and every resident – close to 500!

With such a big task at hand, and not a whole lot of time to accomplish this endeavor, the 7th grade team asked a few others for help. The word spread and soon the 8th grade, 5th grade, 3rd grade, and several teachers lent a helping hand to craft as many letters to Loretto as possible. With the graciousness of others, Tully 7th graders were able to accomplish their community service, and feel good about themselves and their school community, for a job well done! (Channel 9 News featured this community service on Nov. 26, 2020).



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ES Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

Happy New Year! We made it to 2021 and we're still chugging along! It's hard to believe that we will be halfway through the school year at the end of the month. In P2, students will learn about Optimism, Prudence, Perseverance, and the Other People Mindset of Supporting others when they struggle. I am optimistic that this calendar year will be more typical and less disruptive than 2020 was! Staff and students continue to persevere through all the COVID precautions to engage in creative ways of teaching and learning, both which are positive. As a reminder, if you are interested in sending your child to Pre-K or Kindergarten next fall, please be sure to register your son/daughter in Schooltool by January 31st. This will allow us to determine whether a lottery is needed for Pre-K and how many sections of Kindergarten we will need next year. Please call the school office at 696-6212 if you have any questions about Pre-K or Kindergarten.

Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal • Phone: 315.696.6213 • Twitter: @ekupiecTullyES • Email: ed.kupiec@tullyschools.org

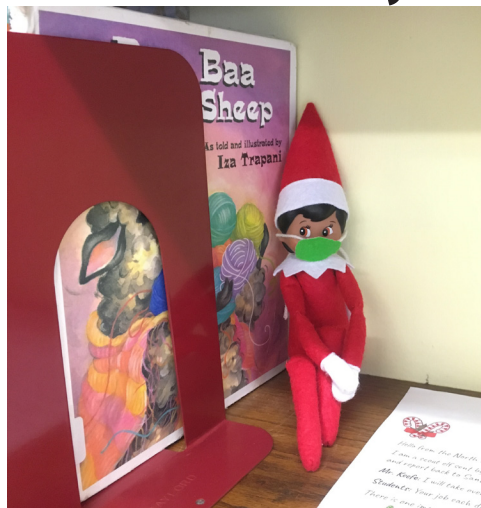
Learning About Other Cultures Through Music



Celebrations come in many different shapes and sizes. This year, 3rd graders learned about the holiday celebration of Diwali during their November music classes. Diwali is an Indian celebration for the Festival of Lights. It's a harvest festival, much like our Thanksgiving, but lasts 5 days! They learned about the cultural similarities and differences, listened to music, and watched traditional dances.

They also worked on their rhythm identifications to create an "I am thankful" picture to share. Such fun and creativity learning about other cultures!

Elf on the Library Shelf



A new friend made their way to the Elementary Library this year! She showed up on December 7th with a letter letting the students know just what her tasks would be during her stay. Mr. Keefe decided that since the 6th graders are the oldest students in the school, they should have the privilege of naming her.

The students voted and her official elf name is Bobina. Bobina not only reported on how things were going in the library, but she welcomed the students and gave instructions. Each day, the students found her on a new shelf throughout December. Mr. Keefe thought that the students, especially the younger ones, were really excited about their new library friend and said, "It's a cool experience for kids who don't have one at home." Welcome to Tully, Bobina!

PTO Update

Happy New Year from the Tully Elementary PTO! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We do not have any activities planned right now but will keep the school community updated on any future events.

Our next PTO meeting will be held virtually on January 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. We invite all parents of Tully Elementary students to participate. We are also a 501(c)(3) organization and gladly accept tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation.



JSHS Principal's Message



Mary Ann Murphy

At the time I am writing this article, the District is open for in-person learning. At the Junior Senior High School, we have pivoted to remote learning on two occasions for the purpose of contact tracing. This has far exceeded my expectations from when the school year started. The faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to provide the students with the best lessons possible while managing new technology and learning new software. Our custodial staff are the unsung heroes during the pandemic. They are constantly cleaning and sanitizing classrooms, restrooms, hallways, etc. Another unsung hero is our school nurse, Ms. Ganzhorn, who has advised countless parents, teachers, and students with issues related to their overall health and symptoms related to COVID-19. Transportation and Food Service have done so much more than they normally would to deliver school work and meals to our students. Clerical staff members have answered calls and emails to assist students and parents with a myriad of issues. Parents have been incredibly understanding about testing requirements, providing communication between themselves and the Health Department or primary care providers, and juggling the numerous robocalls and letters being sent by the District. The students cannot be left out for their part: remote learners are making sacrifices to stay home and our in-person learners are following our new protocols quite well. For all of these reasons, I extend my sincerest gratitude for the many selfless actions everyone is taking to keep our staff and students safe and at school. In the event we pivot to remote learning for an extended period of time, I am confident that we will be able to maintain our current weekly schedule and provide our students with the valuable instruction they deserve.

Here are a few notes about yearly assessments: January Regents exams have been canceled by the New York State Education Department; 3-8 Math and ELA assessments are currently scheduled for later in the year; June Regents exams are scheduled as usual. If there are any changes, we will make sure to let students and parents know in a timely manner.

Lastly, I want to let our families know that the Board of Education graciously accepted my letter of retirement earlier this fall. I have been planning on 2021 being the year for a long time and I certainly did not think I would retire under such extraordinary circumstances! For all of the reasons mentioned above, I have enjoyed my 33 years at Tully as a teacher, coach, and administrator. Our district is truly a special place to learn and grow. Thank you to everyone who made my time here so enjoyable.

Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, JSHS Principal • Phone: 315.696.6235 • Twitter: @tullyjshsprinc • Email: mmurphy@tullyschools.org

Senior Spotlight - ELIZABETH CARON



Family: Heather, Denis, Jeremy, Stephanie, and Sadie

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has been building relationships with teachers and my friends. When I think back on my high school experience, I won't remember the 100 I got on a test. I'll remember mornings in physics watching music videos with Mr. Locke, political discussions with

Mr. Fregly, Mock Trial Sundays with Mrs. Mulondo and the team, and Christmas crafts with Miss Altmann. Those experiences that I had with my classmates and teachers are what make high school memorable.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment of high school so far is getting accepted to UChicago's Emerging Rural Leaders scholarship program. It meant a lot that a girl from Tully could get into a highly selective program like that. (Thanks for writing my letter of recommendation Mr. Locke.)

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I'm thirty I hope that I have my doctorate degree and I am working. I hope I am financially stable enough to have gotten married, maybe had kids, and definitely bought a dog.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? I would invite Michelle Obama, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg to dinner. They are all incredibly strong women who have left their mark on the U.S., and I would like to get advice and just chat with them.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is my mom. She is one of the best people I know, and she is everything I want to be when I am older.

Senior Spotlight - THOMAS McKENNA



Family: Johanna, Tom, Frank, John, and Grace

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? Enlisting in the Army National Guard the summer before my senior year because I've always wanted to serve my country and that will allow me to do so while also being a full time college student earning my first degree.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I plan to attend St. Bonaventure University majoring in Business Management. I also plan to do Army ROTC during college and upon graduation be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Ultimately, I want to go into a law enforcement career at the state or federal level.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? I'd invite my grandma and my Uncle Frank because both of them died before I was born and all I've ever heard about them were positive things. I'd just want to see what they were like.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is my Uncle Frank who passed away before I was born; but the things I've heard about him makes him my hero. Throughout high school and college, he was super smart and super athletic, and was the best at everything he did. He went on to be accepted in the NYS Trooper academy. He graduated the top of his class, and most of all, he was liked by everyone. Sadly, he was killed in a car crash a couple years after becoming a trooper. He's my hero because not only do I want to go into law enforcement like him, but I want to strive to be the best at everything I do just like he did.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) News



During the month of November, Tully FFA members competed in nine different career development events to test their knowledge and skills in a variety of agricultural topics. Here are the (long awaited) results:

4th Place Teams – Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Poultry, Welding and Floriculture with Jeremiah Dennis placing 2nd individually in Welding and Ella Hall placing 3rd individually in Floriculture. 3rd Place Teams – Meats Identification and Wildlife Identification with Cheyenne McCormick placing 4th individually in Wildlife, and Lila Greczyn and Tristan Hendricks tying for 11th place. In Junior Extemporaneous Speaking, Elise Spencer placed 3rd in the state. Finally, our Nursery/Landscape Team placed 1st, with Stephen Coffin, Ella Hall, and Cheyenne McCormick tying for 6th place, and Katherine Haier being named the top individual in this event.

Congratulations to all competitors! We look forward to even more success for Tully FFA this school year!

Student Council Food Drive

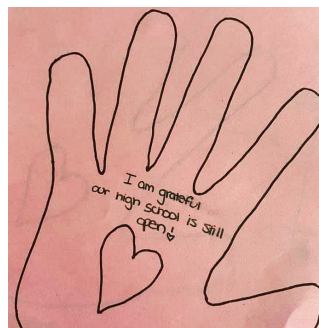
Each year the JH Student Council sponsors a food drive around the holidays to help the Tully community, and there is always a little fun competition involved. The only difference this year was how the Student Council went about doing it. During a normal year, students would collectively pull together in homeroom classes to bring the most nonperishable items to win a breakfast party. Last year's competition was very close, alternating between two homerooms for the most amount each day.

This year, it was an individual endeavor with students earning a raffle ticket for each item brought. Over five very full boxes were donated to the Food Pantry at St. Leo's Church this year! The students who won the raffle were Carly Bastedo, Michael Reid, and Iris Costello. Thank you to all students who participated!

"Handing Out" Gratitude with Teen Institute

The holiday season is always a time to reflect and be grateful, which is what the Teen Institute asked other JSHS students and staff to do. During lunches, and through email, students and staff participated in the Gratitude Hands Project by writing what they are most thankful for on printed hands.

After being turned in, a bulletin board displayed all the colorful gratitude hands, allowing others to see just how much we could be grateful for, even in a time of uncertainty.



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

ATHLETICS

Black Knight Athlete Signings

The Tully Black Knight Class of 2021 has four athletes who have signed their National Letters of Intent (NLI) to become student athletes at Division 1 college/universities in the Fall of 2021. Tully also has several other senior athletes that will be committing to compete in collegiate athletics in the fall of 2021. A complete list of all athletic commitments will be published at a later date.



Jack Babbage (2018 TBK Graduate)
Quinnipiac University, Men's Ice Hockey



Will Hardy
Jacksonville University, Men's Lacrosse

Start/End Dates

Fall 2: March 1, 2021 - April 24, 2021

Spring: April 19, 2021 - June 30, 2021

Fall 2 Coaching Staff:

Head Varsity Football - Brad Keysor

Asst. Varsity Football - Jeff Russell

Asst. Varsity Football - DJ Charles

Head Modified Football -

Stewart Snyder

Asst. Modified Football - Nick Zupan

Varsity Volleyball - Jeremy Cook

JV Volleyball - TBA

JH Volleyball - 8th Grade -TBA

JH Volleyball - 7th Grade - Sue Hardy

Girls' Varsity Indoor Track -

Michelle Rauber

Boys' Varsity Indoor Track - Jim Paccia



Tessa Mucha
Saint Michael's College, Women's Ice Hockey



Brooke Rauber
NC State University, Women's Cross Country

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 2020-21 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. Additionally, we will conduct lockout drills, during which faculty and staff practice securing the perimeter of the schools. Concurrent to these safety drills, faculty and staff receive training on what to do in crisis situations. During this school year, we will be modifying these drills to incorporate social distancing measures.

Mr. Raymond Herrick will again serve as our Director of School Security and Safety this year. Mr. Herrick is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of our safety drills and for conducting faculty/staff training. He works closely with our social workers, 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.

At the start of this school year, we hired two school monitors to assist with increased traffic flow during the morning drop off and afternoon pickup. Mr. Michael Rankin and Mr. Glen Wintermute both joined our staff back in September. Mr. Rankin has many years of experience with one of our local fire departments and Mr. Wintermute has many years of experience in law enforcement. Their primary responsibility has been to ensure that traffic flow on campus is safe and orderly. Given the increased number of parents driving children to and from school as a result of the current pandemic, Mr. Rankin's and Mr. Wintermute's efforts have been crucial.

Finally, this school year we again have our School Health & Safety Committee in place. This committee includes representatives from the Board of Education, the Tully Fire Department, 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 to investigate and follow up on any safety concerns related to ongoing construction on our school campus.

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

Robert Hughes,
Superintendent of Schools
Phone: 315.696.6204 • Email: rhughes@tullyschools.org

2020-2021 Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2023	Mrs. E. (Fay) Burt 5335 Nichols Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-440-6149
2023	Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella 1135 Sky High Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-8540
2022	Mrs. Denise Cardamone 6368 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-5599
2021	Mr. Donald Cole 64 State St, Tully, NY 13159 315-238-7068
2022	Mr. Michael Dziok 4938 Vesper Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-796-9177
2021	Mr. Matthew VanBeveren 5461 Lake Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-5745
2021	Mr. Edward Wortley, II 982 Dutch Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-8609

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.

2020-2021

July 1, 2020
July 27, 2020
August 24, 2020
August 28, 2020
September 21, 2020
October 13, 2020
October 26, 2020
November 23, 2020
December 21, 2020
January 25, 2021
February 8, 2021
March 1, 2021
March 22, 2021
April 19, 2021
May 10, 2021
May 18, 2021
June 21, 2021

**Check the school
website for updates:
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Tully Free Library

12 State Street • 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

Happy New Year to you all from the staff at the 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 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.

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



Tully Parks and Recreation Update

The Tully Rec Department is hopeful that we will be able to offer a basketball program for boys and girls in Kindergarten - 6th grade at some point this year. At this time, we are waiting to see what regulations we have to follow to make our program as safe as possible. Any new information will be shared on our Tully Rec Facebook page and through email blasts.

Please feel free to contact the Rec Dept with questions: tulyparksrec@gmail.com

Tully Parks and Recreation has decided NOT to run Ski Club this year due to uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Song Mountain is still offering the same discounted rates typically offered through our program for parents to purchase passes.

Contact Song Mountain for more information: 315-696-5711.

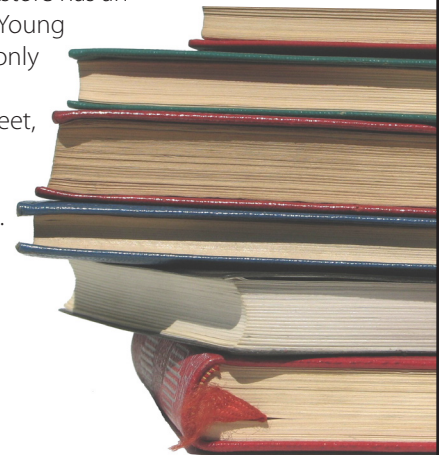
The Twice Read Bookstore

The Twice Read Bookstore has an abundance of very good Young Reader Books on sale for only \$.25 ea.

Stop in at 24 State Street, not only for these books, but to look through all other categories of books.

Stock up for your winter reading.

And remember, books make great gifts!



Article Submission Guidelines

To submit an article, email articles to Sherry Huggins at 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.

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



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JANUARY

**18 Martin Luther King Day
No School**

25 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

8 BOE Meeting, 6 PM

**15-19 Mid-Winter Recess
No School**

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