

# KNIGHT INSIGHT





#### 2020 Graduation Different but a Great Success

What an amazing end to a difficult year! Graduation at Tully has always been a traditional event but with state guidelines being enforced due to the pandemic, things looked very different this year. Administration, however, was determined to make it as memorable as possible for our seniors that missed out on so many "lasts." One major difference was that the ceremony was held outside in the parking lot, transitioning to the





front of the building. Students and family members had specific parking spots where they stayed in or by their vehicle for a beautiful rendition of the national anthem played by Nate Cattell on his saxophone, the valedictorian (Nicole Ball), salutatorian (lan Byrne), and class president (Grace Swan) speeches, and a surprise guest all the way from Nashville, Tennessee. Country singer Drew Baldridge sang his hit songs "Senior Year" and "Middle of Nowhere Kids" along with some words of encouragement that resonated with the seniors,

making their graduation one of the most memorable yet. Faculty and students made their way around the building with Tully Black Knight embroidered masks to the stage where they received their diplomas and had pictures taken with their families. They also picked up swag bags filled with treats made up by community donations. At the end of it all, students and families lined their cars up for a parade that was escorted by the Tully Fire Department and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department. They wound their way through town and towards Song Mountain where Peter Harris and staff entertained the seniors and their families with a ride to the top of the mountain for the amazing view and to take more pictures. With graduation being so different, fear of disappointment was on a lot of minds, but with all of the positive feedback that we received, we consider it a great success! *Graduation photos may be seen and downloaded for free off our Facebook page, Tully Central School District*.

#### **Thank You, Tully Community!**

What an amazing community we live in! We are so proud here at Tully CSD to see such a gathering of support in which we live! The con-

sensus all over the world was that students of all ages had a rough year and missed out on so many events including field trips, dances, and award ceremonies; but here in our community, the support that we saw built up our children and made them feel loved.

From signs and banners to colored lights at night, the Tully community rallied together to make this year memorable to all of our students. We spotted words of encouragement for Tully students at countless churches and places of business. Red light bulbs were free at Bloomin' Cup to light the night red in solidarity of our seniors and banners were spotted high in the sky and near the roadways supporting the Class of 2020. In addition, a Facebook page titled "Adopt a Tully Senior" was created by Colleen Eagan to help senior students understand they were not alone, which was a major success all thanks to our community.

Without our community and its support, our school district would not be as successful as it is. Tully CSD wants to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to each and every community member for their support, especially now during such uncertain times. Thank you, Tully Community! *Picture courtesy of Colleen Eagan*.



## **Tully PTO**

Hello families! We hope you are having a great summer and wanted to remind everyone that our Summer Reading program is in full swing! TES PTO has partnered with Mr. Keefe, school librarian, in developing an online system to encourage our child(ren) to track what they are reading. The website is: https://sites.google.com/k12.tullyschools.org/tully-elementary-library/summer-reading-2020

Be sure to encourage your child(ren) to continue reading throughout the summer. Each child will receive a prize at the beginning of the school year. The TES PTO typically meets during the school year, on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the break room. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and gladly accept tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation. As always, thank you for supporting the TES PTO.

## PTO "Plants" Staff Appreciation Garden



Tully Elementary's PTO didn't get to plan a traditional staff appreciation week this year but still wanted to show the parents' appreciation for everything the TES staff does for their students. They thought of creative ways to do this and came up with "planting" an appreciation garden.

The PTO used card stock to make apples, printed the names of staff on them, laminated them, and "planted" them in the yard in front of the breezeway. The apples were grouped by grade level and department. Many would agree, that we have the best apples in town!

## **6th Grade Moves Up**



June 16th was a big day for the sixth graders at Tully Elementary. Due to the unprecedented circumstances that have taken place in 2020 this year's sixth graders were

celebrated in a virtual fashion, which was a bit different from the live ceremonies of the past. Students and families were invited to join a video meeting in which each student's picture was displayed and their name announced by a teacher. In lieu of the traditional memories speeches that students gave on stage in the past, this year students were asked to record brief video clips about things they remembered from their time at TES. In addition, five students received special awards: Kodiak Ledbetter and Brooklyn Costello were awarded the Triple C Award from the NYS Attorney General's office in recognition of their commitment, character, and courage; and Sean Mize, Molly Verbanic, and Julia Wortley were awarded the Office of the New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award in recognition of their hard work, dedication, and success. Congratulations to all five recipients and best of luck to the graduating class of 2026!

## **Pre-K Bubble Parade**



During the last week of school via distance learning, the Pre-K Team paraded around the four corners of Tully and almost everywhere in-between to give the Pre-K students a Bubble Bye-Bye Parade. They drove to the homes of all the Pre-K Students and watched them pop bubbles as a way of saying, "Goodbye Pre-K! Hello Kindergarten!" Mrs. Hendricks, Miss Ward, Mrs. Breitzka, Mrs. Litz, and Mr. Kuty were so thrilled to see each smiling Pre-K student's face! While this year was unlike any other given the unique circumstances, especially

for the youngest and newest students, the Pre-K Team was excited to have the opportunity to see our students and wish them a happy summer! A special "Thank you!" to the grown-ups that kept this a surprise from the kids and for all their help during the past few months.



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#### 2020 Fall Coaching Staff

Head Varsity Football: Brad Keysor Assistant Varsity Football: Jeff Russell Assistant Varsity Football: DJ Charles Head JH Football: Stew Snyder Assistant JH Football: Nick Zupan

**Head Varsity Boys' Soccer:** Bill Donald **JV Boys' Soccer:** No JV Boys'Team in 2020

JH Boys' Soccer: Charlie Locke

**Head Girls' Varsity Soccer:** Ashley Brunelle

JV Girls' Soccer: Kaitlyn Mahns JH Girls' Soccer: Tim Villhauer

Golf: Don McClure

**Boys' Cross-Country:** Jim Paccia **Girls' Cross-Country:** Michelle Rauber

FB Cheerleading: Bettemae Russell

#### Registration For Fall Athletic Teams

Registration for Fall Athletics can be completed by going online and accessing Family ID which can be found on the Tully CSD home page under Athletics or on the Athletics page.

Active Registration for Fall Athletics OPENS starting on:

 Monday July 27, 2020 for JV & Varsity Fall Athletics and

 Monday August 10, 2020 for JH & Modified Fall Athletics

#### **Start Dates for Varsity and JV Fall Sports**

JV/V Start Date: Monday August 24, 2020 JH/Modified Start Date: Tuesday September 8, 2020

## TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

## JSHS Principal's Message



**Mary Ann Murphy** 

As I sit to write this message, I am struck by the notion that I have no idea exactly where to focus. We are all still processing and reflecting on the last few months of the 2019-2020 school year. We do not know what school will look like this September. We do not know how interscholastic sports and extracurricular activities will fit into student life at our school. We are worried about our students, parents, and staff if we have to embark upon distance learning again. We wonder how we are going to assure everyone that we are going to do our absolute best to meet the needs of all of our stakeholders.

Administrators from all over our area have been working together to share ideas for how to make school work for everyone in the fall. We will be sure to take many aspects of the educational process into consideration including, but not limited to: designing healthy spaces for physical, social, and mental well-being; implementation of technology into the curriculum in a way that is beneficial for students, parents, and teachers; clearly communicating expectations; and reflecting on how things are working and making adjustments as needed.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at the Junior Senior High School, we are grateful for the support and feedback we have received from our families. While we continue to wait for guidance from the state, please know that we have plans to involve students and parents in some way to get ideas and feedback. We recognize that their insights and input are necessary and valuable in making these very important decisions.

I hope everyone enjoys the remaining days of summer!

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

## **Class of 2020 Dedicates Yearbook to Fregly**

Each year, the seniors vote on a staff member that they would like to dedicate the yearbook to as a symbol of gratitude for the work they do for the students. Many times, a teacher is more than just a teacher; they are a confidant, a mentor, an advisor, and so many other things. This year, the students felt these titles were applicable to Mr. Fregly, one of our high school history teachers.

Students describe him as entertaining, genuine, engaging, and witty. The dedication page inside the yearbook states, "Mr. Fregly is an amazing teacher whose comedy and stories make the classroom feel like a home. He genuinely cares about his students and always has their best interests at heart." When the dedication took place, Mr. Fregly seemed very surprised that he was the recipient of the dedication, but very humbled and surprisingly (for those who know him well), speechless.

Congratulations, Mr. Fregly, for not only teaching students, but grabbing their attention.



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#### **Class of 2020 Future Plans**

Graduate's Name	Future Plans	Major
Joseph Argus	Alfred State College	Heavy Equipment
Nicole Ball	Uni. at Buffalo Honors College - SUNY	Bio-Chemistry/Pre-Med.
ris Bassett	SUNY Albany	International Business
Nicholas Benedetto	SUNY Oneonta	Biology
Rachel Biggs	University at Buffalo - SUNY	Occupational Therapy
Bryan Brame	Employment	
Coby Braun	SUNY Cortland	Sports Management
Noah Brothers	Gap Year	
an Byrne	·	nvironmental Engineering
Nathaniel Cattell	SUNY Purchase - Conservatory of Musi	c Music Education
Justin Chawgo	Employment	
Ashlynn Craig	Tompkins Cortland CC	Business
John Custer	Undecided	
Tagan Cutting	Gap Year	
Sarah Daddona	Nazareth College	Physical Therapy
Camryn Denick	Keuka College	ASL Interpreting
Ethan Depue	SUNY Morrisville	Liberal Arts
Jade Dillenbeck	LeMoyne College	Biology/PA Program
Nathan Dilmore	Gap Year	
Cameron Downey	SUNY Morrisville	Horticulture
Constantino Ferro	SUNY Oswego	Finance
Cassondra Fisher	Bryant & Stratton College	Business
Allison Gero	SUNY Oswego Commur	nication & Public Relations
_ogan Gillette	Military	
Sarah Karinsky	SUNY Oneonta	Secondary History
Travis Kent	Employment	
Allison Kolodziejczyk	SUNY Potsdam	Creative Writing
Kyle Koons	Employment	<u></u>
Taylor Kotary	University at Buffalo - SUNY	Psychology
Maggie Liddell	SUNY ESF	Conservation Biology
Brooke Malchak	SUNY Morrisville Early	Childhood Education
Amber Maloney	Employment	
Brookelynn Marshall	Employment	
Anna Moss	Brigham Young University	Pre-Medicine
Chelsea Phillips	Military	The Micarcine
Meagan Porter	Employment	
Marissa Scalza	SUNY Potsdam - Crane School of Music	Music Education
Ethan Selmser	Rensselear Polytechnic Institute	Civil Engineering
Jonah Shay		nstruction & Maintenance
Eleni Steenbergh	Onondaga Community College	Psychology
Grace Swan Angela Touchette	St. Bonaventure University	Psychology Sustainable Agriculture
	University of Maine	Sustainable Agriculture
Payton Vantassel		Early Childhood Education
Ethan Vaughn	Tompkins Cortland Community Colleg	
Kilee Walsh	LeMoyne College	Pre-Medicine
Hannah Weisbrodt	Employment	C
James Glenn	Wilson Tompkins Cortland CC	Sports Management
Emily Wolf	Broome CC Business	Information Management

#### Senior Trip Goes Virtual



The annual senior trip has always been an anticipated one for those graduating. Students vote at the beginning of each year on where they want to go for the trip. Past trips have included Cedar Point, Boston, and the Poconos.

This year, students voted to go to Boston with the New England Aquarium, Market Street, a Codzilla boat ride, a dinner/dance cruise, and Six Flags all on the agenda. It was all set for June 14 and 15, but plans were diverted when Boston began to shut down and Mrs. Bishop worried about the students' safety. Seniors that were attending the trip were upset to learn of the cancellation, and rightfully so.

Trying to keep spirits up, Mrs. Bishop created a virtual senior trip for them. The slideshow featured a poem written by Mrs. Bishop herself, strategically placing student names to add some humor. Videos of Market Street stuntmen, the Codzilla, New England Aquarium animals, and Six Flags rides were inserted into the slideshow so students could see the activities they would have participated in. At the end of the virtual trip, John Cena reads a Dr. Suess book and leaves a message to the graduates of 2020. Mrs. Bishop parts ways with Rascal Flatts's "My Wish," which may have left a few seniors in tears. She also sent the seniors an "Elementary Years" slideshow and a "Memories: Class of 2020" slideshow.

Thanks to Mrs. Bishop for coming up with a great way to make our seniors feel special during these times!

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## From the Superintendent



First, congratulations to the members of the Class of 2020. The Tully Community is proud of you and behind you 100% as you transition to the next stage of life. May your energy, creativity, and passions serve you well, and lead to much success and happiness.

Second, thank you to all who cast an absentee ballot in this year's annual budget vote and school board election. The Tully

Community approved the 2020-21 school budget and elected Elaine Fay Burt and Jane Byrne-Panzarella to serve three-year terms on the Tully Board of Education, beginning in July 2020. Mrs. Burt and Mrs. Byrne-Panzarella will each be serving in their second term on the school board. Congratulations to both of them.

Third, construction related to Phase 1 of our current Capital Project will be occurring over the summer. Here is a list of some of the items we anticipate will be completed prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year:

- The sidewalk between the Elementary School and the football field will be replaced.
- ♦ Some of the sidewalk on the State Street side of the Elementary School will be replaced.
- ♦ The entrance stairs on the southeastern side of the Elementary School will be replaced.
- ♦ A generator at the Elementary School will be installed.
- HVAC units that service common areas in the JSHS will be replaced.
- ♦ The bleachers in the JSHS main gym will be replaced and the main gym will be repainted.

Finally, a word of thanks to all of our students, parents, faculty, and staff for their hard work during the pandemic related school closure this past spring. The transition from in-person schooling to virtual learning was sudden and challenging. During the three months our schools were closed, we collectively worked to develop and implement a Pre-K – 12 distance learning program. While this was certainly not an ideal situation, I am proud of the way the Tully School Community worked together to support our students.

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#### 2020-2021 BOE Meetings

Meetings are held at the Tully Junior/Senior HS at 6:00 p.m. Dates are subject to change; additional special meetings scheduled as-needed. Check the school website for updates.

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

#### **Wellness Day 2020**



Wellness Day 2020 was held virtually on May 29 district-wide. This day was set aside to allow students, staff, and families to take a break from the "normal" curriculum and focus on their well-being. The Wellness Team put together two websites (one for each school) with several activities and resources that were age-appropriate. The activities focused on mind and body, which many who participated in, enjoyed thoroughly. Activities included were: yoga, scavenger hunts, healthy eating, making stress balls, worry jars, and gratitude jars, and so many others. Students and staff were encouraged to share their activities with the Wellness Team and others. Once submitted, a slideshow was put together of all the activities and was shared. Students who shared their activities were put into a random drawing for a gift certificate from Samantha's Treats and Sweets right here in Tully. Winners from the elementary were Kavik Gallagher and Riley Carpenter. Winners from the JSHS were Carina Scalza and Addison Shaw. Congratulations to them! We were so very happy to see so many of our students and staff participate in a very-much needed Wellness Day! Picture courtesy of Leona Devine.

#### **BOE Members 2020-2021**

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

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#### Farewell, Mrs. Flaherty!



Mrs. Flaherty was a Tully employee in the District Office leading up to her retirement back in December 2019. She worked for the district for 18 years completing tasks such as tax collector, account clerk, and secretary to the Business Administrator. Before she left, the entire clerical group joined together at Sweet Basil's for a Christmas dinner where they acknowledged her retirement. In addition, the District Office treated her to a retire-

ment lunch at Kelly's. Her coworkers will remember her as fun-loving, kind, and owning a sense of humor comparable to none. Mrs. Flaherty kicked off her retirement with her first cruise ever to the Caribbean. Most likely she will continue to travel, spend time with her family, and ride her motorcycle with her husband. Tully was sad to see her go but wish her all the best! Thank you for your service, Mrs. Flaherty!

#### Farewell, Mrs. Harty!



Mrs. Harty has been an asset to Tully for many years (30 to be exact) and to see her retire is bittersweet. She has been in multiple positions throughout her years here but as of late, was the computer lab teaching assistant, yearbook advisor, and technical guru for the teachers and students. Staff and faculty had a virtual send off for her which was full of good memories, pictures, video messages from

her co-workers, and a much-anticipated original song by Mr. Paccia. Mrs. Harty was not only a great asset to the school district; she was a great friend to many. We will miss her smile, her laughter, and the joy she brought to the conversations had; however, we know that retirement will bring her many joys as she spends time with her family and travels. Tully CSD thanks you for your dedication!

#### Food Bank of CNY Giveaway at Tully JSHS

Food banks all across NY have been doing milk, produce, and meat giveaways to those in need. Recently, Tully JSHS was a site for one of these giveaways, seeing approximately 600 cars. Cars began lining up at 11:00 a.m. even though the event didn't start until 3:00 p.m. By 4:15 p.m., only milk was left. Each car was given two gallons of milk, a 22-lb box of produce that consisted of potatoes, onions, apples, oranges, carrots, brocolli, and salad, among other items, and a 10-lb box of meat, which was diced chicken. Other sites in the immediate area were set up in Lafayette and Otisco. The giveaway was made available by the Food Bank of CNY. Tully Rotary and Tully Central School District administrators and staff volunteered to set up, distribute, and guide the traffic flow through the parking lot. Many thanks to those who volunteered and donated to make this event successful in helping to feed the community of Tully!

#### **Summer 2020 Pesticide Notice**

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The Tully Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the Tully Central School District pesticide representative, Mr. Jerry Bishop, at: 20 State Street, Tully, NY 13159, 696-6218, jbishop@tullyschools.org or Fax 696-6253.

Name:
Day Phone:
E-Mail Address:

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## **Tully Transportation Delivers**



With the turn of events in the spring, Tully's transportation department took the task of delivering needed supplies and food to our students. There were many factors when deciding how to deliver but the primary focus was how to do it safely and efficiently. Protocols were set in place for food delivery, school work delivery, and later on, school work pick up. All contract drivers pitched in to help in the effort, proud of the job they do for the district. Mr. Bailey, bus dispatcher, believes that Tully has "a tremendous crew of friendly, conscientious, and safe drivers." When designing the routes to deliver meals and school work, they tried to match parts of the normal routes so the drivers were not only familiar with the route themselves, but so the drivers could potentially see their bus kids at some point. After each run, the buses were disinfected. The transportation department is now looking ahead to what summer and the reopening of school might look like. Whatever that may be, they are ready for the task that lies ahead!

#### Tully's Food Service Helps Keep Students Fulfilled

Tully CSD has strived to keep education and mental health a priority during unsure times, but they have also fulfilled other needs such as delivering healthy meals to students who need them. Tully's food service team has prepared approximately 190 breakfasts and hot lunches to deliver each weekday. Mr. Kennedy, Tully's food service manager, says his staff is phenomenal, "They all wanted to continue working and were glad to still be able to feed the students." Some of the staff even got to make a few of the delivery runs and see the students. Mr. Kennedy explains that the change of process from feeding student in-house to at home was a substantial one, "We took the core of our operation and did a 180." With two days to coordinate transportation, plan meals, and let the community know about their endeavors, the food service team became an efficient "Tully Grubhub." The food service team worked closely with the transportation department, sharing a master delivery sheet to make sure all Tully students were taken care of. Tully is proud of their food service team, as they have worked so very hard to keep the students fulfilled!

## Tully Parks and Recreation

The Tully Parks and Recreation Department has full intentions to offer a Fall Soccer program for boys and girls in grades K - 6th, starting in September 2020.

We are not 100% sure what NYS will allow, but the Rec Dept. will work to modify our current soccer format to allow for a Fall 2020 program. Registration will take place in August. If your child has participated in the past, look for an email with information on how to register. Registration information will also be posted to the Tully Parks and Recreation Facebook page. If you haven't received Parks and Recreation emails in the past, please feel free to send your email address to tullyparksrec@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Modified Library Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Tully Free Library**

12 State Street • tullyfreelibrary.org • 315-696-8606

There's just a couple weeks left of our 2020 Summer Reading Program, "Imagine Your Story." We hope you enjoyed our virtual events this month, the presentations from the MOST and the ZOO! Thanks to everyone who participated this summer; while we had to do things a bit differently this year, our goal was still the same – to promote a love of reading, inspire wonder, and spark curiosity of the world around us to indeed, help you to "imagine your story."

You'll be able to collect your raffle tickets between August 10 and 14, and our prize drawing will be held on Monday, August 17th. Please check our website for more information and a list of prizes. (Adult Summer Reading Bingo ends August 31st).

#### Curbside pickup is still ongoing at the library.

You can order your books online and then call us to arrange a pickup time, or you can call and ask us to pick out a book for you! It's always nice to have a book to read on a lazy, summer day. We have a nice collection of graphic novels for kids and teens, lots of young adult fiction and non-fiction, and you can always order a book from another library and pick it up here.

Feel free to contact us with any questions at 315-696-8606, email us at tullyfree@tullyfreelibrary.org, or find us on Facebook.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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#### TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

