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**Graduation is  
Friday, June  
24th at 7pm**

**-Tickets Required-**

**New for  
2016-17  
School  
Year:**

**All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade MUST have the meningococcal vaccine. Without it, they can't start school.**

**The Vaccine:** It is not a new vaccine. It has been recommended for a decade. Most parents already choose to vaccinate. What's new is that the vaccine will now be required for school entry as of September 1, 2016. **Meningococcal Disease:** It causes bacterial meningitis and other serious diseases. Teens and young adults are at greater risk. It comes on quickly and without warning. Its symptoms are similar to the flu. **Check with your doctor.** Even students who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school. To learn more visit [health.ny.gov/immunize](http://health.ny.gov/immunize)

## 12 Angry Jurors

The Tully Senior High Drama Club closed its season with a production of *12 Angry Jurors*, an adaptation of Reginald Rose's 1957 film *12 Angry Men*. The play calls into question the equity of our modern judicial system as the jury room becomes a crucible in which each juror's prejudices and ideals are exposed, leading to a very dramatic climax.

The performers prepared for their roles by inviting SUNY Cortland's Dr. Mecke Nagel to speak about the history and current state of the prison system. Dr. Nagel teaches social philosophy and is an advocate for underrepresented groups in Cortland County.



## NASA Essay Contest Winners

As part of the solar system unit for Grade 7 Science, students researched and wrote essays on the Cassini Solstice Mission for the United States "Scientist for a Day" essay contest. They were required to argue and justify their choice for a specific camera target at either Saturn or Jupiter, on an upcoming Cassini spacecraft mission in December. The top essays for each period were submitted to the contest and judged on content, accuracy, grammar, spelling, and length by scientists at NASA.

Out of more than 1,150 student submissions from 31 states, six of the 11 essays submitted by Tully students were selected for the Grade 7-8 overall semi-finalist category. Tully students comprised 25% of the total of Grade 7-8 overall semi-finalists, and helped to make Tully one of the two schools, from across the country, with the most finalists and semi-finalists. Semi-finalists are Annie Coppola, Lizzie Caron, Moira McAninch, Natalie Slazik, Gillian Wintermute, and Lauren Yonko.

More information on the Cassini Solstice Mission, the contest and the list of winners can be found at <http://saturn-archive.jpl.nasa.gov/education/scientistforaday2015/winners201516/>.





## Renewable or Nonrenewable: Choose Your Superpower

What power is best for our Earth? Ask a fourth grade superhero in Mrs. Baritell's, Mrs. Fowler-Conner's and Mrs. Storrier's classes, and they will tell you! Earlier in the spring, our fourth graders set out to learn about the energy options available, as well as the benefits and drawbacks.

Students began their energy adventure with "hands-on" learning stations in collaboration with Mrs. Podsiedlik from TREP. These stations allowed them to better understand energy, and how it transfers and transforms. The next step was to learn more about renewable and nonrenewable energy resources through research. So, off to the computer lab and library they went. Once notetaking was completed, fourth graders created a magazine with two completely different writing pieces; one informational piece and one persuasive piece. The last step was to collaborate with peers, in order to create public service announcements to persuade viewers to choose a "superpower"!

Families were treated to "powerful" presentations and hands-on experiments showcasing student learning. They were even asked to provide written feedback to our student writers! By evening's end, many students could be heard persuading families to change to a renewable energy source in order to save the Earth!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Middle School Team Building Event



*were a mix of fifth and sixth graders. It's good to know how to work with people that are older and younger than you."*

The learning circuits were followed by a barbecue lunch. A shout out to Mrs. Cox for providing the hotdogs and Mr. Birdsall for grilling.

Fifth and sixth grade students took advantage of the warm streak in February and participated in outdoor community building activities. Students worked together to complete a circuit of six different stations designed to build communication, trust, confidence, and self control.

Here is what some of the students had to say about the experience:

*"I learned that you have to use teamwork throughout life. You are going to have to work with other people. It's not always you, but you have to learn to communicate with them."* - Adrianna

*"We had to work together a lot. It was hard, but it was kind of cool."* - Iris

*"My favorite part of the day was team building because we*



## Class of 2016 Salutatorian and Valedictorian

### Salutatorian – Danielle Bedford



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

Academically, Danielle is a superior student and has taken honors and accelerated courses in every core area offered at Tully High School. This year she is juggling AP Chemistry, AP Calculus, and OCC Literature/AP English. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed as she is a member of both the Spanish and

National Honor Societies.

When Danielle is not in the classroom, she is a contributing and devoted member to several activities. She is a member of International Club, Yearbook Committee, Teen Institute, and Student Council. Athletically, she competes in lacrosse and volleyball.

Outside of school she has spent countless hours volunteering for Crouse Hospital and for the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Danielle plans on attending St. John Fisher College and to major in Nursing.

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

### Valedictorian – Ashleigh Crawford



It is with great pleasure that we recognize Tully Junior-Senior High School's Class of 2016 valedictorian, Ashleigh Crawford. Ashleigh has embraced taking academically challenging courses. Her senior year finds her taking AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, and OCC Literature/AP English. Ashleigh dedicates many hours to her academics and this commitment has paid off. Last spring she was inducted into the Spanish and National Honor Societies. She also was

the recipient of the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award.

Outside of academics, perhaps Ashleigh's star has shined the brightest on the Varsity Cross Country and Track teams. She is a stellar runner leading her teams to many titles and championships. Ashleigh is also a contributing member of Interact Club, Teen Institute, International Club, and Yearbook. Through the Interact Club she has volunteered extensively for the Tully community.

Ashleigh plans on attending Lehigh University and majoring in Engineering.

Way to go Ashleigh and good luck in all of your future endeavors.

## News from the School Cafeteria

### Benefits of Breakfast

Eating breakfast can help improve math, reading, and standardized test scores. Children who eat breakfast are more likely to behave better in school and get along with their peers, than those who do not. Breakfast helps children pay attention, perform problem-solving tasks, and improves memory. Children who eat school breakfasts are likely to have fewer absences and incidents of tardiness than those who do not. By eating breakfast, students get more of the important nutrients, vitamins and minerals, such as calcium, dietary fiber, folate and protein. Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast on a regular basis are less likely to be overweight. More information is available on the Food Service web page. Breakfast is available every school day!

## Athletic Physicals

Each Tully student planning on playing interscholastic athletics is required to have an annual physical. The Tully Family Practice will be offering free "walk in" physicals to our student athletes in August on the following days:

**Monday 8/1/16- 6:00-8:00pm**

**Thursday 8/4/16- 6:00-8:00pm**

**Monday 8/8/16- 6:00-8:00pm**

**Thursday 8/11/16- 6:00-8:00pm**

No need to call for an appointment. Of course, each family reserves the right to use their own family doctor if preferred. Up to date, valid physical forms must be presented to the HS Nurse prior to the start of your son or daughters athletic season.

## Students Who Have Taken OCC Courses

Reminder—students must request transcripts to be sent from OCC to their prospective college, in order to be awarded college credit. Any questions, please contact the Counseling & Career Center.

## Luncheon with Tully Retired Citizens

On Friday, April 22nd, members of the Class of 2016 traveled over to Tully United Community Church, for a luncheon with retired Tully citizens. Both Tully students and Tully senior citizens bonded over lunch and dessert. Friendships were established, and students and retired citizens bonded over playing cards and games!



## Tully Junior-Senior High School Academic Achievement Awards Night

The Tully Junior-Senior High School Academic Achievement Awards Night was held on Thursday May 12th. Ninth through twelfth grade students were honored with several awards including Outstanding Achievement or Academic Promise awards from their teachers.

The President's Award for Academic Excellence was given to juniors and seniors who have a 90+ average and are currently enrolled in language, math, or science. Junior scholarships from eight New York state colleges were awarded. Also in collaboration with local business and the support of Tully Junior-Senior High School staff, twelve distinguished achievement scholarships in different academic areas were given to seniors. All in all, 55% of the student body was recognized. Congratulations to all students who were honored.

## 8th Grade Wonderworks Field Trip



On April 22, 2016 the eighth graders visited the Wonderworks Museum at Destiny, USA for our third annual trip!

Students thoroughly enjoyed the Bubble Room where they learned that the colors in bubbles "are actually reflections and refractions of the light around the bubble. The colors show how thick, or thin, the bubble wall is" (Wonderworks). Students tested their speed and aim by throwing and kicking in the Virtual Sports section. They were even able to see how their skills matched up with the statistics for professional athletes. The Wonder

Coaster, a virtual roller coaster experience, and the 4D Theater with full motion seats were the students' favorite activities of the day!

Chelsea Phillips summed up the day nicely saying, "I had fun while learning, too!"

## Last Junior High Dance of the Year!

Junior High Student Council Officers Angela Touchette, Grace Swan, Sarah Daddona, Jade Dillenbeck, Lizzy Caron, Addy Shaw, Ellie Moss, and Julia Dietz decided to have a Mardi Gras themed celebration as the final Junior High dance of the year on April 15, 2016. For our 8th graders, this was their last junior high dance ever, so it had to be memorable! Students were given colorful, decorative masks and beads at arrival, and the lobby area was decorated in black and white. Students enjoyed their "last chance to dance" and also participated in various gym games. It was a night to remember!



## Athletic News

### Fall Sport Start Dates:

- Varsity FB - Monday Aug. 15, 2016
- Varsity Golf - Monday Aug. 22, 2016
- Varsity Girls Soccer, Varsity Boys Soccer, JV Girls Soccer, JV Boys Soccer, Cheerleading and Boys & Girls XC will start the week of Aug. 15 or Monday Aug. 22, 2016.  
*\*\*Coach will inform athletes of their actual start date during the week.*
- JH Sports begin the first day of classes - Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016

### Athletic Combination

The Tully Modified FB team will be combining with LaFayette and Fabius in the fall. FB athletes in grades 7, 8 & 9 will practice and compete at Lafayette this fall. This decision has come due to declining enrollments at all 3 schools and the need for larger roster sizes in the sport of football to keep it safe for those participating.

LaFayette, Fabius and Tully have plans to combine at the varsity level of football beginning in the fall of 2017. The school districts are willing to create a JV football team in the fall of 2017 if the roster sizes allow.

### Cheerleading

The Tully CSD will continue our fall and winter cheer squads as "traditional" cheer teams. NYS now requires each cheer team to declare itself as a competitive team or a traditional team. Traditional cheer teams perform low risk floor cheers with the primary goal of interacting in a positive way with the crowd, creating a supportive athletic atmosphere while they encourage the team.

### Tully Spring NYS Scholar Athlete Teams (team GPA of 90 or higher)

- Varsity Softball
- Varsity Girls Lacrosse
- Varsity Boys Lacrosse
- Varsity Girls Track & Field
- Varsity Boys Track & Field

## NeXT Generation Lego League Wins Trophy



Pictured is team NeXT Generation, in squid hats, with friends from Australia, the Philippines, Brazil, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota.

Team *NeXT Generation*, nine kids ranging in age from 9-14 years old, traveled to St. Louis, MO to compete against 105 teams from 40 countries in the *FIRST Lego League World Championship*. The competition, which took place over 3 days, included running a Lego Mindstorms robot, which they built and programmed, on a competition table and presenting to a panel of judges in three areas: their innovative project, their core values, and the technical details about their robot.

The global theme for FLL this year was *Trash Trek*. Their project had to be an innovative way to solve a problem related to trash. The team's solution was to feed Styrofoam to mealworms to tackle the problem of Styrofoam in landfills. The foam, which is just like a carb to the mealworms, can be kept out of landfills and used to feed a self-sustaining colony of millions of worms. Just like you, mealworms can't live on carbs alone, so the team came up with a low cost way to feed protein and other vital nutrients to the mealworms: grow bacteria in solution and let the mealworms eat the Styrofoam and bacteria. Over the course of 7 months the team used 18,000 mealworms in their experiments to refine their ideas. The team now has a patent pending for their solution.

Team NeXT Generation thanks the Tully community for their phenomenal support as the team raised funds for the trip to St. Louis. It was gratifying to see the local community so supportive of an activity designed to get children excited about STEM.

Interested in joining the fun? Tully has four Jr. FLL teams (K-3rd grade) and four FLL teams (3rd -8th grade). Watch for signups in early June. If you are in grades 9-12, there is a high school level robotics team too, FIRST Tech Challenge team Precision Cut-Ups. See [tullyfirst.org](http://tullyfirst.org) for more details.

**We are offering Driver's Education again this summer through Onondaga Community College, in collaboration with Able II Driving School.**

**Driver's Education runs from Monday, June 27th through Tuesday, July 19th. There will be no class on July 4th.**

**The cost is \$459.**

**Students must be at least 16 years of age and hold a NYS Learner's Permit on the first day of instruction.**

**Students can register on-line at <http://www.sunyocc.edu/community> Forms can also be downloaded under Documents and faxed or mailed in.**

**Enrollment is first come, first serve as space is limited!**

## Tully Parks and Recreation: Summer & Fall Programs

Tully Parks and Recreation has several fun and exciting programs available for your child:

- ◆ **Swim Lessons** at Green Lake - starting July 4th
- ◆ **Ultimate Goal Soccer Camp** - July 25th to 28th
- ◆ **Fall Youth Soccer** - starting in Sept (but never too early to register)

### Ways to Register:

- Open Registration: June 11th 9:00 -11:00 am Tully Town Hall
- Town of Tully website: [www.townoftully.org](http://www.townoftully.org) (click the Parks/Rec link)
- Back Pack Express - forms will be sent home with your child

All registrations can be mailed to: Town of Tully, PO Box 536, Tully NY 13159

Check out Tully Parks and Recreation on Facebook!

**If interested in receiving email blasts about current and upcoming programs, please email [tullyparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:tullyparksrec@gmail.com) with your name/email address!!**

## BOARD of EDUCATION

### Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in the Junior/Senior High School Library at 6:00 pm. Dates, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis. Check the school website for updates.

- **June 7, 2016**
- **June 20, 2016**

### Board Members

*\*Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2019

Mr. Mark Drumm, President  
(315) 696-5958

2017

Mr. James Bertolo, Vice President  
(315) 696-8786

2019

Mrs. Denise Cardamone  
(315) 696-5599

2018

Mrs. Carrie Edinger  
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2017

Mr. Steven Pierce  
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2018

Mr. Matthew VanBeveren  
(315) 696-5745

2018

Mr. Edward Wortley, II  
(315) 696-8609

2016

Miss Cassidy McGinn  
Student Ex Officio Member

## Tully Youth Football League REGISTRATION

**MAY 21st & JUNE 11th**

at the Town Pavilion  
or online after May 21st at  
[www.tullyfootball.com](http://www.tullyfootball.com)



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| FLAG TEAM: K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (NOT TACKLE) ..... | \$30 |
| JUNIOR TACKLE: 10 years old and under .....           | \$95 |
| SENIOR TACKLE: 12 years old and under .....           | \$95 |
| JUNIOR CHEER: .....                                   | \$65 |
| SENIOR CHEER: .....                                   | \$65 |

For more info, contact: Steve Pierce at 315-575-0728 or Scott Kennedy at 315-378-7367.

## Article Submission Guidelines

Welcome to the return of the printed Knight Insight. Many of you have requested your preference for the return to printed issues. We will also continue to put them on the school website.

The next issue will be the July/August 2016 issue. **Article are due into the district office by June 27, 2016.** We must adhere to the deadline in order to publish each issue in a timely manner. All material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

If you would like to submit an article, please email articles to Mary Fisher at the Tully Central School District Office at [mfisher@tullyschools.org](mailto:mfisher@tullyschools.org)

If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6204.

It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Please do not capitalize all the words in the article. Please do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article. **Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.**



## Alumni News

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



## From the Desk of the Superintendent



Thank you to all who voted on May 17th. Our school budget was approved by 70 % of our voters, and two of our incumbent school board members were re-elected. These two board members will each serve another three year term, beginning in July 2016. Our two returning board members are Mark Drumm and Dee Cardamone. Congratulations to each of them, and thank you to each of them for the work they do as board members.

As we look forward to the upcoming summer, there are three small capital projects that we are hoping to have completed prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year. The first is the transition from our current analogue phone system, to a voice over internet protocol (VoIP) phone system. The second is the installation of an updated video surveillance system. The third is the installation of an updated card access security system.

Our current phone, video surveillance, and card access systems are each about a decade old. These three systems have served us well over the years, but each is starting to fail, and in doing so each has become increasingly more difficult and expensive to maintain. Parts for these three existing systems are difficult to find, and there are fewer and fewer qualified technicians available to work on these three systems. Additionally, technology has advanced over the past decade, and while our current systems were state of the art when initially installed, they are now each quite outdated.

In terms of financing these three projects, we will be using a combination of SmartSchools Bond money, and money from our existing repair reserve. Additionally, we should be able to use some of the existing infrastructure to support these updated systems (wiring, mounting boxes, data drops, etc.) in order to contain costs.

Looking a little further down the road, we have spent much time this school year planning for a much larger capital project. This would be a capital project, with construction slated for the spring, summer, and fall of 2018. In order to meet this timeline, we would need to propose a project to the community, for a vote, sometime during the 2016-2017 school year.

For the past 12 months, our capital project committee has been working with a local architectural firm (Robertson, Apgar, Strong) to define the scope of this potential capital project. So far, the scope includes replacing most of our existing roofs, repaving most of our parking lots, updating our elementary school heating system, repointing the brickwork on our buildings, replacing our older doors and windows, updating many of our bathroom facilities, updating our smoke/fire alarm systems, and reconfiguring our elementary school office, to allow for a more secure elementary school main entrance. Much of this work can be classified as general maintenance and upkeep of our school facilities.

Our goal with this future capital project is to ensure that our schools remain safe, clean, well maintained learning environments for our students. Our challenge is achieving this goal in a way that is cost effective, yet focused on quality design and construction. Certainly there will be more to come on this topic, including public forums during the fall of 2016, which have not yet been scheduled. For now, I just wanted to make you aware of the planning we have been doing.

I hope you are able to enjoy the remainder of the 2015-16 school year and the upcoming summer. As always, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

**Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools**

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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

*June*

|         |     |  |          |       |                                  |
|---------|-----|--|----------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Wed     | 1   | Pops Concert and Art Show, 7pm                           | Thurs    | 9     | BLOCKT Awards, 6:30-9:30pm       |
| Fri     | 3   | Band Concert<br>Yearbook Dedication and Senior Breakfast | Mon      | 13    | Last Day of Classes, Grades 6-12 |
| Sat/Sun | 4-5 | Girls of Summer Lacrosse Tournament                      | Tues/Wed | 14-22 | Regents Exams                    |
| Tues    | 7   | Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 6pm              | Mon      | 20    | Board of Education Meeting, 6pm  |
| Wed     | 8   | Jr/Sr High School Music Awards, 6:30pm                   | Thur     | 23    | Rating Day                       |
|         |     |  | Fri      | 24    | Graduation                       |