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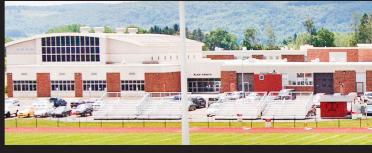


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National Junior Honor Society



New National Junior Honor Society members were inducted at an evening ceremony on Thursday March 30th. Parents and administrators welcomed the group of 23 eighth graders. Tully Central School District congratulates the following students for their outstanding accomplishments.

Bailey Albro Carly Bastedo Emma Bielecki Elizabeth Caron Stephen Coffin Annaleia Coppola Julia Dietz Nicole Edinger Madeleine Erno Lilly Fowler-Conner Katherine Haier William Hardy Brendyn Huggins Moira McAninch Elisabeth Moss Tessa Mucha Joseph Murray

Brooke Rauber Addison Shaw Jaden Teeter Tiernan Tobin Lauren Yonko Clara Zook

School Physicals

Your child will need a physical to participate in a sport, get working papers, or enter 7th or 10th grade. Physicals will **NOT** be done at the high school this year. Instead, *Tully Family Practice* will be conducting them in their office. You can call for an appointment or use the walk in hours.

Tully Family Practice Walk In Hours: **Mon, July 31 & Aug 7** from 6:30-8pm; Loretta Edinger, FNP-C

Thurs, Aug 3 & 10 from 6:30-8pm; Dr. James Edinger

Please note, if your child plans on participating in a sport during the 2017-18 school year and chooses to go to his/her own physician, the completed physical form must be on file in the HS Health Office before the first day of practice. Additionally, if your child is entering 7th or 10th grade, please have the completed physical form by the first day of school, Wednesday, Sept 6, 2017. Physical forms may be dropped off at the JSHS main office, during the summer months, between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm.

Senior High Drama Club

The Tully Senior High Drama Club closed its season with a production of Arsenic and Old Lace, a hilarious comedy about two sweet, charming aunts whose stuffy



nephew discovers the skeletons in their closet. The show was a huge success, with more than 150 people in attendance.

Working tirelessly for weeks in preparation for opening night, the performers interpreted the play, selected costumes, memorized lines, and provided one another with lots of laughs and moral support. Several community members and students contributed their time and talent by making and moving props as well as building and putting the finishing touches on our two-story set! Special thanks to Ying Chen, Glen Ferguson, Alan Coffin, Kitty Burns, David Franke, Monica Abrams, and Tom Abrams.

You won't want to miss next year's staging of The Curious Savage, so mark your calendars for November 17th and 18th!

All-County Music Festival



Three of our sixth grader students were selected to represent Tully Elementary School at the 2017 OCMEA All-County Music Festival. Daderick Ledbetter (trumpet), Michael Reid (clarinet), and Ryan Mize (tenor saxophone) were recommended by Mrs. Dardaris and selected to perform in a band comprised of the finest young musicians in Onondaga County.

The festival consisted of two days of intense rehearsals, culminating in a wonderful concert on April 8th at Corcoran High School. Congratulations to Daderick, Michael, and Ryan on being selected to represent our school district!

9th Annual Hoop Shoot

The 9th Annual March Madness Hoop Shoot, sponsored by our Elementary School Character Council, concluded on April 7. During the weeks leading up to the event, students earned tickets to participate in the Hoop Shoot by demonstrating positive character traits such as perseverance, patience, and tolerance. In the final competition on April 7, our elementary students were once again victorious over the teachers, with a final score of 128-100. Fourth grader Logan Bowers had the high student score of 24 baskets.



Autism Awareness Month

Students in one of Mrs. Konefal's classes recently learned about autism, as a way to kick off Autism Awareness month. Students had expressed an interest in learning about a new character on the television show Sesame Street named Julia. Julia has autism and the other characters on Sesame Street go through the process of learning how to be a good friend to Julia by accepting, understanding and teaching others, young and old, about autism. Our students watched an episode of Sesame Street introducing Julia, then read an article by the Autism Society of America, entitled "Growing Up Together". This article discussed what autism is, how each person with autism is different from one another, but more importantly, how others can be a good friend to someone with autism.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



My, how the school year has flown by. I can't believe that the school year is almost at an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at TES and can't wait to begin year two! We have a lot of exciting new things coming in 2017-2018, including pre-kindergarten, a 1:1 Chromebook initiative in 4th grade, new science learning standards, and a

makerspace! More information on these new programs will come in a fall edition of the Knight Insight. I thought that it would be appropriate to briefly summarize the 2016-2017 school year in this issue, and I would like to share with you the message that I wrote to the students in the yearbook:

What a year...... 2016-2017 has been at Tully Elementary School! First, I want to thank everyone for welcoming me this year as your new principal. It has been a pleasure to come to school every day and learn so much from each of you and we have shared a number of memories! Morning meetings helped you to get to know each other better and build our community. We held school-wide meetings each month centered around the movie, Toy Story. Character Council organized a number of events such as Ugly Sweater Day, SU Spirit Day, March Madness, and Family Fun Day. Another event, the canned food drive, resulted in a school reward of watching the Toy Story movie. We enjoyed sing-a-longs, concerts, and drama productions together. And, of course, you all learned so much and grew as students and citizens. As a final message for the year, I hope that each and every one of you will remember that always wherever you may go after TES, "You've Got a Friend in Me!"

Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal

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Faculty Spotlight

TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Ann Murphy

As we say farewell to the Class of 2017 and prepare to welcome in the class of 2023, it is a good time to reflect on the past school year. The seniors started the year off with college application preparations, career or military exploration and now as the year draws to a close, they are beginning to realize their dreams. The Junior Senior High School staff worked all year enhancing literacy skills in their content areas. The social studies department continued to implement new changes in curriculum while the science department readied itself for changes that are forthcoming over the course of the next several years. Our seventh graders piloted computer-based testing of the New York state assessments with great success. Our music program put on four excellent concerts and our drama department performed three outstanding shows on stage. We began the process of creating a makerspace in our library by trying out some specialized kits from BOCES including borrowing a drone that was used by students to take a video of our school campus. The

Academic Decathlon team made it to the state finals again this year while our Mock Trial team continues to improve as each year goes by. Out of 17 varsity athletic teams, ten received the New York State Scholar Athlete Award this year, showing that success in the classroom ultimately leads to success on the field or court.

As we look forward to next year, we will continue implementing new changes in curriculum that are coming in several different content areas. We will begin the first phase of a 1:1 initiative of having Chromebooks for freshmen and their teachers to seamlessly infuse technology into instruction. We will also continue working on literacy in the content areas by focusing our efforts on essential skills pertinent to specific grade levels. Our new makerspace should be up and running in the fall so that students may put their 21st Century skills to work.

I wish to extend my gratitude to all of our JSHS families for a great year. Thanks for everything you do for your children. Have a fantastic summer!

> Sincerely, Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, JSHS Principal

Taz Josh Nominated for the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, MA

Taz Josh was recently named a delegate of the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Lowell, MA, which will take place June 29th-July 1st. The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor and inspire these students to continue to pursue a dream to become scientists and technologists, and to provide a path and resources to help them reach this goal. During this three-day event, Taz will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science recipients talk about leading scientific research. Students will also be given advice from some of the Deans of the world's top tech universities, will be inspired by fellow teen science prodigies, and will learn about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology. Congratulations Taz!

Name: Nick Zupan Subject Area/Grade Level: Social Studies

Family Children: Zack 22, Andrew 21, Elizabeth 17. Dogs Gretchen and Charlie; Cats Mildred and Paco. What you are known for? Probably for my father, myself and my son Zack as being the first family in NYS to have 3 different generations who were section 3 wrestling champions.

One thing you want people to know about you? I do my utmost to help students every day improve academically and I try to teach important life skills.

What has been the best part of your experience at Tully Central School District? Working with some of the best educators the world has to offer.

Other than being actively involved in the school district, what other hobbies and activities do you have or participate in? I could not live in a city. I love all aspects of the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, camping and walking my dogs.

If you could retire tomorrow what would you do? Spend more time in nature.

If you could be any age for a week, how old would you be? Why? 21. Peek of my athletic ability and the year I was an All Ameri-

If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life what would it be? Chicken and biscuits

If you had infinite resources (whether that be money, time, etc.) what is one thing you would choose to do? Spend summers in Alaska.

Who/ What is your biggest inspiration? My children. I have been very lucky to have 3 wonderful children with intelligence and

Favorite Quote If it was easy, everyone would do it.

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Class of 2017 Salutatorian

Amanda Bielecki

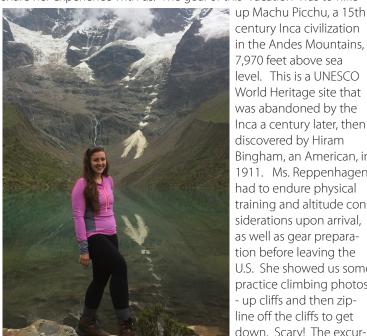
Amanda Bielecki, Salutatorian, has established herself in the Tully Junior-Senior High School community and has been a tremendous asset to our school. In every sense of the word, Amanda truly is a renaissance woman. Her involvement in academics and co-curricular activities extends beyond the walls of Tully High School. Academically, Amanda is a top notch student and has taken honors and ac-



celerated courses in every core area offered. This year she is balancing AP Chemistry, AP Statistics, AP Calculus, and OCC French IV. She has received numerous academic awards and last spring was inducted into the National Honor Society. When Amanda is not working diligently on her academics, one can find her participating in Teen Institute, volunteering for organizations throughout CNY, or contributing to the Varsity Soccer or Softball teams. Amanda plans on attending SUNY ESF and majoring in environmental biology and eventually pursuing veterinary school. The Tully school community is proud of her and all of her accomplishments. Best wishes in the future!

JH International Club Peru

Over February break Ms. Erin Reppenhagen had an amazing adventure in Peru. She visited the Junior High International Club to share her experience with us. The goal of this "vacation" was to hike



century Inca civilization in the Andes Mountains, 7,970 feet above sea level. This is a UNESCO World Heritage site that was abandoned by the Inca a century later, then discovered by Hiram Bingham, an American, in 1911. Ms. Reppenhagen had to endure physical training and altitude considerations upon arrival, as well as gear preparation before leaving the U.S. She showed us some practice climbing photos - up cliffs and then zipline off the cliffs to get down. Scary! The excur-

sion led them to the top of Machu Picchu, in the rain and clouds, but her group patiently waited, and the reward was spectacular views when the clouds parted! In addition she had many opportunities to experience the Peruvian culture and cuisine and daily life while in Peru. Muchas Gracias for visiting our club!

Class of 2017 Valedictorian

Ying Chen

It is with great pleasure that the Tully school community recognizes Tully Junior-Senior High School's Class of 2017 Valedictorian, Ying

Ying has not shied away from taking academically challenging courses. During her senior year Ying has taken AP Calculus and OCC English. Ying dedicates countless hours of the day to her academics.



Although a large portion of Ying's day is devoted to academics, she is also an active member of the Newspaper and Art Club. Ying's leadership skills are also evident as she is the Senior Class President. Ying's involvement in activities is also noticeable within the community. She has volunteered at the Tully Free Library and the Tully Area Historical Society as well as working at Tasty China and Scoops and More. Ying plans on attending Rochester Institute of Technology and majoring in fine arts.

Way to go Ying and good luck in all your future endeavors!

Fiesta del Mundo

Hola! On March 31 the JH International Club held its annual fiesta. All 7th and 8th graders were invited to join the fun. This party included food such as sushi, fruit, a chocolate fountain, churros, "taco in a bag" and plenty of drinks. Both gyms were open for students to enjoy. In one gym there was an inflatable obstacle course and an inflatable jousting arena, while in the other gym students enjoyed some friendly competition with games of kickball and basketball. Thank you Mr. Schiener! In the lobby were options to play Minute To Win It games and Just Dance. The JH International Club would like to thank the many parent volunteers and custodial staff who helped make it a successful night. We couldn't have done it without you!



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Rotary Foreign Exchange Student Lucio DeGuimaraes



The JH International Club would like to thank Lucio for sharing information about his home town, Goiânia, Brazil. Lucio is one of our Rotary Exchange students studying in Tully for the 2016-17 school year. During Lucio's presentation, students in the JH International Club enjoyed photos of traditional foods, activities, and learned about the geography and culture of Brazil. Where Lucio lives there are many water parks and natural waterfalls to visit. Beach volleyball and soccer are most popular. In his city (population 2 million) there is so much to do and public transportation is readily accessible. Huge music festivals are very popular. He brought soda for us to try called Guaraná, which

he bought at Wegmans. His favorite American food is macaroni and cheese. In his country, if you have high standardized test scores you can attend college for free. But, if you plan to attend college, you have a very long school day.

Trivia Night



In March, 14 teams competed in the annual Trivia Night, sponsored by Student Council, for a \$100 cash prize and bragging rights of being smarter than a 5th grader. Questions ranged from those that were content specific to local history to random fun facts.

Once again, Mr. Thomas was the enthusiastic and ever engaging MC of the event. This year's winners were the team known as the "Invincible Intellects 2.0" and consisted of: Tino Ferro, Vincent Geiss, Alex Locke-Wright, Marcus Lombardo and Wyatt Oursler. A good time was had by all.

Senior Luncheon with Tully Retired Citizens

On Friday, April 7, members of the Class of 2017 traveled to Tully United Community Church for a luncheon with retired Tully citizens. Both Tully students and Tully citizens bonded over a delicious lunch and dessert. Friendships were further developed, as students and retired citizens were able to get to know each other more over some pretty exciting board games!

Rotary Foreign Exchange Student Julia Sipocz



Julia recently answered some questions for the JH International Club. What is your favorite **American Dish?** My favorite dish is macaroni and cheese. What do you miss most? I miss the food, my family and friends, and the public transportation. What was your favorite thing to do in Hungary? I like to go places with my friends and hang out with them. What is your favorite **sport?** My favorite sports are volleyball, dancing and handball. How do you celebrate Christmas in Hungary? We decorate our Christmas tree on Christmas Eve and take it down around January tenth. Are the classes harder in America? No not really. Right now I am taking physics and I already learned it in seventh and eighth grade. Do you have a favorite teacher? Yes, Mr. Paccia. Are the school days similar in Hungary?

Yes. The school days are the same length but, we have ten minutes in between classes. We also have six to seven classes a day and we don't have lockers. Do you have to go through summer school if you fail a grade? Summer school does not exist in Hungary. If you fail a grade you repeat the grade over again or you take an exam during the summer to see if you can go up with your class. Do you have snow days? We don't get a lot of snow. We might get an inch here and there but nothing much. What is your favorite local fast food place? I really like Tasty China. Who are you staying with? The Greenwood family. Where in Hungary do you live? I live in the city called Gyor.

8th Grade Visits Wonderworks

In April eighth graders visited the Wonderworks Museum at Destiny, USA. This year in addition to exploring all of the exhibits and hands-on activities Wonder Works has to offer, the students also played laser tag and climbed up three stories high in the Canyon Climb Ropes Course! Some students found the ropes course to be a tricky, adrenaline-inducing task, while other students were naturals in their abilities to conquer the heights. Some teachers tried it, too!

Students also enjoyed steering a virtual fighter jet, being blown away by 84 miles per hour hurricane-force winds, riding a virtual roller coaster, and lying on a bed of 3,500 nails! Math and Science were all around as students explored concepts like motion, force, physics, and more.

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From the Desk of the Superintendent



Thank you to all who voted on May 16. Our 2017-18 school budget, the next round of the bus leases, and the renewal of our Capital Reserve were all approved by the Tully community. Additionally, Elaine (Fay) Burt and Jane Byrne-Panzarella were elected as new members of the Tully Board of Education. Mrs. Burt and

Mrs. Byrne-Panzarella will each serve a three year term on the board, beginning in July 2017. Congratulations to both of our new BOE members.

As a result of our May 16 elections, two of our current board members will be stepping down at the end of the 2016-17 school year. James Bertolo will be leaving the board after nine years of service. Steven Pierce will be leaving the board after three years of service. Thank you to Mr. Bertolo and Mr. Pierce for all of their hard work as members of the Tully Board of Education.

As we look forward to the summer of 2017, there are a number of improvements we anticipate making to the school campus. Specifically, we will be repairing or replacing many of our athletic scoreboards, including the large outdoor scoreboard near the southern end of the football field. We will be repairing much of the wall padding and replacing many of the basketball backboards in our older gymnasiums. We will be refinishing the floors in the old gym at the Junior Senior High School and in the cafeteria at the Elementary School. We will be replacing some exterior doors and exterior lighting at the Junior Senior High School, and relocating a computer server closet at the Elementary School. Finally, we will be completing an asbestos abatement project at the elementary school.

Regarding our academic program, a number of our teachers will be in this summer, working on curriculum development projects. These projects include aligning our local curriculum to the new social studies and science learning standards, analyzing the new 3-8 ELA and math learning standards, so we can begin the process of aligning our local curriculum to these new learning standards, and creating a formal curriculum for our new pre-k program.

Finally, regarding our athletic program, this upcoming fall we will continue the process of combining with LaFayette and Fabius-Pompey for football. We combined with these schools last year at the modified level, and based upon the success of that experience we will be moving forward with this combination at the JV and varsity levels.

I hope you are able to enjoy the remainder of the 2016-17 school year and the upcoming summer. As always, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

2017-2018 Board Members

*Term expires June 30 of year listed

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Board of Education Meeting Dates

Meetings in Junior Senior High School library @ 6:00 pm. Date, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled as needed. Check the school website for updates.

Monday July 10, 2017 August 22, 2017 Tuesday Tuesday September 12, 2017 Tuesday September 26, 2017 Tuesday October 10, 2017 Tuesday October 24, 2017 Monday November 20, 2017 Monday December 18, 2017 Monday January 22, 2018 Monday February 12, 2018 March 6, 2018 Tuesday Tuesday March 20, 2018 Tuesday April 3, 2018 Monday April 16, 2018 May 8, 2018 -Tuesday

includes budget public hearing

Tuesday May 15, 2018 –

also, budget vote 6 am - 9 pm

Tuesday June 19, 2018

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Parks & Recreation News

Upcoming Sports Camps - It is not too late to register (deadline is June 22).

Junior Hoops Camp-July 5 – July 7

Grades: 3 – 8 (Boys & Girls) Time: 9:00 am -12:00 pm Location: Tully HS Gym

Cost: \$35

Black Knights Soccer Camp- July 17 - July 20

Grades: K – 8 (Boys & Girls)

Time: K-2nd (9:00-10:00 am) 3 -8 (9:00-11:00 am)

Location: Fields by Tully Town Pavilion Cost: \$30 (K-2) or \$60 (3rd-8th)

Black Knights Boot Camp- July 5 - August 11

Grades: 7 – 12 (Boys & Girls) Time: Mon – Thurs 8:00-9:30 am

Location: Tully HS

Cost: \$80 for 5 1/2 weeks or \$20 per week

Backyard Sports Camp-July 10 - August 11

Grades: 5 – 8 (Boys & Girls) Time: Mon – Thurs 8:00-10:00 am

Location: Tully HS

Cost: \$80 for 5 weeks or \$20 per week

Fall Youth Soccer Schedule

Subject to change if needed; September 16 – October 21 Registration forms will go on the Tully Schools website in July and be sent home through back pack express during June.

Levels/Times (subject to change if needed)

- Kindergarten: 9:00 am- Saturday's only
- 1 & 2 Grade: Saturday games at 9:00 or 10:00 am- 1 practice per week
- **3 & 4 Grade**: Saturday games 10:00 or 11:00 am- 1-2 practices per week
- **5 & 6 Grade**: Saturday games 11:00 am or 12:00 pm- 1-2 practices per week

*Rec Soccer Coaches are needed, no prior coaching or soccer experience needed!!

Article Submission Guidelines

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**. 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 insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article.

Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi. Thank you.

Green Lake Swim Lessons and Beach Information

Swim Lesson Registration forms are online (Tully Schools Website - Parks and Recreation)

(2) 3 week lesson schedules: 7/3 – 7/21 and 7/24 – 8/11

Beach Opens June 25 • 1:00 - 8:00 pm

TullyFreeLibrary/III=

We hope to see your family this summer for the Tully Free Library annual Summer Reading program. Why participate in Summer Reading? There are lots of reasons, but the #1 reason is because it's fun! Kids and teens get prizes and raffle tickets from June 26 to August 12 for reading. At our Ice Cream Social Finale on August 12, we will draw raffle prizes for food and fun, including ice cream, pizza, WonderWorks, Syracuse Chiefs Baseball, and Escape the Estate. You could even win a Kindle! The more you read, the better your chance of winning.

Monday, June 26 from 5-8 PM is our Summer Reading Kickoff party for kids and teens. Sign up for Summer Reading while enjoying pizza. The Game Truck will be here for teens from 6-8, and younger kids will have fun activities too. If you can't make it to the kickoff party, no worries! You can still participate in Summer Reading. Register at the library or on our website (tullyfreelibrary.org) anytime starting June 26.

We are excited to bring 4 fantastic family performances and interactive programs to you this summer:

- Thursday, July 6 at 6 PM, The Twin Magicians are visiting the Tully Train Station to amaze you with tricks and balloons.
- Thursday, July 13 at 6 PM, The M.O.S.T. (Museum of Science & Technology) is coming to the library to dazzle us with their interactive Eureka! Discover, Understand, Build program. This program is made possible in part by a state grant secured by Senator John A. DeFrancisco.
- Monday, July 17 at 6 PM, Emmy-award winning Puppets with Pizazz will be performing Rumplestiltskin at the Tully Train Station.
- Thursday, July 27 at 6 PM, Zoo to You brings you face-to-face with exciting zoo animals at the library. This program is made possible in part by a state grant secured by Senator John A. DeFrancisco.

Weekly programs for kids include Terrific Tuesdays crafts & snacks, Books at the Beach storytime, and Tykes Time storytime. Teen programs include Life-Sized Gaming, Teen Tech Tuesdays, Movie & a Snack, Late Night @ the Library, Minecraft, Wii and TCGPlayer-sponsored tournaments for Magic: The Gathering, and Super Smash Bros.

Our Summer Reading newsletter will be out soon with details on everything happening this summer. You can also check our website calendar at tullyfreelibrary.org/events, where you can register to receive text or email reminders for events. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Tully Free Library!

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Tues 20 Board of Education Meeting, Superintendent Staff Developm	

