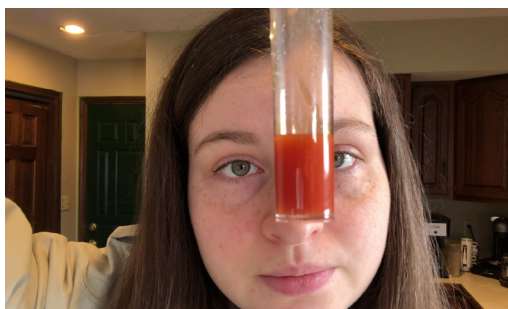




## "A Killer Party" Deemed a Success

The 2021 JSHS Musical, *A Killer Party*, was like no other. And while it was just not the same as years' past, it was considered very successful. The production of the musical was a mixture of in-person and remote, beginning the work of learning music and costume creation much earlier than normal. Among the many differences, students filmed themselves with the comfort of knowing that they could start over if they wanted to and had some wiggle room when learning their lines. A lack of stage fright may have attributed to more students auditioning for the production, and while in a normal year, students would miss out on seeing parts of the production themselves due to costume changes and working technology, they were able to enjoy their finished product with their families. While there was a lot of the experience that was considered positive, Mr. Votra thought that the sense of community wasn't as strong among the students as usual since much of the production was done solo during the filming stage; however, with 90 live streams purchased among the three viewings, it wasn't hard to deem *A Killer Party* a success. It is thought that many more than 90 people saw the productions as patrons could have viewing parties among their close friends and families. Some even felt compelled to donate after seeing all the hard work that went into the production. Mr. Votra sends out a special thank you to those who did so, but also to Andrew McLaughlin for taking on the task of video editor and Matthew Slazik for being the audio editor. With roughly 150 hours of video editing, the finished product would not have worked so well without the expertise of these editors. In addition, Mr. Votra wanted to send

out a big thank you to the ensemble consisting of Lulu Brame, Kaleb Dodd, Aunahka Valdez, and Molly Verbanic, who may not have gotten the credit they were due such as in a normal production. With all the hard work and effort put into this not-so-normal production, everyone seemed to enjoy *A Killer Party*.



## 2021 Elementary Yearbook Club Works Remotely



Each year, sixth grade students, who wish to, learn about the process for developing a yearbook. This year, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Leuze worked with nine students. The Elementary Yearbook Club members met throughout the school year to collaborate on the 2020-21 Tully Elementary School Yearbook. This year was unique in that the meetings were conducted through video-conferencing. Members of the club learned the importance of agendas, minutes, decision-making, and deadlines. As Logan said, "I learned how to work well as a team."

As a member of the Elementary Yearbook Club, students have the opportunity to develop sales and advertising plans, use software to design the pages, and discuss the progress of the yearbook. Nathaniel commented that, "Yearbook Club has taught me how to use creativity and design skills to create

a final product." Aislyn agrees, "It was really nice and exciting knowing what I designed would be in the yearbook, and it was awesome working on it together with my friends."

The yearbook is a long-standing tradition that provides elementary school students with fond memories of the school year. The Elementary School Yearbook is distributed in June.

## ES Principal's Message: We Made It!!!



Edward Kupiec

We've made it to June!!! It's amazing to think about where we are now compared to September. Thank you to the students, parents, the PTO, and an AMAZING staff for riding out the highs and lows, the curveballs, the surprises, and the accomplishments of this unique school year. You made it a great school year and you are truly the best. I am grateful for each and every one of you. Here is my yearbook message to students which highlights some of the things we will look back on years from now when reflecting on this past year's journey:

This certainly was a school year that everyone will always remember. Some of you learned in-person under very different circumstances, while some of you learned from home. I hope that behind all the masks were plenty of smiles - smiles from joy, smiles from learning, and smiles for being proud of what YOU accomplished and overcame. In addition to the curriculum, you learned a lot more about the digital world, gained skills, and used technology in ways that are necessary for success in the 21st century. Even though they may have looked a bit different, we were able to provide some traditional opportunities no matter how you learned this year. We were still able to hold a musical, and clubs

took place virtually, which has the potential to grow in the future. The use of Google Classroom and videos will give us more ways to provide information and support that can be accessed over and over again. Your support of the JSHS donation drive was a great example of the Other People Mindset and brought smiles to many others in our community. YOU are the reason this year was successful and it makes me smile to think about how far we've come. Thank you for being flexible and open-minded, you never know what might come up. Thank you for being resilient and showing perseverance. You have every right to be proud and smile. 6th graders, I wish you the best of luck, we will miss you.

I hope you all enjoy your summer - you've definitely earned this break!

Finally, to Mrs. Murphy - THANK YOU for the leadership and guidance you have provided me the last five years. I will miss you terribly and wish you nothing but the best in your retirement!

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

## Happenings in the Safety Patrol



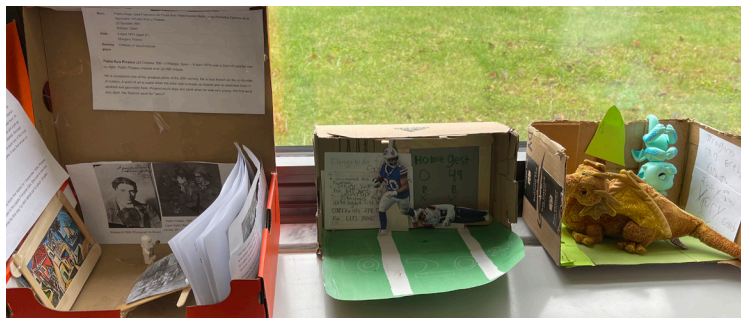
New officers were assigned to the Elementary Safety Patrol for a six week duty beginning in April and ending in May. Congratulations to AM Officers, Captain Luca Viel and Lieutenant Sophia Simmons, and PM Officers, Captain Vanessa Altman and Lieutenant Carmen Mannino. Next September, we would like to invite 5th and 6th grade students to serve on the Tully Elementary School Safety Patrol! Service in the patrol is voluntary and the duties of a Safety Patrol Officer will require a short amount of time each day. Members are selected for their courtesy, dependability, interest in their job, physical fitness, attitude towards others, and scholastic standing.

The primary duties for Tully Elementary Patrol Officers are:

- To help younger students on/off the buses during arrival and dismissal times.
- To help younger students being dropped off to the building.
- To help children become safe pedestrians.
- To foster qualities of leadership and good citizenship in Patrol members.

If you are interested in becoming an AAA Safety Patrol Officer for TES, look for the sign-up sheets in September 2021 and return them to Ms. Hathaway.

## Museum in a Box



The Museum in a Box idea came to fruition long before the pandemic began, but during the midst of it all, more and more creative ways to teach remotely like this one began popping up. Mrs. Ryan, one of Tully's first grade teachers, saw an article in the NY Times and decided this was just what her kids needed - not only to help them get a look at what researching a specific topic was like, but for the students to have a way to guide their own learning according to their interests. Each student picked a topic that they wanted to learn more about. Dinosaurs, animals, sports, and famous artists like Picasso and Van Gogh were among the most popular. Students then used PebbleGo and other online resources to conduct their research, learning about the facts of their topics. Then they put their creative minds to use, creating a 3D display, aka Museum in a Box. The results were amazing! The first graders of Mrs. Ryan's class responded well to the lesson and produced mini museums for all to enjoy.

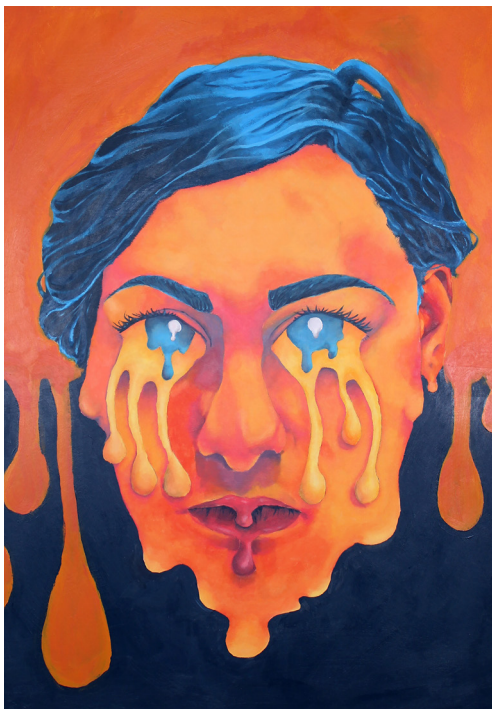
**TES PTO would like to thank everyone for participating in the Read-A-Thon. Great job to all of the students for reading and many thanks to all of the businesses and individuals who sponsored this fundraiser! We are grateful for each and every one of you for your continued support of the PTO. As the 2020-2021 school year is winding down, look for details regarding the summer reading challenge. Have a great summer everyone! The TES PTO is a 501(c)(3) organization and gladly accepts tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation.**



## SENIOR ARTWORK



Hannah Morgan Seasons

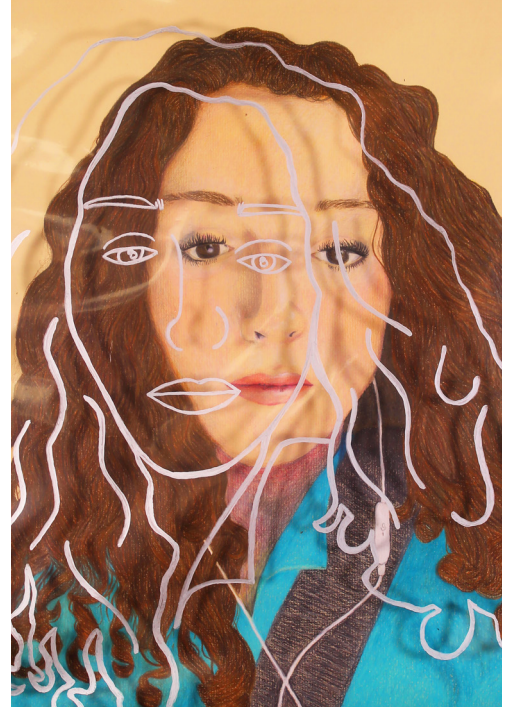


Tiernan Tobin Self-portrait

See more **Senior Art**  
on page 6



Maddy Erno Bunny



Tessa Mucha Self-portrait

## ATHLETIC NEWS

### Gatorade Player of the Year

**Brooke Rauber** has taken her running career by storm, earning many titles, and adding another into the mix. Rauber has been named the Gatorade New York Girls Cross Country Player of the Year! This award comes with a legacy that many pro sport players have earned, going to outstanding athletes that perform not only in their events, but in the classroom as well. With Rauber's academic standing (8th in class) and her exemplary character, she was a shoo-in for this award. Rauber not only earned the title but gets to choose a sport-based organization for Gatorade to donate \$1,000 to. This program is known as the Gatorade Play It Forward initiative. Her track team got in on the awards too, receiving a Gatorade Sideline Kit. What an awesome award! Congratulations to Brooke as she continues on in her amazing journey!



### Fall Sports Dates

**JV/V Sports start date: Monday, August 23, 2021**

**JH/Modified Sports start date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021**



## JSHS Principal's Message



**Mary Ann Murphy**

As we come to the close on another school year, I'd like to thank all of our students, teachers, and families for making Tully a great place to learn and grow. Despite the obstacles of living through a pandemic, our students have enjoyed successes in the classroom, on stage, on the athletic fields, and in their extra-curricular activities. To name a few: Photography students Connor Cochran, Morgan Downes, and Stelly VanBeveren earned high honors in the Bousquet Holstein PLLC annual photo contest. Brooke Rauber continued her winning ways in every running season and was named the NYS Gatorade Girls Cross Country Player of the Year. As of this writing, Mrs. Jordan is a finalist for the Golden Owl Award as NYS Agriculture Educator of the Year. Our class and club advisors have worked with their members to be creative in numerous ways to do fund raisers and special events. We even had a virtual high school musical this year! We introduced Wellness Wednesdays and held wellness events during the year.

As we move a little closer to "normal," the Junior Class is planning their Prom, and Graduation is in-person on Friday, June 25th, when we will celebrate the achievements of the Tully Class of 2021. On behalf of the Junior-Senior High School staff, we wish the class all the best as they take everything they have learned over the years and put it into practice in other aspects of their lives. We also say thank you for the years of devotion and service, as well as goodbye, to two long time Tully teachers, Mrs. Yonta and Mrs. Shatraw. Over the summer, teachers will spend time welcoming new staff, including Mr. O'Brien, the new JSHS Principal, and working on curriculum in preparation for the new school year. As I close out my very last Knight Insight article, getting ever closer to my upcoming retirement date, I wish to tell everyone that it has been my honor and privilege to work alongside dedicated educators, parents, students, Board members, and the Tully community. Please have a happy and healthy summer!

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

### Important Counseling Note:

Students who have taken any OCC/TC3 Courses must request transcripts to be sent from OCC/TC3 to their prospective college to be awarded college credit. Any questions, please contact the Counseling & Career Center.

## Honor Society Inductions



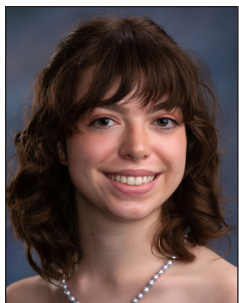
The L.G. Green Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 17 new members in a virtual ceremony on the evening of April 8th. The following students should be commended for their commitment to the four pillars of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character:

Mary Babbage, Thomas Berry, Emma Byrne, Josephina Chapman, Morgan Downes, Robyn Drzewicki, Lane Edinger, Katelyn Lamoureux, Kellen McCasland, Jack Mohat, Scott Petrucco, Airelle Ringhiser, Estella VanBeveren, Jason Weng, Megan Wilson, and Kevin Wood.

The newest members didn't take long to jump into action by joining forces with the Tully Action Group and the Environmental Club for the annual Earth Day Cleanup. New and current members filled up over two dozen trash bags with roadside litter that was scattered along Route 80 between the school and Route 281.

In addition, the National Junior Honor Society inducted 8 new members on the same night as the National Honor Society, and should also be recognized for their commitment to excellence: Connor Bastedo, Daniel Byrne, Thomas Foody, Andy Polak, Nathan Reid, Claire Robertson, Isaac Stoogenke, Quinzi Williams, and Lucy Wright.

We are excited to see how they will use their newest recognition for the good of others!

**VALEDICTORIAN - Elizabeth Caron**

It is with great pleasure to recognize Tully Junior-Senior High School's Class of 2021 Valedictorian, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Caron. Academically, Lizzie has blazed a trail and excelled at her academics.

Throughout her high school career, Lizzie has always challenged herself. She has taken advantage of the most advanced courses offered at Tully Junior Senior High School.

She is taking a full load her senior year, which includes AP Statistics, OCC Spanish IV, AP Biology, and OCC Lit/Comp/ AP English.

Her hard work has not gone unnoticed. She has won numerous awards at our academic achievement night, receiving several subject awards and the President's Award for Academic Excellence, and also the Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award given by the University of Rochester.

Outside of the classroom, Lizzie finds the time to juggle several different activities. Her senior year found her busy with leadership roles such as Class President and Mock Trial captain. Lizzie is dependable, a natural leader, and a go-getter.

Lizzie plans on attending the University of Chicago and majoring in psychology. Keep blazing your trail, Lizzie, and good luck on your future endeavors!

**SALUTATORIAN - Moira McAninch**

Moira McAninch, Salutatorian, has established herself at Tully Junior-Senior High School and is a contributing member of this community.

Academically, Moira is a top-notch student and has taken honors and accelerated courses in many core areas offered at Tully High School. She has always expressed an interest in pursuing a college major related to the environment. For her senior year, she

applied and was accepted into the New Visions Environmental program. In addition to New Visions, she takes AP Biology and AP Statistics while at Tully. Her hard work has paid off, as she is a member of the National Honor Society and Tri-M. She is a recipient of the President's Award for Academic Excellence and the Clarkson University Leadership Award.

Beyond academics, Moira is an active participant in several clubs and organizations. Her resumé includes Tully Free Library, Academic Decathlon, and Shakespeare Club (winning the Tully JSHS Shakespeare Club competition the past two years). These are just a snippet of the many facets of the Tully community that she has devoted countless hours to.

Moira plans on attending Juniata College and double majoring in biology and environmental science. Congratulations, Moira, on all of your accomplishments! We are so proud of you!

**Welcome!****JSHS Principal Mike O'Brien**

My name is Mike O'Brien and it is an honor to introduce myself to the Tully Community! I am extremely excited to begin working with all of the teachers, staff, and the entire community to continue to offer high-quality education to all Tully students. I have been dedicated to the field of education for the past twenty-one years. Currently, I am an assistant principal and the student activities director at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, positions that I have held for the past five years.

My responsibilities in this position include administrator for the freshman class and one-third of the sophomore class, and overseeing multiple educational departments and the student activities office. As the student activities director, I work collaboratively with students and staff to facilitate all clubs and student government activities. Additionally, I lead the planning for the annual graduation ceremony, building-wide events, and the freshman transition program.

I grew up about 40 miles from Tully, in Oneida, NY. After high school, I was a Rotary Exchange student in Madrid, Spain for one year before I attended St. Bonaventure University. After I graduated from St. Bonaventure in 2000, I was extremely fortunate to begin my educational career teaching Spanish here at Tully Junior-Senior High School. Over the next 16 years, I taught Spanish here in Tully for eight years and then another eight years at Jamesville-DeWitt. During this time, I taught many different levels of Spanish, ranging from 6th grade to seniors, coached numerous sports teams, and advised multiple clubs. While teaching at J-D, I began coursework at Syracuse University to become a school administrator. I completed my Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership in 2016 and accepted my current position as high school assistant principal and student activity director.

In my free time, I love spending time with my family. My wife, Melissa, is also in the education field as a high school Spanish teacher. We have three children who we are very proud of: Quinn (15), Lily (14), and Liam (10). Also, we have two dogs, Reina and Sofia, that round out our family. Traveling is one of the passions that we all enjoy, and we try to explore new places whenever possible. In the summer, we strive to spend as much time as possible at our family cottage in the 1000 Islands. Personally, while not at work, I enjoy staying busy by running, golfing, boating, and building projects.

Once again, I am eager to introduce myself and build relationships with the students, teachers, staff, and community in the coming months! When the new school year begins in the fall, I am enthusiastic about being a part of the rich tradition of the Tully Junior-Senior High School. I look forward to working as a team with staff, parents, and students regarding the school community, extra-curricular activities, and instruction, consistently striving to help all Tully students reach their dreams and goals in and out of the classroom.

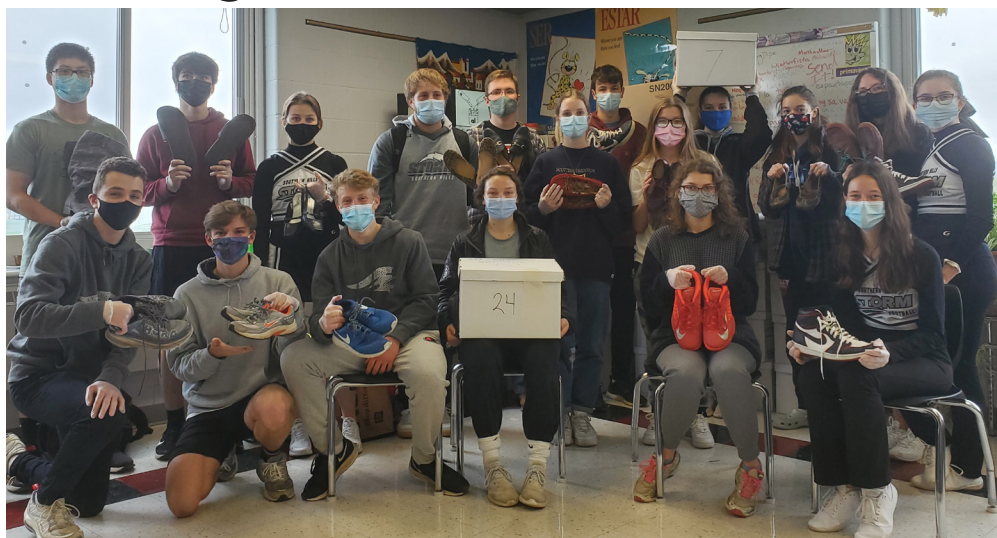


## National Decision Day



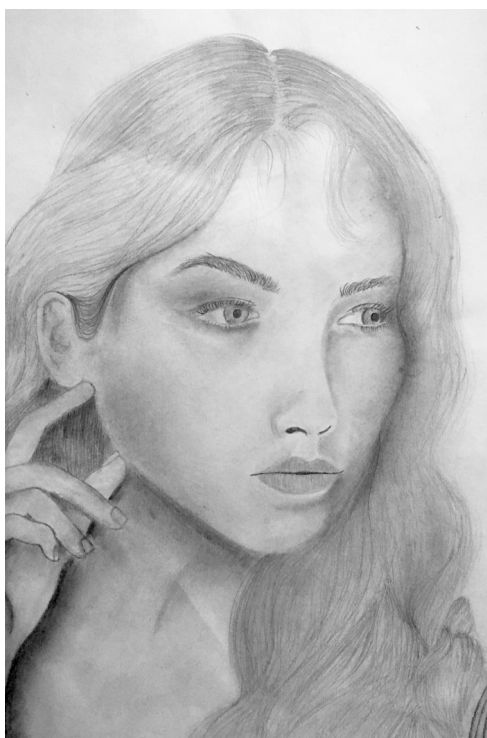
On Monday, May 3rd, Tully Junior-Senior High School celebrated the Class of 2021's future plans during lunch periods. Seniors were encouraged to wear their college, employment, or military gear. Some brought in their acceptance letters and treats were provided. We are so proud of you, Class of 2021! Special thanks to Mrs. Davin for all of her hard work in helping each senior find their way during this important time!

## Collecting Soles for Souls

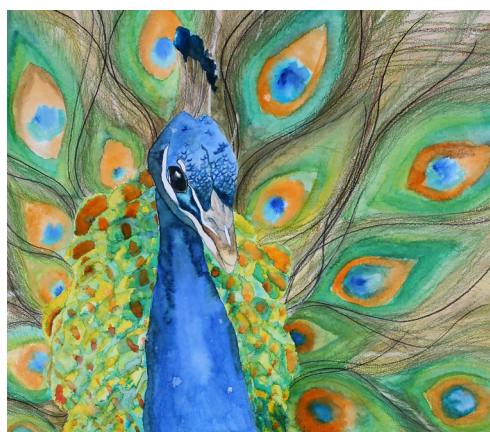


The Senior High International Club did well with their annual community service of collecting gently used and new shoes, all thanks to those who cleaned out their closets and donated. 132 pairs of shoes were collected at the JSHS in just a few weeks. These shoes were sent to Soles 4 Souls, a nonprofit organization that finds shoes their next home, helping those in poverty. The International Club was impressed and humbled by the generosity of all those who donated, thanking everyone who did so. It was a great effort on everyone's part and Tully is proud to be part of endeavors that give back to communities.

## SENIOR ARTWORK



Trinity Trammel Aphrodite



Emma Bielecki Peacock



Amelia Jaworski Barn



Jaden Teeter Untitled



Natalie Slazik Ally II



## From the Superintendent



Thank you to all who voted on May 18th during the Tully CSD Annual Meeting and Budget Vote. The Tully Community approved the 2021-22 Tully CSD Budget and the 2021-22 Tully Free Library Budget. Additionally, the Tully Community elected Andrea Bastedo-Mourey, Matthew VanBeveren, and Edward Wortley II to serve three-year terms on the Tully Board of Education beginning in July 2021. Mrs. Bastedo-Mourey will be serving in her first term, Mr. VanBeveren and Mr. Wortley will each be serving in their third terms. Congratulations to each of them. Finally, thank you to Donald Cole for his service as a board member these past three years. Mr. Cole will be stepping down from his seat on the school board at the conclusion of this school year.

As we look forward to the summer of 2021, I would like to inform everyone that there will be some construction occurring on campus this summer. Specifically, we will be resurfacing the track, renovating some bathrooms at Tully Elementary School, and replacing some windows at the Maintenance Building. Because of this, there will be some parts of the campus that will be closed to the public for parts of the summer.

Finally, over the next few weeks we will do our best to hold as many of our typical year-end ceremonies as we can. These year-end ceremonies may not look exactly like they have in the past, but holding them is important as they allow us to celebrate our students' successes and accomplishments. These ceremonies also represent another important step in our long journey out of this pandemic.

I hope you are able to enjoy the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

*Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools*  
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## Way to go Mrs. Biegler!



Tully 2000 alumni and former JSHS Health teacher, Sara Biegler (Nye), made it onto Jeopardy which aired on May 7th.

After completing an intense initial round and several test rounds, she was chosen for this amazing opportunity. Many of her Tully friends watched as she battled the other contestants, taking 3rd place.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Tully Free Library

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[tullyfreelibrary.org](http://tullyfreelibrary.org)

for adults. Make sure to check our website or Facebook page for more information on how to register. Thanks to all the students who attended our recent STEAM program. We hope you had fun! We are grateful to Syracuse University for providing the grant funding that enabled us to offer these activities. Have a great summer and we hope to see you at the library!

It's almost time for Summer Reading! This year's theme is "Tails and Tales" and we've planned lots of fun activities for everyone! We'll have a visit from the M.O.S.T. in July, and Dan the Snakeman returns in August. Get creative with Chalk the Walk and Tie Dye on the Lawn this summer! Plus, we'll have great prizes for kids, and adults can get in on the fun with summer reading BINGO! Our Summer Reading program runs from June 28 through August 20 for kids, and through Labor Day

## TULLY PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

### Tully MOO Run 2021

Saturday, June 12th  
Race Starts at 9:00 a.m.  
Crooked Lake 5K Course  
Register NOW @ [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

### Green Lake Beach

Opens for the season on Saturday, June 26th  
(COVID restrictions apply, limited capacity)  
Register NOW for Swim Lessons at  
[www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

### SUMMER CAMP

Registration information  
is available  
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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



### JUNE

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| 2     | Regents                         |
| 3     | JSHS Academic Achievement Night |
| 10    | Block T Awards                  |
| 17-25 | Regents                         |
| 18    | Junior/Senior Prom              |
| 21    | BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.             |
| 24-25 | TES Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m. |
| 25    | Graduation                      |
| TBA   | 6th Grade Graduation            |
| TBA   | Concert on the Lawn             |
| TBA   | Kindergarten Parent Night       |

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



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