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KNIGHT INSIGHT



From The Desk of the Superintendent

Included in this issue of the Knight Insight is information regarding both our academic program and the proposed 2020-21 school budget. Regarding our 3-8 State Assessment results, it is a little difficult to interpret them, as the format, timing, and focus of these assessments continues to change from year to year. This aside, our 3-8 ELA and math assessment data do show that most of our students in grades 3-8 are making good academic progress from year to year.

Our high school Regents Exam results remain a good indicator of the strength of our overall academic program. Across the board, our high school students (along with our accelerated 8th graders) continue to demonstrate a much higher level of academic achievement than their peers across New York State. This can be seen at both the passing and mastery levels. Additionally, our graduation rate, including the percentage of our students earning an Advanced Regents Diploma, continues to be among the highest in the area.

Regents Exam results and graduation rates are exit outcomes, and as such confirm a high level academic achievement for our high school students. When used in conjunction with locally created K-8 assessments, these exit outcomes are also useful in identifying strengths of our academic program and areas where we seek to improve.

Regarding the proposed 2020-21 school budget, funds are included to support a new counseling position at the Elementary School and a new social worker position at the Junior/Senior High School. Given the stress and anxiety created by our current circumstances, we believe that next year it will be important to provide additional social and emotional support for our students and their families. Additionally, the proposed 2020-21 school budget supports all of our existing academic, athletic, and co-curricular student programs.

At this time we are projecting that there will be reductions to New York State School Aid during the 2020-21 school year. The District has sufficient reserves to offset potential reductions to New York State School Aid over the next 12 months; however, if these state aid reductions extend beyond the 2020-21 school year, we will need to look for other ways to balance the budget.

Stay safe and healthy, and I am looking forward to the time when our students, faculty, and staff are once again together on our school campus.

Sincerely,
Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE
JUNE 9, 2020
By absentee ballot only

Governor Cuomo's Executive Order

Annual school board election and budget vote is scheduled to take place on June 9, 2020. All voting will be done via absentee ballot.

Prior to May 26th, absentee ballots along with a postage-paid return envelope will be mailed to each registered voter in the District. Absentee ballots must be received back by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in order to be counted. Voters wishing to return absentee ballots in person should call the District Office (315-696-6204) to schedule an appointment to do so.

Qualified voters who have not received an absentee ballot by June 1, 2020 should contact the District Clerk (Mary Fisher). She can be contacted by email or phone (mfisher@tullyschools.org or 315-696-6204).

Our annual Public Budget Hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m., immediately prior to the May 26, 2020 Board of Education Meeting. This Public Budget Hearing will be conducted virtually. There will be a link on the District Homepage allowing the public to view this hearing.

2020-21 BUDGET:
\$21,455,530

Proposition # 1: School Budget
Proposed 2020-21 Budget: **\$21,455,530**
(Increase of \$611,513 or 2.93%)

Proposed 2020-21 Budget Tax per \$1,000 of
Assessed Value: **\$21.03** (Increase of \$0.39)

Proposed 2020-21 Budget Local Tax
Levy Increase: **1.90%** (Local Tax Cap 1.95%)

Projected Increase on a \$100,000 Home:
\$39.29/year

Tully Elementary Program Review

Tully Elementary School offers a comprehensive educational program in grades PK-6 to meet the academic, social/emotional, and behavioral needs of students. The English Language Arts curriculum contains a combination of programs including Guided Reading, Fountas & Pinnell Classroom, EngageNY modules, Rebecca Sitton spelling, and Lucy Calkins' Units of Study. Several teachers received professional development on the science of reading at LETRS training. Math instruction is aligned with the EngageNY modules. In social studies, teachers are implementing the C3 Framework and state standards along with integrating inquiry-based units. Science instruction is aligned with the new New York State Science Learning Standards and in-depth study using curriculum materials from the Smithsonian. In addition to the core subjects of ELA, math, science, and social studies, students also receive instruction in art, computer, library, and music at least once per week and physical education every other school day. Students with special needs receive services as indicated on their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and we provide ELL services for students whose native language is not English.

The Positivity Project served as our primary character education program again this year, focusing on the idea that other people matter. Monthly school assemblies highlight the 24 character strengths learned in the classroom and fostered a sense of school pride and community. We continue to employ a "middle school" model for 5th and 6th grade, and all classes incorporate the tenets of Responsive Classroom. Our 1:1 technology device initiative was rolled out school-wide this fall. This ability to provide each student with a Chromebook was instrumental to implementing a successful remote instruction program as a result of the COVID-19 closure. Our daily What I Need Now (WINN) time is focused on meeting the academic needs of individual students and we also offer push-in and pull-out support services for students.

Our Activity Period takes place four days per week at the end of the academic day. In addition to making-up work and receiving academic support, this time is also an opportunity for students to take advantage of a number of clubs and co-curricular activities and experiences depending on their grade level. Students can participate in a grade 3/4 chorus, Jazz Band, NYSSMA, and All-County. We also provide an elementary drama experience for interested 5th and 6th graders. There is also an intramural program, art club, a makerspace club, and yearbook club. Character Council helps promote school spirit and community service through events like food drives, special clothing days, and the annual March Madness Hoop Shoot and June Flag Day Community Celebration.

Grades 3-8 NYS Assessments

% Students Scoring at Levels 3 and 4 (Proficient)

		ELA 2017-18	ELA 2018-19	Math 2017-18	Math 2018-19	Science 2017-18	Science 2018-19
Grade 3	Tully CSD	48%	37%	46%	43%		
	NYS Average	51%	52%	54%	55%		
Grade 4	Tully CSD	31%	45%	67%	52%	93%	84%
	NYS Average	47%	48%	48%	50%	88%	86%
Grade 5	Tully CSD	22%	19%	38%	53%		
	NYS Average	37%	38%	44%	46%		
Grade 6	Tully CSD	68%	33%	76%	54%		
	NYS Average	49%	47%	44%	47%		
Grade 7	Tully CSD	35%	55%	37%	50%		
	NYS Average	40%	40%	41%	43%		
Grade 8	Tully CSD	55%	45%	43%	43%	76%	74%
	NYS Average	48%	48%	30%	33%	58%	55%



Junior Senior High Program Review

At Tully Junior Senior High School we offer a college and career-ready curriculum that provides students with the required courses for graduation along with many electives. Students can challenge themselves by taking Advanced Placement courses in English, United States history, world history, biology, statistics, and chemistry, as well as honors courses in English and social studies. Our 8th graders have the opportunity to take courses in living environment and algebra for high school credit. Several faculty members teach courses in pre-calculus, calculus, business and finance, Spanish, French, and English as part of our partnership with Onondaga Community College. In 2019, we began a partnership with Tomkins Cortland Community College to offer several math electives. We also have articulation agreements with SUNY Morrisville and SUNY Cobleskill for most of our agriculture courses. Students may choose to take elective courses including psychology, sociology, current events, and the US in the 1960s for students interested in a career in the social sciences, SAT preparation for students planning on attending college, and a culinary course that emphasizes the science behind nutrition and meal preparation. Support is provided to those in need through co-teach English in grades 7-10 and math in grades 7-9, Academic Intervention Services (AIS), and Special Education services. Each year the JSHS counselors host a college and career readiness day where we have numerous occupations represented along with over a dozen colleges from central, western, and eastern New York. Counselors also work with students throughout the year to set up career plans, plan academic programming, apply to colleges, and explore military and career opportunities.

At the junior high level, we help students transition from 6th to 7th grade through a series of activities including a "welcome day" in the spring and an orientation in August. Curriculum Night is held early in the school year for all Junior-Senior High School students and parents. A program review of our state assessment and Regents scores is presented followed by parents meeting with teachers to learn about course syllabi and classroom expectations. Our junior high students have a "flex" period that is tailored by the teachers to meet the needs and interests of individuals and small groups of students, or that can be used for enrichment and interdisciplinary learning experiences.

Tully JSHS offers 33 extra-curricular activities for our students. Our FFA expanded over the last several years to include a junior chapter for students in 7th and 8th grade. Our senior FFA chapter earned the honor of being the 2019 New York State Chapter of the Year. Students may also compete in 17 Varsity sports as well as Junior Varsity, Modified, and Junior High offerings.

New York State Regents Exams

		2017-18		2018-19	
		Passing	Mastery	Passing	Mastery
Algebra	Tully CSD	91%	67%	92%	58%
	NYS Average	70%	30%	71%	33%
Geometry	Tully CSD	86%	52%	98%	72%
	NYS Average	67%	28%	70%	35%
Algebra 2	Tully CSD	100%	95%	100%	80%
	NYS Average	82%	50%	83%	50%
Living Enviroment	Tully CSD	89%	40%	91%	48%
	NYS Average	73%	31%	73%	30%
Earth Science	Tully CSD	100%	84%	94%	65%
	NYS Average	73%	34%	69%	32%
Chemistry	Tully CSD	93%	20%	96%	29%
	NYS Average	72%	19%	73%	22%
Physics	Tully CSD	100%	57%	91%	45%
	NYS Average	83%	38%	82%	43%
Global History	Tully CSD	90%	66%	78%	54%
	NYS Average	73%	39%	62%	28%
US History	Tully CSD	93%	59%	70%	30%
	NYS Average	81%	46%	77%	44%
English	Tully CSD	81%	68%	92%	69%
	NYS Average	79%	55%	84%	55%

Graduation Rates

	2017-2018	2018-2019
Tully CSD	90%	90%
NYS Average	80%	83%

Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation

	2017-2018	2018-2019
Tully CSD	73%	61%
NYS Average	33%	34%



Frequently Asked Questions

Is the “tax cap” really 2%?

Current NYS law does not actually define the local “tax cap” as 2%. Instead, it defines a formula the local school districts must use to determine a local “tax cap”. This year our local “tax cap” is 2.50%. There are actually eight variables in the “tax cap” formula. These variables include the following: the rate of inflation or 2% (whichever is lower), certain local capital expenditures, a portion of the increases in state-mandated pension costs, and a portion of certain legal costs. In some situations, the local “tax cap” can be above 2% and in other situations, the local “tax cap” can be a negative number.

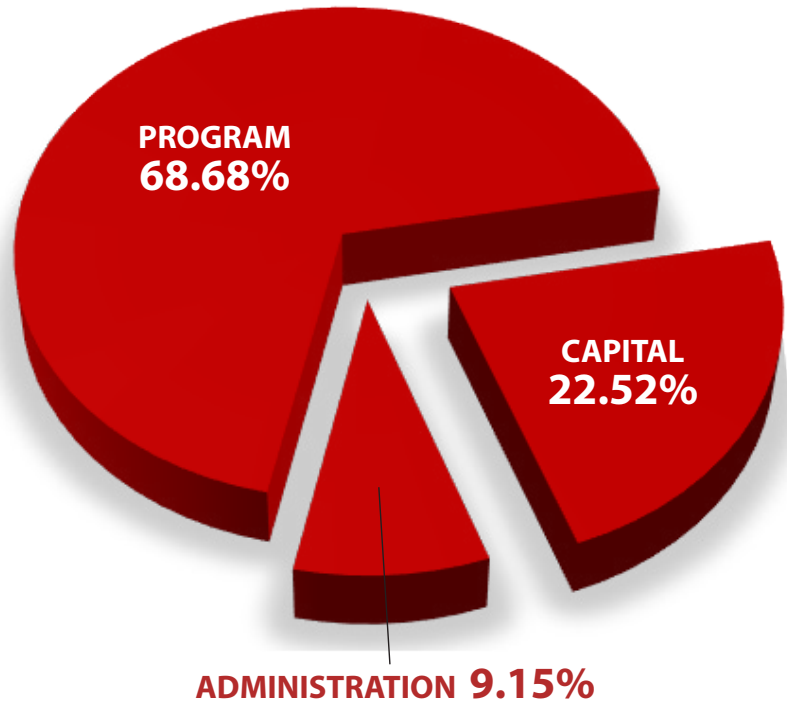
What if a school district decides to exceed the “tax cap”?

School budgets that exceed the local “tax levy limit” must be approved by a supermajority (more than 60%) of eligible voters. So, if our proposed budget reflected an increase above 2.50%, we would need a supermajority for it to be approved by voters. Since our budget stays within the local “tax levy limit,” only a simple majority (more than 50%) of voter approval is required.

What happens if the budget is not approved by voters?

If a proposed budget is defeated by voters, a school district has a couple of options: The school district could put the same budget up for a re-vote; The school district could decide to put a revised budget up for a vote; or, The school district could decide to adopt a contingent budget. If a proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, a school district must adopt a contingent budget. If a school adopts a contingent budget, some very specific items must be excluded, for example: funding for community use of the schools, certain types of specific salary increases, and new equipment purchases. Additionally, under our current “tax cap” legislation, a school district that adopts a contingent budget may not increase its current tax levy by any amount. This, in effect, translates into a zero percent tax increase.

3-Part Comparison



Proposition I

Shall the Board of Education of the Tully Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of Twenty One Million, Four Hundred Fifty Five Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$21,455,530) as General Fund appropriations for the school year 2020-2021 and levy the necessary tax therefor?

Proposition II Library Tax

For the purpose of funding the Tully Free Library, shall the sum of One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$198,214) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Tully Central School District?

Voter Qualifications

In order to vote you must be:

- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident of the school district for at least 30 days preceding the vote

BOE Elections

Also before the voters will be to elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023.

Candidate bios and pictures have, or will be, posted on the school website. You may contact the district office for information or attend a virtual BOE meeting.

BOE Meetings

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Annual Public Budget Hearing and Virtual Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Budget Vote, by Absentee Ballot ONLY

Monday, June 22, 2020

Virtual Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Reorganization, Virtual Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

ES Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

As the *Knight Insight* goes to press several weeks before the issue date, it is challenging to predict what will be timely and accurate by the time you read this. Currently, schools are closed in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and I am unsure when we will reopen. Students, staff, and parents are adjusting to new methods of instruction and learning. I have been very impressed by the effort and dedication of all trying to maximize the amount of learning taking place in this new situation, as well as the amount of support I have seen everyone in this school community providing to each other. The students, staff, and parents have been truly awesome. I've been so proud to be a part of this community and see the resolve of so many in this challenging time. We will get back to "normal" soon and be able to apply what we have learned to make education even better on the other side. Be well and continue to take care of yourselves and others.

Sincerely, Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal

Phone: 315.696.6213 . Twitter: @ekupiecTullyES Email: edkupiec@tullyschools.org



Video Message to Students

Teachers in our district have reached out to Tully students in a plethora of ways to brighten their spirits and keep the momentum of learning going; however, it is not the same as seeing those bright, shining faces every day. Because of this, Tully Elementary decided to make a video for the students to let them know just how much they are missed. Teachers, TAs, administration, office staff, janitorial staff, and others helped send in pictures and video (including a fun song from Mr. Keefe) that Tully alumni, Madison Smith, helped compile and put into a slideshow featuring Andy Grammer's "Keep Your Head Up." What a wonderful way to say, "We miss you!"



P2 and the Annual Hoop Shoot



In March, the elementary held their monthly P2 assembly to focus on the character traits they had learned that month. During the assembly was the annual Hoop Shoot. Six students from the JSHS were welcomed not only for the Hoop Shoot, but to share their experiences of cheering others' success whether they were on the sidelines cheering on others or being cheered on themselves while participating in an event. After sharing their experience, they got the privilege of going head-to-head with some of the TES students. To finish off the assembly, Mr. Charles and Mr. Kupiec had a friendly shoot-off amongst each other.

PTO Update



Hello Tully Elementary School families! As you are aware, our events for this spring have been canceled. However, one event that was not canceled was the annual Scholastic Book Fair. The TES PTO typically meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the break room. However, given the current circumstances, we will not hold a meeting for the month of May. 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.

Pictured above are students who participated in last year's summer reading challenge. We will be sending home summer reading forms in the near future. Students that participate in the challenge will receive a prize at the beginning of the next school year.

Brooke Rauber – Tully Running Phenomenon

Tully junior running phenomenon, Brooke Rauber, was victorious in her latest cross country endeavor in Vancouver, Canada the last weekend in February. She not only took the title of the Pan Am Junior Championships, but she did so with an eleven-second lead on the 6000-meter course. Her finishing time was 23:13. Rauber was recently featured in the High School Sports section of syracuse.com and was also nominated as a contender in the ational Girls' Performer of the Week. Rauber has certainly put her name in the record books at Tully HS, in Section 3, and even on the national level. Brooke is most likely going to finish her career as the most decorated Tully female runner amid a plethora of highly talented Black Knight female runners from years past. Here are some of Brooke's accolades to date:

Cross Country:

- ◆ 4 time State Champion
- ◆ 5 time 1st Team All-League
- ◆ 5 time Individual League Champion
- ◆ 4 time Sectional Champion
- ◆ 5 time All-CNY
- ◆ 4 time All-Region
- ◆ 3 time All-American
- ◆ 3 time participant in Nike Nationals - 2 sixth place and 1 seventh place finish
- ◆ 2020 Pan American XC National Champion
- ◆ 2 time NYS Sportsmanship award winner
- ◆ 5 time Scholar Athlete award winner
- ◆ Nominee for the Gatorade Athlete of the Year

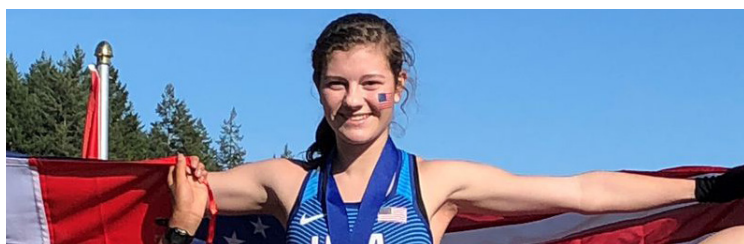


Indoor Track:

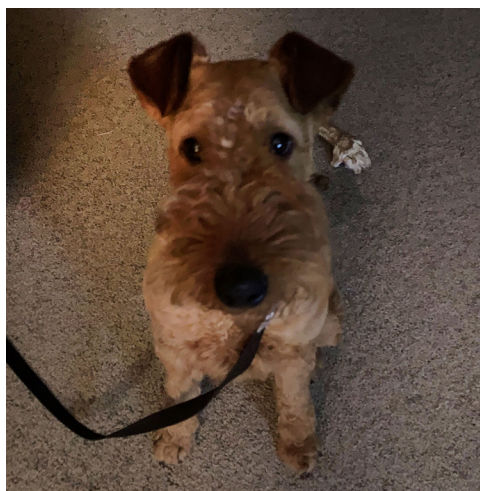
- ◆ 3 time All-CNY
- ◆ 9 time Individual League Meet Champion
- ◆ 9 time 1st Team All-League
- ◆ 9 time Sectional Meet Champion
- ◆ Section 3 record holder in 1500m
- ◆ 2 time State Runner Up in 3000m
- ◆ Tully record holder in: 300m, 600m, 1000m, 1500m, and 3000m
- ◆ 3 time Scholar Athlete award winner

Outdoor Track:

- ◆ 4 time All-CNY
- ◆ Section 3 Steeplechase record holder
- ◆ 3 time State Champ in Steeplechase
- ◆ 2 time All-American in Steeplechase
- ◆ National Runner Up in Steeplechase
- ◆ Tully record holder in: 1500m, 3000m, Steeplechase, 4x100, and 4x800 (1st Team All-League in each)
- ◆ 14 time Individual Sectional Champion
- ◆ 4 League and 4 Sectional Team Championships
- ◆ 4 time Scholar Athlete award winner
- ◆ 2 time All-CNY Track & Field Athlete of the Year
- ◆ 2 time Athlete of the Week
- ◆ Believe to Achieve award winner
- ◆ Invitee to Nike Elite Camp



TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL



Floyd Helps Create Fun During School Closing

During the time of schools closing due to the pandemic, Mrs. Murphy and her dog, Floyd, found a way to stay connected with the JSJS students while having a little fun. Mrs. Murphy took a video of Floyd asking students (with parental permission) to submit a twenty second clip of themselves lip syncing to a song that would portray how they felt about the coronavirus. Any student that submitted a video would then be put in a drawing. After several submissions, Sarah Daddona won a \$25 gift card to Dunkin' Donuts, and to lighten things up, a roll of Tully Central toilet paper. The next task was to create a meme of themselves and their thoughts on distance learning. Students, teachers, and administration have all pulled together to make these times a little more bearable.

JSHS Principal's Message



Mary Ann Murphy

As this message is written, the Governor just announced that school buildings will remain closed for the rest of the school year. Please know on behalf of the staff at the Junior Senior High School, we are heartbroken. We love our students and have missed them terribly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Distance learning has caused us to think, teach, and learn differently and it's been hard. My hope for everyone is that we search for and find the good things that come out of this time in our history while wishing for overall good health and wellness for our school community.

Every school year ends with celebrations of student accomplishments, and while the school buildings are closed, this becomes more challenging. Administration and staff will work together to make those celebrations possible in some manner. The junior prom and graduation committees have met to discuss options for those events and a faculty group has formed for considering ideas for the rest - honor society inductions, academic achievement awards, athletic awards, music awards, the FFA banquet, etc. We recognize how vastly important it is for students to experience such milestones and we will do whatever we can to make them meaningful and memorable.

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

Class of 2020 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Nicole Ball, Valedictorian.

It is with great pleasure to recognize Tully Junior-Senior High School's Class of 2020 valedictorian, Nicole Ball. Nicole has embraced and actively sought academically challenging courses. Her senior year finds her taking AP Biology, OCC French, AP Calculus, and OCC/AP English. Nicole dedicates countless hours of the day to her academics and this commitment has paid off. Last spring

she was inducted into the French and National Honor Societies and earned the University of Rochester's "Bausch and Lomb Science Award." Although a large portion of Nicole's day is devoted to academics, she is also an active member of First Tech Challenge, Drama Club, and Chamber Choir. Nicole plans on attending the Honors College at University at Buffalo and majoring in pre-med with a potential career goal in the psychiatry field. Way to go, Nicole, and good luck on all your future endeavors!



Ian Byrne, Salutatorian,

has established himself in the Tully Junior-Senior High School community in several different areas. He is a tremendous asset to the school. Academically, Ian has taken honors and accelerated courses in every core area offered at Tully High School. This year he is juggling OCC Spanish V, Physics, and is doubled up in math, taking both AP Calculus and AP Statistics. His commitment

to his education is unwavering and his hard work has not gone unnoticed; he is a member of National Honor Society and has won numerous academic honors. When Ian is not busy with academics, he is a contributing and active member of Varsity Soccer, Environmental Club, and International Club. Currently, he is also serving as the Student Ex-Officio on the Board of Education. Ian plans on attending Villanova University and majoring in environmental/civil engineering. Congratulations, Ian, on your all of your accomplishments and best wishes for the future!

2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Update

The following students took the PSAT last fall and met the requirements to enter the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Moira McAninch and **Bailey Albro.**

Of some 1.5 million program entrants, each of these students is among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants who will be recognized in the fall of their senior year as either a Commended Student or a Semifinalist and will continue on in the competition.

Congratulations to both Moira and Bailey!

Rank Announcement

Amidst our current situation, Tully JSHS has ranked among the best high schools according to US World News and Reports. Within the ranks, Tully JSHS made #210 in New York, #2226 nationally, and # 7 in the Syracuse, NY metro area. To see all the statistics of our wonderful school, visit usnews.com. Thank you to everyone who does their part in helping to make our schools the best!

Stay-at-Home Spirit Week

The High School Student Council couldn't let a chance go by without holding a spirit week, so in the first few weeks of remote school learning, students and teachers got to share their pictures with each other from home.

Stay-at-Home Spirit Week started off with Jersey Day. Even pets got in on the action! Isolation Fashion was the next day – while this was a good rendition of pajama day, Mrs. Newton took it to the next level and pulled out her wedding dress. She looked very fancy! The middle of the week featured Bed Head, and to be honest, most of us probably didn't have to try too hard to accomplish this. Closer to the end of the week, everyone was ready for Quarantine Food and showed what their favorite food to eat while at home was.

We couldn't end the week without our famous Tully Black/Red day to show our school spirit had not wavered during this unprecedented time. Who says you can't have school spirit while at home?

Class of 2020: Top Ten



Hard work pays off! Tully's Class of 2020 would like to present their top ten academic achievers:

#1 Valedictorian - Nicole Ball
#2 Salutatorian - Ian Byrne
#3 - Anna Moss
#4 - Ethan Selmser
#5 - Jade Dillenbeck

#6 - Taylor Kotary
#7 - Marissa Scalza
#8 - Angela Touchette
#9 - Sarah Daddona
#10 - Allison Kolodziejczyk

Congratulations to these students! Tully is proud of them and their strive to accomplish the goals they set forth for themselves!

Freaky Friday Fun



At the beginning of March, Tully's drama department put on a fantastically fun musical, *Freaky Friday*, about a mom and a daughter who magically switch lives with each other. They are able to walk in each other's shoes, so to speak, and discover the challenges that they each face on a day-to-day basis. With a full audience each time they performed, they entertained the crowd thoroughly with their 90s songs and dance moves. Among the cast were six seniors: Nicole Ball, Allie Kolodziejczyk, Taylor Kotary, Anna Moss, Marissa Scalza, and Eleni Steenbergh. All who participated did a wonderful job and many compliments have been shared about this talented group.

Shark Tank: Tully Style



Every year in Mr. Paccia's 7th grade Tech class, students participate in the "Invention Convention," which requires them to solve a problem in their lives with an invention idea, conduct a patent search to make sure it doesn't already exist, do a write up on what it is and what it does, draw a plan on AutoCAD, and build a model that represents it. This year, Mr. Paccia expanded this project and required students to pitch their ideas to three independent investors with hopes to secure financial support to start their company, aka Shark Tank: Tully Style. Three teachers/administrators sat in on the presentations conducted over a three-day period during class time with monopoly money to invest in the students' inventions. Students did not disappoint and there were a wide array of inventions including an all-in-one triathlon shoe, a see-through car visor, and a pet brush. Students were asked tough questions by the sharks including percentage rates and foreseeable company growth. Under pressure, the students did quite well and many got the investment they were seeking.

Congratulations



Congratulations to two of our JSHS students who attend career and technical education programs - they both earned silver medals as they recently competed at Skills USA: **Ashton Henry** for collision repair in Auto Technology and **Gillian Wintermute** for a promotional bulletin board in Graphic Design.

Trivia (K)Night 2020



On Thursday, March 12th, fourteen teams competed for a \$100.00 cash prize and bragging rights of being smarter than a 5th grader in the annual Trivia Night competition sponsored by the Senior High Student Council. Questions ranged from those that were content specific to local history to random fun facts. Mr. Fregly made his debut as the enthusiastic and ever-engaging MC of the event. This year's winners were the team known as the "Titanic Swim Team" and consisted of: Andrew Barber, Gabe Benedetto, Josie Chapman, Katelyn Lamoruex, John McKenna, and Scott Petrucco. A good time was had by all.

Humanities Class Gets Creative



Mrs. Mulondo's and Mrs. Rossman's Humanities class is getting creative! It was proposed and decided that students in the 12th grade Humanities classroom could leave their mark by way of mural in the JSHS Conference #2 to last long after they graduate. Students planned and prepped before they went on an in-town fieldtrip to the local hardware store to gather supplies. Students then prepared the room to paint and got the background ready. Unfortunately, the mural is on hold due to the school closure but will be able to be enjoyed by students and groups such as the Board of Education once completed. We are excited to see the finished product!

Model UN Represents US This Year

This year, the Model UN team represented the United States at the National High School Model UN (NHSMUN) conference, which was a



huge responsibility and accomplishment for Tully. Tully had thirteen students attend and they were assigned various committee topics including: The Commission on the Status of Women, International Atomic Energy Agency, and The Disarmament and Security Committee, among others. Although Tully did not win any formal awards, the director of NHSMUN reached out to Mr. O'Neill after the conference and stated he was very impressed by Tully's students and noted that Tully was within one percentage point of winning a delegate award, which for a three-year-old program is very impressive. Although the students had limited time in the city, they went to Central Park, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Times Square, and Hell's Kitchen (for NYC food!). At the closing ceremonies, students got to hear a speech from former Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, about the importance of global partnership and the role of the United Nations.

Tully High School Alumni News

The Tully Alumni Association was organized in 1897 with the intent to gather annually and to maintain a directory of graduates. The first Alumni Banquet was held in 1898 at the Hotel Slayton. Over the years, the annual gathering has been held at various restaurants or civic club locations and some years it was held at the High School cafeteria. We continue to keep this tradition active.

In view of the pandemic we are not certain this year's event will take place; however, it is planned to be held Saturday, August 15th at Orchard Vali Golf Club at noon. All classes are encouraged to attend. Those classes being honored end in "0" and recognized classes end in "5." The Class of 1970 will be the host class. Check for updates in the Alumni section of the Tully Historical Society website. Alumni are encouraged to share their thoughts/ideas regarding our annual event program - either post on the website or e-mail admin@tullyhistoricalsociety.org.

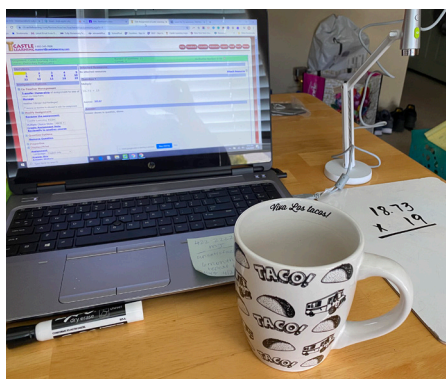
Again, this event is open to ALL Alumni, not just those years being honored or recognized. There will be an on-line reservation form on our website at the end of June.

Teachers Turn to Technology to Gap the Bridge in Social Distancing

Teachers all over the nation had to change their instructional delivery method within moments when schools were closed, but we are so proud of our Tully teachers who took the task to heart. From face-to-face instruction to web casts, Zoom meetings, Google Classroom, Google Meets, and other platforms, teachers have shown their technologically innovative selves to bridge the gap of social distancing.

Elementary teachers have read stories on line, live streamed their lessons and math explanations, recorded their vocabulary words, and held interactive Zoom meetings. JSHS teachers have helped students with foreign language pronunciation through Zoom, given virtual labs, utilized several teaching platforms, and have continued projects by being available to students at many times throughout each day. To keep spirits up, an at-home spirit week and challenges such as lip syncs and meme creations have been created for students to participate in while engaged in their studies.

Our teachers have gone above and beyond to create a positive learning atmosphere from home and we couldn't be prouder!



Article Submission Guidelines

To submit an article, email articles to Sherry Huggins at sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org. If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6236.

Please email articles in Word format whenever possible. Do not capitalize all the words in the article. Do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.

Material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

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If our building is still closed by the time you read this, we want you to know that we are still here, continuing to provide you virtually

with the resources you rely on, and we hope to open again soon. Even if we can't serve you in person, the library is still a vital resource for our community. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email us anytime at tullyfree@tullyfreelibrary.org, message us on our Facebook page, or leave us a voicemail at our phone number (315-696-8606). We are checking these daily!

In the meantime, please keep any library items at home until we reopen. Our book drop is closed. Due dates have been pushed back to July 1st and no overdue fines will be assessed during this time.

We've been updating our website (www.tullyfreelibrary.org) with information and resources to help you through this challenging time. We have a webpage devoted to Coronavirus information which also includes a link to our online resources page. Please take advantage of the links here, as there are many resources for online education and entertainment for all ages; from museum tours, livestreams from the zoo, online STEAM activities and more, there's something for library users of all ages to take advantage of. We're also posting links on Facebook regarding topics in arts and crafts, DIY, the arts, physical fitness, and much more!

Plans are still in the works for our summer reading program this year, entitled "Imagine your Story." We'll let you know if our events will end up being online or not as soon as we know!

We wish everyone in the community good health at this time and hope to see you all soon!



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Season begins in August

CHEER FEES:



Grade	Team	Before June 1	June 1 – Nov. 1
K-2 (must turn 5 before 12/1/2020)	Flag Football Cheer	\$60	\$75
3-4	C Cheer	\$60	\$75
5-7 (cannot turn 13 before 12/1/2020)	B Cheer	\$60	\$75

FOOTBALL FEES:



Grade	Team	Before June 1	June 1 – Nov. 1
K-2 (must turn 5 before 12/1/2020)	Flag Football	\$30	\$40
3-4	C Football (Tackle)	\$90	\$110
5-6	B Football (Tackle)	\$90	\$110

*Grades for registration are as of FALL 2020

*Partial payments option

*For scholarships and all other questions, call: 315-575-0728

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"Signs" that Tully is an Amazing Place to Be

When plans change unexpectedly and we are thrown into uncharted waters, Tully prevails! We can all agree that we are living in stressful times, but it is times like these that we band together and show each other how much we care for one another. The administration, faculty, and staff at the JSHS planned a surprise senior parade for 2020's seniors. This included driving by their house to distribute lawn signs and making as much commotion as possible to help boost morale and honor those who have worked so hard towards graduation, which will most likely look much different than in years past. Little did the staff know, seniors had their own plans to honor those who have helped them towards their graduation goals, and ironically, on the same day as the senior parade. Seniors made and posted signs at the staff entrance to the building with encouraging notes, praise, and quotes. Staff saw the signs as they gathered for the senior parade, giving them even more reason to enjoy the day that was ahead of them. The signs made by the seniors and the lawn signs delivered to the students were all "signs" that show Tully is an amazing place to be!

