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Save the Date!

Senior High Drama Club

Make plans to enjoy *Blithe Spirit*, **Nov. 17 and 18**. The play will have you laughing in the aisles as its main character, Charles Condomine, does his level best to appease both of his wives, one of whom is alive and well and another who is inadvertently called back from the grave.

High School Musical

March 2 and 3 - The planned musical is *Disaster!* It features hit music of the 1970's in a comedic setting upon a floating casino plagued with disasters.

Middle School Musical

Beauty and the Beast - The performance dates are **Friday, February 2** at 7 p.m. and new this year a Saturday matinee at **2 p.m. February 3**. The show has been cast and rehearsals begin October 16th.

Homecoming 2017



The Junior Senior High School had a fun-filled Homecoming spirit week from September 25-29. Each day had a separate theme for students, such as wearing a favorite sports jersey and red/black Tully pride day. If students participated in the theme days or brought in donations to help with clean-up efforts for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, they were eligible for a drawing for a cash prize. A pep rally was held where team members were recognized and students competed in games of musical chairs, limbo and Captain's Quarters. Senior Lucas Peterson donned the Black Knight outfit and assisted our awesome cheerleaders and pep band members in keeping the crowd engaged. The Class of 2018 participated in the annual interclass tug-o-war while Thomas Morse and Jessica Donald were crowned Homecoming 2017 King and Queen.

Junior High Fall Dance



7th and 8th grade Junior High students enjoyed their first dance of the year on Friday, October 6th. Newly elected Junior High Student Council Officers, Mick Swan, Kenzie Smith, Emma Byrne, Kevin Wood, Alexa Shay, Everett Chambala, Adrienne Edinger, and Max Selmsler planned and advertised, collected and counted admissions, and decorated and cleaned up for this event. Students had fun in the fall-themed photo booth with scarecrows, hay bales, pumpkins, and other props. They also participated in a dance contest with the final round being an air guitar contest. Art Club ran concessions with numerous snack options, and Mr. Schiener organized some fun, active games in the gym.

Overall, a wonderful time was had by all, and it was certainly a great way to kick off the fall season!

Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise emergency situations when school may close, be delayed, or dismiss early. Local radio stations and local news channels provide school related closing information. This information is also posted on our website (www.tullyschools.org) Additionally, Tully Schools uses *SchoolMessenger* to send out emergency notifications. This notification system allows school administrators to contact all parents/guardians and staff by phone, email, and text, in order to communicate information about emergencies, school closings, delays, early dismissals, important school events, and reminders. This notification system uses the parent and staff contact information that we have on file in our main offices. Parents or guardians who are not already receiving *SchoolMessenger* notices should contact Mr. Paul Schiener (315-696-6235 or pschiener@tullyschools.org).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Edward Kupiec

It's hard to believe that we are coming up on almost one-quarter of the school year being complete! The 1st marking period will end on November 3rd and that means it's time for parent-teacher conferences. Regular communication between teachers and parents is an important factor in student achievement. Parents who are aware of what their children are learning in the classroom and informed about their progress can provide better support at home. Parent-teacher conferences provide the teacher and the parent(s) with an opportunity to sit and discuss their child individually, the school program, the report card, and any other questions that arise. This year, parent-teacher conferences will be held on Friday, November 17th, which also means there will be no school for students on this day. Many parents signed up for conference times during Back to School night. Please contact your child's teacher if you need to arrange a conference time.

Parent-teacher conferences often have very limited time constraints. Here are links to two web articles that provide advice for parents on making the most of this short time. One article is from the National PTA, an organization similar to our own PTO and the other is from the NEA, the National Education Association. I hope you find them useful!

7 Tips for your Most Effective Parent-Teacher Conference Yet: <http://onevoice.pta.org/?p=6557>

NEA Tips for Parents on Parent-Teacher Conferences: <http://www.nea.org/home/60103.htm>

I would like to also wish each of you and your families a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely, **Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal**

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Elementary Student Recognition



Ella Hall is a 6th grader at Tully Elementary School. She is very talented in many ways, but has a special interest in crocheting a variety of wonderful gifts for her friends and family. Over the summer, Ella made many newborn baby caps to be donated to the neonatal unit at our local hospital. Thank you Ella, for sharing your talent and kindness with others.

News from 1st Grade

In 1st grade, the social realm of school is just as important as the academic. We spend a great deal of time developing a classroom environment that encourages children to take risks, share thoughts and ideas, make mistakes, and accept others.

In order to meet the new science standards, students will be engaged in activities and experiments that require them to communicate ideas to solve real world problems. It is essential for students to learn to communicate effectively. Listening to others and accepting ideas of others can be a difficult skill. We are learning to take turns, accept advice, and develop new ideas collaboratively. It is exciting to watch new thinking unfold when students learn to work together.



Third Grade

Third graders here at Tully Elementary had a busy week! One of the highlights was receiving their own copy of *A Student's Dictionary*. Members from Tully Rotary Club, including Mr. and Mrs. Cardamone, presented the eager students with the dictionaries.

Students thought it was pretty cool when they came across the sections that had information on the longest word, planets, sign language, braille and even the water cycle. We are excited to be able to use our dictionaries in the classroom and so grateful for the continued support and generosity from our community!



NEW FACULTY & STAFF



Rachel Bennett

Hello Tully Community! I am happy to say that I will be joining the Tully Central School District as a long term substitute in mathematics for the 2017-2018 school year. I began teaching almost 10 years ago in the Syracuse City School District, where I have spent all of my career. I graduated from SUNY Cortland with my Master's in Adolescence Educa-

tion – Mathematics 7-12, and prior to graduate school, I completed my undergraduate degree in Equine Business Management at Cazenovia College. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, riding horses, and spending time outdoors. I am excited to have the opportunity to work in the school district where I live and where my children attend school. I look forward to sharing my love for math with all the Black Knights this year!



Rebecca Seamans

I have worked with children for quite some time. I had a daycare in my home where I took care of six children plus my own two. In 2016 I started getting my teaching assistant certificate and worked as a long term substitute at Homer Central Schools. In August 2017 I received my Teaching Assistant certification, and a position at Tully Elementary in the

Special Education department. I am enjoying my position with Tully Elementary and meeting new people. I look forward to continuing my journey with Tully Elementary School.



Tina Goddard

I am excited to be joining the kindergarten team this year as a teaching assistant. Originally from England, I have been a part of the Tully community for 19 years. I am married to Tony and have two boys Joshua and Matthew, and a dog named Cooper. I have been a part of TES for many years taking on a variety of different roles from PTO President,

volunteering, substituting as a TA/Teacher, clerical work and volunteering. In my spare time I enjoy reading and sewing, spending time with the family and go kart racing.



Jessica Walker

I am excited to be starting this year as a teaching assistant at Tully Elementary. I graduated from Tully JSHS. I have three children, ages 11, 8 and 3. We live in Otisco. In our free time, we enjoy camping, four wheeling and much more. I look forward to working at Tully Elementary.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Ann Murphy

As the first marking period draws to a close, students will soon be receiving their first quarter grades. Teachers and parents alike may want to check in with each other about a student's performance. Direct contact between parents and teachers is the best way to engage in meaningful conversations about academics and the skills necessary to be successful in school. If teachers are concerned about students at the JSHS, parents will be contacted to attend parent conferences over the next several weeks including Friday, November 17th, a day reserved for those conferences.

In the meantime, parents can help their children do well in school by encouraging them to always give their best effort. Successful students are those who are active learners that participate in class activities and discussions, ask for help before feelings of being overwhelmed set in, and studying between quizzes and tests, to name just a few. Our school counselors, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Davin, can assist students with their concerns about their academic performance by also giving them tips and strategies that work for specific scenarios. The after school Activity Period is an excellent time for students to take advantage of seeing their teachers in a less formal setting.

Throughout the year, parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher directly if there are concerns.

Sincerely, **Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, JSHS Principal**

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - Jessica Donald

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?**

The sports teams I have been on have earned a lot of league, sectional, state championships and I have been at national championships for track. The teachers at Tully are aware that I have other things going on and they are very supportive. Also, the classes are small so it allows me to create stronger relationships with them.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

I am proud of being inducted into National Honor Society because I've done a lot of community service and other hard work which has paid off with this achievement.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?

I hope to have a good paying job, perhaps in engineering, and a nice house.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

I work on time management because I take honors and advanced classes, participate in interscholastic and club sports, sing with the Chamber Singers, and belong to some other clubs. I have to always make the most of the time I have and it has made me a better student. I don't procrastinate.

Who is your hero and why?

My mom is my hero because she is a very successful woman and I want to be like her.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - Ryan King

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?**

The best part for me is getting involved in sports, having fun experiences with friends, working on various projects with new people, etc.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

My proudest moments have been teaching younger students how to ski and gain confidence in themselves so that they can ski without parents or coaches looking after them.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?

I would like to have a medical degree and have a job in the medical field. I'd like to have a house and maybe some pets.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

I have had to find a balance between preparing for college, doing my coursework, playing sports, participating in volunteer activities, and being involved in various clubs. I establish schedules and plan ahead to stay on top of everything so that it is simpler for me to manage everything.

Who is your hero and why?

My hero is my grandfather because even when he has to deal with a lot of really tough situations or seems overwhelmed, he manages to always get through them while still maintaining good humor the entire time.

Coaches

2017-2018 WINTER ATHLETIC SEASON

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| Head Varsity Girls Basketball | Jeff Russell |
| JV Girls Basketball | Jayne Morse |
| 7th Grade JH Girls Basketball | Tim Villhauer |
| 8th Grade JH Girls Basketball | Bill Donald |

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| Head Varsity Boys Basketball | Ryan Dando |
| (Volunteers- R.Burt/Z.Chawgo) | |
| JV Boys Basketball | Don McClure |
| 7th Grade JH Boys Basketball | Charlie Locke |
| 8th Grade JH Boys Basketball | DJ Charles |

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| Head Varsity Volleyball | Denise Abbott |
| JV Volleyball | Ashley Brunnelle |
| 7th Grade JH Volleyball | Sue Hardy |
| 8th Grade JH Volleyball | Michelle Gazdik |

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| Head Varsity Wrestling | Combining with OCS/ OCS home site |
| JH Wrestling | Combining with OCS/ OCS home site |

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| Head Boys Varsity Indoor Track | Jim Paccia |
| Head Girls Varsity Indoor Track | Michelle Rauber |
| Winter Cheerleading | Bettemae Russell |

Start Dates

JH Winter 1

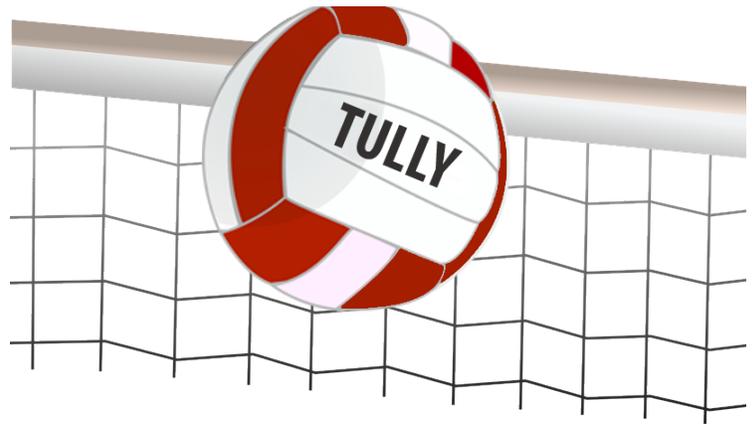
JH Volleyball – Wednesday, October 25, 2017
JH Boys Basketball – Wednesday, November 1, 2017

JH Winter II

JH Girls Basketball – Tuesday, January 2, 2018
JH Wrestling – Tuesday, January 2, 2018

All JV/V Winter Sports

Monday, November 6, 2017



DISTRICT WIDE NEWS

Middle School MUSICAL



**February 2nd
February 3rd**

Substitute Job Openings at Tully Central School District

Looking for part-time work with flexibility? Hours vary. All positions on an as needed basis.

- ◆ **Substitute Bus Drivers** – Requirements: clean driving record; a CDL license with a Passenger Endorsement.
- ◆ **Substitute School Monitors (Bus Monitors)**
- ◆ **Substitute Food Service Helpers** – Positions available in the elementary and junior/senior high school.
- ◆ **Substitute Custodians** – Positions available in the elementary and junior/senior high school.
- ◆ **Substitute Clerical**
- ◆ **Substitute Nurses** – RN certification preferred. May consider LPN certification.
- ◆ **Substitute Teachers** – Positions available in the elementary and junior/senior high school. NYS certification preferred.
- ◆ **Substitute Teaching Assistants**

Substitute applications are taken on an on-going basis. All eligible must complete an application and will be fingerprinted through the NYS Education Department. Applications may be obtained from the school **website: <http://tullyschools.org>** or may be picked up at the district office, business office, elementary or high school office.

From the Superintendent



During the 2017-18 school year we will conduct five types of safety drills. We will conduct bus safety drills, during which students practice evacuating school buses. We will conduct fire drills, during which students will practice evacuating school buildings. We will conduct an emergency evacuation drill, during which TES school students will evacuate to the JSHS, and JSHS students will evacuate to TES. We will conduct lockdown drills, during which students will practice sheltering in safe places within the school buildings. (We might go into lockdown if there was a threat within the school.) We will conduct lockout drills, during which faculty and staff will practice securing the perimeter of the schools. (We might go into a lockout if there was a threat outside, but in close proximity, to a school.) In addition to these safety drills, faculty and staff receive training on what to do in crisis situations.

Again this school year, we have Mr. Raymond Herrick serving as our Director of School Security and Safety. Mr. Herrick is a retired Onondaga County Sheriff's Deputy. He has worked as a school resource officer at a neighboring school district. He is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of our safety drills, and for conducting faculty/staff training. He works closely with our social worker, our psychologist, our counselors, and our administrators to provide support for our students and their families. He will act as a first responder, should there be a critical incident, and he will coordinate with other first responders (police, fire, paramedics). Police response time to our school campus, should there be a critical incident, can be as long as ten minutes or more. Because of this, we believe it is important that Mr. Herrick continue to be an armed presence on campus. Over the past twelve months, we have worked with the NYS Troopers and our legal counsel, in order to ensure that Mr. Herrick has proper authorizations and proper guidance, in order to be an armed presence on campus.

Finally, during the 2017-18 school year, we have a School Safety Committee in place. This committee is charged with oversight of these school safety initiatives. This committee includes representatives from the Tully Fire Department, law enforcement, and the school district. One of the primary goals of this committee is to ensure that there is effective communication within the District and between the school District and local first responders.

As educators, our primary responsibility is to provide a safe and orderly learning environment for our students. This is a responsibility we take very seriously.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Robert Hughes,
Superintendent of Schools

Article Submission Guidelines

Material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article. If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6204. 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. It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Please do not capitalize all the words in the article. Please do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article. **Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.**

2017-2018 Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

- 2020 Mrs. Elaine (Fay) Burt**
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- 2018 Mr. Matthew VanBeveren, Vice President**
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Home: 315-696-5745
- 2018 Mr. Edward Wortley, II**
982 Dutch Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159
Home: 315-696-8609

Meeting Dates

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

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| Tuesday | October 24, 2017 |
| Monday | November 20, 2017 |
| Monday | December 18, 2017 |
| Monday | January 22, 2018 |
| Monday | February 12, 2018 |
| Tuesday | March 6, 2018 |
| Tuesday | March 20, 2018 |
| Tuesday | April 3, 2018 |
| Monday | April 16, 2018 |
| Tuesday | May 8, 2018 – includes budget public hearing |
| Tuesday | May 15, 2018 – budget vote 6 am - 9 p.m. |
| Tuesday | June 19, 2018 |



Tully Free Library

12 State Street
 tullyfreelibrary.org • 315-696-8606
 Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Closed Sundays

Tully Regional Enrichment Program (TREP) is now Full STEAM Ahead @ TFL

TREP is a grant-funded program that used to be housed at Tully Elementary School that provides free enrichment programs for children and families in the Tully area. TREP is being renamed **Full STEAM Ahead @ TFL** and is currently transitioning to a program conducted by the Tully Free Library. We are excited at this opportunity to expand enrichment opportunities in our community!

Classes will meet at the Tully Free Library. More students will benefit as homeschooled children and children near Tully (Fabius, Pompey, etc.) are welcome to join.

In addition to classes, **Full STEAM Ahead @ TFL** also sponsors free special events and field trips for families. We will expand destinations beyond previous field trips to *The Strong Museum of Play in Rochester* and *The Wild Animal Park in Chittenango*. Full STEAM Ahead @ TFL will also be sponsoring Cornell Summer Science Snapshot - a special two-day program at Cornell University for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Babies & Kids Events and Resources

Terrific Tuesdays afterschool crafts and snacks now every Tuesday from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. This program is for elementary-aged kids.

Rockin' Readers Storytime for preschoolers (ages 3+) on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tykes Time Storytime for babies and toddlers (up to age 3) on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

New Take-Home Storytime Kits!

Take Storytime home with you! We have new kits with books and music CDs that you can borrow. The kits were created by the *Family Reading Partnership*.

Teen Events (5th-12th grades):

Movie & a Snack - watch a new-release movie and enjoy a snack with us each month after school. Free! Check our calendar for dates and movie titles.

Magic: The Gathering tournament sponsored by TCGplayer. Friday, November 17 from 6-8:30 p.m. Pizza and prizes! Please register online or by calling the library.

Duel Club every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Learn how to play new dueling card games or compete against your friends in battle! You can bring your own cards or we have decks you can use. You can play Pokemon, Yu Gi Oh, Magic, or any other duel club cards you have. All ages. No signup required.

Board Game Club every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Play new and classic board games!

★ NEW DAY/TIME Chess Club every Friday from 2:45 - 4 p.m. Open to players of all ages and abilities. Join us for skill-building each week and monthly tournaments.

Role Playing Game Club (Dungeons & Dragons and other games) every Friday at 4 p.m.

Fitness Center Now Open to Tully Residents

The Tully Central School District Fitness Center, located in the High School athletic wing, is now open to Tully residents Monday - Friday, 4:30-7p.m. Children under age 12 are not allowed.

The Fitness Center is closed on holidays and snow days, or when after school activities are cancelled for weather reasons. The gyms and indoor track are not available for use during the designated Fitness Room hours.

Basketball Program - Tully Rec -

Basketball program for boys and girls,
first thru sixth grades.

DATES & GENERAL INFORMATION:

Girls and Boys 5th & 6th Grade Teams
 Nov. 6th 2017 - Feb. 10th 2018.
 Mid-week and Saturday practices,
 Saturday games in Jan/Feb

Girls and Boys 3rd & 4th Grade Teams
 Nov. 6th 2017 - Jan. 20th 2018.
 Mid-week and Saturday practice's, games TBA

Boys and Girls 1st & 2nd Grade Teams
 Jan. 6th 2018 - Feb. 10th 2018.
 Saturday practice's only, no games

REGISTER USING THE LINK BELOW:

<http://www.active.com/tully-ny/camps/tully-parks-and-recreation-2017>

This link can also be found on the Tully Schools website
(Community/Parks & Recreation)

Email: tullyparksrec@gmail.com with questions

Registration discount coupons are available,
please email if needed



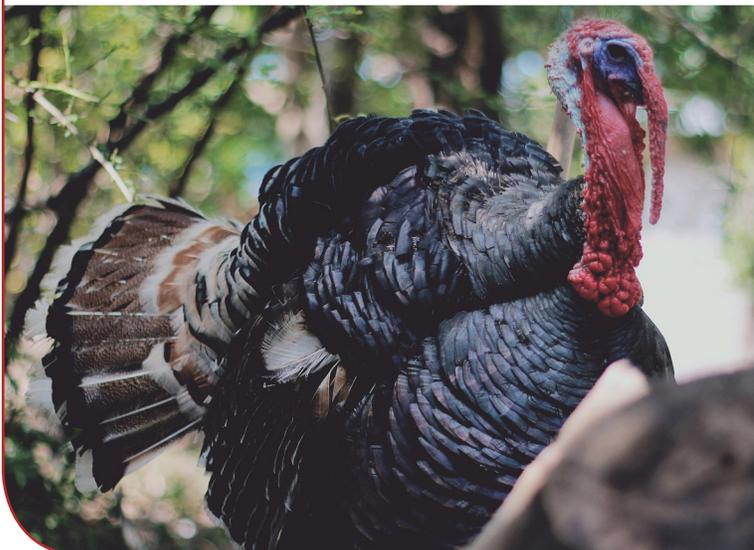
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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



November

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| Tues | 7 | Superintendent Conference Day – No Students |
| Fri | 10 | Veteran's Day – No School |
| Fri | 17 | Parent/Teacher Conferences – No Students |
| Fri-Sat | 17-18 | Senior High Drama - <i>Blithe Spirit</i> , JSHS |
| Mon | 20 | BOE Meeting, JSHS Library, 6 pm |
| Weds-Fri | 22-24 | Thanksgiving Recess |