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Tully Drama Sweeps at 2016 Pavilion Awards

Every year the Cortland Repertory Theater recognizes excellence from local drama programs with its annual Pavilion Awards. Professional actors from CRT hand out the awards “Tony-style” following a brief reception.

Over a dozen judges attend plays and musicals at Tully, Cortland, Homer, Groton, Dryden, and McGraw. They then evaluate the performances to select winners in eight categories. This year’s judges mentioned that the quality of all the programming continues to improve and they were especially impressed with the technical elements across the board.

Tully should be proud! 12 Angry Jurors won “Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Play” and the following individuals took home awards in their categories:

Leading Actress in a Play: Haley Fowler-Conner

Supporting Actress in a Play: Elsa Gauss

Featured Actor in a Play: Gerrit VanDyne

Featured Actress in a Play: Liz Ferguson

“Most Valuable Player” awards, voted on by the cast and crew for each show, were also presented. Emily Teeter was recognized as the MVP for Lucky Stiff while Lucas Peterson and Peyton Wolf shared the award for 12 Angry Jurors.



Alumni News

Jason Levengood, Class of 2012

Jason graduated from Pitt (University of Pittsburgh) with degrees in Finance and Logistics this past spring 2016. He recently accepted a position with CooperVision, a division of The Cooper Companies, a leader in soft contact lens manufacturing. Jason is working in the Rochester area as a Production Planner. He is living in Seneca Falls.

BMI Opt Out

This year, all school districts in New York State will once again take part in a survey conducted by the New York State Department of Health. This survey will include students who are currently in grades 1, 3, 5, 8, and 11 only. Tully Central School District will be reporting students’ body mass index (BMI) to the New York State Department of Health. This information will be used by the Department of Health to develop programs aimed at improving the health of students in New York State. No names and no information about individual students will be sent.

Parents/guardians have the option of removing a child’s BMI information from data being sent to the NYSDOH. If you wish to have your child’s information excluded from this survey, you must make this request in writing, prior to December 1, 2016. Please contact either the TES nurse 696-6209 or JSHS nurse 696-6241 for additional information. A copy of the form you can use to remove your child from this survey can be found at the Tully Schools webpage (www.tullyschols.org).

From the Desk of the Elementary School Principal



Edward Kupiec

It's probably no surprise that the character trait that we will be focusing on for November is being thankful. We have a lot to be thankful for at TES. We have wonderful students and staff, a great educational environment, and a supportive community. Our Character Council will help lead the effort to give back by holding a canned food drive.

The 1st marking period will end on November 4th and parent-teacher conferences will be held during our two half-days on November 21st and November 22nd. 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. There are some great articles online with suggestions to help make the most of a parent-teacher conference. A simple Google search is all you need!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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We Are Good Citizens!



First graders at Tully Elementary have been reading, discussing, and learning about what it means to be good citizens. We learned that citizens are members of a community, and that they have both rights and responsibilities. In each classroom, students named their hopes and dreams for the year. We then brainstormed rules that would help make our classrooms and school a place where everyone could learn and have fun, so that we could meet the goals they had set. In addition to following our rules, we discussed other choices we might make as good citizens of our learning community. Here are some of the things first graders named as good citizen choices: "I will spread happy feelings," "We will do our best work," "We will listen to our friends and teachers," "I will play fair," "We ask friends to play," "We clean up messes," "We do our jobs," and "We are kind to each other."



Music & Drama News

General music classes have gotten off to a great start. We are singing and dancing in all classes. We have begun review of musical concepts and are stepping into new ones. We are beginning new units in the upper grades and getting ready for a musical year.

Fifth and sixth grade chorus is preparing for our holiday concert, scheduled for December 15th, beginning at 7:00pm. We are learning about good posture and breathing. We have begun preparing two of our five selections. They have a beautiful sound and are working very hard.

Third and fourth grade chorus will not begin until February. Parents should expect to receive a note from Mrs. Rahrle when we get closer to that time.

Our elementary school drama program is for our fifth and sixth grade students. Permission slips have already gone home, and auditions were held in October. This year's drama selection is entitled Into The Woods Jr., with performances scheduled for February 3rd and 4th, both at 7:00pm. Good luck every one.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Skylar Kayes



Family: Parents, Colleen and Seth Usherwood; Brother, Zachary; Sisters, Keagan and Rowan.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? Although the year is just beginning, my favorite part of high school has been senior year. In just a few short weeks our senior class has developed such a great bond and we are closer than ever.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? The extracurricular activities I have been a part of have taught me that there is more to high school than just the grades you receive. I have learned to take time to enjoy the people I spend time with and most of all I have learned to not stress the little things. Looking back, I can think of a million times when I was too concerned with the little things that I completely missed out on the main lesson in life.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment so far is cheering in the Carrier Dome last football season. It was such an honor to be able to be there and it was great to see our school come out and support the team.

What are your plans after high school? After high school, I plan to attend college to pursue a degree in communications. Eventually, I hope to use this degree in public relations.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? A challenge I often face is forgetting to just take a step back and enjoy life. I get so caught up in the demands of schools, work, etc. that I often forget the essential goal in life is not to meet all of these deadlines, but it is simply to enjoy life. Sometimes I need a reality check that allows me to take a deep breath and step away from the chaos of a high school senior's schedule.

Who's your hero and why? Without a doubt, my mom is my hero. Every day she reminds me that my life will be whatever I want it to be. It's not up to anyone else to make changes for me if I am unhappy. No matter how ridiculous my future plans may become she never second guesses that I will make them a reality.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Frank McKenna



Family: Father, Tom and Mother, Johanna; Brothers, Thomas and John; and Sister, Grace.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career is being part of the fan section at Tully Boys Basketball games. It is so fun to be a part of a section cheering and making such an incredible atmosphere during the games.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? One of the activities I participate in outside of school is Boy Scouts which I am in the last stretch to completing my Eagle Scout. Being a Boy Scout has taught me management of every kind, as well as being an effective leader. I am very thankful to everyone who has helped me throughout my time of being a Boy Scout.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment in high school is when my football team won the playoff game against Beaver River and being able to play in the Carrier Dome.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to go to college and major in civil or mechanical engineering. After college, I would like to go into the US NAVY as a commissioned officer and work to be a US NAVY Seal.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? I broke my arm at the beginning of my junior year playing football. I waited the amount of time it took to heal, and when I was healed, I was able to play in my last two games and in the Carrier Dome.

Who's your hero and why? My parents are my heroes because they taught me everything I know. They taught me about integrity for respect and how to be well mannered, who I am and how I am is all due to my parents.



IMPORTANT ATHLETICS DATES:

JH Volleyball start date	October 24, 2016
JH Boys Basketball start date	November 1, 2016
JV/V Winter Sports start date	November 7, 2016
Boys & Girls Cross Country Sectionals @ Chittenango HS	November 11, 2016
Cornfield Classic Boys Lacrosse Tournament at Tully HS	November 5-6, 2016
Boys/Girls Cross Country State Championships	November 12, 2016 @ Chenango State Park

Athletics Schedules

Access your favorite Tully Black Knight sports team's schedule by going to the HS website at www.tullyschools.org. Click on the "Athletics" page and go to "schedules".

From the Desk of the JSHS Principal



Mary Ann Murphy

As the first marking period is about to come to a close, and as grades will be arriving at home soon, it is essential to think about the importance of attendance at school. Students who consistently attend school are more likely to develop the skills and abilities necessary for success in secondary school and beyond. Making up missed work can not replace the direct instruction, learning activities, or critical thinking that takes place during lessons.

We understand that students will miss school for legitimate reasons, such as if they are running a fever, have a contagious illness, or if there is a family emergency. But in some cases parents may struggle to get their child to attend school. If a student misses school because of a particular situation with which parents may need help, we are here as partners to work towards a solution. Most of the time, once students make it into the school building, they stay. It's hard to manage the amount of work and the number of teachers a student must see to make up assignments, especially if chronic absences are an issue. Please let us know how we can help.

This time of year also marks the beginning of parent-teacher conferences. At the Junior Senior High School, parents will be contacted by a guidance counselor if teachers see the need for a conference. Parents are also welcome to request one. We believe that it is very important for the student to attend conferences. Teachers will review students' strengths and discuss ways to assist students who may need extra help. Parents know their children better than anyone and can let teachers know what may or may not work. Student input is invaluable to this process; after all, it is the student who has to meet the expectations set forth by teachers and parents. A team approach where everyone is on the same page tends to result in better improvement for the student.

On a final note, parents may contact teachers directly about a grade, an assignment, or other issues of concern at any time via email or phone. There's no need to wait for a parent conference to get information on student progress.

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Spirit Week at the JSHS

Spirit Week was held during the 3rd week of September. Theme days were: 'Merica, Tropical/Tourist, Pajamas, Throwback Thursday, Black/Red Tully Pride.

The week culminated with a very energetic pep rally on Friday where the Homecoming King and Queen were announced – seniors Colin Byrnes and Maureen Murphy. Students participated in games: wiggle worm race, musical chairs, and the always popular captain's quarters.



Many thanks to Mrs. Bovi and high school student council, the cheer team, and the pep band for a very successful Spirit Week and pep rally.

Scholarships for Class of 2017

Many colleges, universities, and organizations provide scholarships for students. This is a great opportunity for students to gain financial assistance for higher education. The Counseling and Career Center will be advertising these scholarship opportunities throughout the school year. An updated list of scholarships can be found on the Counseling & Career Center homepage (www.tullyschools.org).

In addition, we would be happy to assist students by completing recommendations, attaching transcripts, and completing school information sections on these scholarship applications.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Is your child having academic difficulty with school? Would you like to talk to your child's counselor and teachers? If so, a parent teacher conference can be arranged through the Counseling and Career Center.

Parent teacher conferences are typically held at the end of the school day at 2:30. In addition, counselors are also available to meet with parents individually throughout the school day.

Please contact the Counseling & Career Center at 696-6240 if you would like to arrange a conference.

Capital Project – Save the Date

On December 13, 2016, the Tully Central School District will hold a referendum on a \$12.3million capital project. Polls will be open from 6:00am to 9:00pm, in the Tully Elementary School Conference Room (same place as the May budget vote).

All those who have been district residents for at least 30 days, who are 18 years and older, and who are US citizens are eligible to vote. If the referendum is successful, construction is tentatively planned for the spring, summer, and fall of 2018. This proposed capital project includes repaving parking lots, replacing sidewalks, replacing roofs, reconfiguring main offices at the ES and JSHS to allow for more secure main entrances, installing several new exterior doors, updating the elementary heating system, updating fire/smoke alarm systems, remodeling several JSHS bathrooms, and completing additional smaller interior renovations.

A community forum on this capital project is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th, beginning at 6:00pm, in the JSHS Library. Additional information will be mailed to all district residents prior to the December 6th community forum.

SchoolMessenger

SchoolMessenger allows the district and each of its schools to send messages via telephone, email and text to notify families and staff of upcoming school events, emergency situations, closings and delays, etc.

This service is available only to parents and guardians and individuals they designate to receive notifications.

Parents and guardians will automatically receive phone calls and emails via SchoolMessenger, but will need to subscribe in order to receive texts. On November 10, 2016, the District will activate texting, and your cell phone will receive an automated "opt-in" invitation via text. If you wish to receive future texts from SchoolMessenger, reply with the word "subscribe" to 68453. If you don't receive the invitation and wish to subscribe, text the word "subscribe" to 68453 to sign-up.

Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise an emergency situation when school may close, or be delayed, or dismiss early. Listen to the following stations for school related information: 95X Radio (95.7 FM) 93Q Radio (93.1 FM) 94 FM Radio (94.5FM) WSTM TV (Channel 3) WTVH TV (Channel 5) WSYR TV (Channel 9) Your News Now: (Time Warner Channel 10) WSEN Radio (92 FM) WHEN Radio (620 AM) WSYR Radio (570 AM).

Elena McAninch was inadvertently left off the Class of 2016 Future Plans List. Elena is attending Oberlin College majoring in English. We apologize for the error.

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

Ray Herrick



My name is Ray Herrick, I am extremely excited to have been appointed as the Director of School Security and Safety. My background consists of approximately 36 years in Law Enforcement. Six in the US Army as a Military Police Officer/Investigator. Twenty-nine years as a Deputy Sheriff/Detective with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office. I had various assignments while at the Sheriff's Office, such as Major Crimes Unit, Abused Persons Unit, Technical Operations Unit (which involved physical and electronic security and surveillance). I was also the Sheriff's Office, Bomb Squad, Senior Bomb Technician, with 20 years' experience. The past 6 years I have also been a Police Officer with the Marcellus Police Dept. and the past year assigned as the School Resource Officer at Marcellus High School. My objectives and goals are to bring, to the Tully School District, my years of training and experience to enhance the security and safety of the district which will ultimately protect the children, faculty, staff and visitors of the school district. I look forward to meeting you all!

Steve Bailey



After a very successful and enjoyable 33 year career teaching here at Tully Central School, I embarked on a different profession as owner of a local motor coach company. That experience provided me with the background to move into this new position as Bus Dispatcher here at TCS.

It was very fortunate for me to come into this job with a great group of drivers and monitors, a garage staff with excellent skills and an office staff that is always there to assist, many of whom I have known for years. Our staff pride themselves in providing safe and secure transportation for your children to and from school every day.

I want to thank the Board of Education and this Administration for this opportunity to once again work at TCS.

From the Desk of the Superintendent



Currently, we are in the third year, of a multi-year process, for rolling out revised New York State social studies standards. These new social studies standards are being phased in over time, in order to allow our local social studies curriculum to be properly aligned with high school Regents Exams in Global History and U.S. History. The process for revising New York State social studies standards began years ago, and has included a Content Advisory Panel, comprised of K-12 educators and college professors from across New York State. During the gradual rollout of these new social studies standards, there has been a strong focus on professional development for our teachers. This focus has allowed our teachers to properly revise our curriculum and to appropriately adjust instructional strategies. So far this has been a smooth transition for our teachers, and hence a seamless transition for our students.

New York State science standards are being revised in much the same way. I anticipate that revised New York State Science Standards (commonly referred to as Next Generation Science Standards) will be rolled out beginning in the 2017-18 school year. If the rollout of the Next Generation Science Standards follows the same pattern as the rollout of the revised social studies standards, the transition for our students should be seamless.

Finally, we are also currently engaged in the process of revising New York State K-12 ELA and math standards (commonly referred to as Common Core Learning Standards). Given the abrupt manner in which the Common Core Learning Standards were implemented a few years back, the transition to these learning standards was traumatic. This time around, however, it is clear that the process for revising and then implementing K-12 ELA and math standards will be different. There are over 130 educators and parents from across the State that are involved in the revision process. The current recommendation from this group is to revise 60% of the ELA standards and 55% of the math standards. Given this inclusive and comprehensive revision process, it does seem to me that the rollout of new K-12 ELA and math standards will be done in an orderly manner. Going through such a lengthy process does take some time, but as we have seen with the implementation of our new social studies standards, a gradual process like this is better for our students.

If you are interested in learning more about the standards review process or about the learning standards themselves, please visit www.nysed.gov. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Article Submission Guidelines

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

Articles are due to the district by October 24, 2016 for the December issue.

We must adhere to the deadline in order to publish each issue in a timely manner. All material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

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

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

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

BOARD of EDUCATION

Meeting Dates

Location: JSHS Conference Room or JSHS Library. Time: 6:00 pm

Dates, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis. Check the school website for updates:

www.tullyschools.org

November 21	Monday
December 19	Monday
January 23	Monday
February 13	Monday
March 7	Tuesday
March 21	Tuesday
April 4	Tuesday
April 24	Monday
May 9	Tuesday
May 16	Tuesday
June 20	Tuesday



Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2019	Mr. Mark Drumm , President (315) 696-5958
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2018	Mr. Matthew VanBeveren (315) 696-5745
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Tully Regional Enrichment Program

Fall TREP programs have already begun! This fall we are offering Art and Nature, Digital Storytelling, Middle School Media Club, Middle School Clay Workshop, STEAM Wednesdays at the Library for Homeschoolers, and SU Saturday Morning Art Workshops!



Italia Ferro stands in front of her artwork on display at last May's SU Saturday Art Workshops "Big Show" event.

This fall we also have four SU Graduate students working with the TREP program. They are learning about Arts and Sciences in the Context of Community masters course being taught by Mary Podsiedlik at TREP as part of their SU education degree requirements. These aspiring art teachers will be teaching TREP students on Thursdays offering interdisciplinary (arts and sciences) learning highlighting our Tully community resources.

Finally, TREP is once again offering SU Saturday Morning Art Workshops to regional children grades 4-12. TREP offers busing every Saturday so our rural kids can experience art on a college campus in a college art studio environment. This program is offered in partnership with SU's Arts Education Department which has offered the Saturday Art Workshop program on the hill for over 50 years. The fall session has already begun but not to worry the SU Art Workshop program will be offered again in January!

Watch for future enrollment information on the Tully Free Library web site. We're off to a great start!

Tully Baseball Field Project

This past September, the Tully Town Board passed a resolution allowing for the construction of a new baseball field on Town land, adjacent to the Tully Town Hall. The current proposal calls for construction of this baseball field to be funded privately through donations, corporate sponsorships, and grants. If built, the field will serve as the home field for the Tully Boys' Varsity Baseball Team, and will be available for community use when not being used by the varsity baseball team.

For further information and updates on this project go to the Facebook group Tully Baseball Field Inc., or visit tullybaseballfieldinc.wordpress.com.



Tully Parks & Recreation BASKETBALL

Starts on November 5th for all boys & girls in grades 3rd-6th.

Registration forms can be found the following ways:

Town of Tully website: www.townoftully.org (click the Parks/Rec link)
 Back Pack Express- forms will be sent home with your child
 Email- tullyparksrec@gmail.com for a registration form

All registrations can be mailed to: Town of Tully, PO Box 536, Tully NY 13159 or dropped off in the Elementary School Main Office

Check out Tully Parks and Recreation on Facebook!

Fitness Center Now Open to Tully Residents

The Tully Central School District Fitness Center, located in the Junior/Senior High School athletic wing, is now open to Tully residents, age 12 and up, Monday – Friday, 4:30pm-7:00pm, when school is in session.

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



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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS *November & December*

NOVEMBER

Tues	8	Superintendent Conference Day
Fri	11	Veterans Day, NO SCHOOL
Thurs	17	National Honor Society Induction, 8-9pm
Fri	18	Junior High Drama Production Friday, 8pm
Sat	19	Junior High Drama Production Friday, 8pm
Mon	21	Half Day Students am/Parent Conferences pm
Tues	22	Half Day Students am/Parent Conferences pm
Wed-Fri	23-25	Thanksgiving Recess, NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

Tues	6	JHSH Band Concert, 7pm
Tues	13	JHSH Chorus Concert 7pm
Thur	15	Grade 5 & 6 Holiday Concert, 7pm
Mon-Fri	26-30	Holiday Recess, NO SCHOOL

