



Thank you to all who voted on October 28, 2019. Our 2022 Capital Project was approved 113-55.

Save the Dates

Middle School Musical **Madagascar, Jr.**

Friday, January 31, 2020
at 7 p.m. and
Saturday, February 1, 2020
at 2 p.m.

High School Musical **Title TBD**

Friday, March 6th, 2020
at 7 p.m. and
Saturday, March 7th, 2020
at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

School Safety Officer Says "Never Forget"



Mr. Herrick, Tully's Safety and Security Officer, recently spoke about the tragedy that occurred on 9/11 in the junior high history classes. Mr. Herrick brought in pictures from his volunteer work at Ground Zero and Staten Island to help students visualize the emotional and physical destruction.

He was working for the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department as a detective and Senior Bomb Technician at the time of the attack and volunteered his services like so many others. He explained to students that among so many emotions such as anger, compassion, and overwhelming sadness, he took away the desire to never forget.

In turn, he doesn't want anyone else to either, even those too young to have been a part of that fateful day. Mr. Herrick says to never forget those who lost their lives, who will lose their lives protecting our country, and that we should be grateful for our freedom. While he did not know anyone personally that perished that day, he has met many survivors since then. While Mr. Herrick says that "he is no hero for my part in the recovery efforts," Tully appreciates and is grateful for his service then and now!

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 (315-696-6236 or pschiener@tullyschools.org).

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

This year, we are starting our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration process earlier to better coincide with the budget planning process. If you have not already done so, please register your child(ren) online at <http://www.tullyschools.org>.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, children must be district residents and turn 4 years of age, but not yet reach age 5, by December 1, 2020. For the 2020-2021 school year, Tully Elementary School is able to accommodate a maximum of 36 students in pre-kindergarten.

If more than 36 students have been registered for pre-kindergarten by January 31, 2020, the Board of Education will need to conduct a lottery to determine enrollment and organize a waiting list. Please note that Pre-K is a full-day program and we cannot provide transportation until a child is 4 years old.

To enter kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age by December 1, 2020. Unlike pre-kindergarten, there is no limit on the number of district-resident kindergarten students who can be enrolled at Tully Elementary.

Information about the screening process for both grade levels will be mailed out to enrolled students in mid-May. Please don't hesitate to contact the elementary office at 696-6213 if you have specific questions about the registration or screening process.



Safety Patrol

On September 27th, Tully Elementary School held it's AAA Safety Patrol training for 21 volunteer 5th and 6th grade students led by Melinda Hathaway, School Social Worker, and Ray Herrick, Director of Safety and

Security for the district. The AAA Safety Patrol recruits students who work well with others, considers the feelings of others, expresses friendliness, leads by example, and is respectful, responsible, and safe.

Our 5th and 6th grade Safety Patrol Officers are responsible for ensuring the safety of students during arrival and dismissal times. We have three types of Safety Patrol Duties: Bus Patrols, State Street Patrols, and Sidewalk Patrols. These Patrol Officers are responsible for escorting younger students on and off the bus and to help enforce the school safety rules while walking to and from the school building. Safety Patrol Officers started their duties on Monday, September 30th, after

a Meet and Greet with their fellow PK - 2nd Grade Students, who they will be assisting during arrival and dismissal times.

New this year, we have a Captain Patrol Officer, currently held by Sean Mize. Sean is a returning 6th grade student who has been a good example to all Safety Patrol Officers and students. The Captain's responsibility is to enforce the rules of Safety Patrol, take attendance of Safety Patrol Officers, fill in for absent Patrol Officers, and report back to the Safety Patrol Supervisors. Every two months, a 6th grade student who has had good attendance while on patrol and has shown leadership qualities will be elected as Captain. Also added is the position of Lieutenant, that will be filled by a 5th grade student who also shows leadership qualities, works well with others, and has good attendance on duty. The Lieutenant's responsibilities are to fill in for the Captain or other Patrol Officers should they be absent. The position of the Lieutenant will be filled at the end of November and will begin in December.

We are proud and honored to have our Safety Patrol Officers who have volunteered their time to lead by example and ensure the safety of our students! If you see one of our Safety Patrol Officers on duty, feel free to thank them for their time and effort!

Fifth Graders:

Alivia Adamo
Mary Adams
Hunter Bennett
Collin Brady
Connor Brenchley
Andie Fairchild
Brier Huggins
Shawna Gottstein
Wren Lawton
Trevor Litz
Colton Walkup

Sixth Graders:

Brooklynn Costello*
Garrett Hodgson
Kodiak Ledbetter
Sean Mize* (Captain)
MacKenzy Oursler
Steven Pierce
Dailynn Schaal*
Jack Sofranko*
Junior Taber
Molly Verbanic
*Returning Safety Patrol Officers

Obstacle Course



The Pre-K and K students were hard at work creating an obstacle course in PE class during the month of October. The students had a unique and challenging opportunity to create the course for their class and other classes. It was a success! Every student was moving and practicing a variety of skills and they were exhausted by the end of class!



Jog-A-Thon

The Jog-A-Thon on October 15, 2019, was a huge success. All the students ran or walked the track, with some students reaching upwards of 17 laps! A T-Rex showed up to keep the kids motivated! Before heading back to their regular classes, each student enjoyed an apple donated by Beak and Skiff.



News from the PTO

Hello, Tully families! The TES (Tully Elementary School) PTO would like to thank all of you that participated in the Jog-A-Thon during the month of October. The students of Tully Elementary participated in this fundraiser by walking or jogging in P.E. Class. The goal of the Jog-A-Thon was not only to promote healthy activity but was also a fundraiser. The PTO relies on fundraising, as well as donations, to fund many different activities for our students throughout the year.

During this month, community members will be provided an opportunity to purchase "Spirit Wear" through any Tully Elementary student. The PTO will run the Spirit Wear sale from November 4th through 15th. This is not a fundraiser, but rather a service, in which the PTO offers anyone wishing to purchase apparel with the Tully Black Knight logo a chance to do so.

The TES PTO meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the break room. We invite all parents of Tully Elementary students to attend. We are also a 501(c)(3) organization and gladly accept tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation.

Buddy Bench



Thank you to Jan and Marvin Murray for recently donating a Buddy Bench to the Tully Central School District! The bench was donated in memory of their son, Marc Murray, who graduated from Tully in 2002, but passed away due to complications from leukemia in 2011. The Buddy Bench is now located near the Elementary School playground and serves as a way to encourage children to be more empathetic and compassionate, especially during times of unstructured social play, such as at recess.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Winter Sports Start Dates

- JHVB - Monday 10/28/19
- JHBB - Wednesday 10/30/19
- JV/V - Monday 11/18/19
- JHGB - Monday 1/13/20
- JHW - Monday 1/13/20 at OCS

Winter Coaches

- Varsity Girls Basketball - Jeff Russell
- JV Girls Basketball - Jayne Morse
- Varsity Boys Basketball - Ryan Dando
(Volunteers - Randy Burt & Zach Chawgo)
- JV Boys Basketball - Don McClure
- 8th Grade JH Boys Basketball - DJ Charles
- 7th Grade JH Boys Basketball - Charlie Locke
- Varsity Volleyball - Jeremy Cook
- JV Volleyball - Ashley Brunelle
- 8th Grade JH Volleyball - Yvonne Leuze
- 7th Grade JH Volleyball - Sue Hardy
- Varsity Wrestling - Combining with OCS
- JH Wrestling - Combining with OCS
- Boys Varsity Indoor Track - Jim Paccia
- Girls Varsity Indoor Track - Michelle Rauber
- Winter Cheerleading - Bettemae Russell

Kids Playing for Kids 2019



Every year Tully's Varsity soccer teams, both girls and boys, play the Communities Kickin' Cancer game against Fabius-Pompey. This year, the game was held on Saturday, October 12 at Fabius-Pompey with the girls starting at 5:00 p.m. and the boys starting at 7:00 p.m. Before the games, soccer players presented a loved one with a shirt showing that they were playing for them and showing their support. Among the ceremonious event, food was enjoyed and a rivalry among the two teams was shared vying for the Route 80 Championship Cup. Fabius-Pompey and Tully girls and boys both played a great game with the Tully Varsity girls winning 1-0 and the Tully Varsity boys tying at 2-2! Although the trophy went to Fabius-Pompey because of PKs, the game was a success and it was a great event!

Also, a couple of days prior to the game, members from both teams were featured on a Bridge Street news broadcast to explain the game and its significance. See more here: <https://www.localsyr.com/bridge-street/high-school-soccer-players-kickin-cancer-for-kids-fighting-the-disease/>



JSHS Principal's Message



Mary Ann Murphy

At the JSJS, we are diligently working on the character strengths of the Positivity Project (P2) on a weekly basis. November is the month when we express our thanks and gratitude for the important people and things in our lives. We want to take this opportunity to thank our families for sending us your most precious gifts - your children. When students come to school with a positive mindset towards learning, the classroom environment is enriched and rewarding. When parents and guardians let us know how their children are feeling or what they may be dealing with outside of school, it helps us give students the care and understanding they need to have a good day at school. When teachers pour their hearts and souls into engaging lessons, students reap the benefits and teachers are grateful for impactful lessons. We feel very fortunate to work in a community that places a great deal of value on the education of its children. Further, we extend our sincerest thanks for giving us the resources we need to do our jobs. Without the generosity of the community, it would be impossible to provide our students with the quality education they deserve.

Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, JSJS Principal

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10th Graders Expand on Their Summer Reading



This summer, 10th grade students were asked to read the play *12 Angry Men* for their summer reading assignment. Upon returning to school, students began to analyze and discuss the play in class. This fall, these same students attended a live performance of *12 Angry Men* at Syracuse Stage. The play examined the interactions, prejudices, and motives of 12 jurors who were responsible for deciding the fate of a teenage boy accused of murder. The themes explored are as relevant today as they were when the original screenplay was produced for television in 1954. Students also stayed after the play to meet some of the actors and ask questions. Students then continued to discuss this work in the classroom. While students enjoyed the production, they were also expanding on their summer reading and broadening their literary skills across genres.

JH International Club Officers



The Junior High International Club Officers and members are looking forward to a multicultural year. We hosted Veeti "Wes" Wessman, our Rotary Exchange Student from Finland, in October and are looking forward to Mrs. Sheldon's Switzerland presentation in December.

We will travel to Quebec January 17-20, 2020. The 2019-2020 officers are:

President – Grace McKenna
Vice President – Jacob Verbanic
Treasurer – Lily Darling
Secretary – Lila Greczyn

Congratulations

Many kudos to Nathan Cattell for a summer of exceptional music-making!



Nathan auditioned and was chosen to perform with the CNY Jazz Youth Orchestra. This is a professional group of paid musicians that performs around the Syracuse area. His exceptional musicality also led to his participation in the Mike Pascarelli Orchestra and his participation as top musician in the State Fair Jazz Workshop.

To top off all of these accomplishments, Nathan will be performing in the Conference All-State Symphonic Band in December, marking him as one of the top high school musicians in the state. Congratulations, Nathan, on your amazing successes!

Senior Spotlight - BROOKELYN MARSHALL

Family: Mom, Dad, sisters Shyanne and Addison, brother Caleb.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? As odd as it may seem, the struggle has been the best part of high school. I wouldn't be doing what I am if it wasn't for the struggle.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am 30, I hope to have a full-time job as an RN and be

living my best life. I want to live every day like it's my last.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? High school has never been easy for me. I have had many struggles, but I have always gotten through them and came out stronger than I was before.

Who's your hero and why? My mom is my hero. She has always taught me to keep going, even when I want to give up. She is a very strong person and always pushes me to go above what I normally do. She is the reason I am who I am today. Both she and my boyfriend are why I try to do my best every day. They are very supportive in every way I could ask for.

Senior Spotlight - ETHAN SELMSER

Family: Mom, Kathy; Dad, Eric; and Brother, Max.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has been the friendships that I have formed both on sports teams and in school in general.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? Some of my proudest moments include being inducted into National Honor So-

ciety as well as Spanish National Honor Society and the success I have had being a part of sports teams.

What are your plans after high school? My plans after high school are to attend college and study either Mechanical or Civil Engineering.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am 30, I would like to have traveled to all seven continents and have a good job that I find enjoyable.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? Staying motivated despite the workload and classes that do not interest me have been big challenges that I have had throughout my high school career. Looking beyond this to my future goals has been key in helping me overcome this challenge.

Rise and Shout...The Tully Black Knights Were Out and About!

During the week of September 16th, students at the Junior-Senior High School participated in a spirit week, pep rally, and semi-formal dance. The halls were filled with students dressed in their red, white, and blue on 'Merica Monday, as tourists in tropical gear on Tuesday, sporting pajamas on Wednesday, giving a nod to previous decades on Throwback Thursday, and finally, wearing their best red and black Tully spirit wear for Friday's pep rally. Tiernan Tobin started off the pep rally singing the National Anthem followed by Mr. Ridgley and the Chamber Choir singing our alma mater.

All the fall sports teams were announced throughout the time as well as games played such as a scooter relay, musical chairs, limbo, captain's quarters, and was ended by an intense tug-of-war between the teachers and seniors! The Jazz Band gave us great tunes with Mr. Votra at the helm as well as DJ Mrs. Brunelle. Mr. Donald was once again our great MC. The cheerleaders did the ever popular 7-3-1 cheer, with students coming off the bleachers onto the gym floor to help create some noise! This year's King and Queen were Ian Byrne and Grace Swan. Various raffle prizes were also given away. A great time was had by all. The fun didn't stop there, though. The semi-formal dance was held on Saturday, September 21st in the lobbeteria. The students danced the night away with hits played from DJ Bella J while getting their photo taken in the included photo booth by Chucklebooths. It was a fun-filled week and weekend! Thank you to everyone for helping it make a success!

From the Superintendent



Thank you to all who voted during our Capital Project Referendum on October 28th. Our 2022 Capital Project was approved by our voters. On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of the Tully Central School District, I would like to say thank you for the support you have consistently provided to our schools. I firmly believe that our children are our future and that we have a responsibility to provide them with the best possible learning opportunities. Our 2022 Capital Project will help ensure that we can continue to do so well into the future.

On October 28th, the Tully BOE adopted the 2020-21 Budget Development Calendar. Some important dates from this calendar are as follows:

- November 25, 2019 BOE Meeting: Discussion of Budget Priorities and Goals
- December 16, 2019 BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2019-20 Administrative Budget
- January 21, 2020 BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2019-20 Capital Budget
- February 10, 2020 BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2019-20 Program Budget
- March 9, 2020 BOE Meeting: Review of Revenue and Overall Budget
- March 23, 2020 BOE Meeting: Budget Adoption
- April 20, 2020 BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of Fund Balance Management Plan
- May 11, 2020 Public Budget Hearing: Presentation of BOE-Approved 2019-20 School Budget
- May 19, 2020 Annual District Meeting & School Budget Vote

As we go through the upcoming budget development process, there are a number of opportunities for members of the public to ask questions and share ideas. Specifically, at all of our Board of Education meetings there is an opportunity for members of the public to speak at the start of the meeting and then again at the conclusion of the meeting. Additionally, on May 11th, we will be holding our Annual Budget Hearing, during which members of the public may ask questions regarding the proposed 2019-20 school budget. This Budget Hearing will take place in the JSHS, beginning at 6:00 p.m., prior to the start of the May 11th BOE meeting.

Additionally, as we go through the budget development process, there are a number of opportunities for building administrators, faculty, and staff to help clarify budgetary needs. There are two goals in bringing building administrators, faculty, and staff into the budget development process. First, doing so helps us to identify ways to improve upon the learning opportunities we provide for our students. Second, doing so helps everyone to develop a more common understanding of the financial constraints we face as a public school. If we are effective on both of these fronts, we should be able to identify areas for improvement and cost saving measures.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at 315-696-6204 or rhughes@tullyschools.org.

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools
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2019-2020 Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2020–**Mrs. E. (Fay) Burt**
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phone: 315-440-6149

2020–**Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella, Vice President**
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2022–**Mrs. Denise Cardamone, President**
6368 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159
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2022–**Mr. Michael Dziok**
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2021–**Mr. Matthew VanBeveren**
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2021–**Mr. Edward Wortley, II**
982 Dutch Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159
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Board Meetings

Location: Junior Senior High School, Conference Room #2 – 109, at 6:00 p.m.

Dates, time, and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis.

2019-2020

November 25, 2019
December 16, 2019
January 21, 2020
February 10, 2020
March 9, 2020
March 23, 2020
April 20, 2020
May 11, 2020
May 19, 2020
June 22, 2020

Check the school website for updates:

www.tullyschools.org



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Tully Free Library

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Now is the Best Time to Apply for Financial Aid

When it comes to financial aid, the axiom from Wayne Gretzky is spot on – “You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.”

Students will need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to take a shot at getting some money to help pay for college.

The average cost of attendance for a public four-year institution rose in 2018-2019 to \$21,370 (based on recent data from the College Board). That is a 2.8% increase from the previous year. The same figure for a private nonprofit four-year institution is \$48,510, which marks a 3.2% rise from the previous year.

Students and families should know that one price does not fit all. The College Board data also shows that more than 70% of undergraduate students receive grant aid to help them pay for college. At public two-year institutions, on average, this helps cover all of tuition and fees with a little bit left over. Over the past decade, private nonprofit four-year institutions have, on average, increased grant and other benefits to over \$7,400.

The Tully Free Library is hosting a FAFSA filing night for Tully families on November 20. Families can gather their documents, bring them to the Tully Free Library at 5 p.m., and complete their financial aid forms with the assistance of financial aid professionals from the area.

These volunteer professionals will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about your family’s situation and help you complete the financial aid forms for the 2020-2021 school year. Regardless of what colleges students choose, the financial aid forms are the same.

If you would like to participate, please register for a slot on the library’s website. You may contact the library if you have any registration questions.

Article Submission Guidelines

To submit an article, email articles to Mary Fisher at mfisher@tullyschools.org

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

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.

Fitness Center Open to All Tully Residents

The Tully Central School District Fitness Center, located in the High School athletic wing, is open to Tully residents Monday – Friday, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.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.

Tully Parks and Recreation

1st & 2nd Grade Basketball for Boys & Girls



When: Saturday, January 4, 2020 –
February 8, 2020

Location: Tully Elementary Gyms • Time: TBA

Coaches are needed!

This program is run by Parent Volunteers!

Information will also be sent home through “Back Pack Express” and registration will be done through www.activekids.com

Questions- email tullyparksrec@gmail.com

Registration Update: The Tully Parks and Recreation staff encourages parents and families to register for programs online using www.activekids.com. Links to programs can be found on the Tully Schools website, under Athletics/Parks and Recreation. By registering online, the staff is able to chart enrollment and better plan each program.

Please remember to register on time. Late registrations make it harder to plan out programs, inform coaches, and order the necessary equipment. Late registrations can also cause a delay in receiving jerseys/shirts.

Information for all programs will be circulated through back pack express, emailed, and available on the Tully Schools website.

Coaches are always needed! The Tully Parks and Recreation Department operates on Parent Volunteers. The success of our programs rely on parental help!!

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



December

- 10 Holiday Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- 16 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 17 Holiday Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.
- 19 5th/6th Grade Concert, 7 p.m.

23-31 Christmas Recess – No School

January

- 1 Holiday – No School
- 20 Martin Luther King Day – No School
- 21 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.

Obstacle Course, story on page 2