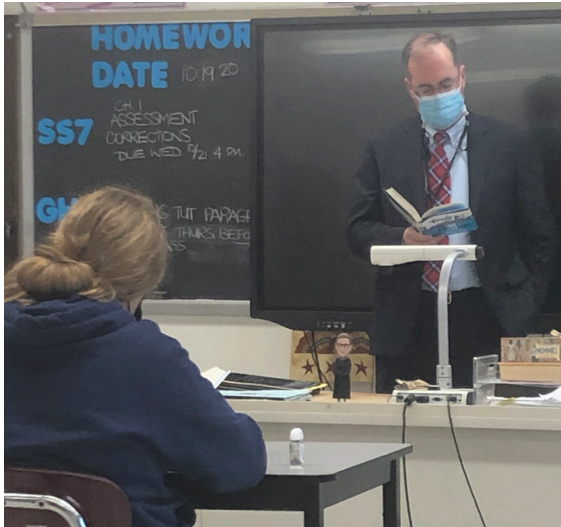




Guest Speakers Help Make Connections



Throughout October and November, the 7th grade Flex classes were making connections with a historical event through guest speakers. While reading *Towers Falling*, a book about 9/11, staff shared their personal experiences with students. Some speakers brought pictures, played songs, or played videos, while others read excerpts from the book and spoke about their recollections. For example, Mr. Russell played the song, "Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning," Mrs. Newton brought pictures of what NYC was like a few weeks after, and Mr.

Herrick displayed pictures and told stories about the clean-up process. Mrs. Bovi and Mrs. Sterritt created this unit because it is a historic event that they themselves had a recollection of, but noticed with each passing year, younger students seem to know less and less about. Bovi and Sterritt tried to make connections with what students are going through now because of the pandemic compared to what life was like post 9/11. Sterritt commented, "We thought it was important for them to know what happened so that negative aspects of history don't repeat, as well as to show them how much our nation came together after the attacks. We are seeing this same type of unity in our nation now during the pandemic, so it's an interesting parallel."

With next year being the 20th anniversary, the teachers are sure there will be more memorial events happening and they are hoping the unit of study will hopefully lay the groundwork so students understand better the events and effects of 9/11. Mr. Herrick made a good point in his presentation that when the adults that experienced this time are no longer around, we still need our stories of 9/11 to be passed on, and these junior high students are the generation to do that. They will have our firsthand knowledge to share in the future.

Special thanks to all the guest speakers that helped bring this unit to life!

Three Stars for the Tully FFA

The Tully FFA chapter of Tully, New York has been recognized in the 2020 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization. They received a 3-star rating, which is the highest score that can be awarded. The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that receive a gold rating by their state FFA associations are eligible to compete for National FFA 3-star, 2-star, or 1-star ratings. Tully FFA was the 2nd place overall gold rated chapter for New York State in 2020. In addition, Will Lund and Ella Hall had their own success with their FFA knowledge shown through a nationwide Kahoot game. Hall won the 2nd place title in the nationwide game and Lund won a \$50 gift certificate to TSC. Congratulations to the entire Tully FFA on all of their success. Tully is super proud of you!



ES Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

Kindness and Self-Control are the character strengths that students will study in P2 this month. By the end of the month, they should be able to recognize almost half of the P2 strengths in themselves and others. Although this fall has been unique with COVID and student illnesses, December is the time of year when I traditionally make a comment about the importance of student attendance. When children are sick, it is greatly appreciated that they stay home to get better; now more than ever! We do encourage everyone to try to limit unexcused and avoidable absences and to do what they can to reduce the chances of getting sick, especially continuing to be mindful about social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands regularly. Do not hesitate to contact me or our school nurse, Mrs. Haas, with any questions. On behalf of Tully Elementary, I want to wish you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season!

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

TES is Grateful for Our PTO!

A special thank you goes out to the Tully Elementary PTO! Masks were specially made for teachers and staff to help keep our school a healthy place to learn. Two different designs were given out: one featured lots of mini black knight logos and the other featured a large black knight logo with "Tully" written across it. They were then made available for purchase to the students and families. This gift was very much appreciated by everyone who received one. We are happy to wear our school spirit, even on our faces!



PTO News

Greetings TES families! The PTO would like to thank all of the Summer Reading participants. Each student was able to choose and receive a book from Scholastic. As a reminder, all students may participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by simply reading books and recording what they have read throughout the summer. The reading program is available online as well as in paper form.

Thank you to everyone that was able to purchase masks. Although this was not a fundraiser, it was a great way for everyone to stay safe while showing their support for the Tully School community. The PTO would also like to thank everyone that participated in the Spirit Wear sale, which was held in November. Without the support of you all, we would not be able to continue to do all that we have done to support our students and teachers. Have a wonderful holiday season!

#TullyTogether

A Twitter hashtag contest was recently held at the elementary school. Students were able to submit an idea and then vote on their favorite hashtag for Mr. Kupiec to use on his Tully Twitter account. The one submitted and most voted on was **#TullyTogether - #Juntos-Tully.**

Anyone who tweets something about TES can add these hashtags to their posts to make it easier for someone to search their feed for anything related to the school. This hashtag is a great reminder that our community sticks together for the kids!

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, 2021. For the 2021-2022 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, 2021, 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, 2021. 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.

A True Election Year

Campaigning was not only going on nation-wide this year; at Tully JSHS, students were exercising their voting rights making this year a true election year! Both the junior high and the high school students held their annual Student Council elections in late September and early October. Students school-wide voted after reading short narratives, listening to speeches, and/or perusing the halls for campaign posters. Voting took place electronically in which a Google Form was sent to students via email, and student officers were announced shortly after the "polls" were closed. Congratulations to all of the candidates on an unprecedented election season!

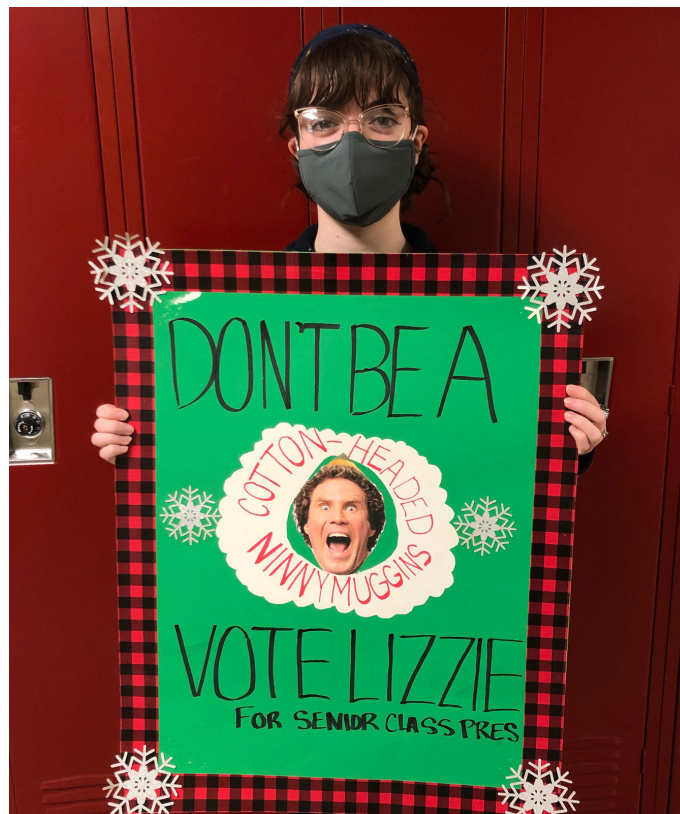
On the Campaign Trail

While running for office, students created campaign posters that the staff and faculty voted on. Winners received a Dunkin' Donuts gift card. There were so many creative posters that it was hard for faculty and staff to choose just one. Congratulations to all the following poster winners for their ingenious campaign slogans!

3rd place: Adrienne Edinger's "Making the World Better Since 2005."

2nd place: (Tie) Robyn Drzewicki's "I'm Running for Secretary" and Liam Tobin's "I'm Not Asking You to Vote for Me. I'm Just Asking You to Check the Box Next to My Name."

1st place: Lizzie Caron's Elf inspired "Cotton Headed Ninny Muggins." (pictured, right)



2020-2021 Student Council Officers

School-Wide President: Thomas McKenna

Senior Officers:

President: Lizzie Caron
Vice-President: Ellie Moss
Secretary: Bailey Albrow
Treasurer: Joe Murray
Girls' Representative: Addison Shaw

Junior Officers:

President: Emma Byrne
Vice-President: Katelyn Lamoureux
Secretary: Robyn Drzewicki
Treasurer: Stelly VanBeveren
Girls' Representative: Mary Babbage
Boys' Representative: Kevin Wood

Sophomore Officers:

President: Finn Foody
Vice-President: Liam Tobin
Secretary: Adrienne Edinger

Freshmen Officers:

President: Carina Scalza
Treasurer: Jack VanBeveren

8th Grade Officers:

President: Danny Byrne
Vice-President: Nathan Reid
Treasurer: Isaac Stoogenke
Secretary: Lucy Wright

7th Grade Officers:

President: Molly Verbanic
Vice-President: Sean Mize
Treasurer: Aunahka Valdez
Secretary: Adeline Nash

Junior High International Club: Global & Virtual

The Junior High International Club is looking forward to some unique events this year. The officers, President – William Mullin, Vice President – Lulu Brame, Treasurer – Andy Polak, and Secretary – Hailey Spicer, have planned several fun virtual activities. In October, we enjoyed two movie nights and learning about the Day of the Dead with the movie Coco complete with to-go popcorn! November's presentation was Fast Fashion, which is making an impact on our environment, and is in the news globally. We will cook along with guest chefs (making crêpes, Cubanos, etc.), take some virtual field trips, welcome virtual guest speakers and slide shows, along with watching and discussing some cool international film shorts. Unfortunately, we will not be able to travel to Quebec this year in January but will have a virtual visit with trivia, games, and prizes. We will keep our fingers crossed for the Spring Event in April with the JH Student Council. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome to join us, primarily on Wednesday nights at 7:00, via Google Classroom!

Students Get Creative with Alpaca Wool

The Creative Crafts Studio Class taught by Ms. Gazdik definitely got creative! Students used alpaca wool donated from Suzanne Drumm's Bentwood Farm to create felted tote bags. Students utilized the felt-

ing process of agitating the wool after they had chosen their colors to dye the alpaca wool themselves. Felting is by definition, "The process of creating a textile for functional and artistic use by matting, agitating, condensing, and pressing wool fibers together."

Wool is fire retardant and self-extinguishing, it is very

hydro-absorbent, and can dampen vibration and absorb sound. Its purposes are endless and beautiful! Great work to Maria Altman, Hannah Brencchley, Catherine DeJosia, Lila Greczyn, Ella Hall, Sarah Kutty, Samantha Garback, and Brynn Patrick for getting creative!



ATHELETICS

Coach Donald Wins 200th Game

Our Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach, Bill Donald, had a milestone win on November 5, 2020. His boys went head-to-head with Bishop Grimes on home turf when the team won 2-0, giving Donald his 200th career win!! Congratulations to Coach Donald and his players for an exceptional game!



2020 Fall Athletics

Thanks to all who made our 2020 Fall Athletic Season so successful! Things were tremendously different - game passes, sign in forms, masks, social distancing, limited spectator attendance, portable restrooms, plus no League, Sectional, or State Championships! This athletic opportunity given to our student/athletes became cathartic and therapeutic for many of them (and their parents) presenting a safe avenue for them to reestablish friendships and to find their competitive nature again, which had been dormant for so many months.

Despite the strange season, we saw much success! Our Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams both had highly successful seasons! The Boys' Golf team picked up some new players and finished 9-5. Our Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach, Bill Donald, had a milestone win on November 5 vs Bishop Grimes when his team won 2-0 giving Bill his 200th career win!! The Black Knights Girls' Soccer had a strong season too, one that would have most likely produced another League Championship.

Even though this pandemic has impacted every aspect of our daily lives, it was so refreshing to see their smiling faces back with their friends while they competed, making us all forget for a short time, the struggles we have all been going through facing Covid.

The 2020-21 Indoor Track season is postponed due to Covid-19 and the sports necessity of using collegiate facilities for competition. Additional considerations are being given to Indoor Track.

Winter Volleyball (JH/JV/Varsity) has been moved to the Fall 2 season, which runs from March 1, 2021 to April 24, 2021. Volleyball will return to the traditional winter season in 2021-22.

20-21 Winter Coaching Staff

(Registration for Winter Athletics on Family ID)
(If permitted)

Start Date: JV/V Boys' & Girls' Basketball - 1/4/21

JH Boys' & Girls' Basketball Start Date - yet to be determined

Head Varsity Boys' Basketball - Ryan Dando

Head JV Boys' Basketball - Don McClure

Head JH Boys' Basketball (7th) - Charlie Locke

Head JH Boys' Basketball (8th) - David Charles

Head Winter Cheerleading - Bettemae Russell

Head Varsity Girls' Basketball - Jeff Russell

Head JV Girls' Basketball - Jayne Morse

Head JH Girls' Basketball (7/8) - Bill Donald



Halloween Fun at Tully

Halloween is always a fun time of year for students of all ages and this year was no exception! Students at the elementary participated in a pumpkin art contest, a slideshow costume parade, and socially distanced class parties with lots of goodies.

A wide variety of costume pictures were sent in by parents to compose the slideshow that was featured in each classroom. Wizards, princesses, Disney characters, and animals were all part of the fun. Seniors at the high school also had a version of their traditional annual Halloween where they dressed up, took fun pictures, and enjoyed treats.

Dunkin' Donuts donated donut holes, Tim's Pumpkin Patch donated pumpkins for each senior to decorate, and the senior class treated themselves to Beak and Skiff apple cider, breakfast pizza, and candy bags. While the students could not parade around the school for everyone to see, teachers got to vote on their favorite costume groups after the festivities by watching a slideshow.

Beetlejuice won first place, Forrest Gump won second, and Alice in Wonderland took third. There were lots of creative ideas and it was great to see the seniors enjoying themselves. What a fun day for our students! We hope everyone had an enjoyable Halloween!

Tully Gets Social

Our Facebook page was created just before the Class of 2020 graduated so we could celebrate those leaving in a fun and new way. Our Twitter account was created at a later date towards the end of July and Instagram followed shortly after. Tully CSD has officially gotten social! Feel free to not only use the website to find pertinent information on what is going on at the schools, but follow our Facebook page (Tully Central School District), our Twitter feed (@tully_csd), or Instagram account (tully_csd).

We'll see you in the media!

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 Mrs. Sherry Huggins at 315-696-6236 or sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org.

From the Superintendent



Thank you to our students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration for all of your hard work in keeping our schools open throughout the fall. Doing so has been a challenging collaborative effort, requiring people to make some significant changes. While we may not know what the remainder of the 2020-21 school year will look like, I am confident that everyone will continue working hard to keep our schools open for in-person instruction. I am also confident that over time we will begin to transition back to a more normal situation, with all of our students back on campus full-time.

Toward that end, we must now begin the process of developing the 2021-22 school budget. On October 28th, the Tully BOE adopted the 2021-22 Budget Development Calendar. Some important dates from this calendar are as follows:

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| November 23, 2020 | BOE Meeting: Discussion of Budget Priorities and Goals |
| December 21, 2020 | BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2021-22 Administrative Budget |
| January 25, 2021 | BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2021-22 Capital Budget |
| February 8, 2021 | BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2021-22 Program Budget |
| March 1, 2021 | BOE Meeting: Review of Projected 2021-22 Revenue |
| March 22, 2021 | BOE Meeting: Review of Overall Budget and Budget Adoption |
| April 19, 2021 | BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of Fund Balance Management Plan |
| May 10, 2021 | Public Budget Hearing: Presentation of BOE Approved 2021-22 School Budget |
| May 18, 2021 | 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 10th, we will be holding our Annual Budget Hearing, during which members of the public may ask questions regarding the proposed 2021-22 school budget. This Budget Hearing will take place in the JSHS, beginning at 6:00 p.m., prior to the start of the May 10th 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
Phone: 315.696.6204 • Email: rhughes@tullyschools.org

2020-2021 Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

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| 2023 | Mrs. E. (Fay) Burt 5335 Nichols Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-440-6149 |
| 2023 | Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella 1135 Sky High Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-8540 |
| 2022 | Mrs. Denise Cardamone 6368 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-5599 |
| 2021 | Mr. Donald Cole 64 State St, Tully, NY 13159 315-238-7068 |
| 2022 | Mr. Michael Dziok 4938 Vesper Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-796-9177 |
| 2021 | Mr. Matthew VanBeveren 5461 Lake Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-5745 |
| 2021 | Mr. Edward Wortley, II 982 Dutch Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159 315-696-8609 |

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.



Tully Free Library

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We are currently open **by appointment only** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

It's the holiday season and our kids' book cart has a wide selection of timely stories for early and pre-readers. Take a little time during this busy season to have a quiet family moment and read together. If you'd rather watch a video, we have lots of DVDs to choose from, including some favorite holiday films. All you need is the popcorn!

For our littlest readers, we now have Book Bundles available! We select a few picture books that all relate to the same topic such as animals, transportation, seasons, and more. Let us know what subject you want to read about, or make it Librarian's Choice and be surprised! Give us a call to order one.

Our Grab 'n Go activity kits are designed for children pre-K through second grade and are filled with coloring and puzzle pages, finger plays, and crafts! Ask for one any time!

For our older kids, Miss Amber is working on making some fun activity packs and take and makes available for pickup. Taking time to be creative keeps your brain healthy, just like reading does!

Don't forget, we are open for browsing by appointment. See phone number and hours above to call us and reserve a time to visit. Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

INTERACT News



We are so grateful to the Tully Community for their donations to our annual Pennies for Polio drive! We had 19 Interact members distribute the information and 13 pick up money on Halloween night. Thanks to our community, we were able to collect almost 75 pounds of coins! That's amazing!

We also had 13 members brave the chilly Election Day temperature. They spent some time sorting the coins collected on Halloween. They also helped the Rotary members by packing potatoes and assisted in the selling of meals. They volunteered from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Chicken Barbecue was a success with all 250 meals sold by 3:30 p.m. A special thanks to Mr. Coffin from the Masons who let us borrow silverware, pots, pans, and containers to haul water to the pavilion.

The Interact Club plans to help the Tully Free Library with the annual Turkey Trot and the filling of PEACE Christmas bags in December at the Masonic Lodge.

If you have a project and need energetic teens to assist, please contact us at TullyInteract20.21@gmail.com. Also use the email if you are a teen or have a 12 – 18 year old who would like to be part of a club that supports and encourages volunteering in our community.

Tully Parks and Recreation Update

The Tully Rec Department is hopeful that we will be able to offer a basketball program for boys and girls in Kindergarten - 6th Grade at some point this year. At this time, we are waiting to see what regulations we have to follow to make our program as safe as possible. Any new information will be shared on our Tully Rec Facebook page and through Email blasts.

Please feel free to contact the Rec Dept with questions, at tullyparksrec@gmail.com

Tully Parks and Recreation has decided NOT to run Ski Club this year due to uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

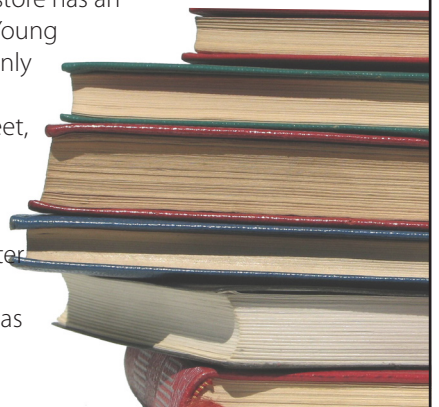
Song Mountain is still offering the same discounted rates typically offered through our program for parents to purchase passes. Call Song Mountain for more information: 315-696-5711

The Twice Read Bookstore

The Twice Read Bookstore has an abundance of very good Young Reader Books on sale for only \$.25 ea.

Stop in at 24 State Street, not only for these books, but to look through all other categories of books.

Stock up for your winter reading. And remember, books make great Christmas gifts!



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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

Look for us on Social Media!

Facebook: Tully Central School District

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DECEMBER

21 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.

**24-31 Holiday Recess
No School**

JANUARY

**1 Holiday Recess
No School**

**18 Martin Luther King Day
No School**

25 BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.

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