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In the summer issue of the Knight Insight, there was an omission for college-bound athletes for the Class of 2017. **Anthony Geiss** is attending SUNY Oneonta, where he is majoring in business economics and is a member of the track and field team. Anthony had an exceptional career at Tully as a thrower of the discus, shot put, and weight throw.



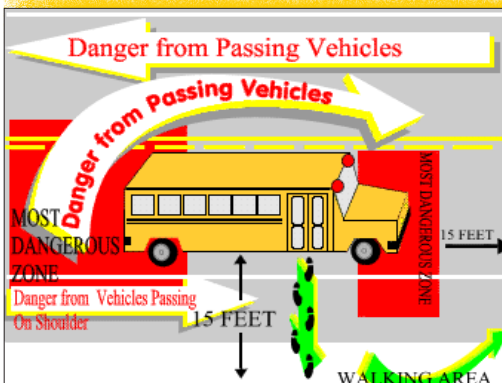
## DRIVERS: IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

School buses are back on the roads, and students are walking along the side of the road and waiting for buses. Please **watch carefully for children** near school buildings, in areas where school buses are traveling or where there are signs for school zones or bus stops. Remember that if you are approaching a school bus from either the front or behind, and its yellow lights are flashing, the bus is preparing to stop. If the bus is stopped, you must also stop. This includes parking lots, anywhere on school grounds, on multiple lane highways and on the opposite sides of divided highways.

Parents, please take time to visit and share with your children: [www.safeny.ny.gov/Kids/kid-schl.htm](http://www.safeny.ny.gov/Kids/kid-schl.htm) National School Bus Safety Week is October 16-20, 2017

**REMEMBER, IT'S THE LAW:**

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# Welcome New Tully Faculty & Staff of

## Jesse Aquilino, Science Teacher



Hello! I can't wait to start this year as the new Living Environment teacher at Tully High School. I started teaching two years ago in a middle school in the Syracuse City School district, and last year I worked in Liverpool mostly teaching biology, but I also subbed in French and the library. I graduated from Syracuse University with a MS in Biology education 7-12, after switching from a career in law. I also have degrees from Albany Law School for law and Hobart College in biology. I used to play football in college and still love to play sports. I also love to read fantasy books and spend time in my vegetable garden. These days I do not read as much as my wife and I have two children ages 4 and 3 who keep us really busy.

## Susan Ball, Executive Secretary



I am excited to be the new Executive Secretary at Tully High School. It will be a challenge to step into Kathie Hurn's shoes and I appreciate your patience as I take on my new role. I have most recently worked as a Legal Assistant, and come into this position with over 20 years of experience in the secretarial/clerical field.

I moved to Tully from Oregon after marrying my husband, Glenn, 19 years ago. I have three children; Alex (a graduate of Brandeis University and currently living in Oregon), and David and Nicole who both attend Tully High School. I am so happy to work with the wonderful faculty and students here at Tully Central School District.

## Julie Benninger, English Teacher



I will be joining the Tully Junior/Senior High School as the new 8th grade English teacher. This past May, I graduated from Syracuse University with my Master's in English Education for grades 7-12, and I previously earned an undergraduate degree in Communications and Media Management from SUNY Fredonia. I am beyond excited to begin my teaching career here at Tully and share my passion for reading and writing! In my spare time, I enjoy writing different kinds of poetry, playing video games, and spending time with my adorable cat named Matilda.

## Leann Green – Agriculture Teacher



I am starting my teaching career as the new Agriculture teacher at Tully Junior/ Senior High School. While I am new to the Tully community, I am not new to agricultural education. Over the past 6 years I have worked with agriculture students and teachers across the state and nation, and earned my degree in Agricultural Education from North Carolina State University. In addition to teaching agriculture, I will also be advising the Tully FFA Chapter.

## Melinda Hathaway – School Social Worker



I am excited to be at Tully Elementary as the School Social Worker! For the past seven years, I've worked as a Private Practice Psychotherapist in Syracuse, NY working with children, adults, and families. For seven years prior to that, I've worked as a Clinical Social Worker in Norwich, NY for Chenango County Mental Health and in Cortland, NY for Family Counseling Services. I received my B.S. in Psychology from SUNY Cortland in 2001 and my Master's in Social Work from Syracuse University in 2003. I have two children who keep me on my toes, ages 10 and 7. I enjoy spending time with my family, being outdoors exploring nature, and reading. I am grateful and honored to be working with your children and with such a wonderful team of administrators and teachers at Tully Elementary!

## Holly Nosiglia – English Teacher



I am very excited to be the new 9th grade English teacher at Tully Junior/Senior High School! I grew up in North Syracuse, and I spent last year as a long-term substitute teacher at North Syracuse Junior High School and Jamesville-DeWitt High School. I graduated with my undergraduate degree from SUNY Oswego, and I will be graduating from Oswego's Literacy Master's program in December. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, watching movies, and spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to beginning this new chapter at Tully!



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### Mary Podsiedlik – Art Teacher



Hello Everyone, I am very excited to be returning to Tully Central School District as the Junior/Senior high school art teacher. My background in art includes a Syracuse University Bachelor's degree in Photo Illustration from S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and a Masters in Art Education. Growing up in South Onondaga I always admired the arts programming offered at Tully

Schools. So much so my husband Bernie and I chose this community to raise our two children Megan and Daniel. It is my pleasure to become a part of this valued arts tradition.

### Melody Scanlon – School Nurse



I am excited to be the new school nurse at Tully Junior/Senior High. I am a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, and have prior experience in clinical environments as well as working as a Staff Educator, Infection Control Nurse and Health Care Consultant. During my free time I enjoy spending time with my husband and 3 children, gardening and being outdoors with nature.

I am looking forward to becoming a part of the Tully family and meeting everyone! If your student has a medical condition or health concern and we have not spoken yet please contact me so we can discuss your student's needs. My goal is to team up with you to ensure student's health and safety while they are in school.

### Patrick Scott – Substitute Music Teacher



I am very excited to be the new Choral Director at Tully Junior/Senior High School! I can't wait to see (and hear) the amazing performances and experiences we create together! For the past 11 years, I have taught music in Florida. However, I grew up in the Cazenovia area and I am happy to be home. I received my Bachelor's Degree in music education from the Crane School of Music at

SUNY Potsdam and my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Saint Leo University. I did my student teaching at Tully Elementary and Central Square Middle School. I have a wife and 4 children and we live in Cazenovia. I enjoy playing and listening to music and doing anything with my family.

## New HS Gym Floor



Tully HS Gym #1 (the basketball gym) received a facelift over the summer! The floor was sanded down to a blank slate and was totally repainted and modernized. The coloring is much lighter than previous years and a huge block T marks the middle of the court. Stop by to see it sometime!

Our elementary cafeteria floor received a similar facelift. It was sanded down to a blank slate and repainted. It will be completed later this fall but still looks great and modernized!

## Track Equipment

The powerful storm that came through Tully in mid May did quite a bit of damage to some of our track equipment. Thankfully, our insurance is allowing us to replace what was ruined due to the storm. Our program will see new High Jump Mats and Standards as well as new Pole Vault Mats and Standards arriving very soon!



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Edward Kupiec

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Back to School Night on September 21st! For those of you who were unable to attend I would like to highlight two areas that I addressed during my forum with parents. First, in the area of student achievement, I was pleased with the growth our students continue to show on the NYS Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Although we do not rely on a single measure to inform our program and instruction, these assessments are the most visible to the community because they are published in the newspaper. Compared to last year, student proficiency (level 3 or 4) increased by 2% in ELA and 4% in Math. In fact, our district results in 5th grade were the 4th highest in our BOCES region for both ELA and Math! I am excited to see this growth trend continue. The other area I focused on was our Character Education program and theme. This year we will focus on Community, and our Character Council students will be helping to plan and organize activities centered on increasing the sense of pride and community in ourselves and school. We will continue to highlight different character traits throughout the year as in the past. For more information, click on the Character Education link on the TES website. To conclude, I want to highlight two exciting events taking place for our students this month. On Monday, October 16th, a steel drum band from Ithaca College's Music School will visit to perform for our students and then on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st, we will have our annual Halloween Sing-A-Long and parade. Look for more information about Halloween later this month.

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

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## Pre-K Update

Bright Beginnings has been the theme for our first few weeks of Pre-K. The young learners have spent the first few weeks of school getting to know one another, learning the daily routine, and settling into the school community. We have been reading stories, working on projects, exploring the classroom, and playing to learn. All the new experiences have been keeping the Pre-K students very busy.

The first few weeks has been a shining success! We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Tully Elementary  
Maker Lab

Thanks to the Bullet Aid Grant of \$25,000 from Senator Valesky, to be split between the two Tully buildings, Tully Elementary School now has a Maker Lab for all students in grades K-6 to enjoy.

Students will participate in a variety of STEAM activities involving circuitry, engineering, robotics, coding, art, designing and creating. We are very excited to be able to provide our students with the opportunity to be creative and innovative. Opening the doors to the new Maker Lab is a cause for celebration this new school year.






 SAVE THE  
DATE

Tully Senior High Drama's production of ***The Curious Savage!***  
**November 17th & 18th • 7:00 p.m. • High School Auditorium**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**Mary Ann Murphy**

I wish to extend my thanks to the parents and students who attended our Curriculum Night held on Wednesday, September 13th. I hope everyone had a chance to visit all of their children's teachers and to check out our Activities Fair in the lobby. Students who are connected to school and their community through extra-curricular activities tend to perform better academically and have an enriched social life. We offer a variety of academic clubs, music and drama clubs, and interscholastic sports. Parents - please encourage your children to get involved!

The Class of 2018 should be planning for their post-graduation plans. If students are applying to colleges, the sooner they get those applications out, the better. Students entering the armed services should be meeting with their recruiters to set up tests and other important aspects of their intended service. Senior year is full of many activities that can bog students down if they don't carefully plan for the time and energy it takes to accomplish them all. Parents should allow their children to do the bulk of the work, but parental guidance is tantamount to a successful senior year. The counselors, teachers, and administration are always available for gentle nudging as well; just let us know how we can help!

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

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - Andrew Moss



**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** I think talking with friends and teachers about interesting things, jokes, or politics has been nice. Debating different sides of modern challenges is fun and a different type of education than you get with history, different languages, music, etc. Also, just learning more advanced things in high school has been great.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** I liked working on a poem about the Light Brigade in my group in English class. Also, making a floating model of a cell membrane was cool, as was making a draw-my-life about the space race (for social studies). But one of my favorite projects was unassigned. I wrote an essay about the short story 'Barn Burning' (can't remember the author) that used evidence to draw conclusions about the characters, and point out some flaws.

**What are your plans after high school?** I plan on going on a mission for two years. I can basically be sent anywhere in the world besides areas that are in militant turmoil. After that, I plan on going to BYU Utah or Idaho for some sort of science, math, or literary major.

**Who's your hero and why?** I try to find good characteristics that others have and strive to gain those characteristics myself. My biggest hero, though, is Jesus Christ. He thought of others even when in the utmost pain as he died on a cross. It is through Christ's example and sacrifice that I find the strength to do well in school, work well with others, and be confident in myself.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - Jessica E. Swift



**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career has been making great friends through sports, classes, and clubs. I love being able to laugh and have fun with them even when school gets stressful.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** My proudest moment in high school so far has been becoming the student body president. Even though I ran unopposed, I'm proud because I chose to take on the challenges and responsibilities.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** By the time I'm 30, I hope to have a fun and influential job, be traveling the world, and be actively helping people across the globe.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** I have been faced with the challenge of balancing all the work from AP/advanced/honors/OCC classes with sports, clubs, and other activities. There never seems to be enough time to do everything, but to overcome this I have taken advantage of weekends and any free time to get stuff done. Having supportive friends who were also facing this challenge helped, too.

**Who's your hero and why?** My true friends are my heroes because they are the ones who inspire me every day. They know how to have fun, work hard, support each other, and never give up.

## From the Board of Education

Dear District Residents:

As we begin the 2017-18 school year, we wanted to share our thoughts regarding channels of communication between members of the Tully school community and members of the Tully Board of Education. We believe the three channels of communication outlined below will allow members of the Tully school community to appropriately voice concerns and share feedback with us.

First, all members of our school community are welcome to attend any of our BOE meetings (please see the sidebar to the right of this letter). At each BOE meeting there is typically an opportunity for public comment at the start of the meeting and then again at the end of the meeting. During these public comment times, we are always willing to listen to concerns and feedback. We would also like members of the Tully school community to understand and respect the fact that, as members of the Tully BOE, there are some topics we cannot discuss publicly, for example specific student issues and specific personnel issues.

Second, any member of our school community may submit a written statement to board members, via our District Clerk, Mrs. Mary Fisher. Written statements may be mailed, or e-mailed, or dropped off in person to Mrs. Fisher, at the District Office. All written statements submitted to Mrs. Fisher are date stamped, and subsequently distributed to all of us. Going forward, we will acknowledge all written statements we receive with a letter, provided that the written statement is from a member of our school community and is signed.

Third, a phone number for each of us is published monthly in the Knight Insight (please see the sidebar to the right of this letter). We have chosen not to publish our e-mail addresses, as we think direct communication, either in person or on the phone, is more effective. Additionally, we have chosen not to set up a group e-mail (i.e.: one e-mail address that goes to all of us), as doing so may put us in jeopardy of violating New York State Open Meetings Law.

We believe it is important that there is open communication between the Tully BOE and members of our school community. We are confident that the channels of communication outlined above will allow this to happen.

*Sincerely,  
Fay Burt*

*Jane Byrne-Panzarella  
Denise Cardamone  
Carrie Edinger  
Matt VanBeveren  
Ed Wortley, II*

## Article Submission Guidelines

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](mailto: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.**

## 2017-2018 Board Members

*\*Term expires June 30 of year listed*

- 2020 Mrs. Elaine (Fay) Burt**  
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- 2020 Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella**  
1135 Sky High Road, Tully, NY 13159  
Home: 315-696-8540
- 2019 Mrs. Denise Cardamone, *president***  
6368 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159  
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- 2018 Mrs. Carrie Edinger**  
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- 2018 Mr. Matthew VanBeveren, *vice president***  
5461 Lake Road, Tully, NY 13159  
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.

Tuesday	October 10, 2017
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](http://tullyfreelibrary.org) • 315-696-8606  
 Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Closed Sundays

### Halloween Celebration

Have your picture taken on Halloween for our annual costume contest. Members of the community will vote on best costume and the winner gets bragging rights and a prize. We will be open until 8 p.m., serving donut holes, cider and coffee.

### TREP (Tully Regional Enrichment Program)

Stop into the library or check our website for info on free classes and field trips for families.

### Babies & Kids Events

**Rockin' Readers Storytime** for preschoolers on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Tykes Time Storytime** for babies and kids up to age 4 on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

### Teen Events (5th-12th grades)

**Movie & a Snack** - watch a new-release movie and enjoy a snack with us each month after school. Free! Pirates of the Caribbean on Oct 16 at 3:30 p.m., and a movie TBD on Oct 30 at 3:30 p.m.

**Minecraft Mondays** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on October 2 and October 23.

**Robots for Teens** every Tuesday in October from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Learn how to code and make your own robots! This event is for 5th grade and up and has limited space so make sure to RSVP!

**Teen Mystery Night** - Friday, October 13 from 7-11 p.m. Back by popular demand! Use your skills of deduction and solve a mystery at the library. There will be a special showing of a murder mystery with PIZZA and then you will be solving your own mystery. Don't miss it! RSVP please for this event by calling or registering online. This event is for 5th grade and up. There will be prizes for the winning team.

**Halloween movie** and activities for teens from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

**Chess Club** every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Open to players of all ages and abilities. Join us for skill-building each week and monthly tournaments.

**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 sign up required.

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

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

## Tully Alumni Annual Gathering

Irene Gorney Pearson, 1941 graduate, was the eldest TCS Alumni to attend the annual alumni reunion on August 12, 2017. Total attendance at the event was 150, with honored classes of 1957 having 12 classmates present, 1967 having 23 classmates present, and 1977 having 17 classmates present. Recognized classes of 1962, 1972, and 1982 each had 6-8 classmates in attendance. Warren Christopher, class of 1942, was there to celebrate his 75th year of graduation. Several regular attendees and guests enjoyed meeting and greeting friends and acquaintances from the past.

Retired teacher, Ernie Southworth, was honored for his dedication of 40 years teaching social studies/history, the vast majority of those years at Tully High School. His students referred to him as their leader, teacher, advisor, and most of all a friend. He made learning interesting. Two of his daughters, and his son, accompanied him to the event. Retired staff members, Betty Ketcham, Sandra Haynes, Dorothy Kelley, Lorrie Spaulding, and Judy Kendall Conklin were also present to enhance the celebration.

Since the formation of the Tully Alumni Association in 1897, the organization has met annually, with the exception of a ten-year lapse in the 1980's-1990's. They continue to maintain a directory of graduates from 1895 to present. View information pertaining to the Alumni at [www.tullyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tullyhistoricalsociety.org).

## Parks and Recreation News

New and Improved Registration Process for Tully Parks and Rec! The Tully Parks and Recreation Department is working with Active.com to offer online registrations.

This program will be made available for winter registration (Basketball, wrestling, etc). Links to current registrations will be made available on [www.tullyschools.org](http://www.tullyschools.org) (Community/Parks & Rec), we will still send flyers home through backpack express updating program information and the new way to register, and you can always email [tullyparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:tullyparksrec@gmail.com) with questions.

## Boys & Girls Basketball Programs

Age Levels: 1st - 6th Grade

\*Boys 5th & 6th grade teams- 11/6/17 - 2/10/18

\*Girls 5th/6th grade team- 11/6/17 - 2/10/18

\*Boys 3rd & 4th grade teams- 11/6/17 - 1/20/18

\*Girls 3rd/4th grade team- 11/6/17 - 1/20/18

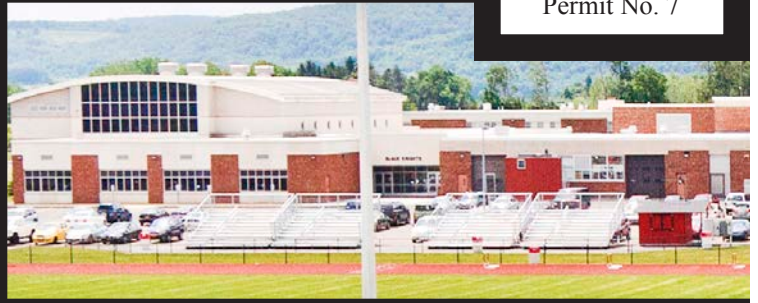
\*Boys and Girls 1st/2nd grade- 1/6/18 - 2/10/18

Program Length: (dates subject to slight change depending on gym availability)

Additional Information: 5th & 6th grade teams will play games versus neighboring districts, the 3rd & 4th grade teams will practice "in house" but be given an option to play some games if available. Each level will practice on Saturday mornings and be given an opportunity to have a mid-week practice(s), depending on the coaches schedule. 1st & 2nd grade will only practice on Saturday mornings, and be limited to 1 hour time slots.

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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

### *October*



Mon	9	Columbus Day – <b>No School</b>
Tues	10	BOE Meeting, JSHS Library, 6 pm
Tues	24	BOE Meeting, JSHS Library, 6 pm
Weds	25	Junior High School Concert JSHS, 7 pm
Thurs	26	Senior High School Concert JSHS, 6:30 pm