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KNIGHT INSIGHT



New Lobby Artwork



Sarah Daddona and Allison Gero painted the "senior wall" over the summer. Seniors will place their hand prints on the wall as part of their ode to the hit television show *Friends*.



In the spring, the HS Art Club and HS Student Government facilitated a contest for students to submit work that would be painted on the east wall in the lobby. Sophomore Airelle Ringhiser's submission was the overwhelming choice. This summer it was professionally painted on the wall by graphic artist Chuck Gridley.

On the First Day of School...



Supervision of Students

Please note, school district personnel are responsible for on-campus supervision of students during school hours and while students are participating in school-sponsored athletic and extra-curricular events.

Parents/guardians should supervise all school age children who are on the school campus during non-school hours.

Save the Date: 2022 Capital Project
Public Forum - October 21, 2019 - JSHS Auditorium - 7 PM

Welcome New Faculty and Staff Members



Halee Beebe

I am very excited to join the Tully Elementary staff as a first grade teacher this year! I recently graduated from SUNY Cortland with my Master's in Literacy Education K-12. Prior to graduate school, I completed my undergraduate degree in Early Childhood and Childhood Education from SUNY Geneseo. I have worked here at Tully in two different long-term elementary substitute roles during the 2018-19 school year. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, swimming, shopping, listening to music, and playing volleyball and lacrosse. I could not be more excited to begin this chapter of my teaching career at Tully Elementary!

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Nicole Damon

I am very excited to be joining the Tully Elementary School as the new instrumental music teacher! Prior to this, I taught middle school music, band, chorus and orchestra at the Syracuse Academy of Science. I received my undergraduate in Music Education from the Crane School of Music with a focus in flute pedagogy. I also graduated with a degree in Fitness,

and played women's lacrosse for SUNY Potsdam! Outside of school, I love to be outdoors, read, and cook! I am looking forward to working with and getting to know all of the students and staff. Thank you for welcoming me into this great community!



Kelsey Busse

I am very excited to join Tully Elementary as a second grade teacher! Over the past three years I have completed multiple long-term positions in a variety of grades. I received my degree in Early Childhood at SUNY Cobleskill, as well as my Bachelor's and Master's from SUNY Cortland in Childhood and Literacy Education. When I am not teaching, I enjoy walking my two dogs, four-wheeling with my fiancé, and spending time with my family. I am thrilled to begin my next chapter in Tully!

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Lauren Emigholz

I am super excited to be teaching 8th grade Mathematics at Tully Junior/Senior High this upcoming school year! Prior to being here at Tully, I taught mathematics at Marathon Junior/Senior High and Living Environment at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. I graduated from SUNY Oswego with my Master's in Education in 2017 and I previously earned

an undergraduate degree in Bioinformatics from the University at Buffalo in 2015. When I'm not teaching, I love to travel and explore new places. I cannot wait to start the next chapter of my teaching career here at Tully!



McKenzie Connors

I am very excited to begin my new position as a special education teacher at Tully Elementary! For the past three years, I was a middle school special education teacher for OCM BOCES. I have a total of eight years of experience working with students with multiple disabilities, especially those with ASD and behavioral difficulties. I live in Syracuse with my husband and our two dogs, Pumpkin and Onyx. We like to travel and enjoy being near the water. I graduated from SUNY Oswego with a B.S in Elementary Education and LeMoyne College with a M.S. in Special Education. I look forward to this new opportunity and becoming a member of the Tully community!


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Nathan Keefe

I am so excited to be the Library Media Specialist at Tully Elementary! I recently earned my Master of Library and Information Science: School Media from Syracuse University; my bachelor's degree is in elementary and early secondary education from Oswego State University. Prior to pursuing graduate studies, I served as Director of Education at the Rosamond

Gifford Zoo in Syracuse for over 10 years. Having begun my career as a classroom teacher, I am eager to return to the school setting. I look forward to working with every student and teacher at the library



and Maker Lab to build enthusiasm for reading, skills for inquiry, and drive for innovation. When I have free time, I enjoy outdoor activities including camping, kayaking, and cycling with my wife and our twin daughters (aged 13), along with the occasional home improvement project. I'm looking forward to a great year!



Lauren Knuth

I am very excited to join Tully Elementary as the new school nurse! I've been a nurse for over ten years working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Syracuse. I started out my career at Siena College where I received a degree in psychology and continued on to a Master's degree in Elementary Education at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. I was born and

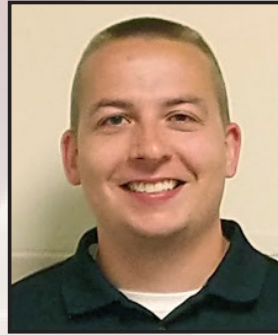
raised in Fayetteville-Manlius, and returned to the area after having my first child. At that point, I attended St. Joseph's College of Nursing and continued growing my family. My husband and I now have four children, two girls and two boys! Other than loving my titles of Mom and Nurse, I truly love taking care of my animals and all my plants. We have chickens, dogs, rabbits, and a tortoise. I can't wait to meet many new friends as I begin my next stage at Tully Elementary!



Nick LeFort

I am a Technology Integration Specialist, and very excited to be joining the staff of Tully Central School in their ongoing learning in the areas of technology. I received my undergraduate degree in Physics from SUNY Brockport and my Master's Degree from SUNY Cortland. I spent 5 years teaching Physics in the Lafayette district before obtaining my

administrative certification from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and beginning my work with the CNYRIC where I have been for 7 years. My current position puts me in direct contact with both staff and students where I teach them how to incorporate technology into their education.



Brian Mahns

I am a new social studies teacher at Tully Junior/Senior High School. I will be teaching AP World History in addition to Global History and Geography I and II. My hometown is Hilton (out by Rochester) but my wife and I moved to Tully a few years ago and fell in love with the area. For my college education, I attended St. Bonaventure University for both my

undergraduate (History) and graduate (Adolescence Education) degrees. I have taught in CNY for the past five years, beginning at Dryden CSD as a special education co-teacher for two years and spending the past three years at Cortland High School teaching social studies. Outside of school, I enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking, Bonnies basketball, and spending time with family and friends. I am excited to work in such a great community!



Kristine Wilson

I am very excited to be joining the team at Tully Elementary School as the new vocal and general music teacher this year! I have taught music in schools for over 15 years, most recently in the Syracuse City School District. I received my Bachelor's of Music from Ohio Northern University and my Master's from The Eastman School of Music. I have taught all grade levels

but absolutely love teaching elementary school! My family moved to Tully this summer from North Syracuse and we love it so far. My husband, Kirk, is in the Air Force and we have two boys, ages 10 and 13, who will also be attending school in Tully this year. Our two little dogs, Chase and Bandit, are loving the country!

ES Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

We are in full-swing here at TES! Students are receiving excellent instruction and our new playground is a big hit with students. Staff have even joined in the fun shooting baskets. Thank you to everyone for such a great turnout at our Fall Back-to-School Night! In P2, students learned more about the strengths of Curiosity and Teamwork and will be learning about Open-Mindedness, Integrity, and Perspective. Parents, you should also have already received School Messenger communications about these traits as well as Character Cards so that you can be a part of the conversation as a family. On Thursday, October 31st, we will have our annual Halloween celebration. Look for more information about Halloween later this month.

Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal

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News from the PTO

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a great first few weeks. As previously discussed at Back-to-School Night, we are getting ready for the school-wide Jog-a-thon which will take place during PE class. More specific information will be coming home soon. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Just a reminder to save any Box Tops you may find on participating packages.

Box Tops has decided to go digital. That said, our school can still earn money by downloading the "Box Tops" app. Create an account and be sure to link Tully Elementary school. Simply scan your receipt and the savings will automatically be added!

As always we invite new members to join our "team". We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the teachers' break room of the elementary school. Our next meeting will be October 9, 2019. We look forward to a fun-filled year!

Seeing the Invisible



Tully Central School was fortunate to be visited twice in September by John Tumino, founder of "In My Father's Kitchen," which focuses on building relationships with the homeless by providing them with food and basic necessities right where they are living on the streets. They continue to provide this caring assistance until they are comfortable enough to begin working with community agencies on securing housing.

On September 3rd, he provided a keynote presentation to staff focused on the topic "Relationships Minimize Risk." The following week, on September 10th, John returned to campus to deliver a multimedia presentation to students focused on "Seeing the Invisible." He first spoke at the Junior/Senior High

School and then met students at Tully Elementary.

John's messages in both presentations coincide with the philosophy of the Positivity Project as well as one of TES' building goals this year of fostering additional positive relationships with others that you may not know very well.

ATHLETICS

Save the Date - October 12

The **5th Annual Communities Kickin Cancer Benefit Soccer Game "Kids Playing for Kids"** will take place Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the Fabius-Pompey High School soccer fields for both Tully Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys teams beginning at 5 p.m. There will be many activities for the whole family to enjoy throughout the event. All event proceeds will continue to go to the Upstate Cancer Center for Kids.

WE NEED YOU! Volunteers are key to the success of this event. Please consider volunteering – there are many various ways to share your talents.

Please visit our website at <http://communitieskickincancer.org> to sign-up for a volunteer position. Should you have a question about volunteering, please contact Brenda Zook at brendazook@aol.com.

On behalf of our Tully Varsity Soccer teams, thank YOU for your support!

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**Senior Spotlight - GRACE SWAN**

Family: Mark and Linda, brothers Zachary, Lucas, Colum, and Mick, and my dog, Molly.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has definitely been the friendships I've made. I will always cherish the people who have stuck by my side. Having friends like mine make everything that comes along with high school so much easier and I think a lot of my friendships will last a lifetime.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? I've learned a lot through my participation in sports, like how to work with others and always work up to my full potential no matter how hard it might be sometimes. I have also learned a lot about leadership and advocating for my classmates while being in Student Council. In my involvement in Environmental Club, I learned how to make a difference and fix problems while encouraging others to do the same. Lastly, while being a part of International Club, I learned a lot about myself and how much I value traveling, seeing the world, and learning more about other cultures someday.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? A specific moment doesn't really come to mind, but something I've always been proud of myself for all through high school is my self-motivation. I remember after my induction into National Honor Society my parents telling me that they were most proud of me for how I did it for myself.

What are your plans after high school? After high school I am planning on going to college; I would really like to go to school down south somewhere with warmer weather. Right now I'm really interested in studying Psychology and hopefully someday getting my master's degree in that.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I'm 30, I hope that I have a good job that interests me and I really enjoy, preferably with flexible hours so that I am able to make my family my top priority. I also hope that by then I will have traveled a lot.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? If I could go to dinner with anyone it would be my grandparents. I was very close with them when I was young and I would really like to be able to talk to them now that I'm older, and let them see the person that I've become. Also, it would mean a lot to be able to hear from their own perspectives, what their lives were like before I was around, and really get to know them.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? A big challenge for me throughout high school has been prioritizing between school, sports, my social life, and the various clubs and activities I'm a part of. To overcome this, I need to remind myself not to think about other things going on, and instead focus on whatever I need to be doing at that moment. It's really just important to value the time that we have and make the most of it to reach our full potential.

Who's your hero and why? My brothers have always been my heroes in a way. Ever since I was little I have always looked up to them, and they are honestly my best friends. It means a lot to me that I have them because no matter what's going on in our lives, I know I'll always have them and they will always be there for me when I need them.

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT**Senior Spotlight - IAN BYRNE**

Family: Mom-Nancy, Dad-Joe, Brother-Colin, Sister-Emma, Brother-Dann, Dog-Dora and our Turtles-Ray and Tim.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career was learning to grow with my best friends and family. I loved being able to have friends from all different grade levels, and share amazing and fun moments with them in school and on the sports field/court.

What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school? I have learned that you need to be a little spontaneous and adventurous in life to enjoy some of the most memorable and fun moments. I always love to push myself to find new and cool opportunities. I enjoy pushing myself while winter and water skiing to see what new tricks I can do or how much difficulty I am able to endure, and through this I learn more about my limits.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? I have not had one single proudest moment that stands out from the others so far in high school. A couple smaller moments include being Student Body President, being inducted in National Honor Society, and all the success I have had with my sports teams including soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Hopefully THE proudest moment will come in my senior year.

What are your plans after high school? My plans after high school are to attend college (have not decided where I'm going yet) and study Environmental Engineering.

What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old? By the time I am 30 years old, I hope to have a job that I love and to start settling down and begin a family with my wife. Right after college I wish to travel and explore different areas in the U.S. and all over the world.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about? I would definitely invite three people because there are so many people I would want to meet or talk with. My top three choices though would have to be Steve Jobs, Jesus, and Rosemary (my younger sister who died at birth). I would invite Steve Jobs just to be in his presence and be able to know him so he could help me financially achieve my goals. I would talk to Jesus about his life and his mental/physical stamina. Lastly, I invited my younger sister because I was never able to spend any time with her and would just like to talk with her.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? I faced a lot of challenges with having so much on my plate, by agreeing to and accepting to join so many clubs, sports, and academic classes. Throughout high school I have always had the challenge of how to manage everything even after I continued to agree to do more things. In order to overcome this, I realized first off that I wouldn't be able to give 100% effort into everything I did, so I had to choose which ones were the most meaningful to me and pursue them the hardest. The things that I left off didn't go away but I realized I couldn't hold a leadership position, so instead I helped out when I was able to. I also just had to get a lot better at time management, which I'm still working out.

From the Superintendent



As we begin the school year, I wanted to make the Tully Community aware of our Board of Education's committee structure. Listed below are 2019-20 BOE sub-committees, along with a short description of the purpose for each committee:

- **Audit Committee:** The Audit Committee advises the full Board on the external audit activities of the school district. The audit committee helps the Board provide fiscal oversight of the school district and may provide comments or recommendations regarding proposed financial decisions.

- **Policy Committee:** The Policy Committee discusses current and proposed policies, considers revisions to policies as suggested by the Erie1BOCES policy service or by district legal counsel, considers new policies as appropriate, and makes recommendations to the full Board regarding new policies, revisions to existing policies, and elimination of extraneous policies.

- **Academic Advisory Committee:** The Academic Advisory Committee discusses current academic/instructional programs, considers priorities for refining, improving, and/or expanding academic opportunities for students, and makes recommendations to the full Board regarding matters related to the district's academic program.

- **Athletic Advisory Committee:** The Athletic Advisory Committee discusses current athletic programs, considers priorities for refining, improving, and/or expanding athletic opportunities, and makes recommendations to the Board regarding matters related to the district's current and future athletic program.

- **Facilities Committee:** The Facilities Committee discusses current conditions of the school facility, considers priorities for improvement provided through the Building Condition Survey (BCS), and makes recommendations to the full Board regarding short-term capital improvements.

- **Health & Safety Committee:** The Health & Safety Committee coordinates current safety and security processes, programs, and protocols, considers priorities for refining, improving school safety, and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the district's school safety and security program. Additionally, this committee investigates and addresses any Capital Project related safety complaints.

- **Wellness Committee:** The Wellness Committee meets at least four times per year to establish goals for, and oversee the development of the District's wellness policy. The Committee makes policy recommendations for review and adoption by the Board, and is responsible for assessing current wellness activities, programs, and policies available in the District.

Currently, community representatives serve as members of the Audit Committee, the Facilities Committee, and the Health & Safety Committee. If you are interested in serving on one of these three committees at some point in the future, please notify our District Clerk, Mrs. Mary Fisher, by email or phone (mfisher@tullyschools.org or 315-696-6204).

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools
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District Facility Use Requests

Beginning September 1st, all requests for use of district facilities and grounds will be made online using the Master Library scheduling platform. A link will be placed on the District Website that provides instructions and video tutorials on how to create a free account as well as request the use of facilities.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the main office of the building you are requesting facility use.

2019-2020 Board Members

**Term expires June 30 of year listed*

2020–**Mrs. E. (Fay) Burt**
 5335 Nichols Road, Tully, NY 13159
 phone: 315-440-6149

2020–**Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella, Vice President**
 1135 Sky High Road, Tully, NY 13159
 phone: 315-696-8540

2022–**Mrs. Denise Cardamone, President**
 6368 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159
 phone: 315-696-5599

2021–**Mr. Donald Cole**
 64 State St, Tully, NY 13159
 phone: 315-238-7068

2022–**Mr. Michael Dziok**
 4938 Vesper Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159
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2021–**Mr. Matthew VanBeveren**
 5461 Lake Road, Tully, NY 13159
 phone: 315-696-5745

2021–**Mr. Edward Wortley, II**
 982 Dutch Hill Road, Tully, NY 13159
 phone: 315-696-8609

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

September 24, 2019
 October 7, 2019
 October 28, 2019
 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



Open Monday - Friday from 10 AM to 7 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Closed Sundays

Tully Free Library

12 State Street • tullyfreelibrary.org 315-696-8606

Parents should look forward to Full STEAM Ahead starting in October and check our website at <http://www.tullyfreelibrary.org/> for updates on the curriculum and sign-up.

Terrific Tuesdays are back during the school year! Join us for free crafts, stories, snacks and fun. Terrific Tuesdays meets every Tuesday when Tully schools are open and library staff will escort kids from Tully Elementary to the library at 2:35 p.m. The program runs until 4 p.m. Recommended for 2nd - 4th graders.

Tykes Time on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30: Visit the library with your little ones and enjoy playing and learning during our Tykes Time. Read stories, enjoy fun activities, and make crafts with Children's Para-Librarian Sonja. For babies and little kids up to preschool age.

Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for updates on the autumn field trip!

Time to Sign up for Rec Basketball

www.activekids.com

Tully Parks and Recreation

Tully Rec offers several age appropriate basketball programs for your child:

- 3rd-6th Grade (Boys/Girls) will start practice in November, games will take place in January 2020
- 1st-2nd Grade won't start until January 2020 and will be an instructional league only (no games)

New this year – Tully Rec Basketball will take part in the John Tobin Basketball League. This league is based in Cortland, and will have an instructional component and offer multiple divisions for league games. Tully will be one of several local communities to participate (Homer, Groton, Cortland, Dryden, McGraw, Marathon). This league will have age specific rules to help develop individual skills and offer kids an opportunity to better understand game play. Don't wait, register now!!

If interested in coaching please email tulyparksrec@gmail.com

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.

Alumni News

Grace Chaffee, 2018

Tully Graduate and Stevenson University student, recently completed 10 weeks of US Army Basic Training at Fort Jackson S.C.

Congratulations, Grace!



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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



OCTOBER

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| 7 | BOE meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 10 | Spanish/French National Honor Societies Induction – 6:30 p.m. |
| 14 | Columbus Day – School Closed |
| 22 | Senior High Concert – 7 p.m. |
| 23 | JH Concert – 7 p.m. |
| 25 | Superintendent Conference Day – No Classes |
| 28 | BOE meeting, 6 p.m. |