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KNIGHT INSIGHT





Bye Bye Summer! Hello 2021-2022!



Summer has come to an end and Tully CSD is happy to have its students and staff back on campus for what we are hoping to be a near-normal year. Our FFA has been busy with Camp Oswegatchie, community service at Empire Farm Days, conducting Camp Watson at the school, and being recognized as a national three-star chapter for the second year in a row. The After School Program kept kids busy at the lake and with fun activities. The campus has finished upgrades including the Elementary bathrooms and the track being resurfaced.

For the 2021-2022 year, we have welcomed several new staff members including a new JSHS Principal, Mr. Mike O'Brien, implemented a program for student forms (Family ID), and conducted orientation for both new staff and students. We are excited to see what great things this new year holds and wish everyone an exciting and productive year!

Tully CSD Lunch Applications

Meals will be free for every student during the 21-22 school year. However, it is still important that you fill out a meal application! Future P-EBT benefits are distributed to those who have

been directly certified or have an approved meal application on file. The District also receives funding based on our free & reduced numbers.

Please fill out and submit an application if you feel you would qualify. See application inside.

New to the District: Family ID











Register

Athletics

Family ID

Schooltool

Cafeteria

Family ID is no longer just for athletics!

Family ID will be utilized for forms that are required throughout the year, starting with annual verification forms and options for media and military opt-outs. In addition, programs such as Driver's Ed will be offered with sign ups through Family ID.

This program will help mainstream the ways we obtain secure information from each family. Once you have a Family ID account, each year you will be able to update information easily, register your child for athletics if they are at the Junior-Senior High School, and electronically sign certain forms. If you already have a Family ID account with athletics, no need to make a new account - just sign into Family ID School Forms with the credentials you already have.

You can find the Family ID School Forms as a button at the top of the main District website and on each of the school's website pages in the menu. The sign up for athletics through Family ID will stay on the Athletics webpage for convenience.

Medications

Students are not allowed to have medications on their persons at school. This includes ALL prescribed or over-the-counter medications. The ONLY exception is for students that have been deemed as a selfcarry individual. With this designation, written permission from the parent/quardian **and** a written provider order are necessary.

Documentation needs to state both the diagnosis and that the student has demonstrated they can effectively administer the medication(s). These students are allowed to carry emergency medications, which require rapid administration to prevent negative health outcomes. This does not include just inhalers; they may also carry Epi Pens, Glucagon, or even at the high school level, medication to treat a migraine... etc. All medication must be delivered to the health office first by a parent or guardian along with documentation of a written order and original packaging. Please contact the health office of your student with any further questions.

ES Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I thought we had a very successful last school year, especially navigating the COVID landscape, and I am excited to keep the momentum going from where we left off in June as we continue to expand our on-campus learning opportunities and activities to pre-COVID levels and beyond. I'm looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to TES. In some exciting news, our community of learners is growing! Starting this year, we now have a third Pre-K section, allowing us to accommodate more of our youngest learners. You will get to meet all of our new staff in the October Knight Insight issue, including JSHS special education teacher Adam O'Neill, who will be with us in the mornings as an administrative intern. Over the summer, several bathrooms were updated with new lighting, tile, and toilets. Teachers are excited to implement the curriculum work and technology professional learning that they engaged in over the summer. Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, September 23rd. This is the date of our annual Back to School Night. At press time, it is uncertain as to whether this event will be in-person or virtual. More information will be sent home in student backpacks. I look forward to seeing you then and throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child(ren)'s teachers with any questions. To keep up-to-date on school events and news, please check out the school website (www.tullyschools.org/elementary) as well as my Twitter feed, @ekupiecTullyES.

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

PTO Update

Welcome back, everyone! We are back to the start of another school year once again. For those who are not familiar with the Tully Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (TES PTO), we would like to introduce ourselves. The President of the PTO is Marie Schmidt. Marie has been active with the PTO for a number of years and has been a huge asset to the organization. The Vice President of the PTO is Erin D'Antonio. Erin is one of our newer officers and has been a great addition. Chris Lawton is the PTO Treasurer and has done a wonderful job over the past several years. Stacey Burian-Wilbur is the Secretary and has been involved with the PTO for a few years. Wendy Hutton is the Public Relations Coordinator and has been involved with the organization since 2017.

TES PTO typically funds a number of different activities throughout the school year. As you are all aware, last year was anything but normal. However, the PTO was still able to hold a Read-A-Thon fundraiser in the spring. What a HUGE hit that was! We would like to thank each and every one of our students that read, as well as the sponsors and the donators. As a result of your generosity, we are able to continue to offer support to our staff and students at the Elementary School.

Throughout the school year, the TES PTO offers funding to various clubs and activities that students and staff may benefit from. Some of the funding this past school year went to the following groups/activities: Lego League, 6th grade picnic, teacher and teacher assistant allotments (for extra items that they may need in their classrooms), Staff Appreciation (last year we stocked the break room with snacks and beverages at the beginning and end of the school year), dual senior awards (two separate students), Maker Lab, Safety Patrol, Summer Reading/Read-A-Thon prizes, and COVID related items (mask lanyards, special items - teacher requests, Kindergarten T-shirts, bins/crates/large Ziploc bags).

We will continue to support our students and staff at the Elementary School in any way that we can. At this time we are holding our monthly meetings via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. We encourage you to join us either in the meetings or via our Facebook page, Tully Elementary PTO. Our first meeting of the school year will be September 15. TES PTO is a 501(c)(3) organization, and we gladly accept tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation.

Positivity Project

Tully Central School is proud to continue as a partner school for the Positivity Project (P2) in 2021-2022! Both in school and at home, we will spend the year focusing on 24 character strengths, a common vocabulary, and the philosophy of other people matter mindset. Stay tuned for how P2 will run this year to meet the needs of students both in-school and those learning remotely.



2021 BUS RUNS

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TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

JSHS Principal's Message



Mr. Michael O'Brien

Hello all incoming Junior-Senior High School students and welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! My name is Mike O'Brien and it is an honor to introduce myself to you all as the new Junior-Senior High School Principal! I am extremely excited to begin working with all of the teachers, staff, and the entire community to continue to offer high-quality education to all Tully students. I am eager to build relationships with the students, teachers, staff, and community in the coming months!

Over the past few months, I hope that everyone has had some time to rest and recharge! The Junior-Senior High School has been busy preparing for this school year. The custodial staff continues to do a spectacular job getting the building ready for everyone to arrive! We are excited to see all of our students on September 7th for full-time, in-person instruction

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 16th. We will communicate the specific details regarding the format of Curriculum Night via School Messenger as we finalize them. During this event, teachers will share information regarding their courses.

Students can anticipate picking up their Chromebook during the first day of school on Tuesday, September 7th. Additionally, we are excited to welcome several new teachers to our school community. Please contact Mr. Schiener or me if you any questions. Also, you can contact Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Davin for counseling office questions or needs. We look forward to seeing students September 7th!

Mr. Michael O'Brien, JSHS Principal • Phone: 315.696.6235 • Email: mike.obrien@tullyschools.org

Alumni Grad



Mackenzie Prince, a 2015 Tully graduate, has been inducted into the OCM BOCES CTE Hall of Fame for her dedication to the medical field. Prince studied the medical profession during her time at Tully through the BOCES program, later becoming a certified medical technician and then a registered nurse. She now works tirelessly at Crouse Hospital as a surgical nurse, volunteers with the Tully Fire Department, and is a HOSA mentor. Prince is a wonderful role model and shows others what determination, commitment, and passion look like. She reminds all students to not let anything stand in their way of a dream during her acceptance speech. Congratulations, Mackenzie! Tully CSD is proud of you and your accomplishments!

ATHLETICS

2021 Block T Award Winners

Scholar Athletes: Brooke Rauber and Will Hardy Competitive Spirit: Tessa Mucha, Lindsey Hamelinck and Adam Spath Most Improved: Katie Haier, Lauren Yonko and Aidan Brown Sportsmanship: Maddie Erno, Lilly Fowler-Conner and Zeke Hendricks Leadership: Julia Dietz and Joe Murray Cheerleader Award: Carly Bastedo All Around Athletes: Brooke Rauber and Will Hardy Black Knight Coach of the Year: Ryan Dando - Boys Basketball



Tessa Mucha: Saint Michaels College, Women's Ice Hockey Brooke Rauber: North Carolina State University, Women's XC Will Hardy: Jacksonville University, Men's Lacrosse Maddie Erno: Daemon College, Women's Soccer Lauren Yonko: SUNY Brockport, Women's XC/Track Julia Dietz: Nazareth College, Women's Lacrosse. Lilly Fowler-Conner: SUNY Geneseo, Women's XC/Track



2021 Black Knight Fall JV & Varsity Coaching Staff

Varsity Football: Brad Keysor, Jeff Russell, DJ Charles Varsity Boys & Girls Soccer: Bill Donald & Ashley Brunelle JV Girls Soccer: Kaitlyn Mahns. Varsity Boys & Girls XC: Jim Paccia & Michelle Rauber Varsity Golf: Don McClure Varsity Fall Cheerleading: Bettemae Russell



Modified Boys Soccer: Charlie Locke Modified Girls Soccer: Tim Villhauer Modified Football: Stewart Snyder & Nick Zupan JH Cross Country: Jim Paccia & Michelle Rauber

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Transportation Safety

Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

- 1.) Provide your child with a backpack or book-bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children get off the bus.

 2.) Check your children's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items as they could become snagged in the bus door as the child gets off the bus, and should be removed from clothing.
- **3.)** Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop five minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it, or run into the road. **4.)** Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway at least 15 feet. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children. **5.)** When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in single file. **6.)** Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the bus driver and result in an accident.

It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children.

New York State law requires motorists to stop for school buses that are receiving or discharging passengers. The driver of the vehicle must stop when they encounter a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students: on a public highway; on multiple lane roads; on opposite sides of divided highways; on a public street; on a private road; in a parking lot or on school property.

The driver of the vehicle must stop from either direction. The driver must also stop if the school bus has another bus in front of it to receive or discharge passengers.

Tips for Sharing the Road with School Buses:

- Remember, buses make frequent stops. Be prepared to stop for them.
- Never pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing on the right or left.
- Watch for children who cross in front of the bus when the bus is stopped.
- Look for children at bus stops and those running to bus stops.
- By law, school buses are required to stop at railroad crossings.

Immunizations

Vaccinations due between 6th and 12th grade are as follows: Students entering 6th grade or by 11 years of age must have the Tetanus, Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine, Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) and 2 doses of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine.

Students entering 7th are required to have one dose of the Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY).

Students entering 12th grade are required to have 2 doses of the Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 or older.

Fire Inspection Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the 2021-2022 school year of the school buildings of Tully Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the District's Business Office for inspection by all interested persons.

Please contact Mr. Brad Corbin, School Business Administrator, Tully Central School District, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159, phone (315) 696-6206.

District Facility Use Requests

All requests for use of district facilities and grounds will be made online using the Master Library scheduling platform.

A link is on the District Website under "Departments < Facilities," and provides instructions 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.

Article Submission

To submit an article, email articles to Sherry Huggins at sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6246. 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.

Student Records Access

You are notified that you have the following rights in relation to student records: **1.** The right to inspect and review a student's education records. **2.** The school district shall limit the disclosure of information contained in the student's education records except: (a) by prior written consent of the student's parents or an eligible student, (b) directory information, or (c) under certain limited circumstances, as permitted by FERPA. **3.** The right of a student's parents or an eligible student seeking to correct parts of the student's education records which he or she believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's right. These rights include the right to a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the district decides not to alter it according to the parents' or an eligible student's request. **4.** The right of any person to file a complaint with the Department of Education if the school district violates FERPA. **5.** If either a student's parent or an eligible student desires to obtain copies of the policy pertaining to student records, notifications should be presented to the appropriate building principal. **6.** All rights and protections given to parents under FERPA and this policy transfers to the student when he or she reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an "eligible student."

Directory InformationThe Tully Central School District classifies the following

The Tully Central School District classifies the following student information as directory information:

- Name, address, and telephone number
- Date and place of birth
- Enrollment status
- Major field of study
- Grade level
- Participation in school clubs, activities, and sports
- · Weight and height of interscholastic athletes
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- Electronic mail address
- Most recent educational institution or agency attended by student
- Student's picture

Directory information may be available for bona fide purposes to outside parties such as colleges, newspapers, and social service agencies. Any eligible student or parent wishing to limit the availability of directory information must do so within 14 days of this notification by contacting the building principal in writing.

Other questions regarding these rights should be referred to the student's building principal.

Physicals

The New York State Department of Education requires a health certificate or health appraisal of each public school student when they enter the school district for the first time, are in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, participate in interscholastic sports, need working papers, or are referred to the Committee of Special Education.

All students participating in interscholastic sports programs, regardless of grade level, must have a physical exam before participating in any sport practice. These physicals need to be turned into the school nurse prior to the start of practice. If your child intends to play a sport, it is important that they check with the school nurse before practice to verify they have a current sports physical on file.

Physicals expire one year from the month they were performed, on the last day of the month.

Asbestos Public Notification

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, all buildings of the Tully Central School District have been inspected for asbestos containing building materials (ACBM).

The original inspection and triennial re-inspection reports identifying the location of ACBM, the management plan detailing how the district is managing the asbestos materials and the semi-annual surveillance reports are available in the Assistant Director of Facilities II office.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Bishop at 315-696-6218.

Summer 2021 Pesticide Notice

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Tully Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application; anti-microbial products; nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children; nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children; silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children; boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate; the application of EPA designated biopesticides; the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please mail a letter to: Mr. Jerry Bishop, Asst. Director of Facilities, PO Box 628, 20 State Street, Tully, NY 13159 or fax a letter to him at 315-696-6253. The letter should include your name, address, daytime phone number, home phone number, e-mail address and the area of interest. For more information, contact Mr. Bishop at 315-696-6218 or jbishop@tullyschools.org

Professional Qualifications

Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers. The District will provide in a timely manner upon request the following information to parents:

- 1. Whether the student's teacher has met New York State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- 2. Whether the student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the New York State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- 3. Whether the student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of certification of the teacher;
- 4. Whether the student is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition, the District will provide to parents timely notice that their student has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable New York State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Tully CSD** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **[\$0]**; lunch costs **[\$0]**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019 students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price
 meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application
 that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your students school.
- 2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
- 3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
- CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Paul Scheiner to see if they qualify.
- 5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
- SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at (315)696-6230 if you have questions.
- 7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
- 9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- 10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Brad Corbin**, **bcorbin@tullyschools.org**, (315)696-6206
- 12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- 14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- 17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,828	\$ 1,986	\$ 993	\$ 917	\$ 459
2	\$ 32,227	\$ 2,686	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,240	\$ 620
3	\$ 40,626	\$ 3,386	\$ 1,693	\$ 1,563	\$ 782
4	\$ 49,025	\$ 4,086	\$ 2,043	\$ 1,886	\$ 943
5	\$ 57,424	\$ 4,786	\$ 2,393	\$ 2,209	\$ 1,105
6	\$ 65,823	\$ 5,486	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,532	\$ 1,266
7	\$ 74,222	\$ 6,186	\$ 3,093	\$ 2,855	\$ 1,428
8	\$ 82,621	\$ 6,886	\$ 3,443	\$ 3,178	\$ 1,589
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,399	\$ 700	\$ 350	\$ 324	\$ 162

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number.

An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school. Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP. Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/ guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time. The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

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ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Food Service.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: (315)696-6230. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 4 if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint-filing-cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Black Knights SEPTEMBER 2021

From the Superintendent



This September we are welcoming a number of new students at both of our schools. Some of these students are our new pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners who will be able to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers at the end of August. Others are students who have moved into the community over the summer. Many of these students attended our new student orientation.

Additionally, we have a new cohort of 7th grade students starting at the Junior/Senior High School. Many of these students attended our 7th grade orientation where they had the opportunity to walk through their schedules and become more familiar with the Junior/Senior High School.

We are also welcoming several new faculty and staff members to our school community this year. Our new teachers were on campus at the end of August for our new teacher orientation. Our new staff members have also been on campus this summer, preparing for the upcoming school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students, faculty, and staff.

This summer we continued to transition out of the pandemic. Summer school was in-person, our driver education program was up and running again, the Tully After School summer program was held on our school campus, and many of our student athletes participated in summer sports camps. While it was not completely business as usual, this summer seemed far more normal than last year.

Additionally, this summer we completed some minor renovations on our school campus. We renovated the bathrooms in eight classrooms at the elementary school, resurfaced our track, and installed some new windows in our maintenance building. Our custodial and maintenance staff have been able to get back to a pre-COVID summer cleaning program, and our buildings will be in good order when our students return for the first day of the 2021-22 school year.

Finally, we anticipate that we will be open for full-time, in-person instruction for all of our students, for the entire school year. Most likely we will still have to live with some COVID related public health measures, at least at the start of the school year. These measures will most likely include masks, health screenings, and reasonable social distancing requirements. We are hopeful, however, that we will be able to implement these public health measures in a way that does not substantially interfere with our school programs.

I am excited about the upcoming 2021-22 school year and looking forward to the return of our students on September 7th.

Robert Hughes, Superintendent of Schools Phone: 315.696.6204 • Email: rhughes@tullyschools.org

2021-2022 BOE Meetings

The planned schedule for Board of Education meetings for the 2021-2022 school year is as follows:

September 20, 2021

October 12, 2021

October 25, 2021

November 22, 2021

December 20, 2021

January 24, 2022

February 14, 2022

March 7, 2022

March 28, 2022

April 18, 2022

May 9, 2022

May 17, 2022

June 13, 2022

Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. in Junior-Senior High School Conf. Room #2 (Room 109) unless otherwise noted.

Additional Special Meetings to be scheduled as needed.

2021-2022 Board Members

2023	Mrs. E. Fay Burt	(315) 440-6149
2023	Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella	(315) 696-8540
2022	Mrs. Denise Cardamone	(315) 696-5599
2022	Mr. Michael Dzoik	(315) 796-9177
2024	Mrs. Andrea Mourey	(315) 427-7444
2024	Mr. Matthew VanBeveren	(315) 696-5745
2024	Mr. Edward Wortley, II	(315) 696-8609

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Welcome back to school! We hope you have a wonderful year of learning! The staff at Tully Free able to support students in their educational efforts. Do you have a library card? Why not get one now? Library is ready and September is Library Card Sign-up Month! A library card offers you access to all kinds of information; from books and DVDs and magazines, to e-books, audiobooks, and video games! Tully Free Library patrons can also access digital media through Overdrive, Libby, and Hoopla, as well as other online resources. Students as young as kindergarten-age can apply for a card. Stop in for more information today!

Please check our website regularly for updated information regarding activities such as teen programming and Full Steam Ahead, as well as library COVID policies. At the time of this writing, ALL patrons must wear masks inside the library regardless of vaccination status. We will have a booth during the Community Days celebration on Saturday, Sept. 11. Stop by and say hello!

TRANSPORTATION - BUS RUNS

Duck BUS:

Driver: Glen Wintermute*

Route: Otisco Rd, W Canty, Otisco Valley Rd, Crooked Lake.

Giraffe BUS:

Driver: **Brett Stephenson**

Song Mountain Rd, Otisco Valley Rd, Church Rd,

Masters Rd, W Valley Rd, Sawmill Rd, Lake Rd, Frenchs Bay.

Eagle BUS:

Driver: **Terry Wheeler**

Route: Lake Rd, Wetmore Rd, Assemble Park, Salisbury Rd, Friendly Shores, Song Lake Xin Rd, Palmer Rd, Song Lake Rd, Long Rd, Lake Rd.

Turtle BUS: **Robert Poulsen** Driver:

Route 80W, Canty Hill Rd, Bailey Rd, Octagon Rd.

Kitten BUS:

Driver: Russell Vinnedge

Route: Dutch Hill Rd, Bishop Hill Rd, Barker St, Cook Rd, Case Hill Rd, Kingsley Rd, Hitchings Rd, Canty Hill Rd.

Fish BUS.

Driver: Jeremy Randall

Strong Rd, Vesper Hill Rd, Curtain Rd, Stevens Rd, Route: Ryan Rd, Octagon Rd, Gatehouse Rd, Lake Rd.

BUS: Driver: Rick Burke

Route: Route 80W, Oak Hill Rd, Deer Haven Ct, Patterson Rd, Kamm Rd, Kenyon Rd, Buckwheat Rd, Wright Rd, Finlon Rd.

Rabbit BUS:

Driver: Randy Burt

Route: Barker St, Otisco Rd, Tully Farms Rd, Route 11A, Solvay Rd, Quail Ridge, Bob White Lane.

Lion BUS:

Driver: Dave Earley*

Rt 11N, Babcock Rd, North Rd.

Cow BUS:

Driver: Yvonne Bailey

Sky High Rd, Route 80 E, Apulia Rd, Markham Hollow Rd,

Daly Rd.

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Rhino BUS:

Driver: Art Rienhardt

Route 11S, Marybelle, Tully Ctr Rd, E Homer Baltimore,

E Hill Rd, Currie Rd, Route 281.

Bear BUS: **Doug Deyoe** Driver:

Woodmancy Rd, Otisco Rd, Route 80, Hidden Falls,

Scadden Terrace, Austin Rd, Melinda Lane, Village View.

Elephant BUS:

Driver:

Meeker Hill Rd, Tully Truxton Hill, Robyn Lane, Grove St. Route:

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TO: LOCAL POST OFFICE BOXHOLDER OR RURAL ROUTE PATRON

TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS







