



A Creepy, Kooky Love Story



Students at the JSHS worked long and hard to put on a spook-tacular production of *The Addams Family* at the beginning of March. This rendition of the well-known spooky family was more kooky than spooky with lots of humor for all ages.

The audience was taken through a story of young love between a not-so normal girl, Wednesday Addams (Clara Currie), and a boy from Ohio, Lucas Beineke (Marshall Kania). Lucas's parents, Mal (Sythe Brown) and Alice (Evangeline Votra) attend dinner at the Addams's where the kooky family opens a world of love and death to the strait-laced couple. Gomez Addams (Brennan Dilmore) dazzled the audience with his "devices of persuasion" while navigating the evening between his wife, Morticia Addams (Elise Spencer), and his daughter, all while keeping secrets from each of them. Pugsley Addams (Paisley Ladd) is not so thrilled that his sister has found love and sets out to ruin dinner while Grandma Addams (Marz Huggins) encourages him to accept the change. Little did Pugsley know that he would solidify love between all the couples when he steals one of Grandma's "herbs and remedies."

The family also learns of another budding love between Fester (Beau Brown) and the moon. While Fester works on his own romance, he also works behind the scenes with the Addams's ancestors to facilitate the young love between Wednesday and Lucas. By the end of the play, Lurch (Max Willms), the Addams's non-verbal butler, finds his voice, Gomez treats his wife to a vacation in the Paris sewers, Fester flies to the moon, and Wednesday and Lucas get married. What a creepy, kooky love story!

Congratulations to the cast for a job well-done, the crew for running a smooth operation, and the production team for a wonderful production!



Principal's Message



Congratulations to the cast and crew of our 5th grade musical, *Summer Camp!* On February 6th and 7th, they delighted audiences with one school performance and two community showings. Thank you to Mrs. Biggar, Ms. Machuga, Ms. Robbins, and our actors/actresses and stage crew for all their hard work in putting on such a fantastic show! There were a lot of celebrations around 100 for the last week in February. Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school, first grade marked the 101st day, and PK held their annual Puppy Parade dressed as 101 Dalmatians. Second grade celebrated the 102nd day with activities, and depending on whether or not they attended PK, students in fourth and fifth grade attended their 1000th day of elementary school.

Students in grades 3-5 will complete the NYS Assessments in ELA during April along with fifth grade Math. Testing is untimed; all tests will begin in the morning. The remaining assessments will take place in May. If you have any questions or concerns about assessments at Tully, or you wish to receive additional information, please contact your child's teacher or me.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. It's hard to believe we only have three months left in the school year!

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Read Across America

Students in kindergarten and first grade had an exciting week celebrating Read Across America. This week is known nationally to foster a love of reading and celebrating the joy that books can bring to our lives. Not only do the grade levels enjoy special read-alouds and fun literacy activities, but they incorporate optional dress-up days throughout the week to add to the fun.

Due to Dr. Seuss's birthday kicking off Read Across America week, kindergarten students revolved their dress up days around the popular books. They celebrated with PJ day, *Cat in the Hat* day, Wacky Wednesday, *Green Eggs and Ham* day, and *Fox in Socks* day. Wednesday was really wacky as you could see students drawing pictures upside down under their desks! What a fun way to celebrate reading and its benefits! First grade celebrated their week with a little more autonomy. Monday was Be You day where students wore something to celebrate their differences whether it be a favorite color, favorite team, or something that showed an interest or hobby. Tuesday was Kindness Counts day where they wore positivity on their sleeves - some quite literally. With hearts and encouraging messages, students also participated in secret kindness missions. For the middle of the week, students could dress up as their favorite book character. The day after was Future Me day allowing the students to dress up as what they wanted to be when they grow up. They capped off the week with Cozy Reading day where they voted on their favorite read-aloud from the week's activities. So many positive messages were sent throughout the week regarding reading and how it can change lives for the better!



PTO News

Hello, Tully families! Did you know TES PTO is also a 501(c)(3) organization? We accept tax-exempt donations year-round. Please inquire if you would like to make a donation. Throughout the school year, TES PTO offers funding to various student clubs and activities, as well as teacher/classroom support – even field trips! If you would like to learn more about PTO, become involved (various levels of volunteering available), or just listen to a meeting, please join us on Zoom! At this time, we are holding our monthly meetings virtually on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please also join our Facebook page, Tully Elementary PTO, or reach out via email at pto@k12.tullyschools.org.

Lunar New Year

Before Winter Recess, third grade students studied and celebrated the Lunar New Year. Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year, is a fifteen day festival marking the start of a new year with the first new moon of the lunisolar calendar. This event signifies the beginning of spring and celebrates families, cultures, and traditions of many Asian countries. Students incorporated their learning of character traits as they explored the Chinese zodiac and the characteristics associated with each of the twelve animals. Students also connected their learning in social studies and writing by comparing and contrasting different countries and their celebrations and traditions. The classes rounded out the celebration by creating paper lanterns and a Chinese dragon. Wishing our Tully community a happy and healthy year of the horse in 2026!



JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Message



Our last marking period is upon us and spring is here! At this time of year, our seniors are busy making plans for what comes next after graduation and, hopefully, enjoying every minute they have left in their Tully school careers. At the same time, our staff is busy preparing for the courses we will offer for the 2026-2027 school year.

This year, our sixth grade students will follow the elementary school's June attendance calendar. Therefore, during all Regents testing days, our sixth grade students will follow a traditional school schedule. Seventh through twelfth grades will not have regular classes on these dates. This is per the New York State Education Department attendance regulations. Additionally, there are two "early" Regents exams this year, scheduled on Tuesday, June 9th, and Wednesday, June 10th. Due to the number of students taking the test on June 9th, only 6th graders and students taking the English Regents will be in attendance; however, all students will be in attendance on June 10th. The last day of classes for grades 7-12 will be Tuesday, June 16th, whereas the last day for 6th grade is June 25th. A detailed schedule will be sent via ParentSquare to all sixth grade families at the beginning of the fourth marking period, outlining the end of the end-of-year calendar.

As we approach testing season, for everyone's planning purposes, AP exams are scheduled for May 4th - May 15th, and NYS Regents exams are scheduled for June 9 - 10th and June 17th - 25th. Sixth through eighth grade NYS Math is April 18th and 29th, eighth grade NYS Science is on May 1st, and NYS ELA exams are May 12th - 13th.

Best wishes to all of our students for a successful end to the school year!

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June 9 TUESDAY	June 10 WEDNESDAY	June 17 WEDNESDAY	June 18 THURSDAY	June 19 FRIDAY	June 22 MONDAY	June 23 TUESDAY	June 24 WEDNESDAY	June 25 THURSDAY	June 26 FRIDAY
7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	Juneteenth Holiday Observed	RATING DAY ** Suggested date for local assessments: May include Checkpoint exams or other end-of-year assessments at district discretion.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	RATING DAY
English Language Arts*	Algebra II*	Algebra I	Life Science: Biology Living Environment			U.S. History & Government	Physical Setting/ Chemistry	Physical Setting/ Physics	
11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.			11:45 a.m.	Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations. Uniform Admission Deadlines Morning Examinations: 10 a.m. Afternoon Examinations 2 p.m.		
Physical Science: Chemistry* (NYS P12SLS)	Physical Science: Physics* (NYS P12SLS)	Global History & Geography II	Earth and Space Sciences Physical Setting/ Earth Science		Geometry				

Senior Spotlight - BRENNAN DILMORE



People/Pets in your family: Mom and Dad, Nathan, Ryan, and Logan (brothers), Julien, Vader, Grayson, and Crouton (cats), Bunbun (bunny), Shooter and Dotty (Horses), Henry the rooster and 18 hens.

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part has 100% been the last concert of the year of my junior year. Being our last concert with Ms. Krumbach and

being the first time I've been able to perform a song of my arrangement and play guitar in front of friends, family, and my community. I look back on that moment extremely fondly and I often think back to how it has impacted me since.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in at school? Sometimes the reward of success is less sweet than the bonds and journey taken to get to where you are. Life is short and moments with others are shorter, so spend time with gratitude and enjoy that time.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? I'd have to say it's, once again, the final concert of my junior year, being able to perform Bones In The Ocean by The Longest Johns because I had spent around 24 collective hours arranging the song and even more time practicing it with the whole choir. To perform it was absolutely ethereal.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? On stage performing music, teaching as an English teacher, working as a composer or producer, or acting in film and television.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be, and what would you talk about? I would choose both my grandpa Schumaker and great great grandfather Mortimer Dilmore. I never got the chance to really get to know why my grandpa Schu was such a great man because he passed when I was so young and I would spend a lot of time getting to know his story from his own mouth. As for Mortimer, I would love to get to know more about family history and his upbringings as a person.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? I've often faced the challenge of imposter syndrome and the feeling that I am truly not who I am or that I deserve anything of what I have. The few things that have grounded me are my favorite people like Dante, Lyn, Nicholas, Lucas, and Lilith, as well as my family. Having a network of people who can help if I need anything or when I feel completely worthless, my friends have always been there at any moment where I have needed them most.

Who's your hero and why? My hero? Like the Foo Fighter's song? In all seriousness, if I was made to choose only one, I would choose Nicholas Hobart. He has been there for me more than everyone else. We have managed to shape each other into better people and ones who will be together until the end. He is my ride or die and I believe it's the way it was meant to be. I am so glad to have spent the last 12 years together with him. Nicholas is a genius and I look up to him in some ways where he may look up to me in others. He is one of the reasons I am here today and the way I am. I look forward to the future ahead of us. Thank you, my friend.

Senior Spotlight - LYN KANIA



People/Pets in your family: Mom and Dad, Marshall and Matt (brothers), Natalie (sister), Tucker and Finlay (dogs), and Sunny (bearded dragon).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? Band class. Music is awesome and I encourage everyone to try something music related in their life at least once. It has always

served as a nice refresher that gets me in a good mood no matter how bad my morning may have been.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in at school? From all of my activities, I have learned that I do not like to keep super busy. I prefer a breathable, flexible schedule. It allows me to discover what I actually enjoyed about each club. I liked the social aspects of Robotics, the music of Chamber Choir and Jazz Band, and the experience that was Tully Drama. Taking the time to actually think about why I enjoyed what I was doing really opened my eyes to what I think I could like in the future.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment has been going bald in support of those struggling with cancer and donating my hair. I distinctly remember sitting at the donation center and watching it all get shaved clean off, and the look of horror from my family watching my "loacious locks" disappear chunk by chunk.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to study entomology. I like bugs.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? Being the best entomologist this world has ever known. The study of insects, in my opinion, goes far too under-appreciated and I hope to show everyone, even those who have a fear of insects, how fascinating and unique each and every one can be.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be, and what would you talk about? I'd invite John Locke and Issac Newton and explain the concept of the Internet and wifi to them. I think that would be a fascinating conversation.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? My biggest challenge in life has been self confidence. It took years to even be able to see myself as anything equal to a human. I always thought everyone was judging my every action 24/7. Now, I just don't care how people think about me. Life is too short to dwell on silly things like "depression." I just keep it silly.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is Myles Seamon. Myles, despite countless challenges, always managed to keep a smile on my face and a cheery attitude in his heart. We miss you Myles; so sad that you're gone.

FFA Spirit Week



The FFA held their annual spirit week with days that consisted of pj's, camouflage, soccer moms versus grilling dads, blue versus gold, and tie dye. In addition to having fun dress up days, the FFA had lots of other extras for their peers to enjoy. During morning announcements, interesting agriculture facts would be shared with the student body. Besides the well-known production of dairy and apples, did you know that NY is ranked second in cabbage production? Most cabbage is grown in the Finger Lakes region and in WNY! FFA members also prepared fun trivia for the lunch crowds and even held a taste testing trivia to see if students could tell if items were store-bought or homemade by locals. Taste testing items were syrup, pickles, and jam - yum! Many students said the homemade items were more flavorful. At the end of the week, our FFA officers welcomed the National FFA Western Region Vice President from Oregon to the school where she helped with a community service project by creating Thank a Farmer gift baskets with local goodies from our community. This was a great experience for our FFA chapter, as they were able to share tidbits about our local agriculture while doing a good deed. After all that excitement, the FFA still had time to prepare a staff breakfast to say "thank you" to those helping behind the scenes with, oftentimes, small gestures of support. Way to go, Tully FFA!

A Nutty Bunch



Students in eighth grade Health learned a great deal about healthy proteins, fats, and energy-boosting grains during their Trail Mix project. They also learned about consumerism and how important taste is when it comes to eating healthy. In groups, students built their company by coming up with a fun name for their trail mix and then putting together individual portions with items provided for a taste testing experience at lunch. They then created posters, banners, and informational tidbits for their peers. Once everything was ready to go, they manned their stations, handing out samples to their younger peers and competitors, and waited for the votes to roll in. The Nut Hut won first place with The Salty Knights coming in at a close second. The other groups, Happy Mix, Nuts & Such, the Nutty Knights, and Traily Trail Mix, all had positive reviews as well. What a nutty bunch!

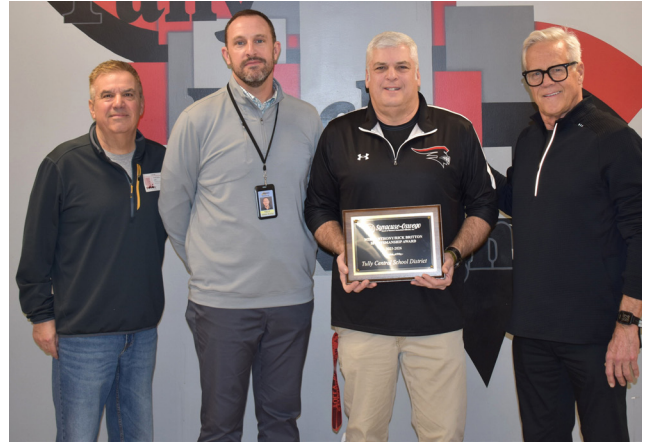
Math-Minded

Students of all grade levels have been putting their math skills to work. Geometry students took advantage of the sunny weather to calculate the flagpole's height. They used measuring tapes and clinometers to find the angle of elevation first, then used trigonometry ratios to finish their work. Afterwards, they applied the same concepts with the stairwells to see if they met ADA guidelines. Some calculations were occasionally a bit "off," but that led to some fantastic discussions about real-world variables and measurement error. It was a very productive session! In seventh grade math, rovers took over. Students programmed rovers to follow a course through books set up like miniature race tracks and held races in the halls. There was even a fun award ceremony at the end. It was very exciting! Outside the classrooms, we had our JH Math League finish up their competitions this past month. Competing against fifteen other schools in Onondaga County, they placed ninth overall. These eleven students worked hard in math class and outside of school to put their math skills to the test. With all the math happening on campus, we definitely say that our students are math-minded!

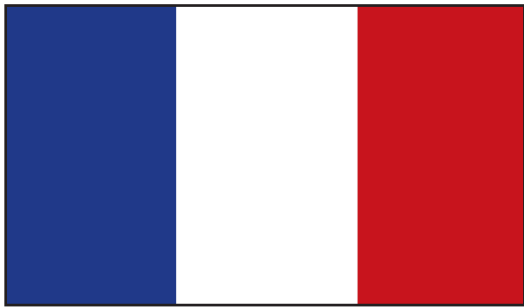


Athletic News

The Tully Athletic Department and Girls Basketball program received the 2025-2026 Sportsmanship Award from the Syracuse-Oswego Officials Board. Coach Jeff Russell and the girls basketball team demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship throughout the season, both on and off the court. Our group of chaperones, Nikki Allen, Sherry Huggins, Rhiannon McElroy, Emily West, Amanda Hazen, and Jen Perrello created a welcoming environment for visiting teams and officials. The School Resource Officers, Joe Lamoureux and Andy Barnes, worked hard to keep our home basketball games safe. Lastly, our game day clock/PA staff of Jayne Morse and Ritch Edinger continue to be the best in CNY at creating a great home basketball environment. The Tully Athletic staff is honored to accept this award! Go Black Knights!



Culture Corner: FRANCE



Did you know that the Eiffel Tower was designed by the same person that designed the Statue of Liberty? How about that the Eiffel Tower transmits radio signals? This engineered exhibition is one of the most sought after sights in France and France is one of the most popular countries world-wide for sight seeing. While France is the largest country in Western Europe and has twelve different time zones, it is actually smaller than the state of Texas. France is one of the top fashion capitals in the world and is host to the largest art museum in the world; the Louvre averages 15,000 people per day! The country itself averages 80 million tourists annually, but it is no wonder why with its famed culture. France is also known for its cheese, wine, and bread with plenty to offer tourists while there. If tourists need to take a break from the most popular tourist traps, the Alps are a peaceful retreat full of wildlife, lakes, and snow-capped peaks. France truly holds something for everyone!

Private Transportation Requests Due By April 1

NYS Education Law Section 3635(2) requires that a written request be made to the Board of Education of a School District when transportation of a student to a non-public, private, or parochial school is required. This written request must be made annually and received by the school district no later than April 1st for transportation for the next school year. Most non-public schools have a form available to make this request and can be contacted for assistance. Please have these written requests sent to Attn: Jamie Wortley, Tully Central School District, Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2026.

Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Seats

Two terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2026. Each winner will be elected for three-year terms from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 at the annual school district election to be held on May 19, 2026.

Board of Education vacancies are not considered to be separate specific offices. The nominating petition does not describe a specific vacancy. Each candidate is considered for a vacant seat on the Board of Education as a whole and not as only to a specific office presently held by an individual.

Candidates may be nominated only by petition. Each nominating petition must be filed with the School District Clerk, Tully CSD, District Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026.

Each nominating petition must state the name and residence of the candidate and be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the school district. Each person signing must also state their residence. It is good practice to obtain more than 25 signatures.

General eligibility requirements for school board candidates under the law are: a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, and a qualified voter in the school district.

Prospective Board Member Candidate packets will be available beginning on February 2, 2026. If you would like a Prospective Board Member Candidate packet, please contact the district office at (315) 696-6204 or email jeanette.neadom@k12.tullyschools.org

From the Superintendent



I am amazed by everything that our students and staff have achieved this winter. From Section appearances and championships in athletics to the high-energy celebrations of FFA competitions and spirit week, our students continue to shine. I also want to extend a huge congratulations to the cast and crew of *The Addams Family* and to our Scholastic art students; the talent displayed is truly remarkable.

A special thank you to our coaches, directors, and advisors as well for their leadership in these areas. Whether in the classroom, during competition, or while performing, our Black Knights make us proud every single day.

We are nearing the finish line of our strategic planning process. Although I joined this work toward the end, I have been impressed by the collaborative plan and the intentional action steps developed by our committees. This plan reflects a true vision and a clear path for our district's success. Our goal is to present the final plan for adoption at the April Board of Education meeting, with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Thank you to everyone who served on a committee or offered feedback this year; you are all a vital part of this roadmap to success.

Our capital project has officially moved into the design phase. We have begun facilitating meetings between key stakeholders, our architects, and our construction management team. This collaborative approach ensures that the final results meet the actual needs of our students and staff. I am committed to keeping you updated as we progress through the project.

As I shared last month, your perspective is invaluable. Please always feel comfortable reaching out to the district with your questions, ideas, or feedback. It is through our collective voice that we will continue to move our district forward.

Go Black Knights!

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2025-26 BOE Meetings

Meetings are held in the Junior-Senior High School Library at 6:00 p.m. Dates, time, and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled as needed. Check the school website for updates or call the District Office at (315) 696-6204.

April 20, 2026 (Monday)

May 5, 2026 (Budget Public Hearing ONLY)

May 19, 2026 (Budget & Election
Vote 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

June 16, 2026

Tully Free Library

12 State Street
315-696-8606
tullyfreelibrary.org

Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join our Teen Advisory Club. We meet on the first Monday of the month and we welcome your input on books, programs, summer reading, and more! Give us your ideas and we'll give you pizza! It's a fun way to be more involved with your local library!

Spring is in the air and we are excited to see longer days and warmer weather! Why not start a summer garden with items from our Seed Library? We have a variety of veggie, fruit, flower, and herb seeds. Limit of three packs per household. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Open Monday - Friday from 10 AM - 7 PM
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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



APRIL

- 8 JH/Mod Spring Sports Begin
- 9 NHS Induction, 6:00pm
- 11 ACT (off-site)
- 15 NTHS Induction @ McEvoy, 12:00pm
- 16 NJHS Induction, 6pm
- 20 BOE Meeting, 6pm
- 21-24 Grades 3-5 NYS ELA Testing
- 27 JSHS MP3 Ends
- 28-30 Grades 5-8 NYS Math Testing

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