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KNIGHT INSIGHT



From Your Valedictorian: "You all have left a mark on Tully, and I hope Tully has left a mark on you because it's not just the material that you learned in the classroom you're supposed to remember when you leave. It's the memories you made and the lessons you learned that you'll remember because whether you believe it or not, this place has helped shape YOU." "The world wasn't created for us to stay in one place forever because we'll be here when your adventure returns you home." This school, this town, and this community will always be here to welcome every single one of you back with open arms and will always be here to support and help you. You will not become a stranger if you leave Tully, you will just become a long distant friend."

- Rachel Daddona

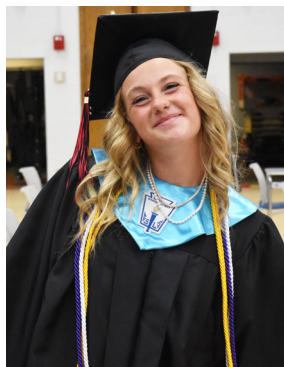
From Your Salutatorian: "I wanted to make a speech worthy of this class, but it's truly difficult when we all have so many defining characteristics. One of us is a fireman, some of us climb trees, one of us is a master crocheter, many of us are athletes and musicians and artists, one of us is a champion fencer, some of us go to alternative school, some of us go to BOCES, one of us invests in rare fish, many of us work, one of us lived in Hawaii and many of us wish we lived in Hawaii too. Some of us are singers and actors and actresses and dancers. One of us got their GED and hopefully the rest of us will get our diploma. Yet, we're all the same members of the same class of 2024 and we will always have that in common."

- Jack VanBeveren

From Your Class President: "As we make the next steps towards our future, we will once again be the small fish in a very big pond, but it's okay, because we know that change can open many new doors to opportunities we don't know exist. To my fellow graduates, as we continue on whatever road we choose, I want you to remember one thing: change is one of the only constants in life. Instead of fearing it, find comfort in it, for it brings upon new experiences and opportunities for growth - embrace the big pond. Remember all of the amazing things it led you to accomplish the first time."

- Samantha Garback

Special thanks go to all those who helped facilitate Tully's graduation, impart words of wisdom, and distribute awards, scholarships, and diplomas; including our BOE members Dr. Andrea Mourey and Mr. Ed Wortley.





Thank You from the Class of '24

We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our donors and scholarship providers:

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 Stanley Cottrell Memorial Award
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 Denise's Hair Care
 Hildegard Doody Music Memorial Award
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 Girls of Summer Classic - Good Samaritan Scholarship
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 Principal's Service Award
 David F. Prindle Memorial Award
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 Tully After School Program Award
 Tully Area Historical Benefactor Scholarship
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 Tully High School Bottle & Can Shack
 Tully Rotary Scholarship
 Tully Teachers' Association Scholarship
 Tully Teachers' Association Promise Award
 Donna Voggel Memorial Scholarship
 Coolidge S. Wakai, M.D.
 Adam G. Zani Memorial Scholarship

Principal's Message to Graduating Class of 2024



The Class of 2024 was sent off with a glitter-filled commencement ceremony on Friday, June 21st in the JSHS auditorium as the heatwave made an outdoor ceremony unsafe. During commencement, I addressed the class on my reflections on hope and the importance of taking care of one another. I believe that hope is what fuels our ambitions and dreams – it guides us through difficult times and can be the inspiration to help us attain our goals. I urged the graduates to hold onto that hope and not let it go, which led me to the importance of taking care of those around us. Hope requires action. Action that lifts others up, offers a helping hand, and standing up for what you believe in. Those actions foster communication and can make a positive difference in the world, which in turn leads to more hope. I know these graduates can be change-makers, innovators, and leaders to make our world a brighter place.

Congratulations, Class of 2024 – each and every one of you that began school in September, met the graduation requirements in June! A wonderful feat! I would like to thank Susan Ball for all of her amazing work preparing this year's ceremony and Emily Paccia for her wonderful leadership as the Class of 2024 advisor. To our graduates, I wish you all the best of luck, now and always.

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Seniors: End of the Year Activities



It was another memorable year for our seniors as they prepared for their transition into the adult world whether they were headed off to college, the military, or the workforce. In between the tasks that were necessary, we made sure that the seniors also commemorated their transition with plenty of fun, as the memories with those they grew up with are important as well. Their last week began with a senior trip to Water Safari in the Adirondacks. It was a wonderful day for being outside and enjoying the water slides. Then it was a day of graduation tasks including the senior breakfast where parents provided a spread of breakfast items to energize them for rehearsal. While the seniors took the practice seriously, the atmosphere was light and full of joy as the prospective graduation night loomed ahead. Group pictures were taken and then it was on to the elementary school for the second annual Graduation Walk. The seniors were all smiles as their younger peers and former teachers applauded them as they made their rounds. It was then a quick trip back to the JSHS where seniors then enjoyed a picnic lunch in the LGI

with some of the town's elders at the "Seniors with Seniors" luncheon. It was moved inside due to the extreme heatwave that swept into the area. After the luncheon, seniors said their goodbyes until the following day for graduation. We were glad that seniors were able to enjoy some of their last moments together as the Class of 2024 before they headed their separate ways.



Seal of Biliteracy Duo

The NYS Seal of Biliteracy is no easy feat but Tully prides itself on having students each year complete the painstaking process and earn the seal for their diploma. This year, two seniors worked tirelessly with Señora Dubos to take their Spanish education to the next level. Lilyth Darling and Sarah Kutty both walked away from the graduation ceremony this year with the NYS Seal of Biliteracy and a certificate to display the honor - something less than 5% of all NY graduates can say they accomplished. Students that receive this honor have extra opportunities throughout college and with future places of employment. Congratulations on your hard-earned accomplishment! ¡Bien hecho!



Graduate	Plans	Major
Maddox Albro	SUNY Brockport	Informational Technology
Maria Altman	St. John Fisher University	Nursing
Matthew Bauer	SUNY Brockport	Sports Mgmt./Business
Lucas Bibik	Finger Lakes Comm. Col.	Paramedic
Payton Bliss	SUNY Alfred State College	Sports Management
Hannah Branchley	SUNY Morrisville	Dairy Management
Hayley Branchley	Tompkins Comm. College	Early Childhood Edu.
Otto Brissette	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Broadcast Media Comm.
Madeleine Brown-Paul	University at Buffalo	Pre-Law
Emily Campbell	Workforce	Employment
Thomas Chatfield	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Cybersecurity
Rachel Daddona	Clemson University	Food Science/Nutrition
Lilyth Darling	Cornell University	Agriculture Sciences
Catherine DeJosia	Horry-Georgetown Tech. Col.	Business
Caleb Dillenbeck	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Liberal Arts
Ryan Dilmore	Le Moyne College	Adolescent Education
Gabrielle Dix	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Human Services
Luke Doody	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Computer Science
Douglas Earley	Workforce	Employment
Benjamin Fleckenstein	Sacred Heart University	Business
Anthony Foti	SUNY Geneseo	Undecided
Lorenzo Garafolo	SUNY Brockport	Physical Education
Samantha Garback	Hartwick College	Nursing
Lila Greczyn	SUNY ESF	Environmental Health
Gabrielle Guptill	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Art
Ella Hall	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Tristan Hendricks	Workforce	Employment
Eleanor Kelly	SUNY Purchase	Psychology
Sarah Kutty	Keuka College	History/Political Science
Brennan Leahey	Workforce	Employment
William Lund	Penn State University	Agribusiness Mgmt.
Garrett Lyon	University of Nevada at Reno	Mining Engineering
Nicholas Marinich	University at Albany	Accounting
Grace McKenna	Le Moyne College	Nursing
Macy Mech	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Health Sciences
Zeke Mohat	Salisbury University	Finance

Graduate	Plans	Major
Julian Moore	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Engineering
Jesse Morgan	Tompkins Cortland Comm. Col.	Sports Management
Mikayla Morgan	New York Institute of Tech.	Chemistry
Samantha Morgan	Mohawk Valley Comm. Col.	Undecided
Brynn Patrick	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Business Administration
Benjamin Petrucco	Workforce	Employment
Jolie Pfeffer	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Nursing
Jonathan Piano	Workforce	Employment
Carina Scalza	Messiah University	Mechanical Engineering
Dominic Schaal	Workforce	Employment
Berlyn Schramm	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Meadow Seamon	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Alexander Shaffer	University at Albany	Business Economics
Daniel Shetler	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Undecided
Gabriella Tordel	Southeastern University	Exercise Science
Chelsie Trafton	SUNY Sullivan	Sustainability
Jack VanBeveren	Syracuse University	Communications
Jacob Verbanic	Ohio Northern University	Mechanical Engineering
Dominick Viel	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Adolescent Education
Michael Walker III	Onondaga Comm. Col.	Architectural Design
Megan Weisbrodt	SUNY Cobleskill	Agricultural Science
Colin Widrick	University of Mary Washington	Biology
Kevin Yonko	SUNY Brockport	Business Finance



The End of an Era!



The TES staff and community witnessed the end of an era this year. It was decided to make TES end at fifth grade and the JSHS sixth through twelfth grade for the 2024-2025 school year. With this decision came lots of change to wrap the year up. Not only did the sixth graders enjoy their end of the year festivities at Green Lake and then celebrate with friends and family in the auditorium, but the fifth graders held their own end of the year celebration at the pavilion and held a similar ceremony after the sixth graders did.

The sixth grade Moving Up ceremony was mostly like any other year with students recalling fun memories of their time at TES, special awards and certificates given out, and a reception in the courtyard where pictures were taken with signs of "2030." The fifth grade Moving Up ceremony began with a slideshow of each student and some of their likes. As each student's slide popped up, they walked onto stage, some posing, some waving. It was very joyful as each student got to experience the spotlight for a moment. After a short speech and the certificates being presented, students and family members met in the courtyard for their reception, this time taking pictures with the numbers "2031."

Next year will be a new experience for many of our students and staff but we are confident that everyone will fall into a routine just as any other year. We hope both the fifth and sixth graders this year are looking forward to their time at the junior-senior high school and that the fourth graders enjoy being the oldest at TES next year!



A Fond Farewell



Dawn Bishop was a teaching assistant for 25 years in Tully. She quickly became a staff member students trusted and appreciated for her calm nature. She listened to them and understood what they needed.



Beth Jaworski was a teacher in Tully for 29 years. She is known for her easy going nature and being a great teammate to work with. Her classroom was full of engagement and excitement during science lessons.



Leigh Ann Moss was a teaching assistant in the district for 22 years and is known for building independence in her students. She was also strong in the reteaching of academic skills and the ability to keep students calm and focused.



Cathy Burgett was both a teacher and teaching assistant for 26 years in the district. Cathy will be remembered for her reliability, work ethic, and ability to learn new things.



Brenda Jean worked as the guidance secretary in Tully for 30 years. She was integral in helping students prepare for their future by turning in all of their materials and meeting all of their deadlines for the next phase of their life, whether that be military, employment, or college.



Michelle Rauber was a teacher in Tully for 30 years starting in 1994. Michelle is well known for having high expectations for students both in the classroom and as a coach for cross country and track and field.



Karen Eno was a teacher in Tully for 26 years, starting in 1998. Karen worked in Westhill and JD for four years prior to coming to the district. She's known for her great skills in student facilitation and promoting independent learners.



Barbara Jordan worked as a teaching assistant in the district for 22 years. Prior to working in Tully, Barbara worked for almost 20 years as a teaching assistant at BOCES. Her teammates described her as having exceptional character, flexibility, and care for our students.



Jeff Russell was a teacher for 27 years starting in 1997. He taught in APW for three years prior to coming to Tully. He quickly became known for building strong relationships with students. He left a lasting impression on so many.



Ray Herrick served as our school resource officer for 8 years and quickly became one of the most trusted staff members by our students. This year, the yearbook was dedicated to him and he received a standing ovation from all our students during that ceremony.



Michele McNerney was a teacher for 22 years in Tully, starting in 2003. She brought several years of experience teaching fourth grade with her upon joining the district. Michelle is known for her outstanding relationships with families. It was always clear that her children truly enjoyed their time in her classroom.



Jennifer Ryan was a teacher in Tully for 20 years, bringing with her 13 years of experience teaching reading and first grade. She is known for being focused, intentional, and organized with her teaching.

You will be greatly missed!



Continuing On: COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

The Tully Athletic department honored seven seniors before graduation that are pursuing athletic careers in college. In a brief ceremony during Activity Period, Payton Bliss (SUNY Alfred State College - Men's Lacrosse), Hayley Brenchley (Tompkins Comm. College - Softball), Benjamin Fleckenstein (Sacred Heart University - Fencing), Jesse Morgan (Tompkins Comm. College - Baseball), Samantha Morgan (Mohawk Valley Comm. College - Women's Basketball), Gabriella Tordel (Southeastern University - Women's Track & Field), and Jacob Verbanic (Ohio Northern University - Men's Lacrosse) had an opportunity to take pictures with family, teammates, and coaches to celebrate continuing on in their athletic careers. It is a tremendous honor to play collegiate athletics and we are extremely proud of these senior athletes!

DISTRICT NEWS

2024-2025 BOE Meetings

The planned schedule for Board of Education meetings for the 2024-2025 school year is as follows:

August 20, 2024	March 4, 2025
September 17, 2024	March 25, 2025
October 15, 2024	April 22, 2025
November 19, 2024	May 6, 2025
December 17, 2024	May 20, 2025
January 21, 2025	June 17, 2025
February 11, 2025	

Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Library unless otherwise specified.

Additional Special Meetings to be scheduled as needed.

2024-2025 Board Members

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Tully Alumni Association Gathering

Sunday, September 22, 2024

12:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.

@ The Loft -Vesper Hills Golf Course

Special acknowledgments to the Class of 1974 for their 50th reunion

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Pie Assembly at TES

AUGUST

- 20 BOE Meeting
- 27 6th/7th Grade Orientation
- 29 Superintendent Conference Day

Summer Office Hours for All Tully CSD Offices:
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dates are subject to change. Please check our
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