



## Music All Around

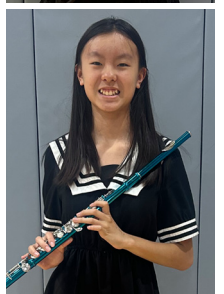
Many students at Tully CSD are musically inclined and they are proving it by participating in All-County, All-State, NYSSMA, and Honor Band/Chorus. At the elementary level, six students were nominated for All-County Chorus. Those that were nominated were chosen for their past performance, singing ability, and leadership skills. Out of the nominated, Ruby Foote, Allanna Huggins, and McKenzie Kinney were accepted and performed with other students from CNY at the All-County concert. For All-County Band, six students were also nominated and three were chosen. Reese Danega, Sophia Guo, and Kenzie Woodcock joined other Onondaga County students to share their talents at the All-County concert at Corcoran.

At the junior-senior high school level, Nathaniel Houghton and Evangeline Votra were nominated and chosen to perform with the Junior High All-County Chorus at Fayetteville-Manlius, and Lucas Bibik and Lucy Wright were nominated and chosen to participate in the Senior High All-County Chorus in Liverpool. In addition, Ella Tordel and Carina Scalza participated in Area All-State Chorus at Ithaca College, and Christopher Coon, Jackson Coon, Carter Dodd, and Matthew Kolodziejczyk had the privilege of performing with the elementary Allegro Honors Band in Liverpool.

Many students from both the elementary and the junior-senior high school also participated in the NYSSMA solo festival. These students prepared a solo song and are graded on a rubric of different musical elements including pitch, rhythm accuracy, technique, sight reading, and more with a maximum score of 28 points. Nineteen students received an Outstanding score (26-28) with several of them receiving perfect scores, 22 students received an Excellent score (21-25), two students received a Good score (13-20), and six students received comments only meaning they wanted only feedback for their performance.

These students and other chorus and band members also have had several opportunities to perform the national anthem at local stadiums opening for a variety of sporting events all year round. A Seabreeze trip is also planned where students will perform and then enjoy the rest of the day in the park.

In addition, ten senior high students are participating in the American Music Abroad program this summer. These students were nominated by their band/chorus teacher and then had to complete an audition process. After a two-day music camp at SUNY Fredonia, these students will head abroad with other students from CNY, Western NY, Ohio, and Massachusetts, performing concerts in Italy, Croatia, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland this summer. We applaud all of our band and chorus students for their dedication to the music program and wish good luck to those continuing on in their musical journey!







## Principal's Message

Welcome to the end of the 2023-2024 school year! It marks the end of an era. Come July 1st, Tully Elementary will become a PK-5 building as our sixth grade moves over to the junior-senior high school. They will be the last class to remember TES when it was only a K-6 building and we didn't have PK yet. I believe this will mark the first time since the oldest part of our building was constructed in 1930 that sixth grade will not be located in this building. I am excited to see what this future brings in our reconfigured buildings.

This concludes my eighth year here at Tully Elementary. As has become my custom, here is my yearbook message which summarizes some of the highlights of the year:

This year will be remembered for several special events that are part of the TES playlist. We started off with new music classrooms and a renovated auditorium. Next up was a petting zoo, Halloween, concerts, and the REV Theatre visiting. Breakfast and lunch became free for everyone, there was an art show, and we "rocked our socks" and lit it up blue. There were a couple of playlist events only for our middle school students like Dome Day and the Ugly Sweater Dance.

There were also several bonus tracks on the fifth grade playlist. They were the first class to participate in a fifth grade science assessment. Also, they will forever be remembered for a couple of firsts: They will leave TES as the first grade to have started school in Pre-K and will start their next playlist as the first sixth grade class at the junior-senior high school.

Sixth grade's encore includes the collection drive and their own history of marking the end of some eras. They will forever be the final 6th grade to leave TES and the last to remember TES as a K-6 building.

I hope you all enjoy your summer! I'll keep you posted with ParentSquare updates.

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## Field Trip Frenzy

Field trips are taken most often to facilitate the curriculum, give real-world experience, or enhance students' learning with hands on activities. It just so happens that many are taken the last few months of school. This year was no exception. Kindergarten continued learning all about animals when visiting The Wild while first grade went to the Cortland Repertory Theatre to see *Little Red and the Big Bully Wolf*. Second graders enjoyed exploring Wonder Works and the third grade has an upcoming field trip to Lime Hollow for their field trip Water Works. Fifth and sixth graders enjoyed Education Day at a Mets game, and while the rain made for an interesting day, students got in on the action catching fly balls and dancing with Scooch, the Mets' mascot. Fourth graders joined high school FFA students on the Drumm Farm for a day full of agriculture and will also take their annual trip to Albany to enhance their learning of NY state. Lots of learning and lots of fun during this frenzied time of the year!





## PTO News

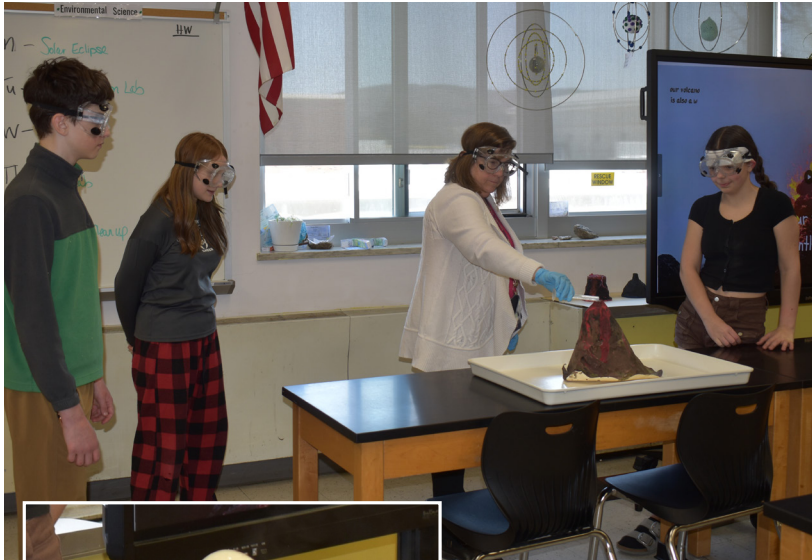
As we come to the close of yet another school year, the TES PTO would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support of our Read-a-thon. We hope that your children found some really great books to read while crushing their goal of minutes read and money raised. We truly cannot support the various field trips, activities, etc. as well as our teachers/staff without your help.

The spring book fair will be held from June 3-6 with evening hours on Monday and Tuesday. Please consider volunteering to help us out during the night shifts which consist of 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Students will be permitted to visit the book fair during the day. Please feel free to send money with your child or load money onto their ewallet for use at the fair. Book fair information will be sent out via backpack express, posted on ParentSquare, and on our Facebook group.

The PTO is always looking for volunteers and with a few of our board members moving to the junior-senior high school, we are searching for parents who would like to take a more active role in the PTO. As always, our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (via zoom) during the school year. All parents of TES students are welcome to attend. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and gladly accept tax exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to donate. Thank you for supporting the TES PTO.

## JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL

### Science Erupting



Flex class is a time for students to hone in on their core skills. Lessons are taught that are built upon what has been learned in their core classes and lots of hands-on activities take place. When it came to focusing on science during Flex, students learned all about volcanoes including the composition, nature, and geographical aspects of them. Then they built their own volcano with

the knowledge that they gained. The best part was making them erupt. Putting to good use their lab safety procedures, students watched eagerly how each volcano reacted. Depending on the opening, the outcome could be rather insignificant or quite eruptive. Either way, students learned a whole lot about the dynamics of this natural phenomenon, causing quite an eruption among them!

## JSHS Counseling News

### Important information to any students who have taken any OCC/TC3 Courses:

Reminder—students must request transcripts to be sent from OCC and TC3 to their prospective college to be awarded college credit.

Any questions, please contact the Counseling & Career Center.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

### Strength & Conditioning Program

<b>Who:</b>	<b>Athletes entering 7-12 grade for the 2024-2025 school year</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Tully JSHS Fitness Center</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>July 9, 2024 - August 13, 2024</b>
<b>Days:</b>	<b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday</b>
<b>Session I:</b>	<b>8:00-8:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Session II:</b>	<b>9:00-9:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Program Goals:</b>	Create a culture of effective strength training amongst our athletic programs. Provide our athletes an offseason training program that is developed by a certified strength and conditioning coach that teaches fundamentals and proper form and measures progress throughout the summer. Establish an expectation for our athletes to engage in a strength and conditioning program throughout their athletic careers and beyond. Improve self-confidence with training and provide another opportunity to create camaraderie amongst teams and athletes. Injury prevention, improved mobility, and full-body development among athletes. Give coaches the opportunity to continue the training in season and throughout the school year. Invite the coaches to learn and watch their athletes participate.

## Principal's Message



As we move towards the end of the year, students can count on having final projects, final exams, Regents exams, and lots of studying to do. This can be a very stressful time for students. There are steps they can take to ease their stress by being prepared and ready for each item they must check off of their list to wrap up. Early June is a great time to start making plans because the end of the school year will be here before we know it!

**Time Management:** Students may benefit from creating a schedule that outlines what subjects they will study at a given time. This will help to map out the work that needs to be done in order to have a successful run during finals and Regents weeks. We recommend that students start studying a little bit each evening (about ten minutes per final) about two or three weeks ahead of time. Studies demonstrate that reviewing and studying a bit each day for an extended period of time, is more productive for long term understanding and confidence as opposed to hours of studying one or two days before the assessments.

**Study Sessions:** Many teachers will hold review sessions for Regents exams towards the end of the year and during Regents week. Students should take advantage of these opportunities in order to determine the concepts they know and the concepts on which they need to focus. Students can then create their own study sessions to concentrate on the areas in need of improvement. Better yet, students can organize group study sessions where they can help one another.

**Students' Health:** During this stressful time, it is very important for students to take care of their mental and physical well-being. While they are studying, they should take breaks in order to give their brains a rest and time to process what they have learned. Teenagers should have healthy options to eat and drink in order to fuel their brains. Students should also be well-rested. Staying up too late or pulling all-nighters may create a situation where students' brains are not functioning at maximum capacity.

**See Teachers:** If students are struggling with material, they should make appointments as soon as possible to see their teachers in order to have any questions answered or concepts addressed. We are very fortunate to have Activity Period for students to meet with teachers. Parents should encourage students to take advantage of this time.

**Test Days:** Students should get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast and lunch, and be positive in their thoughts about taking their tests. The power of positive thinking really works! Students should also take their time during their tests and avoid rushing.

If students are feeling overwhelmed or parents believe their children are overwhelmed, please let the counselors or administration know. We are here to help guide students all the time, but we are especially cognizant of the stress that occurs at the end of the year. Best wishes to all of our students for a successful end to the school year!

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## Artist Extraordinaire



Tully CSD has many talented artists and one in particular is making a name for himself in our community. Bryce Keller, Tully sophomore, has taken his art to the next level, working with small business owners to create designs for their use. Most recently, Bryce designed graphics for Dude's Delights, a local business that sells macarons. These graphics were imprinted onto the macarons and sold to the public around the time of the solar eclipse back in April. Before that, he designed the logo for his family's business Among the Mountains. Art has been a major facet to Bryce's life, and he can remember back to his first award in third grade. He won a local art contest through the Tully Fire Department. Since then, his art has been featured at Wonderworks and he has had multiple successes at the Scholastic competitions including two Gold Key awards. No matter the medium, Bryce has excelled at it. He is a part of several clubs on campus and has brought his artistic perspective to them as well as including designing club t-shirts, helping with the class mural, being a graphic designer for the yearbook, and helping create an art installation project. He credits his success to practice, being a perfectionist at heart, and having a good support system that includes his friends, family, community members, and his art teachers who help his talent grow. Bryce sees his art as "a sort of outlet and a way to sort of decompress when I just need to take a step back from things and do something for myself. I think that it's really important for people to have coping mechanisms, and mine is typically art." He believes that there are many artists here at Tully, all unique, but share "the commonality of creativity." We would have to agree and can't wait to see how else Bryce and other artists make an impact on our community!



**Senior Spotlight - RACHEL DADDONA**

**What would you say has led to your academic success?** My academic success stems from an inner conflict within myself that tells me I cannot fail. It's a blessing and a curse, and sounds a little cocky, but that subconscious voice gave me the motivation to work hard to become the person I am today. It was not easy becoming and maintaining the top average, for anyone could tell you I'm a "few nickels short of a dollar," but with self-confidence, dedication, and trust, you can be capable of anything.

**What are you most excited for after graduation and why?**

I am most excited to experience an environment that is brand new. It's a little scary, branching out of my comfort zone, but it has always been a desire of mine to experience a new state, a new routine, and a new surrounding. I have confidence that I will have no trouble succeeding because thanks to my school, family, and friends, I have built a strong, bold, and brave character.

**Who in your life has been optimal in your education and why?**

My mom has been my all-time supporter in not only my education, but my athletics, extracurriculars, and future endeavors. She never let me fall short of the potential that she always knew I held. Even on my worst days, where I'd complain or want to give up, she'd find a way to sugar-coat the situation, and while that may have annoyed me in the moment, I learned to appreciate it because it pushed me to keep working hard.

**What high school activities will you miss most OR which activities would you like to continue pursuing in your future endeavors and why?** There is no doubt that I am going to miss my high school sports the most since I chose not to pursue a collegiate team. However, I do plan to do some sort of club or intramural sport, but everyone knows that college sports are never the same as high school sports. I'm going to miss the bonds and fun I always shared with my teammates and coaches.

**If you were to give positive advice to the incoming freshmen to help them in their educational aspirations, what would it be?** The hard work pays off, but I had to learn that it's not just about making your resume look good. I know the work may seem so pointless sometimes, but working hard and pushing yourself builds so much strength and character. Life doesn't get easier, but overcoming obstacles will get easier if you learn in the early years how to face adversity.

**And They All Fall Down**

Physics students tested limits and broke (literally) bridges. Using a specific amount of popsicle sticks and Elmer's glue, students constructed bridges with the goal of them being able to hold as much weight as possible before buckling. Some looked like old, covered bridges while others were reinforced on the bottom. Before the weight testing began, teachers voted on which bridge had the best design, but looks can be deceiving. The bridge that won the design award, came in second for strength, breaking at approximately 140 pounds. Using sands, weights, and then textbooks, the bridge that took first in sustainability broke at a whopping 164 pounds. Impressive! Students then used their math skills to understand the ratio of their bridge weight to how much they were able to hold. The winning bridge was able to take on over four hundred times its weight! You could definitely feel the anticipation while the weight was piled on and the expectation of the bridges collapsing, but in the end, they all fell down.

**Senior Spotlight - JACK VANBEVEREN**

**What would you say has led to your academic success?** I tried to take a genuine interest in what I was learning and ask questions when I didn't know what was going on, but most importantly, I also took weighted classes.

**What are you most excited for after graduation and why?** I'm excited to move on from high school and start doing new things and meeting new people and

going new places. It will be a change of scenery and pace that I have never experienced before, and I am looking forward to it.

**Who in your life has been optimal in your education and why?** My teachers have been optimal. They have all been so patient and helpful, and I really think that Tully has a fantastic roster when it comes to educators. Every department is great, but I have to give a shout out to the English wing. The English crew, specifically, has gone above and beyond with helping me with assignments and being so supportive.

**What high school activities will you miss most OR which activities would you like to continue pursuing in your future endeavors and why?** I will miss my seventh-grade basketball season, the classes full of people who make me laugh, easy cross country days, and getting out of school on Fridays. One high school activity that I will continue pursuing in the future is making the illest, trillest, most chilliest ski edits with friends.

**If you were to give positive advice to the incoming freshmen to help them in their educational aspirations, what would it be?** You should engage yourself in your classes with a real voracity for knowledge rather than to merely memorize or cram study with the intent to do well on a test. Because when you take a step back, or maybe a step forward, you will realize that your grades cannot truly quantify your value or abilities as a person. Kanye West once said, "Good mornin' and look at the valedictorian. Scared of the future while I hop in the DeLo-rean. Scared to face the world, complacent career student. Some people graduate, but be still stupid." I think there is some wisdom in those words.



## BOCES Blog

The last four years have not been easy for Tully senior Chelsie Trafton, but a choice in eighth grade to attend Seven Valleys New Tech Academy in Cortland — an OCM BOCES high school — has made a huge and positive difference in her life. “I love it here,” Chelsie said. “I’ve bonded well with my teachers, who have been my biggest support system, and I’m just really happy to have made all the connections I’ve made here.”

As a ninth grader, however, her high school career began with serious challenges. COVID-19 forced school shutdowns in the spring of 2020. The following fall, Chelsie developed a health condition called Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS). As a freshman, Chelsie was hospitalized three times, but the abrupt shift to online learning during COVID proved to be a blessing in disguise for Chelsie. She spent her entire freshman year working online and half of her sophomore year doing the same. Surprisingly, she did not feel isolated or unmotivated.

Since then, Chelsie has excelled at Seven Valleys. She participates in the school’s National Honor Society and a leadership club that includes training at the Next Generation Leadership Summit at SUNY Cortland. She participated in Tully’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and is an excellent public speaker.

Looking ahead, Chelsie plans to pursue a career that embraces a lifelong passion for green technology and sustainability. Last summer, she completed a seven-week internship through Cornell University with the Boyce Thompson Institute, studying plant science and computational biology. This summer, she will intern at the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District, educating boaters about the dangers of bringing invasive species to new waterways by failing to clean the bottom of their boats.

She plans to study green technology in the fall at SUNY Sullivan, a two-year online degree program. From there, she hopes to earn her bachelor’s degree in sustainability at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. Studying online at both colleges means Chelsie can pursue her career and travel. *Article courtesy of Jacqueline Wiegand.*



## 2024-2025 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR • TULLY SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 2024				
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### CALENDAR DATES

August 29	Superintendent Conf.
September 2	Labor Day
September 3	Superintendent Conf.
September 4	First Day for Students
October 11	Superintendent Conf.
October 14	Columbus Day
November 5	Superintendent Conf.
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Recess
December 23-31	Holiday Recess
January 1-3	Holiday Recess
January 20	Martin Luther King Day
January 29	Asian Lunar New Year
February 17-21	Winter Recess
March 31	Superintendent Conf.
April 14-18	Spring Recess
May 26	Memorial Day Recess
June 19	Juneteenth
June 25-26	Half Days at TES
June 27	Rating Day
June TBD	Graduation

Key: Half Day Students Holiday Regents Exams Conference Day BOE Mtg.

## From the Superintendent



On behalf of the entire school district, I extend my deepest gratitude to those who participated in the recent vote for our annual school budget. Your unwavering support is truly appreciated.

I am delighted to share that all propositions presented were approved. This means that our 2024 -2025 school budget, along with our bus leases and bus purchase,

have been successfully secured. Additionally, the budget for the Tully Free Library has been approved, ensuring continued access to valuable resources for our community.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that three individuals have been elected to serve on the Board of Education for three-year terms, commencing July 2024. They are Edward Wortley II, Donna Doody, and Jeffrey Phelps.

Their dedication to our school district is commendable, and I have full confidence in their ability to serve our community with integrity and passion.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation to Andrea Mourey. Andrea has been a steadfast member of our Board of Education, and her recent role as president has been instrumental in guiding our district through challenges and successes alike. Her service has left an indelible mark on our community, and we are grateful for her contributions.

Once again, thank you for your support to our school district. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and provide the best possible education for our students.

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## Save the Date

### Tully Alumni Association Gathering Sunday, September 22, 2024

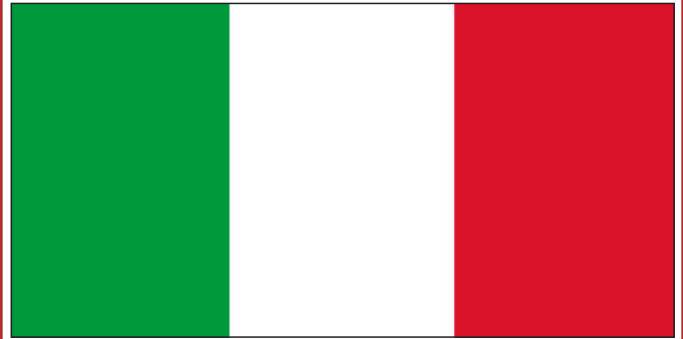
**12:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m. @ The Loft -Vesper Hills Golf Course**

All Alumni welcome!!! Special acknowledgments to the Class of 1974 for their 50th reunion.

## A Message from Your SROs

Please slow down while on/around campus. Be overcautious of pedestrians crossing and walking in the parking lots and in the crosswalks. **The campus-wide speed limit is 15 MPH at all times.** These rules apply during school hours as well as during after-school activities. With the sunny mornings, it can be difficult seeing – please slow down and use caution of students, staff, and those directing traffic. When dropping off students, PLEASE use the passenger side of the vehicle (curbside) for students to exit the vehicle.

## Culture Corner Italy



Did you know that Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Leonardo are native to Italy? No, not the Ninja Turtles, the famous artists? They were known for painting the Sistine Chapel, the *Mona Lisa*, the Vatican, and creating famous sculptures such as *The Crucifix*. In fact, many famous people known for their creative side are native to Italy. Designers such as Prada, Armani, Gucci, and Versace, composers like Vivaldi, Rossini, and Puccini, and movie stars whose heritage comes from Italy such as De Niro, DiCaprio, and Pesci all are common household names. Italy is normally found on the map because it is shaped similarly to a boot. This country in Europe is one of the most sought out vacation destinations due to the beautiful historical aspect. Rome, Italy's capital, can see up to 10 million tourists a year and the Trevi fountain accumulates almost a billion euros from visitors each year. Some of the most visited places in Italy are the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, and the Venice canals. The most adventurous head to see the volcanoes, some of which are still considered active. In between landmarks, tourists can stop for a bite of some favorite foods among the Italian such as bread, pizza, pasta, or gelato. If you choose Italy for your next vacation, you will have plenty of places to explore! Just ask some of our Tully students or staff who have direct ties there.

## Tully Free Library

**[tullyfreelibrary.org](http://tullyfreelibrary.org) • 12 State Street • 315-696-8606**

June is here and that means Summer Reading has started! Our theme this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and we've planned lots of programs and events for kids, teens, adults, and families, including visits from the MOST, the Zoo, Jeff the Magic Man, and much more!

Make sure to sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge, starting on July 1st and running through Friday, August 9th. Read books and win prizes! More details are on our website.

We'd like to congratulate this year's high school graduates. Good luck and best wishes to you in your future endeavors! We look forward to seeing everyone at the library this summer!



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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



Back the Blue:  
Honoring Lieutenant Hoosock  
and Officer Jensen

### JUNE

- 1 SAT (off-site)
- 3 Concert on the Lawn, 6 p.m.
- 4 TES Chorus Concert, 6 p.m.; Regents
- 5 Tri-M Inductions at JSHS, 6 p.m.
- 6 5th Grade Welcome Day at JSHS
- 8 ACT (off-site)
- 11 BOE Meeting at JSHS, 6 p.m.
- 12 Block T Awards at JSHS, 6 p.m.;  
CTE Graduation at TCC, 6 p.m.
- 13 MP4 Ends at JSHS; Senior Trip;  
Late Buses End
- 14-25 Regents
- 19 **Juneteenth - No School**
- 20 Graduation Rehearsal
- 21 PK Celebration; Sixth Grade Moving Up, 9 a.m.  
Fifth Grade Moving Up, 10:45 a.m.;  
Last Day for TES; Graduation 5 p.m.
- 26 Rating Day

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



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