



## Senior Season Kicks Off

Each year, Tully CSD celebrates their seniors in many ways. To kick off the "Senior Season" is the annual senior day trip. This year, seniors went to Flamingo Bowl and showed off their bowling skills. Shortly thereafter is National Decision Day. Officially, National Decision Day is the deadline for students to commit to their chosen college. For Tully, it is a day to celebrate all seniors' future plans whether they are extending their education, joining the military, or entering the workforce. On this day, the JSHS counselors create a "signing day" for each senior to proclaim their after graduation plans. This year we have several students entering the workforce, one military intent, a few students attending college out of state, and several students attending college within the state. Buffalo, Le Moyne, and Binghamton are all popular choices this year. Seniors enjoyed snacks and proudly took pictures. After Decision Day, senior spotlights begin on Facebook. You can still visit our page and see what the parents are saying about their graduates and wish them luck. The senior athletes who will play college sports then have a signing event. Friends and family gather around to take pictures as students sign their declaration to their chosen college. Many seniors then participate in the senior field trip, visiting a theme park or city. This year's trip is to Six Flags where the seniors will get to be kids just a little bit longer. At the end of all of it, the graduation festivities begin and we will be wishing them the best in their future endeavors. Blink and before you know it, Senior Season for the Class of 2025 will be over as they begin the next chapter in their lives.



## Principal's Message



Welcome to the end of the 2024-2025 school year! It has been a great year and I know the students are looking forward to a long, relaxing summer. Between the outdoor time, please encourage students to spend some time reading each day; it will really help them keep their skills up. This month concludes my ninth year here at Tully Elementary. As has become my custom, here is my yearbook message to the students which summarizes some of the highlights of the year.

In addition to all the classroom learning, the 2024-2025 school year was full of sights that students will remember. There were the usual events like concerts, the musical, REV Theatre visits, and the Halloween and PK puppy parades, as well as field trips to the Syracuse Mets, Albany, Lime Hollow, Wonderworks, and The Wild.

We welcomed two new special classrooms, Room 70 and a BOCES SKATE program, to better allow us to meet the needs of all learners, incorporated ukuleles for the first time into general music classrooms, and held a tremendously successful Read-a-Thon. Students read 89,081 minutes, which amounts to almost 1,485 hours, or 62 days, of reading!

Finally, our Character Club organized a Penny Wars fundraiser with the proceeds going to support an effort in a neighboring district that experienced a tragic loss. Several hundred dollars of spare change were collected.

Fifth grade, you've spent seven years here at TES and are ready for your next chapter and everything the Junior-Senior High School has to see and offer. I bet you cannot wait to get there. Be sure to come back and visit!

I'll keep you posted with ParentSquare updates through the summer.

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## You've Got Mail!

Mrs. Scully-Smith and her daughter, Maddie Smith, have teamed up to make a pen pal initiative between their first grade classes so they could practice their writing and reading skills, all the while learning what first grade is like at another school. Maddie works in the Syracuse School District at Syracuse Latin School and is a Tully alumni. Students began their pen pal journey by writing about themselves so they could get to know one another. Then they wrote about their classrooms and daily activities. Celebrations, holidays, and fun activities were also covered. On average, two letters a month come for the students in room 44 and they are always eager to write back. Mrs. Scully-Smith has watched her students become very independent in their letter writing - a skill any teacher would be proud of. As an extra bonus, the pen pals got to participate in a video call between the two classes. Each pen pal got to put a face to their mailing friend and talk with them. While the students were quite nervous to speak to their pen pals over video call, they were so glad they did and are looking forward to the next time. While waiting for another video call, they continue to enjoy hearing, "You've got mail!"



## Open House Brings Excitement



Excitement could be heard in the halls on the evening of Open House when our youngest students on campus led their loved ones on a tour of their daily activities. Students showed off not only their classrooms but projects, pictures, and class bulletin boards. They also wandered the halls looking for their art projects, visited the playground, and stopped in to see their special area teachers. We were in no short supply of proud students and equally proud families!

## PTO News

As we come to the close of another great school year, the PTO would like to thank everyone for their support of our TES students – whether you donated and/or helped your child participate in the Read-A-Thon, brought them to community movie nights and book fairs, or shared the kids’ popcorn on Fridays...we thank you!

Keep an eye out for more information to come regarding Summer Reading!

The PTO is always welcoming new faces to join our meetings via Zoom which will pick back up at the start of next school year – we look forward to seeing you! All parents of TES students are welcome to attend. We are a 501(c)3 organization and gladly accept tax exempt donations. Thank you for supporting the TES PTO. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

# TULLY JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL

## Alumni News



Zach “Jeter” Aldrich is a 2013 graduate of Tully Junior-Senior High School and a 2019 graduate of The University of Chicago Booth School of Business with undergrad at Loyola University Chicago. He interned during his undergrad with the Major League Baseball, the Dominican Prospect League, and baseball agent Bob Garber. While working through grad school he worked with the Seattle Mariners, the Tampa Bay Rays, and the Chicago White Sox before being hired by the Pittsburgh Pirates in baseball operations after completing his MBA at Chicago Booth. In November of 2024, he was hired as the manager of pro scouting for the Boston Red Sox.

## Students Learn about Germany



Students in both Junior High and Senior High International Club got to learn about Germany through Mr. Spencer, one of our ENL teachers. Mr. Spencer has ancestral ties to Germany, studied abroad there, and also spent some of his time as a student teacher there. One of his favorite experiences while in Germany was during an internship with Associated Reporters Abroad. He got to visit the town of Himmelpfort where they receive 300,000 letters every year from all over the world addressed to Santa. How cool! The International Club students listened to Mr. Spencer speak about the culture, landmarks, his experiences, and the language - something that interested him about Germany early on. That interest of the language was passed onto these students by Mr. Spencer pronouncing some fun words for the group and then pronouncing a couple of words that were over sixty characters long! What a mouthful! Something else that interested the students was learning that many brands that they know, including Aldi, Adidas, Audi, and Volkswagen, are German. We love presentations that open our students’ eyes to the world around them.

## ATHLETICS NEWS

### Basketball Skills Camp

Where: JSHS  
 When: Week 1 - July 15-17;  
 Week 2 - July 22-24  
 Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
 Cost: \$50 per week (or \$90 for both weeks)  
 Grades: 2nd-8th grade (Boys and girls as of fall 2025)  
 Register at **Active.com** (Search Tully, NY)

### Football Skills Camp

Where: JSHS  
 When: July 22-23  
 Time: 6-8 p.m.  
 Cost: Grades 5-9 as of fall 2025: \$75  
 Grades K-4 as of fall 2025: \$35  
 Register at **www.bysfootballfoundation.com**  
 Questions? Contact Steve Pierce at 315-575-0728

## Principal's Message



June is upon us and we are in the final weeks of the 2024-2025 school year. Tully is a special place full of dedicated teachers, wonderful students, and spectacular families! A special thanks to everyone involved in the Tully community for creating a place where students, staff, activities, and instruction are valued.

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! Please remember that Tuesday, June 10th the JSJS will be administering the Life Science: Biology Regents and the building will only be open to the students taking that Regents exam. All other students will have the day off and hopefully be studying for their finals and other end of the year assessments.

If students are struggling with material or want to improve upon skills that they have already learned, 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. Additionally, some teachers will hold review sessions to work with students and prepare for assessments. We encourage all students to take advantage of these opportunities. Students and families should reach out to their teachers directly to see when review sessions are offered.

As we culminate the 2024-2025 school year, Graduation is on Friday, June 20th when we will celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2025. We are excited for life's next chapter for all of our graduates. We wish them well in their career and college choices. On behalf of the Junior-Senior High School staff, we wish the class nothing but the best as they take what they have learned over the years and put it to use in other aspects of their lives.

Over the summer, teachers will spend time recharging their batteries and working on priority standards in preparation for the new school year. Please have a happy and healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing all of our returning students and new students in the fall!

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## Move Over Katniss Everdeen!



The Tully Physical Education Department has some exciting news regarding a new unit coming to students in grades 5-12 next year. In recent months, our PE teachers took a field trip to OCS and participated in a workshop to become NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) certified. There they learned about safe range setup and range safety, safety orientation using archery equipment and teaching a new archer, determining eye dominance, how to teach and implement safety protocols, and how to properly care for the equipment. Because the NASP curriculum was designed with safety in mind and focuses on the development of the proper process over results, it made the training in-depth regarding keeping our students safe while they pick up new skills. After the training, our district purchased the needed equipment and Mr. Tracy's Design class made quivers to hold the arrows. Students will be using Genesis compound bows during this unit which some of our students are familiar with. With several avid archers on campus, some participating in local leagues, students are excited to delve into this unit. In addition, with many NASP certified schools in our area, student-driven archery clubs are becoming widespread. NASP holds a state tournament in Syracuse that has upwards of 700 students competing each year. There is a lot of room for development of this program and all we have to say is, "Move over, Katniss Everdeen!" Special thanks goes to OCS for hosting this training!

# VALEDICTORIAN / SALUTATORIAN SPOTLIGHT

## Lucy Wright

**What would you say has led to your academic success?** I always try my best even when I'm not sure if I can do it, and I'm never afraid to ask as many questions as humanly possible. I know enough to know that I don't know everything.

**What are you most excited for after graduation and why?** I'm excited to start to become my own person and discover aspects of myself that I've never discovered before. I'm going to DC and I really value it as a change from anything I've ever known before and an opportunity to discover myself in the context of a broader world.

**Who in your life has been optimal in your education and why?** My dad has always inspired me to work hard and learn more. From a young age, he read to me 30 minutes each night, fostering my love of learning and inspiring me to try to someday know as much as he did. Also, all my teachers have supported me throughout my time at Tully and gave me the best education they could, allowing me to reach my goals, and in the end, attend the university I always hoped to get into.

**What high school activities will you miss most OR which activities would you like to continue pursuing in your future endeavors and why?** As much as running sucked sometimes, especially when it was hailing outside, I really valued the people on my team who always supported me during times of hardship and taught me a lot about myself. In terms of other activities, I will definitely miss Interact, choir (Chamber and Area All State/All County), and the musical. These activities have all been integral to my development as a person, and I will miss getting to experience the little things like smelling the delicious pancakes on an early Sunday morning at the Otisco pancake breakfast or taping giant pool noodles together for the musical and then accidentally disintegrating them with hot glue guns.

**If you were to give positive advice to the incoming freshmen to help them in their educational aspirations, what would it be?** You can find value in almost any experience. While I might not participate in FFA now, it was integral in introducing me to the art of public speaking which then contributed to my participation in and success with Shakespearean theater and finally ended last year with a trip to NYC for the National Shakespeare Competition. There is something to trying a variety of activities, because even if you end up not doing it in the future, that experience could be what helps you find your actual passions and gives you the skills to accomplish goals you may or may not be aware of right now. I would say though that you have to take a break every once in a while and use some time to find what you truly care about.



## Isaac Stoogenke

**What would you say has led to your academic success?** I would say not letting school stress me out was integral to my academic success. The more I think about something the worse it gets, so I took things as they came and chose not to worry too much. This approach allowed me to have a clear mind and focus on the task at hand.

**What are you most excited for after graduation and why?** I would say I'm most excited for this summer. I have a lot planned and can't wait to have fun with friends and family before I go off to college.

**Who in your life has been optimal in your education and why?** My parents have been an important part of my education. They have really inspired my academic interests and have always supported and trusted me with my education.

**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 playing varsity soccer the most because the time I got to spend with my teammates and coaches was great. Our final season was incredible and I will miss coming back for preseason in the summer, especially after making it to the state semifinals.

**If you were to give positive advice to the incoming freshmen to help them in their educational aspirations, what would it be?** I think it's important to take any opportunity you can get, join clubs, and do something new. You may find something that really interests you while also getting service hours and gaining experience for the future.



## Counseling News

**Important Reminder:** Students who have taken any OCC/TC3 courses must request transcripts to be sent from OCC/TC3 to their prospective college to be awarded college credit.  
Questions? Contact your counselor.



## Don't Forget!

**Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal: June 18**

**Graduation at JSHS: June 20 at 5pm**

## Success in Robotics

Tully community's robotics team, the Precision Cut-Ups, is made up of Tully CSD students and advised by community members. Their season this year was nothing but successful when they took home first place in the New England Premier Event in Westfield, Massachusetts where they competed against fifty-five other teams from all over the world.

In addition, they won the Control Award while there. Leading up to this, the Precision Cut-Ups won a majority of their matches in the Clarkson Qualifier and their Championship match where they won the Connect Award.

They should be nothing but proud of all their accomplishments and we can't wait to see their future successes!



## DISTRICT NEWS

### 2025-2026 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR • TULLY SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 2025				
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CALENDAR DATES	
August 28	Superintendent Conf.
September 1	Labor Day
September 2	Superintendent Conf.
September 3	First Day for Students
October 10	Superintendent Conf.
October 13	Columbus Day
November 4	Superintendent Conf.
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Recess
December 22-31	Holiday Recess
January 1-2	Holiday Recess
January 19	Martin Luther King Day
February 17-21	Winter Recess
March 20	Superintendent Conf.
March 30-31	Spring Recess
April 1-3	Spring Recess
May 22 & 25	Memorial Day Recess
June 18	Graduation
June 19	Juneteenth
June 26	Rating Day

April 2026				
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Key: Half Day Students Holiday Regents Exams Conference Day BOE Mtg.

## From the Superintendent



On behalf of the Tully Central School District, I would like to extend a huge thank you to each of you for your continued support of our schools. Your approval of the proposed 2025–2026 school district budget and the new bus leases demonstrates your commitment to the students, staff, and the future of our district.

Your support ensures we can continue to provide high-quality educational opportunities, maintain safe and reliable transportation, and move forward with the programs and services that help our students succeed. We are truly grateful for your partnership and trust.

We are also pleased to welcome back Bettemae Russell to the Board of Education and introduce two new members to the community: Shannon Brown and Scott Haynes. We look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead as we continue striving toward our shared goals.

At the same time, I would like to thank Ryan Chatfield and Jessica McAnaney for their dedicated service on the Board of Education. Their time, energy, and support of our students, staff, and programs have made a lasting impact.

Together, we are building a strong foundation for the future of our district. Thank you once again for your support.

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## Board of Education Meetings

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

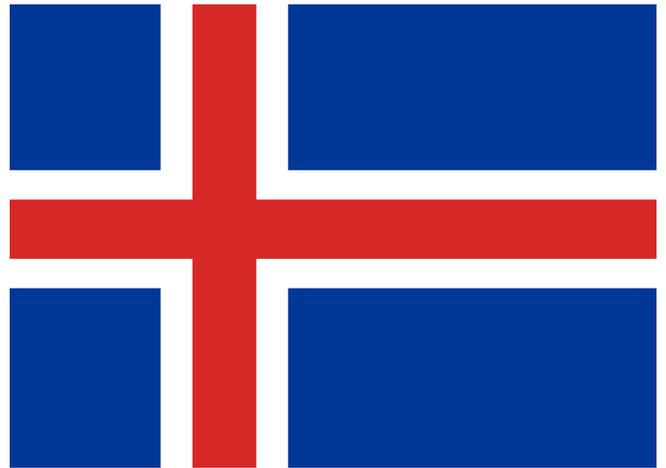
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## 2024/25 Board Members

2025	Mrs. Ryan Chatfield	<a href="mailto:boe.rchatfield@tullyschools.org">boe.rchatfield@tullyschools.org</a>
2027	Ms. Donna Doody	<a href="mailto:boe.ddoody@tullyschools.org">boe.ddoody@tullyschools.org</a>
2027	Mr. Jeffrey Phelps	<a href="mailto:boe.jphelps@tullyschools.org">boe.jphelps@tullyschools.org</a>
2025	Mrs. Bettemae Russell	<a href="mailto:boe.brussell@tullyschools.org">boe.brussell@tullyschools.org</a>
2026	Ms. Cheryl Wayne	<a href="mailto:boe.cwayne@tullyschools.org">boe.cwayne@tullyschools.org</a>
2027	Mr. Edward Wortley, II	<a href="mailto:boe.ewortley@tullyschools.org">boe.ewortley@tullyschools.org</a>
2026	Vacancy	

## Culture Corner Iceland



Did you know that many aspects of Disney's *Frozen II* was inspired by Iceland? Iceland is otherwise known as "the land of fire and ice" due to its vast difference of geographical properties in which both glaciers and volcanoes share the same island; however, most people think of cold and ice when speaking about Iceland. It also boasts some of the most vibrant Northern Lights one can see. If you watched the film, you would see depictions of Iceland's basalt columns, black sand beaches, and of course, ice tunnels among other Icelandic landscapes.

Iceland's Scandinavian culture takes on a large role as well where trolls, reindeer, and underwater horses are some of the popular highlights. Trolls are believed to be real but cannot be seen in the daylight or they turn to stones and the Nykur that Elsa runs into underneath the water are also believed to be true. While you may never see these legends, you can for sure see Sven's reindeer cousins as many wild reindeer herds roam there, although they are much less active. Seeing *Frozen II* might pique your interest of all things Icelandic so if you are interested in travel and don't mind the cold, Iceland might be right for you!

## Tully Free Library

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Tully Free Library celebrates 90 years! We opened our doors on May 15, 1935, and have been going strong ever since! We are excited about this year's summer reading program, "Color our World!" We have many activities scheduled throughout the next few months for kids, teens, and adults. Make sure to pick up a copy of our summer newsletter so you don't miss out! Sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge, which starts soon, and earn some fun prizes for reading. Happy Graduation to our Tully Junior-Senior High School seniors! We wish you all the best in your plans for the future!

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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



### JUNE

- 3 TES Recorder, 3rd/4th Chorus, 5th/6th Band/Chorus Concert, 6pm
- 5 TES Concert on the Lawn, 6pm; PTO Meeting, 7pm
- 7 SAT off-site
- 10 Regents - **No Classes Held** on JSHS Campus
- 11 Regents - **All Classes Held** on JSHS Campus; CTE Graduation at TC3, 6pm
- 12 Block T Awards at JSHS, 6:30pm; 6th Grade to Green Lakes
- 13 Last Day of Late Buses; Last Day for Seniors; Green Lakes Rain Date; Flag Day at TES
- 14 ACT off-site
- 16 Last Day for 6th-11th Grade Students; Senior Trip
- 17 Regents; BOE Meeting, 6pm
- 18 Regents; Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
- 19 **Juneteenth Holiday: No School, All Offices Closed**
- 20 Graduation at JSHS, 5pm
- 24 Regents; PK Celebration; 5th Grade Moving Up
- 25 Regents; Half Day at TES
- 26 Half Day at TES
- 27 Rating Day

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

