



Mamma Mia! Magic

The attendance for *Mamma Mia!* was wonderful despite the setback of postponing the first show due to inclement weather. It didn't stop our wonderful community from supporting the magic that happened in the newly-renovated auditorium at the JSHS.

For several weeks beforehand, the Drama Department practiced lines, rehearsed all the ABBA favorites, and got the stage ready. With vibrant colors and building textures inspired from Greece, the props were spot on, taking us on a trip across the seas. Using everyday items like pool noodles, kitty litter, modeling clay, chicken wire, and Styrofoam, the stage was set for a musical like no other. Amazing! The audience got to enjoy classic ABBA songs like "Honey, Honey," "Money, Money, Money," "Dancing Queen," and "Super Trouper" among many others. Accompanying the singing was the pit crew that was unequivocally a major piece to the production and did not disappoint.

Senior Margaret Fraser and juniors Carina Scalza and Ella Tordel took the stage by storm as the Dynamos and sang their way into the audience's hearts. Seniors Everett Chambala, Tyler DiRenzo, and Jake Morgan played the father roles and did not disappoint coming out onto the stage at the end in their disco-era costumes. James Locke (12) and Bryce Keller (10) added a witty and charismatic charm to the production while Flynn Bruhn (12) and Sarah Kutty (11) held it all together with their young love. Additionally, Lilyth Darling (11) and Aurora Randall (9) added their grace and charm to the stage while the ensemble, made up of seventh through eleventh graders, added a fun and playful touch to the production as they multi-tasked their way through each scene. Let's not forget the crew and advisor team that pulled it all together – such creativity and spirit surrounding the disco ball and mesmerizing lights! The culminating event of the entire cast, crew, and disco-clad advisors dancing in the aisles ended the magical moments of *Mamma Mia!*

Special thanks go out to each and every person who



Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

Congratulations to some of our 6th grade students who competed in the FFA Central Region Sub-State Leadership Development Event on March 18th at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES. Sythe Brown, Maddy Bennett, Maddy Bean, Rylan Walkup, Ashlynn Lucas-Santos, and Colt Baritell competed in Conduct of a Chapter Meeting. Clara Currie competed in Junior Prepared Public Speaking. Our auditorium and music room renovations are progressing nicely. They will look fantastic when they are done! This month in P2, students will learn more about Fairness, Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence, and Purpose. Students in grades 3-6 will complete the NYS Assessments in ELA. As a reminder, most Tully students will take their assessments in the computer-based testing (CBT) format using Google Chromebooks instead of the paper-based format. Specific circumstances may exist where a few students need to take their assessment on paper. 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 has a wonderful Spring Break. We really pick up the pace for the last quarter of the school year when we return.

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Snowy Days



This year was a little different weather-wise. It didn't seem like as much snow fell as usual and we had several warmer days than most winters overall. However, students got to enjoy some good snowy days at the end of February. During recess, they bundled up and built snow forts and snowmen while others played on the swing sets catching snowflakes on their tongues. It was nice to see the kids running around in the cold air, enjoying their time with each other outside of the classroom.



PTO News

Hello TES students and families! We would like to thank everyone who attended the Tropical Cruise Family Game Night! We hope you all had a great time! Special thanks to the PTO members who volunteered their time to make this event successful. Looking ahead we are planning to hold our annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser. This is the only fundraising we do throughout the year, so we welcome each of you to participate. Reading is very beneficial to children and can help build independence and self-confidence. More information will be sent out at a later date.

During the month of March, we also hosted an origami author by the name of Christine Kallevig. Christine provided an interactive, hands-on presentation to all students in the elementary school. We hope that students enjoyed the presentation and shared with you their origami creation as well as the folding story they were given.

TES PTO meetings are still being held virtually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise indicated. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023. A link to the meeting will be sent out via ParentSquare and will be posted on our Facebook page. 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 make a donation. Thank you for your continued support of the TES PTO.

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APPRECIATION



Help us in thanking the staff that keeps our students in the stacks! It is US National Librarian Day on April 16! Also help us thank our bus drivers who take the safety of our students very seriously each and every day. School Bus Drivers' Day is April 25. Additionally, let's show our appreciation to the clerical staff who keep our schools operating day-in and day-out. Administrative Professionals' Day is April 26. If you see any of these staff members, show your gratitude this month!

Bookmark Bonanza



This winter, sixth graders at TES had a bookmark design contest in the library. Each sixth grader was challenged to create and design a bookmark that promoted reading. Bookmarks could be in full color or include simple line drawings for others to add their own color (a popular option at TES).

After the bookmarks were created and finalists were chosen, each class (PreK through 6th) voted on their favorites. The winners were: Clara Currie with "Every Book is a New World," Ellie Chambala with "Life is Good so Read," Luci Lopez with "Reading is Your Life!" and Logan Dingman with "Get Carried Away by Reading!" Copies of the winning bookmarks have been available in the library for every student at TES to take as they borrow books. Great job, sixth graders!

Counting 100, 101, and 1000 Days of School



Our students have been working hard this year! While working hard, it is important to celebrate milestones along the way. That is why the 100th day of school is celebrated each year. It not only marks the second half of the year, but it celebrates how much learning has taken place. Kindergarten students enjoyed making hats, counting to 100 in various ways, and making fruit loop necklaces. Pre-K students celebrated the 101st day of school by holding a puppy parade. Inspired by the Disney classic *101 Dalmatians*, students made puppy hats and polka dot shirts and paraded through the hallways. They also got to do letter hunts in the gym and play games. The fourth and fifth graders celebrated their 1000th day of school due to the addition of pre-K back in 2017. This was the first time for fourth grade to celebrate it and the last time for the fifth grade.

TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Schoolwide President Helps Change Policy



administration and the Hat Committee, multiple policy drafts were written and had to be approved before going to the school board. News spread quickly of his endeavors and the change took effect before Winter Break. Everett is not stopping at the hat policy; he wants to continue helping his peers make changes that benefit everyone.

A shift in the student body has been noted at the JSHS with a recent policy change. Senior Schoolwide President, Everett Chambala, helped change the dress code policy when it comes to hats. Hats can now be worn throughout all common areas and within classrooms at the teacher's discretion. Students have anticipated the change for some time now and are enjoying the freedom to express themselves with ball caps, toboggans, and fedoras among other types of hats. Everett thought that the policy change was a worthwhile effort because he was representing his peers and it showed "that we can make a change if we really want to." With support from the

Principal's Message



Michael O'Brien

This year the high school launched our Positivity Project (P2) Reboot! The Positivity Project is a great way to enrich our school community, so throughout the school year we have focused on six "Power Standards" and will continue to do so. Each month we have modified our bell schedule to extend homeroom so that all students could participate in P2 activities. Open-Mindedness was our October character trait. By being open-minded, students have the opportunity to develop new, lasting friendships. There are posters around the building to help students think about ways they might become more open-minded.

We next focused on Self-Control and created self-control posters for the building as well. Self-control activities included a student-created video about self-discipline and control, a PowerPoint presentation, an open floor discussion about how these strategies can be adapted to fit individual goals and habits, an article with eight tips to develop self-discipline, and discussion questions.

To kick off the New Year, we immersed the students with the standard of Perseverance. Students were taught that perseverance is sticking with a task no matter how difficult it is until you reach the desired outcome. To demonstrate perseverance in action, groups of students have been compiling miles by walking every lunch period since the first day of school in an attempt to walk around New York State. They have already walked the equivalent of more than half the state!

March was focused on the Love of Learning. Students and staff participated in Tully Jeopardy which highlighted different interests, hobbies, and talents of our staff and students; after all, we are ALL lifelong learners! As we complete the "reboot," Humility will be the center of our P2 activities for the month of April and Enthusiasm/Zest will be the last Power Standard that we emphasize.

By focusing on these character traits, students will not only develop important life skills that will help them in their personal and professional lives, but they will also become better members of their school community. I would like to thank the JSHS P2 Committee comprised of Rachel Bennett, Ashley Brunelle, D.J. Charles, Sherry Huggins, Jen Newton, Emily Paccia, Jim Paccia, Aleisha Pforter, Mary Podsiedlik, Lindsey Shaw, and Janice Sheldon. Their hard work and dedication to the P2 mindset made this year's reboot possible for all our students. We are so happy that we rebooted the Positivity Project here!

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FFA Hosts Competition



Last year, Adrienne Edinger was elected by her peers in our FFA District to represent District 7 as the District President. One of the honors of having a District President is that their school becomes the host school of the District Leadership Development Event contest. Tully hosted this event on Saturday, February 4th. Seventeen schools, almost two hundred FFA members, and seventy five volunteers who served as judges and contest coordinators came to the event. The students competed in multiple public speaking contests such as: Agriculture Issues, Extemporaneous Speaking, Junior and Senior Prepared Speaking, People in Ag, Conduct of a Chapter Meeting, Junior and Senior Creed Speaking, and Employment Skills. There were many members from Tully who moved on to Sub-States in March with an opportunity to compete at the FFA State Convention. In addition to the competition, three of our officers went to Albany to advocate for agriculture. There, Matthew Haier, Adrienne Edinger, and Megan Weisbrodt had the chance to speak with NYS representatives John Lemondes and Pam Helming about agriculture in our area. In order to prepare for the meetings, the FFA State Officers conducted workshops the day before and taught our officers about laws, passing bills, and how to formulate good interactions during the meetings. Overall, our FFA has gained knowledge and experience through these amazing leadership activities. **Article courtesy of junior Megan Weisbrodt*

Ping Pong Battle

What do you do when a student challenges you to a ping pong battle? You hold your reign! Mrs. Abrams had last been challenged by a student seven years prior and could not turn down the opportunity to show her skills on the ping pong table. She had been a ping pong champion when she was younger and junior Ella Tordel seemed a little nervous after she challenged Mrs. Abrams, where we found her practicing the day before. During 7th period lunch, a small group of teachers and students gathered around the table with #TeamTordel and #TeamAbrams signs. It was a close game with each of them passing the lead to one another. It was a fierce but friendly competition, and in the end, Tordel came out on top with the score being 13-15. What a great memory for Mrs. Abrams as she retires at the end of the year (pictured on last page.)

Senior Spotlight - AVA MALEY

People/Pets in your family: Jessica Maley (mom), Eric Maley (dad), Tommy Maley (brother), and Max (dog).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has been being an athlete and playing alongside some of my closest friends.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in at

school? High school has definitely taught me to be patient. Along with patience, it has taught me what it's like to be supported in a different way than what my family has taught me. No matter what teacher it is, any day you can get stopped in the hallway and told that you did a "good job" during a game or that they saw you've been keeping up with your grades and to keep up the good work.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment so far has been being able to balance being a student athlete as well as being enrolled in a medical program and working in the hospital.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to obtain my doctorate in physical therapy and work with athletes.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? In ten years, I hope to have graduated from medical school and hopefully sign on to a sports team as a physical therapist.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be, and what would you talk about? If I could invite three people out to dinner it would be my parents' closest friends from high school. We would talk about what my parents used to be like and what their childhood experience was like compared to mine.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? While working in the medical program I was able to become a better organizer with my work in order to stay on top of the college classes that I am enrolled in. Doing this has prepared me for college in ways that I am so grateful for.

Who's your hero and why? My heroes are my grandparents because no matter what they have going on in their lives, they will always put our family first. They have taught me to be kind and patient as well as strong and to always be willing to push for more. My Grandpa and Grandma Maley first introduced me to health care and are one of the main reasons why I fell in love with it. They are the reasons why I push myself academically - in order to make them proud.

Senior Spotlight - RYAN MIZE

People/Pets in your family: Vicky Mize (mom), Steve Mize (dad), Sean Mize (brother), and Lily (cat).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has been being able to play varsity basketball for four years. When I was younger, I had no idea about the journey and memories I was about to experience. I went from playing basketball as a kid in the

middle of the woods, to having the opportunity to play my favorite sport in front of a huge crowd of all my friends and family. The feelings and emotions that have come from winning big rivalry games and competing in sectionals are unique to this period of my life. Nothing else in my life has the ability to recreate this experience and it will stay with me forever.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in at school? The most important thing I have learned from the activities I have participated in is that nothing comes without hard work. You can have all the opportunities in the world, but nothing will change if you don't put in the work and make it happen. You can't watch life go by and wait for things to happen; you have to get into motion.

What are your plans after high school? I plan to pursue engineering and enter a new period of my life. Sports are slowing down, and I am ready to excel in a new activity which uses my interests and talents.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? I see myself being a part of, or owning, an engineering company that works to better the world and the technology that we have available. Through the help of others, I hope I will be able to elevate mankind even more, and offer humans new opportunities and experiences through engineering advancements.

If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be, and what would you talk about? If I could invite two people to dinner, I would invite Elon Musk and Michael Jordan. I feel as if these are some of the most influential people of all time. I would talk to Elon Musk about his views on the future and what he believes mankind has in store for them. I would also like to talk to Michael Jordan about his experience and the work required to get the position he reached. He had more pressure than a majority of people will ever feel, and because of this he was able to obtain superstar status and experience remarkable things many could never dream of. I feel as if I have experienced so much already in my own life, but they are irrelevant compared to what these men have done.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? I have no major challenges that have left me defeated. I am faced with new problems every day, and sometimes they beat me down. When I take a step back and realize what I have to do to get out of that situation, I can overcome any challenge in my life. Staying comfortable and reserved will never resolve anything.

**Watch for
Senior Spotlights on
Facebook Coming in May**

From the Superintendent



On March 27, 2023, the Tully CSD Board of Education adopted the 2023-2024 proposed budget. The proposed budget for the upcoming year maintains all current programming for our students and keeps the local tax levy increase below 2%. We understand that our community members work hard to support our schools, and we want to make sure that our budget reflects our commitment to responsible and effective stewardship of those resources.

Maintaining our current programming includes many opportunities for our students including academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Students at TES have the opportunity to enjoy intramural sports, art club, literacy club, computer science club, jazz band, maker club, and more. Our JSHS students can engage in international club, FFA, mock trial, teen institute, extracurricular band/chorus, community wide dialogue and more. We are so fortunate to be able to offer so many opportunities for our students.

All community members are invited and encouraged to attend this year's Public Budget Hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School. The Public Budget Hearing provides an excellent opportunity for community members to learn about the proposed budget and ask questions and/or provide feedback. We welcome all input from the community as we strive to develop a budget that reflects the needs and values of our district. We believe that this proposed budget will help us continue to provide our students with an excellent education.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

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Culture Corner



Did you know that baseball legends Sammy Sosa, Pedro Martinez, and David Ortiz are from the Dominican Republic? Or that movies such as *The Godfather II*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean* were filmed there? And you might recognize its capital from past history lessons: Santo Domingo. The Dominican Republic is a very popular tourist destination as the second largest island of the Caribbean. People from all over visit the Dominican Republic for their sandy beaches, clear water, and whale watching. If you happen to plan a vacation here, brush up on your Spanish as that is the official language. We import many delicious items from the Dominican Republic such as bananas, mangos, sugar, coffee, and cocoa. Not too long ago, a Tully student presented on the Dominican Republic, her homeland, during a SH International Club meeting. It was wonderful learning about her culture!

Nominating Petitions Available for BOE Positions

Candidates may be nominated only by petition. Each nominating petition must be filed with the School District Clerk, Tully Central School District Offices, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than 5:00 pm on April 17, 2023. 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 his or her 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
- ◆ a qualified voter in the school district
- ◆ able to read and write
- ◆ a resident of the school district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election
- ◆ cannot be employed by the board on which they serve
- ◆ cannot live in the same household with a family member who is also a member of the same school board

Prospective Board Member Candidate packets will be available starting February 27, 2023. 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

Superintendent Student Cabinet Created



group similar to this one at her former school and is hopeful for Tully's Student Cabinet's creativity in solving problems. After all, "students are the reason we exist and are our top priority. They should have a seat at the table."

Students are having their voices heard and Dr. Woodcock is listening. By creating a Student Cabinet, Dr. Woodcock is hopeful that students' issues and concerns, along with possible solutions, can be discussed in depth. Too often, "student voice and perspective are incredibly underrepresented in public schools" and Dr. Woodcock's solution to this problem was to create the Superintendent Student Cabinet. Made up of representatives from each grade level at the JSHS, with the hopes of adding middle school students in the future, the Cabinet held their first meeting just before Winter Break.

These representatives are the Student Council representatives that were voted in by their peers and will meet with Dr. Woodcock on a regular basis to check in, discuss issues, and brainstorm solutions.

Dr. Woodcock created a successful

COMMUNITY NEWS

News from Tully Free Library

It may be spring, but we're already excited for Summer Reading! This year's theme is "All Together Now," and we're celebrating our local community and the wider community of the world! Registration begins in early June and the program runs through mid-August. We have a lot of events planned including visits from the M.O.S.T., the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, and the Onondaga Historical Association; a community-wide tiny art show; dance around the world events to get you moving, and lots more! Check our website and Facebook page in the weeks ahead for more details and registration information. We hope you'll join us this summer!

If you have a student in grades 9-12 who needs a little math or science help, there are free tutoring sessions available at the library to help. Whether you're homeschooled, planning for Regents exams, or just need a refresher, stop into the library on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM or on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM to take advantage of this service.

Children who aren't yet in kindergarten are eligible for our "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" initiative. This is a national program geared to spread the joy of reading, and of being read to, for young children. Stop in and pick up a brochure, go along at your own pace, and when you're finished, we'll have a certificate and a prize for you!

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Parks and Rec

Mark your calendars! The annual Tully Moo Run will be on Saturday, June 17th.



This year we are dedicating our race to **Jim Paccia** who has been, and still is, an integral part of our Tully running community. Mr. Paccia will be retiring from his fortieth-year teaching career here in Tully; but don't worry, he will still be out there coaching our runners!

We will be hosting our Moo Run this year at the Town of Tully fields and running the cross-country course. We

will also have a kids' Fun Run as an additional run for the Tully track camp participants. We encourage locals and alumni to come out and run/walk in honor of Jim Paccia.

You can register for the Moo Run on Active.com - Town of Tully.

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



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APRIL

- 3-7 Spring Recess**
- 13 NJHS Induction, 6:00 p.m.**
- 14 JSHS End of MP3; MS Dance, 6:30 p.m.**
- 15 ACT (off-site)**
- 17 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.**

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



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