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KNIGHT INSIGHT



From Your Valedictorian: "Our class is confetti. We are being thrown up in the air, destined to land in a million different places. But wherever we each land, I hope we do three things: I hope we remember our roots: the community that raised us, and the people who made us who we are today. I hope we grow: I hope we learn more about whatever it is that we're passionate about and going on to pursue. I hope we blossom: I hope our passion for whatever we choose to do grows each day, and we contribute our gifts and talents to the world. I hope we become people who make the world a better place to be. Remember that our seeds are just getting planted."

-Morgan Downes

From Your Salutatorian: "The moment that you realize that you are in control of your own life, you are free to play it in whichever way you wish to. I hope that in your life you aim to make every encounter you have with someone a positive one. Money and fame are not the keys to achieving success; in order to do just this, we must strive to be the best version of ourselves possible."

-Robyn Drzewicki

From Your Class President: "I truly believe that this class is one of the best that Tully will ever have and it is because of all of the amazing souls and personalities that we all bring to the school every day. I hope you all know just how appreciative I am for each and every one of you for making my entire school experience the best it possibly could have been."

-Katelyn Lamoureux





For more graduation pictures, check out our Facebook page!

Principal's Message to Graduating Class of 2022



Michael O'Brien

I am so pleased that we were able to gather outside to celebrate the commencement of the Class of '22! I believe that graduation day is a great time to reflect. For most, the formal educational journey started in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and continued through elementary school, junior high, and on through high school. I think that it is important that graduates take a minute to think about the many people who played a part in where they are today.

Take a second and think about the elementary teachers and the smiling faces that greeted you each and every day when you were small and still playing on playgrounds. Think about the staff members who knew you by your first name. Think about your junior high teachers and how they worked tirelessly to teach you about study skills and educational processes that could make you successful. Think about your directors, advisors, and coaches who spent countless hours with you as you chased your passions. Think about your high school teachers and the memories that you made in class (or online) over the past four years. Lastly, think about the people who have been your teachers

and mentors outside of the classroom as you have navigated through life. All of those informal lessons from parents, guardians, grandparents, family, and neighbors are part of your educational experience. I hope that you can reflect on the amazing people who made you who you are today and prepared you for your next endeavors. I wish you all the best of luck now and always. Congratulations Class of 2022. We are so proud of you!

Michael O'Brien, JSHS Principal • Phone: 315.696.6235 • Email: mike.obrien@tullyschools.org

Yearbook Dedication 2022: Charlie Locke



The much anticipated day of dedication is a memorable one for seniors. Their vote counts when it's time to choose the Oracle's dedicatee each year. This year, students believe it couldn't have gone to a more deserving person – Mr. Charlie Locke. Mr. Locke is an Algebra II and Physics teacher that loves Legos and making those around him laugh. At school, he's described as being humble, passionate, genuine, fun, and a role model. This is also true of his character in his personal life. Students and staff attending the ceremony were lucky enough to meet his wife, Jennifer, his twin daughters, Charlotte and Tucker, and his parents. Treats were provided by the yearbook staff, which included math-themed cookies, donut holes, and Lego block candy. After the dedication, seniors got their first look at all the hard work that the yearbook staff put into the revitalization of the Oracle. Thanks to a volunteer senior parent group, each senior who ordered a yearbook early on received free yearbook engraving and several yearbooks were given by scholarship. Thank you so much to these parents!

Senior Fun



It was a wonderful year filled with many memorable moments for the seniors, and even though the end of the year was filled with the tasks of transitioning into the adult world, the seniors did not forget to enjoy some of the time they had left with their closest high school friends. From the senior breakfast and graduation rehearsal to taking a charter bus to Darien Lake, there were many laughs shared among the Class of 2022. Sticking close to home for their senior trip, Six Flags at Darien Lake was fun-filled day with good weather. Seniors also held a "Seniors with Seniors" luncheon at the town pavilion, engaging in small talk with some of Tully's elders while enjoying picnic-type food. We were so glad to see the seniors making those lasting memories all the while saying, "See you later."



| <i>Student Name</i> | <i>Plans</i> | <i>Major</i> |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Argus, Jessica T. | Elementary Education | Onondaga Community College |
| Babbage, Mary G. | Marketing | La Salle University |
| Barber, Andrew E. | Sports Management | Niagara University |
| Bassett, Noelle | Hampton Habilitation | |
| Battle, Makahla M. | Communications | SUNY Cortland |
| Benedetto, Gabriel E. | Employment | |
| Berry, Thomas H. | Law/Criminal Justice | Mercer University |
| Bibik, Charles | Cybersecurity | SUNY Canton |
| Burian, Ashton J. | Sports Management | Canisius College |
| Byrne, Emma K. | Physical Therapy | Quinnipiac University |
| Chambers, Kendall | Business | Onondaga Community College |
| Chapman, Josephina L. | Psychology | SUNY Cortland |
| Colabufo, Cameron | Business | Bryant & Stratton University |
| Cooter, Benjamin M. | Diesel Technology | SUNY Morrisville |
| Craig, Wesley | Navy | Military |
| Downes, Morgan O. | Environmental Studies | University of California @ Santa Barbara |
| Drzewicki, Robyn A. | Biology/Psychology | LeMoyne College |
| Edinger, Lane C. | Athletic Performance | St. John Fisher College |
| Hobart, William J. | Air Force | Military |
| Jackson, Connor | History/Psychology | Nazareth College |
| Johnson, Tyler | Political Science/ Public Relations | SUNY Oswego |
| Kelly, Brian P. | Criminal Justice | SUNY Morrisville |
| Kent, Skyler | | |
| Klocho, Tatyana A. | Biochemistry | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| LaBarge, Colby | Undecided | College |
| Lamoureux, Katelyn | Arts & Sciences/Engineering | McGill University |
| Lawrence, Christopher | Employment | |
| Luke, Julian D. | Employment | |
| Lyng, Terence J. | Computer Engineering Technology | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| McAdam, Dylan | Forestry | Onondaga Community College |
| McCasland, Kellen A. | Computer Science | Case Western Reserve University |
| McCormick, Cheyenne R. | Psychology | Wells College |
| McKenna, John D. | Army National Guard | Military |
| Malchak, Emily | Employment | |
| Maley, Thomas | Business/Journalism | SUNY Oswego |
| Matteson, Amber | Employment | |
| Meacham, Knanaleigh | Nursing | LeMoyne College |
| Mohat, Jack | Mechanical Engineering Institute | SUNY Polytechnic Institute |
| Morenus, Lucius A. | Employment | |

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|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Nash, McKayla C. | Undecided | Nazareth College |
| Nelson, Vincent | Employment | |
| Olender, Hailey | Early Childhood Education | SUNY Oswego |
| Petrucchio, Scott | Employment | |
| Pierce, Shannon E. | Undecided | SUNY Geneseo |
| Resch, Vanessa M. | Business | Tompkins Cortland Community College |
| Ringhiser, Airelle | Engineering Exploration | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| Rockwell, Jasmine | Employment | |
| Schaal, Damian | Employment | |
| Seils, Dominic W. | Civil Engineering | Clarkson University |
| Shute, Ryan K. | Employment | |
| Smith, Jessica L. | Graphics | Tompkins Cortland Community College |
| Smith, McKenzie M. | Business | SUNY New Paltz |
| Swan, Mark M. | Army National Guard | Military |
| Tomushunas, Rebecca | General Studies | Tompkins Cortland Community College |
| Valdez, Malakai | Computer Engineering | College |
| VanBeveren, Estella J. | Policy Studies/ Data Analytics | Syracuse University |
| Vantassel, Adrianna N. | Employment | |
| Weisbrodt, Emma | Animal Science | SUNY Cobleskill |
| Weller, Anthony | Construction Management | Utica College |
| Weng, Jason | International Business/ Finance | St. John Fisher College |
| Wilson, Megan J. | Real Estate | Syracuse University |
| Wood, Kevin T. | Information Security/ Business Analytics | Syracuse University |



Sixth Grade Moves Up



TES Class of 2022, aka Tully Class of 2028, has officially moved up! After spending a day at the JSHS and then taking “the walk” to receive their certificate of completion, the sixth graders are now enjoying their summer break before their time begins at the JSHS. Parents and guardians brought their chairs to the athletic field to watch the presentations of certificates handed out. Students reminisced on their time at the elementary, including some of the funnier moments. Trips, field days, and classroom adventures were spoken of while proud parents thought back to all of those memories that they may have forgotten about. After the moving up certificates were handed out, students and family members enjoyed sharing stories, refreshments, and the class slideshow in the elementary courtyard. Congratulations to the Class of 2028 – we can’t wait to see your accomplishments at the JSHS!

Sixth Grade Carnival Brings Joy to Many



The sixth graders hosted their annual carnival for the first time in the last few years. Students from all grade levels got to attend the carnival during the TES Wellness Day. With tickets a quarter apiece, they enjoyed playing the handcrafted games and well-earned prizes. Sixth graders planned and created games like ball tosses, golf putts, and hoop shots mainly out of cardboard and duct tape. Prizes ranged from candy and trinkets to small stuffed animals. Watching the sixth graders help their younger peers was a joyous sight. Not only did this carnival bring joy to those who played or supervised the games, it brought joy to In My Father's Kitchen owner John Tumino, who accepted a donation of almost \$900 due to profit from the carnival. A great service project that was joyous to all!

JSHS Welcomes Upcoming 6th Graders



6th grade students were welcomed to the JSHS campus in May to spend the day seeing what junior high is all about. Students participated in activities, discussion panels, tours, and informational sessions. Teen Institute helped with ice breakers and tours while a handful of current 7th graders participated in a discussion panel with the 6th graders. JH teachers invited the 6th graders into their classrooms to give some insight on what to expect in their particular subject area. Mrs. Tucker even led a science experiment making elephant foam and Mrs. Bovi provided a “pop quiz” on the thirteen colonies. Lots of information was provided to the 6th graders by administration, specials teachers, and staff, and before they left for the day, they had a race to see which homeroom remembered the most. The JSHS is excited to welcome the 6th graders as junior high students in the fall!

Sixth Grade Talent Show



The 6th graders once again have proven that we have many talented students among us. Peers, parents, and teachers gathered to watch eleven varying acts on stage in late June. The show was student-led with other 6th graders hosting and controlling the technical aspects of the show. Several songs such as “Rainbow Connection,” “Lost Boys,” and the theme song from *Sophia the First* were heard. For one student, a first time on stage and trying to overcome a personal fear, sang “Run.” Another student tapped his way into the audience’s heart with his tap solo “Bad to the Bone.” Three acts were accompanied by slideshow presentations; two were action-packed with horseback riding and dirt bike riding. The audience was amazed with the height of the jumps and the speed. The third slideshow showed some impressive art drawings. All of these talented students did a wonderful job and we thank them for sharing their many talents with us!

A Fond Farewell

Gail Fitts – Ms. Fitts began working at Tully Schools in May of 2007 as a substitute food service helper. In September of 2007, she became a permanent member of our food service staff. In July of 2016, Ms. Fitts stepped into the role of cook. Prior to joining Tully Schools, she worked as a waitress, a housekeeper, and a certified nursing assistant. She also spent many years raising her own children and looking after her grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren all attended Tully Schools. Over the years



Ms. Fitts has prepared thousands of meals and brought smiles to countless students. Thank you to Ms. Fitts for her 15 years of service!

Mary Fisher – Mrs. Fisher began working at Tully Schools in the summer of 2002. She started out as our payroll clerk and by the end of the summer, transitioned into her current role as Secretary to the Superintendent. In 2005, she also assumed the responsibilities associated with being District Clerk. Mrs. Fisher is a graduate of Homer HS and studied political science and economics at SUNY Cortland. Prior to coming to work for Tully Schools, she worked as an office manager for several companies including R.H. Fowler, C.E. Fisher Roofing Co., and Stickney Rehabilitation Services. She



also worked as a legal assistant for William Moench and for Riehlman, Shafer & Shafer, and she served as the Town Justice for the Town of Cortlandville for a while. Thank you to Mrs. Fisher for her 20 years of service!

Yvonne Leuze – Mrs. Leuze began her career at Tully Schools in September of 1993 as a fourth grade teacher. While at Tully, in addition to teaching, she also coached volleyball. Mrs. Leuze graduated from Canastota HS and then earned an Associate's Degree in Travel and Tourism from Genesee Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Brockport, and then went on to earn her teaching certification and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from SUNY Cortland. Prior



to joining the Tully faculty, Mrs. Leuze worked as a special education aide in the Westhill Central School District and coached several seasons of girls' volleyball in Baldwinsville. Thank you to Mrs. Leuze for her 29 years of service!

Don McClure – Mr. McClure began his career at Tully Schools in September of 1992 as a physical education teacher. In September of 2003, he stepped into the role of Athletic Director. From September 2007 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year, Mr. McClure also served as Dean of Students. In addition to teaching, he coached football, basketball, golf, and baseball. After graduating from high school at Christian Brothers Academy, he earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education from



SUNY Cortland. Prior to starting at Tully Schools, Mr. McClure worked for two years as a coach and PE/health teacher at Christian Brothers Academy. Thank you to Mr. McClure for his 30 years of service!

Robert J. Hughes – Mr. Hughes began working at Tully Schools in the summer of 2014. Prior to coming to Tully, Mr. Hughes was Building Principal of Fabius-Pompey Middle/High School from July 2006 until June 2014 and he also served as Assistant Principal at Fayetteville-Manlius High School from July 2002 through June 2006. At the start of his administrative career, he served as an Assistant Principal/Intern and English Teacher at Durgee Junior High School in Baldwinsville. Mr. Hughes has worked very hard in all domains at Tully Schools and has helped make a tremendous difference through his leadership and dedication. Thank you to Mr. Hughes for your time and service!



You will all be missed!

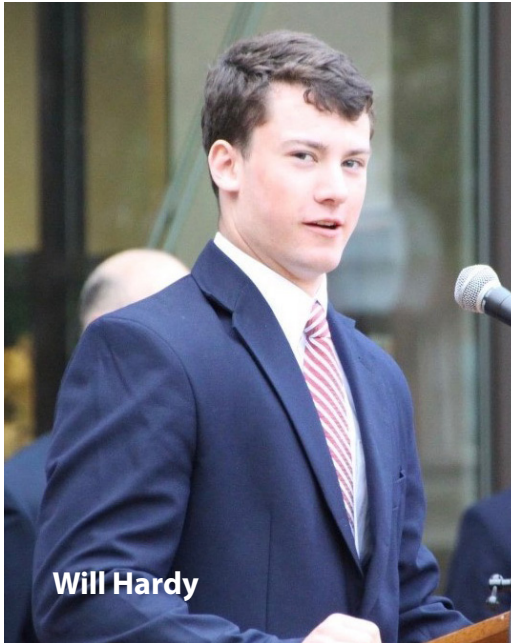
Alumni News

Will Hardy

graduated from Wilbraham and Monson Academy (WMA) in May. As a post-graduate student, Will continued his college-preparatory studies enrolling in advanced placement and business courses, graduating with a 3.5 grade point average.

Will played offensive and defensive positions on the WMA football team. He received the Coaches Award and was named All-Evergreen First Team as an outside linebacker. Will was recognized by his peers as he was voted Athlete of the Month in November 2021 and again in May 2022.

As co-captain of the lacrosse team, Will led the Titans to a 12-1 season, winning the first league championship since 1989. He was

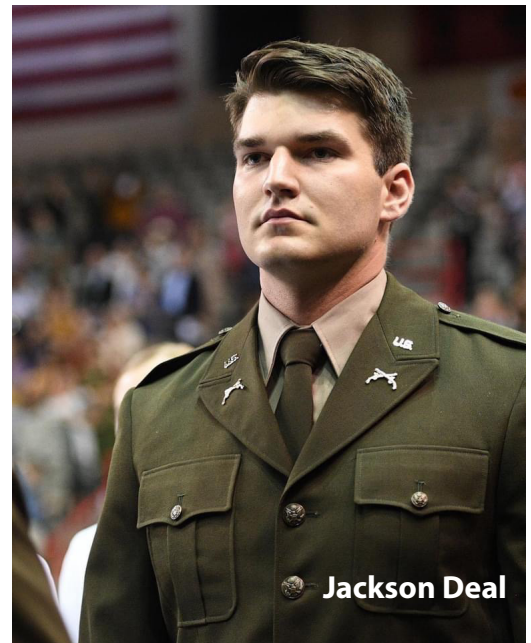


voted an All-American, receiving a unanimous vote from all 12 coaches in the league, making Will a two-time All-American high school lacrosse player.

In the fall, Will is attending Jacksonville University majoring in business and sports management. He is playing Division I lacrosse for the Dolphins.

Jackson Deal

Tully 2018 graduate, recently attended his Army commissioning and graduation ceremonies. He finished his four-year program at Virginia Military Institute, is now a college graduate, and a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. He began training as an MP in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri at the end of May. Congratulations and best wishes!



2022-2023 BOE Meetings

Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. in Junior-Senior High School Conference Room #2 (Room 109) unless otherwise specified. Additional Special Meetings to be scheduled as needed.

The planned schedule for Board of Education meetings for the 2022-2023 school year is as follows:

July 11, 2022
August 22, 2022
September 19, 2022
October 11, 2022
October 24, 2022
November 14, 2022
December 19, 2022
January 23, 2023
February 13, 2023
March 6, 2023
March 27, 2023
April 17, 2023
May 8, 2023
May 16, 2023
June 12, 2023

Board Members

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| 2023 | Mrs. E. Fay Burt (315) 440-6149 |
| 2023 | Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella (315) 696-8540 |
| 2025 | Mrs. Ryan Chatfield (315) 560-0680 |
| 2024 | Mrs. Andrea Mourey (315) 427-7444 |
| 2025 | Mrs. Bettemae Russell (315) 696-6843 |
| 2024 | Mr. Edward Wortley, II (315) 696-8609 |
| 2024 | Vacancy |

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday,
September 25, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m**

TULLY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GATHERING

**ALL Tully Alumni
are invited!!
The Class of 1972
will be honored.**

**\$5.00 donation
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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



AUGUST

- 2** BOE Special Election
at TES Gym
- 22** BOE Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 23-24** New Teacher Orientation
- 30** 7th Grade Orientation,
6 p.m. at JSHS
- 31** Superintendent
Conference Day

Summer Office Hours for all Tully
CSD Offices: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dates are subject to change.
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