



## Maker Lab Brings Joy



Maker Lab at the elementary has been a popular activity the past few years, with kids of all grade levels participating in the various projects. Craft making, rocket launching, and robot building have been among the popular with students, but Maker Lab doesn't just bring joy to the students; it also brings joy to the parents. This year's winter project was among first through fourth graders, creating crafts to give as presents to their parents/guardians. Each student gift-wrapped a snowman hanger with his or her own face on it and a gingerbread person ornament. The older students helped the younger students



through the process, making it a good chance for those older to be leaders. Students then were able to surprise their parents/guardians with a special gift made from love, surely bringing joy to not only the students, but their loved ones as well.

## Craft Show Success



The Craft Show at Tully sponsored by the JH Student Council is a favorite among many. Crafters from around the Tully area come to set up shop in the JSHS gymnasiums and lobby with lots of holiday cheer. This year was no exception. Seventy vendors brought their best and didn't disappoint. Jewelry, ornaments, soap, spices, hand-carved signs, keychains, decorations, bird houses, and so much more was offered. With a good amount of shoppers throughout the day, they could find a gift suitable for just about anyone, including their pets! Some shoppers enjoyed the Craft Show more this year, saying it was better due to the vendors being more spaced out compared to year's past. This allowed for little to no congestion at each vendor site. Whatever shoppers were looking for, they were sure to find it there!





## Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

Five months down, five to go! Students got right back into their routines to finish off the first semester. With fewer holidays on the calendar, January was a great month for getting in a lot of uninterrupted learning. It's also a time to enjoy playing outside in the snow and enjoy winter.

Students continue to exercise prudence and perseverance through their studies along with continuing to properly social distance and wear masks! This month, students will learn about humility, love, and cheering other's successes.

Remember, there is no school Monday, February 21st - Friday, February 25th for the mid-winter break. February is a short month; blink and you'll miss it, so make the most of each day!

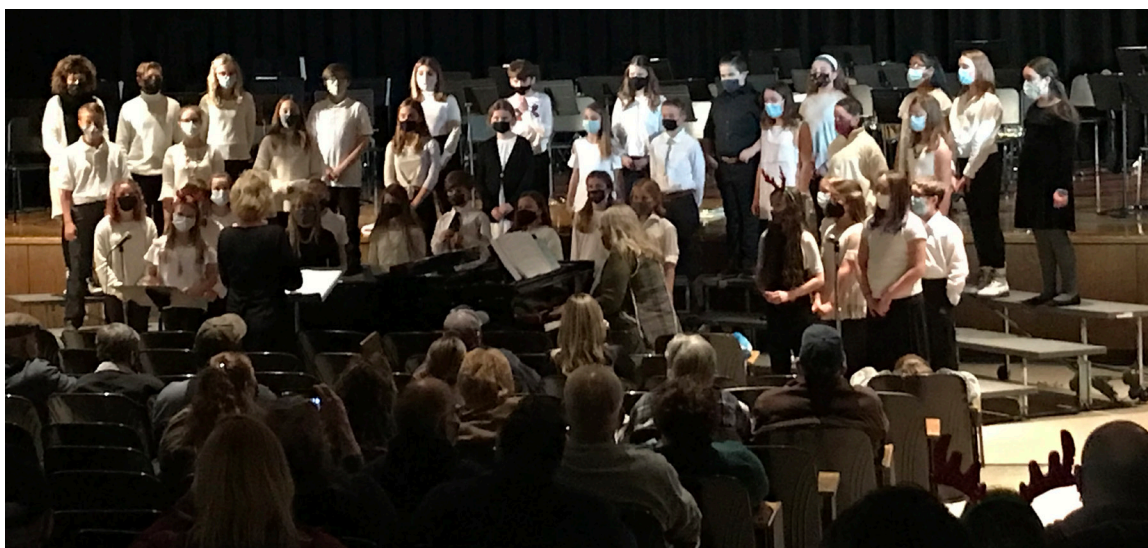
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## Music for the Holidays

Ms. Damon, Mrs. Wilson, and the Tully Elementary Band and Chorus put on a spectacular holiday concert featuring both traditional and non-traditional holiday music before holiday break. It was a wonderful array of sound with student readers and soloists performing music to suit anyone who sat in the audience.

The performance was moved to the JSHS auditorium to be able to accommodate more guests in a spaced out manner, which worked well. A special thanks goes out to Jackie Brown for being the accompanist and everyone who supports TES and the music program.



## Holiday Happiness

Students at the elementary participated in lots of activities during the week before holiday break. Between the dress up days, craft making, holiday story times, decorating, and music, there was something for every student to enjoy. Pre-Kindergarten iced holiday-themed cookies and got to take them home for a sweet treat. Fourth graders brought in materials to construct gingerbread houses and enter them in a "contest" where everyone won a theme such as "Cutest House." Sixth graders really got into the spirit of dressing up during the week and even the staff and faculty had fun!

Mr. Kupiec and Mr. O'Neill went classroom to classroom dropping off mini candy canes for each student, wishing everyone some holiday cheer. TES hopes all of their students and families had a wonderful holiday break!





## Principal's Message



Michael O'Brien

As the days become longer and we excitedly wait for spring, the Junior-Senior High School has finished our first semester and we have begun our second semester. The second semester is full of new experiences for all of our students, as new half-year courses have begun. Our seniors are focused on graduation and finishing their last semester at Tully strong! The remainder of the student body should have their attention on both their academics and extracurricular activities. With the exception of Winter Break (February 21st - February 25th) and the Superintendent's Conference Day on March 21st, we are in session every day until the end of the third marking period on April 8th. Now is a wonderful time to focus, when every student has the opportunity to make great academic gains.

This is also the time when students sit down with their counselors and begin making their schedules for next year. The Tully Junior-Senior High School Counseling and Career Center will begin this process and register students for classes for the 2022-23 school year. Mrs. Newton will be doing presentations for 8th grade students and their parents as they transition to high school. 11th grade students and their parents will meet individually with Mrs. Davin to work on their schedule and discuss post-graduation plans. Counselors will work on schedules with 7th, 9th, and 10th graders as well.

I encourage all families to sit down and discuss with their student/s the course that they plan to take next year. The full Program of Studies that we offer at the junior-senior high school can be found on the Junior-Senior High School webpage by clicking on the Counseling and Careers tab and then scrolling down to documents and clicking on the full program of studies link. Please call the office at 315-696-6235 if you have any questions. We hope all of our families have a healthy, safe, and warm February!

*Michael O'Brien, JSHS Principal*

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## The Spirit of Giving



Tully JSHS staff and faculty are always looking for ways to be present in the community and have students join in on community service. This not only helps students in their college and career endeavors, but it also helps with their social and emotional growth. Time and time again, students have shown that Tully has the best kind of students through their spirit of giving. Mrs. Davin, Mrs. Newton, and Mrs. Morasco set up a table during the lunch periods for students to make holiday cards for a local nursing home. Stamps, markers, glitter pens, and stencils were available and music filled the lobby. Students of all grade levels took time out of their lunch to create beautiful cards for people they have never met. What a wonderful time of year to get into the spirit of giving!

## Holidays Around the World



Several teachers at the JSHS took advantage of the holiday season to have students learn about other cultural holidays and traditions. Mrs. Sterritt's 7th grade English classes got to choose a country

in which they wanted to learn more about and recreate a holiday recipe, make a craft representing a tradition, or sing a traditional song. In addition, they researched other aspects of the culture. Did you know that in the United Kingdom and Ireland they wish others a "Happy Christmas?" The Spanish classes got in on learning about other cultural traditions as well. Both Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Dubos taught the Spanish students about the odd tradition of the Caga Tió. In Catalonia, Spain, people go to the market and choose a festive log, dress it up, and feed it food scraps. The log then gives gifts of candy. Students compared this tradition to their own and found it quite interesting. Whatever the tradition, students enjoyed learning about holidays around the world.

## Senior Spotlight - TYLER JOHNSON



**Family:** Pamela (mom), Rocky (step-father), Jason (brother), John, Austen, and Camrin (step-brother)

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career would have to be moving to Tully my 10th grade year. I was really nervous at first, but after only a few short weeks I didn't really feel like the new kid anymore and Tully quickly became my home.

**What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?** I've taken part in a lot of different activities outside of school like internships at WCNY, participating in Track and Field, acting and being part of a film crew for movies at a studio in Syracuse, as well as a bunch of other things and they have all taught me a lot. Things such as how to do well in high stress situations, how to be a leader, how to be professional, how to prioritize and balance things in my life, and overall, just basic life skills and lessons that I'll always carry with me.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** My proudest moments in high school so far definitely have to be getting the opportunity to act and be on a film crew for movies and other productions being filmed in Syracuse and getting accepted to SUNY Oswego.

**What are your plans after high school?** After high school, I plan on attending SUNY Oswego's 5 year program for Broadcasting and Mass Communication and Business Administration with a double major in Marketing.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** By the time I'm 30 I hope to have obtained a stable job, a house, and starting a family in a place where I enjoy being and with the people I enjoy being around.

**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 or three people to dinner, I would invite my grandparents who have passed away. One of my grandmas passed away in 2004 just 3 months after I was born so I never really got to know her, so it would be nice to finally sit down and talk with her and to just meet her. My other grandma passed away in 2012 and we were very close. I would like to have another chance to spend more time with her and talk to her about all the things she never got to see me do or accomplish. And finally, my grandad. He passed away in 2019 just a few months after I moved here. I would like to have a conversation with him about how amazing things have been here and share with him all the things that I wish he was here to see as well. I would also like to thank all of them for everything that they taught me when I had the chance to be with them.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** The biggest challenge that I've faced was growing up gay and coming out. I had to learn how to become comfortable in my own skin and how to stay strong through bullying and all the negative experiences while trying to navigate through life.

**Who's your hero and why?** I would have to say that my hero is my mom. My mom is such a strong and independent person and has taught me so much and shown me unconditional love. She has always been there for me and supported me since day one and I would not be the person that I am today without her.

## Senior Spotlight - CHEYENNE McCORMICK



**Family:** Tashina (mom), John (dad), and Jack (brother)

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career has been, by far, my time in FFA. I joined when Mrs. Jordan started teaching at Tully and have been able to have so many opportunities I wouldn't have been able to have otherwise. Through FFA, I've gone on many trips, participated in a lot of competitions, and expanded my public speaking skills.

**What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?** Outside of school, I've been involved in 3-D archery for many years. It's taught me the importance of dedication and perseverance. Through the time I've spent in the sport, I've had the opportunity to travel to many places to compete and meet countless people who've impacted my life. I have been able to get outside of my comfort zone and learn many life lessons.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** So far, my proudest moment in high school has been enlisting in the Army National Guard.

**What are your plans after high school?** After high school, I plan on pursuing a degree in addiction studies/substance abuse counseling. After completing my degree, I intend on going into law enforcement and becoming a police officer.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** By the time I am 30, I hope to have completed my bachelor's degree and enter a career in law enforcement.

**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 or three people to dinner, I would invite my grandparents. They have played a huge role in my life over the years and have served as role models to me for many years. We would talk about many things, most likely including hunting and archery as we've shot together since I was young.

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You're all set!





## Holiday Spirit? The JSHS Has It!

As students get older, the spirit of the holidays can change, but at the JSHS, students still had a ton of fun! Students enjoyed dressing up each day before the holiday break in holiday pajamas, hats, and socks, ugly sweaters, and especially during the red versus green day. Gift giving, card making, and treat passing were all part of the spirit that was seen in the halls. The High School International Club set up Carlos the Llama and props for fun selfies and sold candy grams in which the students could send a holiday note and treat to others. The Junior High International Club learned about other culture's holiday traditions and made ornaments. Both the bands and the choirs put on wonderful concerts filled with melodic holiday spirit, and the Senior High Art Club sold handmade ceramic pet bowls for gifts.

In addition, the high school students voted for a Mr. and Miss Claus while the junior high students voted for elf and reindeers to pass out candy canes on the last day that students were on campus. Robyn Drzewicki and Dylan McAdam played the part of Mr. and Miss Claus, while eighth graders Julia Wortley and Julian Shay were the elves, and seventh graders Brier Huggins and Tyler Smith were the reindeer. With bells ringing, ugly sweaters being compared, and cheer filling the halls, everyone left school ready to begin their holiday break with lots of enthusiasm.



## ATHLETICS

### Congratulations Athletes

Congratulations to junior Katie Edinger for being named 1st Team All State and All CNY XC Team!! This makes 3 years in a row being named 1st Team All State. She also competed at the USATF Junior Olympics XC Championships in Paris, KY, finishing in 13th place. Katie is a USATF Junior Olympic All American!

Congratulations to senior Connor Jackson who was also named to the All CNY XC Team! Great job!!



### Spring Sports Start Dates

#### JV/V Spring Sports

Monday, March 21, 2022

Registration on Family ID will open on Monday, February 21, 2022.

#### JH/Modified Spring Sports

Monday April 18, 2022

Registration on Family ID will open on Friday, March 18, 2022.



## Private Transportation Requests

NYS Education Law Section 3635(2) requires that a written request be made to the Board of Education of a School District when transportation of a student to a non-public, private, or parochial school is required.

This written request must be made annually and received by the school district **no later than April 1st** for transportation for the next school year.

Most non-public schools have a form available to make this request and can be contacted for assistance.

Please have these written requests sent to Attn: Jamie Wortley, Tully Central School District, Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159 no later than April 1, 2022.

## Fitness Center Open to Tully Residents

The Tully Central School District Fitness Center, located in the High School athletic wing, is open to Tully residents Monday – Thursday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Children under the age of 12 are not allowed.

- Sign in is required in order to track attendance for tracing purposes. A liability waiver is provided and must be signed on an annual basis.
- Masks must be worn while indoors at all times.
- Machines and any equipment used must be sanitized after use.
- Gyms and indoor track are not permitted to be used as part of the fitness center hours.
- Do not come to the fitness center if showing any signs or symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- The Fitness Center is closed on holidays, snow days, emergency days, or in the event that classes pivot to remote learning. The Fitness Center is also closed when after-school activities are cancelled for weather reasons or emergency reasons.

## 2021-2022 Board of Education

Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. in Junior-Senior High School Conf. Room #2 (Room 109) unless otherwise noted.

Additional Special Meetings to be scheduled as needed.

The planned schedule for remaining Board of Education meetings for the 2021-2022 school year is as follows:

**February 14, 2022**

**March 7, 2022**

**March 28, 2022**

**April 18, 2022**

**May 9, 2022**

**May 17, 2022**

**June 13, 2022**

## 2021-2022 Board Members

2023	Mrs. E. Fay Burt	(315) 440-6149
2023	Mrs. Jane Byrne-Panzarella	(315) 696-8540
2022	Mrs. Denise Cardamone	(315) 696-5599
2022	Mr. Michael Dziok	(315) 796-9177
2024	Mrs. Andrea Mourey	(315) 427-7444
2024	Mr. Matthew VanBeveren	(315) 696-5745
2024	Mr. Edward Wortley, II	(315) 696-8609

## Nominating Petitions for Board of Education Positions

Two terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2022. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 at the annual school district election to be held on May 17, 2022.

Board of Education vacancies are not considered to be separate specific offices. This nominating petition does not describe a specific vacancy. Each candidate is considered for a vacant seat on the Board of Education as a whole and not as only to a specific office presently held by an individual.

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 p.m. on April 18, 2022. 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.

Under the law a qualified voter is one who is entitled to vote at a school district election. To be entitled to vote a person must meet these three qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the election.

Nominating petitions will be available March 1, 2022. If you would like a nominating petition, please contact the district office at (315) 696-6204 or email [mfisher@tullyschools.org](mailto:mfisher@tullyschools.org).

## Transportation Safety

Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

- 1) Provide your child with a backpack or book bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children get off the bus.
- 2) Check your children's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items as they could become snagged in the bus door as the child gets off the bus, and should be removed from clothing.
- 3) Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop five minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it, or run into the road.
- 4) Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway at least 15 feet. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.
- 5) When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in single file.
- 6) Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the bus driver and result in an accident.

It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children.

New York State law requires motorists to stop for school buses that are receiving or discharging passengers. The driver of the vehicle must stop when they encounter a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students: on a public highway; on multiple lane roads; on opposite sides of divided highways; on a public street; on a private road; in a parking lot or on school property.

The driver of the vehicle must stop from either direction. The driver must also stop if the school bus has another bus in front of it to receive or discharge passengers.

### Tips for Sharing the Road with School Buses:

- Remember, buses make frequent stops. Be prepared to stop for them.
- Never pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing on the right or left.
- Watch for children who cross in front of the bus when the bus is stopped.
- Look for children at bus stops and those running to bus stops.
- By law, school buses are required to stop at railroad crossings.

## Article Submission

To submit an article, email articles to Sherry Huggins at [sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org](mailto:sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org)

Please email articles in Word format whenever possible. Do not capitalize all the words in the article. Do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article; if you do, please supply the picture separately. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.

Material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Tully Free Library

The winter months are always a good time to curl up with a good book! If you're a fan of Young Adult Fiction, we have good news for you - we've added over two dozen new books to our YA collection! Make sure to check them out! We also have new titles in our Junior and Picture Book areas as well.

We have our monthly grab and go activity kits for little kids available; you can pick one up in our foyer. They contain a selection of brain teasers and pencil puzzles to enjoy at home!

Please check our website and Facebook pages to stay up-to-date regarding upcoming children's and teen programming. Stay safe this winter and we look forward to seeing you at the library!

### Tully Parks and Recreation

Tully Parks and Recreation Summer Camps will be back this summer. Look for registrations later this spring ([www.active.com](http://www.active.com) - search Tully, NY).

Programs we are looking to offer: Soccer Camp, Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp, Boot Camp, XC/Track Camp, Art and Crafts, STEM, and Fly Fishing.

Baseball and Softball registrations will start on March 1st. Look for the registration link on [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

T-Ball - Pre-K and Kindergarten

Coach Pitch - 1st and 2nd grade (Co-ed)

Minors (Softball-Girls and Baseball-Boys) - 3rd and 4th grade

Majors (Softball-Girls and Baseball-Boys) - 5th and 6th grade

Email [tullyparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:tullyparksrec@gmail.com) to be added to Tully Parks and Recreation Informational email blasts regarding new programs, information, and details of upcoming events.



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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

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| 4     | Wellness Day           |
| 9     | PTO Meeting; 7:00 p.m. |
| 14    | BOE Meeting; 6:00 p.m. |
| 21-25 | Mid-Winter Recess      |

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

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