



SAVE THE DATE for the JSHS MUSICAL – MAMMA MIA • MARCH 3rd (7:00), MARCH 4th (7:00), and MARCH 5th (2:00)



Elf Jr. Creates Laughter among Audience Members Before Auditorium Renovations



Students and faculty that pulled together the TES musical this year did a fabulous job with the time constraints that they had. With the auditorium renovation on the calendar and holiday activities on the rise, there wasn't a lot of wiggle room for these eager actors. They, however, found 90 hours to practice before the first curtain call while Miss Hill, Mrs. Moss, and Mrs. Biggar worked effortlessly to direct, choreograph, design, and prepare costumes. Cast and crew first got to run through their production during the school day where the younger students enjoyed the holiday treat of watching their older peers spread holiday cheer. Then, over 300 tickets sold during the parent night and the community day show, making *Elf Jr.* a major success with lots of laughter at all productions.

The *Elf Jr.* cast and crew consisted of 36 students. The five crew members worked hard behind the scenes to move props, operate the curtain, and assist with lighting while the cast took on the task of giving the audience a show they would remember. Before, during intermission, and after, audience members could purchase cast pictures, elf hats, concessions, raffles, and send notes to their favorite actors. A special thanks goes to music teacher Mr. Votra, senior Keagan Usherwood, and sophomore Erik Finton for helping with sound and lighting, and to all the parents that volunteered their time.

After the last production, cast and crew enjoyed a party for all their time and effort. The students enjoyed treats to taste and pictures with a blow up Buddy the Elf. At the following BOE meeting, the Board recognized and got to interact and congratulate the cast and crew on a job well done.

Students Go Under the Sea at Syracuse Stage



Several of our students were fortunate enough to attend a field trip to Syracuse Stage to watch an amazing cast put on the production of *The Little Mermaid*. The 7th and 8th grade students attended a day play while the 5th and 6th grade chorus and band students attended a night play. Regardless of when the students went, they all seemed to enjoy the fun that came with the

iconic characters of Ariel, Ursula, Sebastian, Scuttle, Flounder, Prince Eric, and King Triton. While "under the sea," bubbles floated out into the audience and fog created atmosphere, making every age smile. Scuttle tapped his way into the audience's heart and interacted with the crowd using his quick wit while Sebastian was quirky and sarcastic. Some actors used aerial silks and ropes to dazzle the audience with their abilities. All of the actors were so talented in their dancing, singing, and acting that the performance was truly magical for all. A special thanks goes to the JH Student Council and TEMA for funding this opportunity!

Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

We are halfway through the year! Construction is complete on all classrooms and this month we start renovations of our music classrooms and relocation of our records room. First up are the band room and the auditorium. When the band room is finished, we will start on the chorus room and renovate the new PE office. The auditorium will not be complete until the summer. In P2 this month, students will learn about humility, love, and cheering other's successes.

The month of February flies by! Remember, there is no school Monday, February 20th - Friday, February 24th for Mid-Winter Break. Make the most of it!

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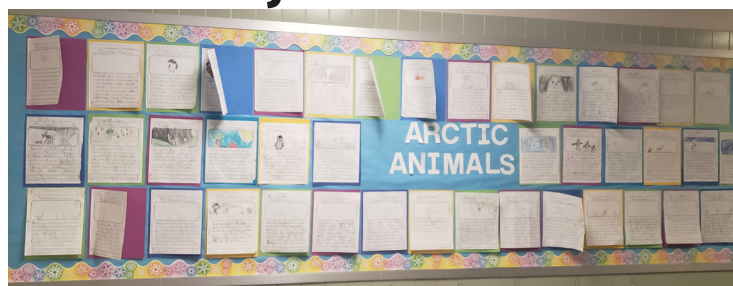
Holiday Concert Leads into Holiday Break



The 5th and 6th grade chorus and band members performed their concert in the TES auditorium the evening before the holiday break. With the weather being bad, it had been rescheduled from the week prior. They did a spectacular job creating holiday cheer for the audience. The band played "Jingle Bells," "Dance of the Jabberwocky," "Still, Still, Still," "Colors of Christmas," and "March of the Magical Toys" with student readers presenting information about the pieces beforehand. Then the chorus took the stage and sang "We're Goin' on a Sleigh Ride," "Snowflakes," "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree with Jingle Bell Rock," and "Cold Snap." Student readers also presented information on each selection and the chorus members got to add in a few fun special effects throughout each piece. You could hear their snaps and achoos throughout the auditorium. The last concert to be held in the TES auditorium before its renovation was a great sendoff to the holiday break and will surely be a wonderful memory for all.



Second Graders Present Animal Projects



The 2nd graders worked hard this winter with their research projects. Each student chose an arctic animal to research and then watched videos, read slides, and took notes in a graphic organizer. Once they learned lots of neat facts about their animal choice, they put all of their information into a report. They then had a chance to present their report to not only their teacher and classmates, but to Mr. Kupiec as well. All the students learned lots of fun animal facts not only by researching but by listening to their peers. What a wonderful unit to help our younger students be learners and leaders!

PTO News

We hope you are having a fantastic winter and are looking forward to the upcoming winter break from school. While we were unable to hold our holiday cookie decorating and movie night in December, we are hoping to plan something fun for the winter and/or spring. Our events are dependent upon weather so please be patient with us as we attempt to bring some fun back to the students. Feel free to visit and join our Facebook Group, "Tully Elementary PTO," or the PTO page on the Tully School website for more information about PTO happenings.

TES PTO meetings are still being held virtually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise indicated. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023. A link to the meeting will be sent out via email as well as posted on our Facebook page and via ParentSquare. 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.

Principal's Message



Michael O'Brien

The first semester is in the books and second semester courses have begun! The second semester is full of new electives and experiences for all of our students, as new half-year courses have begun. We encourage all of our seniors and senior families to focus on graduation, future plans, and finishing their last semester at Tully strong! Almost all seniors will need credits in Physical Education, English, and Participation in Government to meet graduation requirements. I encourage all seniors to be vigilant, and make sure that they are completing all necessary coursework for graduation. Spring can be a hectic time for our seniors as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives after high school. Hopefully, all seniors enjoy traditions as they stay focused on academics, extracurricular activities, and their future in the workforce, college, or military. We are so excited to celebrate the graduation of the class of 2023 on Friday, June 16th.

The remainder of the student body should focus their attention on their personal care, academics, and extracurricular activities. It is important for all students to continue to check SchoolTool and make sure that they are striving to reach their personal school goals. With the exception of Winter Break from February 20th until February 24th and the Superintendent's Conference Day on March 13th, we are in session every day until the beginning of Spring Break on April 3rd. Now is a wonderful time when every student has the opportunity to make great academic gains. If we can help any student or family with personal care, academic support, and/or extra-curricular opportunities, please call the office at 315-696-6235. We hope all of our families have a healthy, safe, and warm February!

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Mock Trial in the Classroom



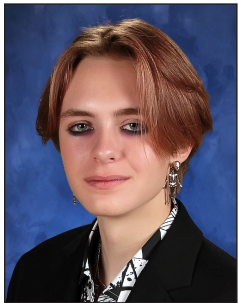
The Intro to Law class got their chance to experience what trial proceedings could be like when Mrs. Mulondo had her students prepare and execute a mock trial "People vs. Taylor". The prosecutors gathered their evidence and fought passionately for what they believed was justice and the defense team worked hard at tearing the evidence down. Both sides were thorough with their research and when presenting evidence. The jury, made up of teachers and staff, heard them battle it out with objections to their opposing counsel. Mrs. Mulondo kept the mock courtroom under control with her gavel and bailiff. In the end when both sides rested, the defense team came out on top. All students that participated got a small glimpse of how the justice system could work while some may just have found a new career interest.

Making a Break for It



The Senior High Student Council sponsored a new event this year - the Escape Room Adventure! Students in grades 9-12 could sign up with a team to challenge not only themselves to escape the room, but to challenge other teams on how fast they could escape. Students had to follow clues, answer riddles, and complete puzzles to unlock the door before their 15 minute time ran out. Three rooms with different themes were played: "Treasures from the Temple," "Escape from College," and "Survive the Zombie Attack." While teams waited for their turn at a chance to be the fastest "escapee," they enjoyed pizza, snacks, and gym time, playing cornhole, spike ball, basketball, and volleyball toss. In the end, the top three teams to escape the fastest were Team Dreidel, The 12 Bunnies, and Team Ella and the Stacys. For their efforts, each team won a basket of prizes. All the participants seemed to really enjoy "making a break for it," giving this activity the potential to become an annual occurrence.

Senior Spotlight - Flynn Bruhn



People/Pets in your family: My mother, my father, Taylor and Willow (sisters), Jackson (brother), Gidget (my dog), and Hunter and Sheriff (my cats).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career has honestly been making the good social bonds that I have today. Without good people to go through school with, high school gets exponentially

harder.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment so far has been helping others or being there for people in the same way that people have been there for me. I know it meant a lot to me when I needed it.

What are your plans after high school? I plan on going out of state to study mortuary science to hopefully become a mortician or something similar.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? I don't know. I don't like to plan that far ahead. If I set high expectations for myself and don't meet them, I won't be able to appreciate all the things I've accomplished. All I hope for myself in ten years is that I'm not alone and unhappy.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? There's been a lot of challenges such as the upkeep of my own mental health over the course of my school career, being around the struggles of those close to me, and needing a lot of perseverance as both the first person to go through the processes of transitioning in the school system and in being the first transgender person I knew in general. There are people in the school who I've never spoken to and who have never spoken to me who have at some point been told by someone that I was trans. For a while, that looming fear that people were saying something about me without me knowing really bugged me. I knew that if I ever wanted to address it, it wouldn't get any better. I'm more okay with being trans now than I was in the beginning. I've made my peace with it and with people knowing. People can say whatever they want and if they have a problem, that's for them to cope with.

Who's your hero and why? I don't really have a "hero" per say but there's been a lot of good inspirations in my life. In my real life, some of the good upperclassman friends I made before they graduated were kind to me when I felt otherwise alone. Outside of people I personally know, Caitlin Doughty who was one of my first introductions to death as something we shouldn't fear, also inspired me.

Senior Spotlight - Jake Morgan



People/Pets in your family: Michele (mother), Jody (father), Hannah and Katie (sisters) and Molly (my dog).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career was the cross country trip to New Jersey. I was able to be a part of an amazing team that got along really well. Living with my teammates for a couple days, running one of my best times for the season,

and riding roller coasters with my teammates are all things that made the trip the best part of my high school career.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in at school? Through activities like sports and drama I have learned patience, time management, work ethic, and many other important skills. All of these skills are things that will greatly benefit me later in life.

What are your plans after high school? After high school I plan to attend college where I will get a master's degree in teaching. After I complete my master's degree, I plan to move on and become a history teacher.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? In ten years I see myself teaching high school history classes and trying to find the right high school to teach in for the rest of my career. It's not going to be easy to become a teacher, but I am confident in my ability to get there.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? A personal challenge that I had to face in high school was being the odd man out or the last one picked. Growing up, I was heavier and struggled with sports. I overcame this through my dedication to track. I started as being a thrower in junior high track and turned into a track athlete who ran all distances and still threw. In 11th grade I committed to cross country even with the doubts in my ability to run a 5-kilometer race. I stayed with cross country no matter how hard it was, and I saw major improvements in my own ability. By committing to sports oriented around self-improvement, I overcame some of the challenges I faced throughout high school.

Who's your hero and why? My hero is my grandfather, William Young. My grandfather was a hard-working farmer who barely knew the meaning of quitting. When I was younger, my grandfather was diagnosed with cancer and was told he had about three years left. Despite this short timeframe, my grandfather pushed to stay alive and ended up living a lot longer. My grandfather's dedication and hard work is something I look up to, and that's why my grandfather is my hero.

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APPRECIATION



Thank you to our counselors who work tirelessly with our students in so many aspects and to our SROs who help keep our campus safe!
Please join us in celebrating these selfless individuals beginning Feb. 6 for National Counseling Week and on Feb. 15 for National SRO Day.
If you see your counselor or SRO, offer up a "thank you" or high five!

Film Students View *Avatar*

Students in Ms. Oliver's Film class were treated to an excursion to the Movie Tavern to watch the new *Avatar* movie. Where this was a fun excuse to leave the school grounds, lots of learning was taking place. The Film class is an overview of American film that delves into different aspects of film techniques, directors, and what goes into movie production.

Students first watched the original *Avatar* in class and discussed the cinematography and theme of the movie. Their task was then to look for how those things carried on in the new movie and then write a comprehensive film review. Ms. Oliver was pleasantly surprised when the students chatted about the characters and *Avatar* franchise as a whole during the ride back to the school.

While this class is different from traditional classes, it provides opportunities for students to explore new ideas and ways of collaborating with one another.



ATHLETIC NEWS

Congratulations Athletes



Congratulations to senior Katie Edinger for making the All-CNY XC Team for the second year in a row, senior Alexa Shay for making the All-CNY Girls Soccer Team, and to sophomore Ryan Rauber for making the All-CNY Boys Soccer Team as well as the All-State Team!

Spring Sport Dates

JV/Varsity Spring Sports

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Family ID Registration will open on February 16, 2023

JH/Modified Spring Sports

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Family ID Registration will open on March 12, 2023

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, 2023.

Health and Safety Reminders

Due to the time of year, please be aware of the daily temperature and dress accordingly. Even if snow is not present, be aware that sidewalks may still be icy. Drivers on campus need to make sure that ALL windows are clear of snow and ice to see clearly. This is not only good practice, but also the law. The speed limit on campus is 15 mph at all times. Elementary parents should make every effort to un/load children from the passenger side of the vehicle when dropping/picking up. This may require you to adjust seating with boosters/car seats/etc. Also, please say your good-byes at the vehicle – do not leave your vehicle unattended to walk children to the door when on the circle.

DISTRICT NEWS

From the Superintendent



Now that we are in the swing of 2023, I'd like to share a few upcoming initiatives and opportunities for our students and staff members.

The Seal of Civic Readiness will be a new opportunity for our students. The New York State Education Department defines civic readiness as, "...the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and action, mindsets, and experiences." The Seal of Civic Readiness will build upon the foundation of civic education already found in public high schools. Earning the Seal would be a distinction on both the high school transcript and diploma. This opportunity will also bring a new +1 pathway for graduation, meaning students would take and pass the four required Regents exams and complete the Civics pathway. In order to offer this opportunity to students, the District will form a team to complete the application process with an implementation plan to become an approved high school.

Last month, our Academic Advisement Committee reviewed the Computer Science and Digital Fluency Learning Standards. The New York State Education Department's vision for these Standards is, "Every student will know how to live productively and safely in a technology-dominated world. This includes understanding the essential features of digital technologies, why and how they work, and how to communicate and create using those technologies." Though the Standards were adopted by the Board of Regents in 2020, they are not required to be fully implemented until September 2024. The five key areas of the Standards are impacts of computing, computational thinking, networks and system design, cybersecurity, and digital literacy. The remainder of this school year and all of next year will be focused on capacity building through curriculum development and professional learning.

Finally, each year the District schedules Superintendent's Conference Days to offer all staff members opportunities for professional learning and growth. On March 13, 2023, there will be no school for students for this very reason. In the morning, all staff members will engage in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training with OCM BOCES trainers. The two trainers are Kathryn Daughton, Director of Educational Programs, and Alyssa Haymore, Coordinator of DEI. In the afternoon, professional learning will be role-dependent with many continuing to work toward a more aligned, guaranteed, and viable curriculum.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

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Board of Education Meetings 22/23

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

February 13, 2023

March 6, 2023

March 27, 2023

April 17, 2023

May 8, 2023

May 16, 2023

June 12, 2023

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.

Board Members

2023	Mrs. E. Fay Burt boe.efayburt@tullyschools.org
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2024	Mr. Edward Wortley, II boe.ewortley@tullyschools.org

Nominating Petitions Available for Board of Education Positions

Two terms of office on the Tully Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2023. Each winner will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 at the annual school district election to be held on May 16, 2023.

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 21, 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.

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: 1.) A citizen of the United States. 2.) At least 18 years of age. 3.) A resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the election.

Nominating petitions will be available February 27, 2023. If you would like a nominating petition, please contact the district office at (315) 696-6204 or email jeanette.neadom@tullyschools.org.

Culture Corner



Did you know that games such as chess, archery, and wrestling are thought to have originated from India? These are all quite popular games in the US. Similarly, school-aged children play versions of tag everyday on the playground. India's form of tag is called *Kho-kho*, which is one of the most traditional games enjoyed by all. India is located in South Asia, being the second most-populated country in the world with over 1.3 billion people. It is home to the Himalayas, the Taj Mahal, and cosmopolitan cities such as Mumbai, Kolkata, and Delhi. The Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea, and Bay of Bengal all border India along with China, Nepal, and Pakistan. It is one of the oldest civilizations in the world and is extremely diverse with thousands of ethnic groups and hundreds of languages. Saris and turbans are typical garb for natives, which are seen worldwide. With Tully students and families that have ties to India, there is an interest in learning more about this diverse country.

CHARACTER CALL OUT

Here at Tully, we are proud of all our students. They make strides every day to learn and grow. We spotlight them for making the honor roll, earning Student of the Month awards, winning various academic awards, making the teams in athletics, participating in extracurricular activities, and joining clubs. Some students, however, are quieter in their day-to-day activities. They go about their day, completing their tasks with what seems to be little acknowledgment. We want students to know this is not the case. *We see you.* We see the hard work and effort all students put into their everyday educational and social growth. We see the small things that students do when they think no one is looking. Because of this, we want to acknowledge some of these students that have been seen doing something extraordinary for themselves, their classmates, or another person while on campus whether it was stepping out of their comfort zone or going out of their way to help one another. We are proud of you!

TES

June Adams
Marine Caracci
Cassidy Charette
Amelia Davidson
Xavier Davidson
Rosealia Dickson
Damon Diliello
Eli DuRocher
Lila Keller
Elaine Kite
Rylan Kolodzie
Declan McCabe
Caden Proulx
Eve Smith
Bennett White
Natalie White

JSHS

Addison Brown
Catherine DeJosia
Doug Earley
Gabrielle Flatt
Caden Graves
Jason Hodge
Noah Houghton
Eleanor Kelly
Brennan Leahey
Carmen Mannino
Antonio Morquecho
Adeline Nash
Dominic Schaal
Alexa Shay
Logan Sheriff
Max Willms

COMMUNITY NEWS

News from Tully Free Library

We are excited to announce that we have free tutoring help for 9th - 12th graders in math and science here at the library! Representatives from CNY Tutoring, LLC will be available here on Sunday mornings at 11 AM and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM to help students with those subjects.

Full Steam Ahead registration opened on February 1st for K-1st and 2-4th grades. "Our Local Environment" is the theme for this semester's program. Please check our website to see if spots are still available if you'd like to register.

Younger kids that aren't in school yet are welcome to join us for Tykes Time Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM. Have fun with a story, sing songs, and play games!

Teen programming takes place on Thursdays; check our website to see what's going on! Chess, coloring pages, Scrabble, and other games are always available for use if you're hanging out at the library.

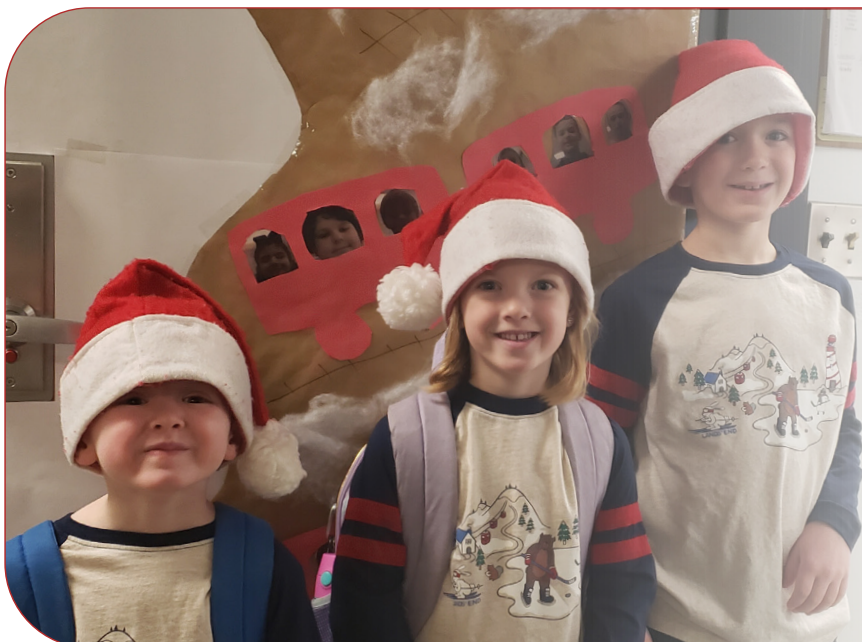
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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



FEBRUARY

- 4 JSHS Saturday Detention, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- 8 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 ACT (off-site)
- 13 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 TES MP2 Ends
- 20-24 Mid-Winter Recess

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



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