

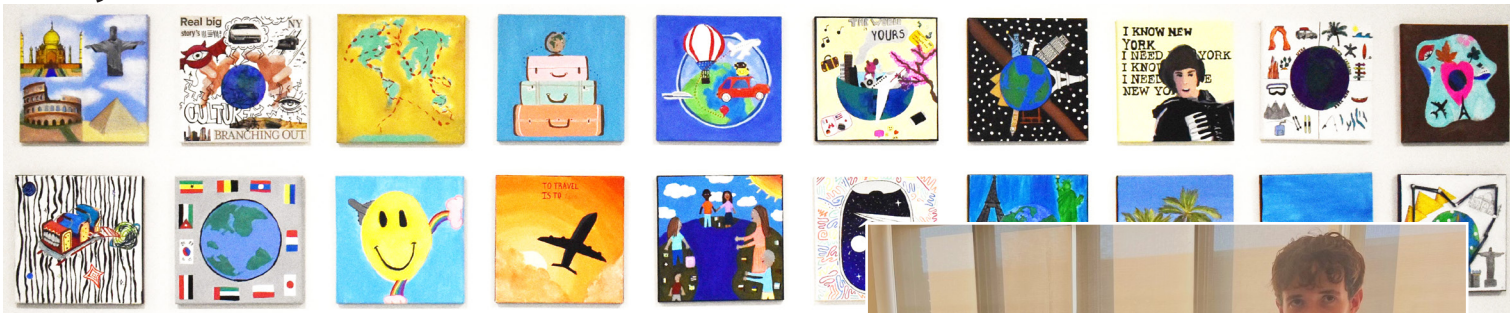
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KNIGHT INSIGHT



Tully Students' Art Travels



Tully students have once again made their art travel. The senior high Art Club was asked to participate in the Community Art Program back in 2020 when it first began, and once again this year, when their canvas creations were put on display in the Syracuse Hancock Airport before holiday travel.

This year's theme was "What does Travel Mean to You?" and our students did not disappoint. Twenty finished canvases were turned in for travelers to admire while on their way to and from their destinations. The canvases were installed to the left of the TSA lines and do a wonderful job of helping to brighten up the airport walls. Congratulations to these art students that have made their art travel!



Some Ag-citing News!



Sixth grade students had a new class added to their day this year when the district offered the Ag program at the elementary level, which is not surprising with how our Ag program has taken off in the last few years. Between volunteering in the community and competing at the national level, it's no wonder that the interest in Ag has trickled down to our younger students. In fact, exposure to agriculture starts at a young age when pre-K and Kindergarten students welcome visits from the local Dairy Princesses. In fourth grade, students take part in a farm day where they learn about farm animals, plants, and making homemade ice cream. Fifth graders can join Ag Buddies where

they are introduced to FFA and learn about future agriculture courses. For the sixth graders, they began their course with learning the agriculture alphabet! What ag-citing news for our younger students!

Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

Welcome 2023! We will be halfway through the school year at the end of the month. Congratulations to our 5th/6th grade performance groups (Band and Chorus) for a spectacular December concert! We were also fortunate to be able to get our annual school musical in before the auditorium closed for a long anticipated renovation. The selection of *Elf, Jr.* was timely for December and the performances on a compressed rehearsal timeline were tremendous! Great job everyone, with special thanks to Ms. Damon, Ms. Hill, Mrs. Biggar, and Mrs. Moss! Tully Rotary visited our 3rd graders to share about their mission and provide each student with an atlas.

In P2, students will learn about Optimism, Prudence, Perseverance, and Social Intelligence. As a reminder, if you are interested in sending your child to pre-K or Kindergarten next fall, please be sure to register your son/daughter in SchoolTool by January 31st. This will allow us to determine whether a lottery is needed for pre-K and how many sections of Kindergarten we will need next year.

Please call the school office at 696-6212 if you have any questions about pre-K or Kindergarten.

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Welcome Officer Wintermute!



TES welcomed Officer Glen Wintermute onto their campus last month, giving Tully CSD an SRO at each building. Officer Wintermute is a retired police officer from Dewitt. He worked patrol for twenty-two years, serving his community and creating strong bonds with the kids in his area. Even after his four children grew up and moved out, he continued to create those relationships with young people outside of his work by coaching Pop Warner football, Little League baseball, and a few varsity-level sports here at Tully. Officer Wintermute has always believed, "that by creating a strong, positive bond between police and kids ensures a strong and bright future for both." In 2020, he began working in and around Tully CSD by delivering lunches to students' homes during Covid, assisting with the traffic on our school grounds, and then driving a bus. His work here at Tully eventually came back to Officer Wintermute jumping back into the police officer role, becoming TES's SRO through Marcellus Police Department. Tully CSD is very glad to welcome Officer Wintermute on campus and he is "very excited and I look forward to the future here at Tully Elementary and the entire district. I take the safety and security of our children (our future) very seriously."

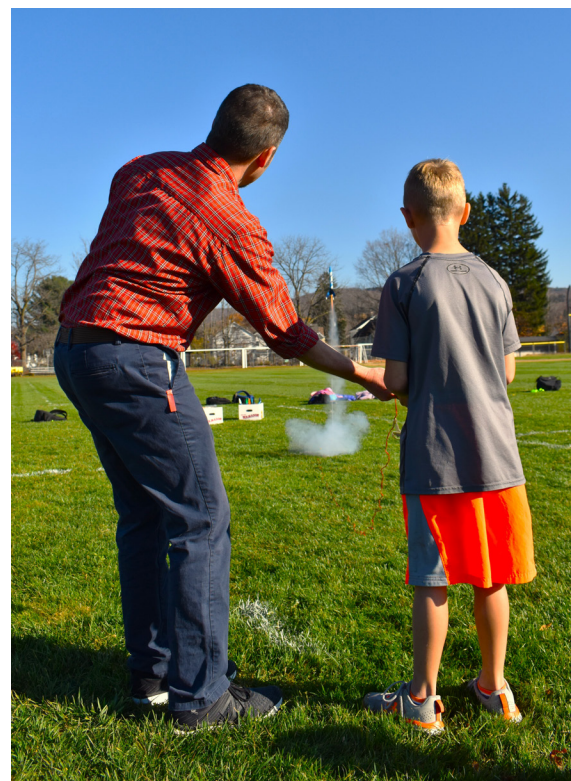
Rocket Launch Success

This year's Maker Space started off with successful rocket launches by the 5th and 6th graders. Fifteen students participated in the four-week course, planning and building their rockets to unique specifications. Students measured frames, mounted rockets, and glued launch lugs, among other necessary tasks. They then were able to paint their rocket in whatever design they chose.

On two different days, parents were able to come and watch as the students fired their rockets off behind the school. It was exciting for the students to watch their creations go from a bunch of parts to a real rocket flying upwards of 150 feet in the air.

The students cheered each other on as they ran to catch the parachute that came out of their rocket midair. For some, this Maker Space kindles a rocketry hobby as their rockets are reusable. December's Maker Lab was for kindergarten through third grade and focused on holiday crafting. More Maker Spaces will be offered throughout the winter and spring.

Watch for the sign ups if your student is interested in joining these fun and interesting sessions!



Principal's Message



Michael O'Brien

Happy New Year's and welcome to 2023! We wish all our families a happy and healthy New Year! We are now in the home stretch of the first semester with the second marking period ending on Friday, January 27th. As always, we encourage all of our students to finish their semester-long courses strong and begin preparing for midterms and finals. Hopefully, students continue to take advantage of direct academic support offered by all our teachers during Activity Period each day after school, except Tuesdays.

In the coming weeks, students in the Junior-Senior High School will begin working on their schedules for next year with their counselors. Decisions on courses for the next year need to be made for each student based on their current interests, future goals, and their aspirations following high school. Based on those goals, it is important that every student selects the courses that fit their individual academic journey. While all students take courses and electives that will allow them to meet graduation requirements, students will also have the opportunity to take coursework at an increased level of rigor throughout their high school career. We encourage families to have extended conversations regarding what courses are most beneficial for their student(s). Colleges will look at the level of course rigor on a transcript and how a student performs throughout that course.

When students meet with their counselors, teacher recommendations are reviewed to facilitate conversations as we build next year's schedule for each student. Students who participate in honors, accelerated, Advanced Placement (AP), and college courses will be required to complete more work independently; engage in a higher level of critical thinking and problem solving; and be willing to write not only more frequently, but also longer pieces in styles that are new and/or unfamiliar. Depending on the course, there may be additional requirements such as labs, research projects, standardized tests, and lengthy writing assignments. Colleges offering courses at our school may require their own prerequisites and/or testing requirements that are beyond our control.

School counselors work hard to communicate course selections with students and their parents through meetings, classroom presentation, or having parents sign-off on course selections. Counselors are always happy to meet with parents at any time. Those appointments can be arranged by contacting the Counseling and Career Center at 315-696-6240.

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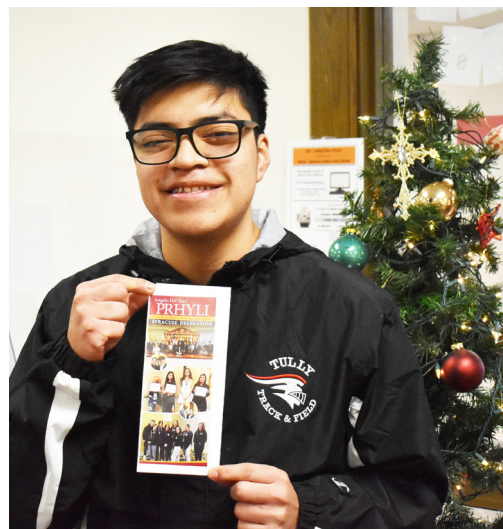
Seal of Biliteracy

For the past four years, Tully JSHS has participated in the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. This is a program that recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in all areas of a world language in addition to English. Not only does this program help encourage students to study a language other than their native language, but it affirms the value of societal diversity. There are many positive outcomes of this program which include the recognition of the student being multi-lingual for further educational endeavors or career prospects. Students that want to obtain the Seal of Biliteracy are required to present a rigorous culminating project to a panel in April. In the past, Tully has had twelve students attain this honor. This year, six more students will present their projects with the hopes of their diploma being designated with the Seal of Biliteracy.



Senior to Represent Tully at Syracuse Delegation

Senior Emerson Santos has been a star student and athlete here at Tully since emigrating here from Guatemala. He was recently accepted to participate in the Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute representing Tully under the Syracuse Delegation. This is an incredible opportunity for Emerson to learn and strengthen Hispanic and Latino influence in public policy. He will participate in multiple trainings on topics like the legislative process, creating and presenting persuasive arguments, and understanding parliamentary procedures. He will then travel to Albany and participate in a MOCK Assembly, where students will debate legislative bills in the NYS Assembly Chambers. Not only is Emerson participating in PRHYLI, he is also a Seal of Biliteracy candidate this year and will be proving his literacy skills in both English and Spanish. Way to go, Emerson!



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Senior Spotlight - Adrienne C. Edinger



People/Pets in your family: Carrie Edinger (mom), Dennis Edinger (dad), Ty Edinger (brother), and Merle (dog).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? I would say the best part of my high school career has been being able to be a part of Tully's clubs and sports teams. I am secretary of the Class of 2023 Student Council, vice president of the Tully FFA Chapter, and District 7's president of

the NYS FFA. I also play Varsity softball.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment in high school was when I was chosen to be the flag bearer for New York during the 95th National FFA Convention and Expo. I was one of 54 kids throughout the nation to be selected to carry our state's flag across the national stage in front of thousands of people and streamed on live television.

What are your plans after high school? At the university/college of my choice, I plan to major in Dairy Science or Dairy Production and Management with a potential minor in Ag Business. I hope to graduate from college with a bachelor's degree and work at a dairy as an artificial insemination technician or working for some form of genetics/breeding corporation.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? There have been many challenges that I have faced, but my biggest challenge was math and science classes. I have always struggled with math and science - they never came naturally to me, but I sought out extra help in those areas and came up with ways to comprehend and study the materials, which has led me to become a successful student in those subjects.

Who's your hero and why? I would have to say that my hero is my mom. She has taught me that everyone in the world has a little bit of weirdness within them and when you embrace it you will become more happy, beautiful, cool, and confident with yourself because you are connecting with yourself versus conforming to what society wants you to be. She has also taught me great life skills and healthy habits so that I will be prepared for the future adventures that I may one day take.

Senior Spotlight - Matthew Haier



People/Pets in your family: Albert (dad), Karen (mom), Katie (sister), and Asti (dog).

What has been the best part of your high school career and why? The best part of my high school career is FFA. FFA has provided me with many different leadership skills that will be important in my future, and I have made friendships from FFA that will last a lifetime.

What have you learned from the activities you have participated in at school? I have learned many things from FFA, one of them being the diversity in agriculture. Through FFA, I have traveled across the state and seen how different areas of agriculture are more prevalent in certain parts of the state.

What is your proudest moment in high school so far? My proudest moment of high school so far would have to be when I was named the chapter FFA president. It was a big accomplishment and I enjoy being a role model to younger FFA members.

What are your plans after high school? My plans after high school are to attend a college for a 4-year degree in agriculture.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? In ten years I would see myself working in a career in agriculture. I am not sure if I want to work on a farm, but it is a possibility. If I don't work on a farm, I will probably be working in some sort of support role to a farm.

What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them? Some of the challenges I have faced are being nervous when speaking in front of people. I have overcome this by stepping outside of my comfort zone and speaking in front of people. I eventually began to feel more comfortable doing it.

News for P2 Reboot

Continuing on with the JSBS reboot of P2, Self-Control was the second characteristic focused on. Homeroom teachers presented the idea of self-discipline and a video made by the Class of 2024 officers and the Digital Media Club which then facilitated discussion among peers. Tips for self-control were displayed on the monitors for light hallway reading. In addition, challenges like meditation and balancing helped highlight what self-control is really all about. Junior high students participated in a card tower challenge during Flex classes, and at the end of the week, the senior high students participated in a Jenga challenge using Giant Jenga blocks during lunches. Only those who had self-control, persevered, and kept their towers tall.



From the Superintendent



It is crazy to think we are already in January. Happy New Year! I hope you found time over the holiday recess to rest, relax, and make memories with friends and family. As I begin my second month in Tully, I want to thank the entire community for the warm welcome. It has been an honor to begin building relationships with our students, staff members, families, and community members. I look forward to continuing our work together.

The new year is a good time to remind the community of the procedures we follow to keep our school community safe and secure. The well-being of our students is the top priority of all who serve and support in Tully. As in previous years, students and staff members will practice five safety drills. They are bus safety drills, fire drills, emergency evacuation drills, lockdown drills, and lockout drills.

Students and staff members will participate in a minimum of twelve drills each year with eight required prior to December 31, 2022. Of the twelve required drills, eight must be evacuation drills and four must be lockdown drills. In addition to the drills, all staff members receive annual training on emergency response plans, including training on violence prevention and mental health.

Mr. Ray Herrick serves the Tully Central School District as our School Resource Officer (SRO). In addition to Mr. Herrick, the district has welcomed a second SRO for the 2022-2023 school year, Mr. Glen Wintermute. Our School Resource Officers are responsible for assessing the effectiveness of our safety drills and for coordinating required annual training. They work closely with staff members to provide support for our students and their families. They act as first responders, should there be a critical incident, and coordinate with other first responders (police, fire, paramedics) as needed.

Similar to last year, the District Health and Safety Committee will meet regularly. The purpose and role of this committee is to perform the duties and guidelines prescribed in NYSED law, review recommendations from the building-based and district teams, assist in the investigation and management of health and safety related concerns, and make recommendations to the Principals, Superintendent of Schools, and/or Board of Education to implement recommendations, as appropriate.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

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Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise emergency situations when school may close, be delayed, or dismiss early. Local radio stations and local news channels provide school-related closing information.

This information is also posted on our website (www.tullyschools.org). Additionally, Tully Schools uses ParentSquare to send out emergency notifications. This notification system allows school administrators to contact all parents/guardians and staff by phone, email, and text, in order to communicate information about emergencies, school closings, delays, early dismissals, important school events, and reminders. This notification system uses the parent and staff contact information that we have on file in SchoolTool, so please make sure the information we have on file in SchoolTool is up-to-date.

Parents or guardians with questions regarding ParentSquare should contact Sherry Huggins at sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org or 315-696-6236.

Board of Education Meetings 22/23

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

January 23, 2023
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.



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Board Members

2023	Mrs. E. Fay Burt boe.efayburt@tullyschools.org
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Culture Corner



Did you know that Guatemala is home to over 30 volcanoes and is part of the Ring of Fire? People from all over the world visit this beautiful country to see not only the volcanoes but the Mayan ruins located in the jungle. Guatemala's neighbors include Mexico, Belize, El Salvador, and Honduras, and is the largest country in Central America with a population around seventeen million people. The US is Guatemala's primary source for trade with coffee and cardamom being two of the top exports. Colorful birds populate this country and reptiles are numerous. While NY may not have much in common with this country, we have some students/families from Guatemala. You can read about one student, Emerson, and one of his achievements in "Senior to Represent Tully at Syracuse Delegation."

Club Treasurers Learn About Finances



Mr. Sommer, Tully's School Business Administrator, conducted a few informal meetings with club treasurers and advisors at both the JSHS and the elementary. These meetings were to help clubs understand how to be financially responsible with their club's finances. Students and advisors learned what to do with money accounted for after a fundraiser, the process of turning money in, payouts, and what information should be in their ledgers. This was a good lesson not only for those who account for their club's finances but for students who are thinking about a career in finance. What a great first look into the world of finance!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tully Parks and Recreation

Parks and Rec basketball is in full swing. We have six teams playing the John Tobin league in Cortland, and our youngest basketball players (grades 1 and 2) are hitting the court Saturday mornings at the elementary school this month. We will be having two Parks and Rec family nights to cheer on our Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams.

On January 17th, our girls' JV and Varsity teams play at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively. An added bonus on the 17th is that the JV and Varsity volleyball teams will also be playing in Gym 2. On January 20th, the boys' JV and Varsity teams are on the court starting at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

We encourage all our community fans to come out one night or both to cheer on the teams!

If you have any questions about our community parks and recreation programs, please email tullyparksrec@gmail.com.

Tully Free Library

12 State Street
tullyfreelibrary.org
 315-696-8606



Happy New Year! We wish all students continued success in the second half of the school year! Make sure to make the library part of your plans; we have many resources to help with homework and research, as well as offering access to books, movies, games, and more if you want to chill out with some entertainment!

The library was recently awarded money as part of a technology grant and we were able to upgrade our public desktop computers! The PCs are now all running Windows 11 and are available to the public for internet searches and printing.

Please check our website for current information regarding library events and programming. We hope to see you at the library soon!

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



JANUARY

- 2 Holiday Recess
- 6 HS Escape Room Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 JSHS Sat. Detention
- 16 Martin Luther King Day Holiday
- 21 JSHS Sat. Detention
- 23 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 JSHS MP2 Ends

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



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