



#### **Flowers for Uvalde**



It can be hard for students to cope with tragedy, even far away. Flex students at the junior high were given a way in class to help them not only understand their feelings but to give them a way to help those directly affected by the tragedy in Uvalde. Students in Uvalde will return to school next year in an unfamiliar building, but one filled with love from all over the country.

Students from all walks of life, including some of our own, are participating in Flowers for Uvalde, a service project to help brighten the unfamiliar halls of Robb Elementary to show Uvalde students that they are not alone. Handcrafted bouquets of bright flowers will fill the walls, some with positive messages, some just offering a smile, but all will help those walking through the halls know that other students near and far are united in the well-being of Uvalde's youth.

#### **Dando Named New AD**



With Mr. McClure retiring after his thirty-year career at Tully CSD, a new AD had to be appointed for the upcoming year. The Board of Education recently approved Ryan Dando to fill that position. Dando began his career at Tully CSD in 2003 as a Physical Education teacher. Since then, he has taught, mentored, and coached a variety of sports including golf,

baseball, soccer, and basketball. In fact, this year his varsity basketball team helped him reach his 300th win. In addition, he has coached outside of the district for OCC and until recently, was the Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Tully. Tully CSD is excited at the prospect of Dando carrying on his career here in the capacity of AD, and wish him much continued success in the athletic department!



#### **Principal's Message**



What an end to the school year! We crammed a lot into the month of June, more so than even pre-COVID, but it was so worth it! Between the school musical, a book fair, a school-wide Wellness Day, Flag Day/Field Day, field trips, concerts, moving-up ceremonies, and the traditional 6th grade end-of-year events, there was an energy in the school that has been missed for the last 27 months. I'm sure I missed a few things, too! Thank you to the staff, students, and parent volunteers who made all of this possible.

It's hard to believe I'm beginning year 7 here at TES. The campus and school building will be very busy for the next 12+ months with construction and updates connected to our capital project. I will keep you up to date on our progress using our new messaging platform, Parent Square. Enjoy your summer!

**Edward Kupiec** 

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#### Human Robots in Maker Lab



Students at TES continue to enjoy their time in the Maker Lab, our space dedicated to creativity, innovation, and technology exploration. In May, first and second graders experimented with Cubetto robots, and

practiced being "Human Cubettos" themselves!

Cubetto robots teach students the basic elements of computational thinking. Using a special controller and mat, students direct Cubetto's progress through a grid with sequences of moves forward, left, and right. The combination of single steps into a sequence of events that build upon each other is an early step towards understanding computer coding and programming.

Additionally, students gained a low-tech, deeper knowledge of the programming process by teaming up to practice "Human Cubetto"! Small groups worked collaboratively to practice these moves on a life-sized grid on the floor, with one student serving as the programmer while another played the role of a kid-sized Cubetto following the sequence of steps. Combined with the experience of programming the robotic Cubetto, students developed a deeper understanding of the computational thinking process.

All students at TES visit the Maker Lab regularly throughout the school year as part of the library program. \**Article courtesy of Nathan Keefe* 

# **Roller Coasters and Climate Change**

Students in sixth grade science have been coasting along learning a variety of things this year and are in no short supply of interesting topics. Most recently, they completed a Roller Coaster Challenge using Newton's three laws of motion, force, and velocity. With a certain list of materials, students had to design and build a roller coaster that was successful with their marble "car" stopping within the last 60cm of their track. In addition, they welcomed a guest from SUNY Cortland who recently returned from Antarctica. Dr. White spoke on the topic of climate change and the effects it has on wildlife. At the top of Dr. White's animal list, penguins, seals, dolphins, and birds were discussed, as well as the ice caps melting and glaciers creating an overflow of water in our oceans and seas. Students discussed ways that society could help prevent climate change so the effects of it could be lessened. What interesting lessons the sixth graders are participating in!

### Art Clubs Join Forces

The senior high and 5th & 6th grade elementary art clubs worked together to create an installation



mural for the Rescue Mission's new Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter in Syracuse. This shelter

will serve any youth 12-17 years of age with a focus on meeting the specific needs of LGBTQ+ youth. When completed in late spring, the shelter was able to house up to ten youth at a time.

The goal of the Tully Art clubs was to have each 10x10 canvas depict a student's visual interpretation of inclusion, diversity, and acceptance, and to brighten up some of the rooms at the shelter in hopes of making those there have a sense that Tully cares!

Students had the opportunity to work together at the high school in May when Mrs. Martin brought the TES Art Club up to meet the Senior High Art Club & Ms. Gazdik during Activity Period. Elementary students sketched out a plan in pencil on the canvas and the High School Art Club started "bringing them to life" with paint. \*Article courtesy of Michelle Gazdik



# **TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

# **PTO News**

We made it! TES PTO would like to congratulate all 6th graders on their graduation! We wish you luck and will miss you at Tully Elementary School. We hope you all have an amazing summer and look forward to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope to bring back many of the activities we once held.

TES PTO has been a bit busy over the past month with the BOGO Book Fair, Wellness Day, Flag Day, and now the Summer Reading Program. By now, parents should have received information regarding the TES Summer Reading Program. If there are any questions, please visit the Tully Elementary School website.

Pictured is a photo collage of the students who participated and achieved the highest goal of reading for the Read-A-Thon. In all, TES students read over 115,000 minutes! Way to go!

PTO meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month during the school year. 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 donate. Thank you for supporting the TES PTO!

# **NYSSMA Results**

Band and chorus students at the elementary experienced a true NYSSMA experience for the first time. Whereas last year's students submitted a video of themselves, this year they performed in person. All students showed courage in front of the judges and were rated on a numbered rubric with 28 being a perfect score. Out of 21 band students, two made a perfect score, and out of ten chorus students, one made a perfect score.

In addition, seven band students and five chorus students earned an outstanding, and nine band students and four chorus students earned an excellent. All students earned an A+ in our book for taking their skills to a competitive level, and representing Tully well. Congratulations, musical students!



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#### **Principal's Message**



As we turn our sights to 2022-2023, the maintenance staff is working diligently to prepare the building and grounds for the start of interscholastic athletics and a brand new school year. Also, the construction team has been busy at work as they continue with our capital project. By September, the upstairs restrooms and the Agriculture and Art classrooms by Gym 1 will be totally renovated and ready for students. We anticipate that the downstairs bathrooms will also be completed and ready for students when they arrive back on campus. As we start the new school year, the upstairs computer labs and the 7th grade ELA classrooms across the hall will be closed for renovations. The computer labs will become a large-group instruction area and the classrooms will become a new junior high office suite. The auditorium and Gym 1 locker rooms will be off limits as they are slated for renovations. We are very excited for our students to utilize these new facilities and instructional areas! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the rest of *Michael O'Brien, JSHS Principal • Phone: 315.696.6235 • Email: mike.obrien@tullyschools.org* 

Michael O'Brien

#### SNHS Welcomes Guatemalan Native, Tully Student



The Spanish National Honor Society enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Emerson Santos Vicente, junior, on his home country, Guatemala. Emerson has been a Tully CSD student since the beginning of the school year. He presented entirely in Spanish but had slides in English to facilitate his listeners. The presentation was about some of the differences of his life in Guatemala compared to living here in the United States, such as the homes, geography, and life in general. He brought authentic snacks for everyone to enjoy and answered questions that were asked.

Thanks to Emerson for sharing a little piece of his world. What a great first-hand source for our students!

# JH Gets Their Glow On



The JH students pulled out their neon clothing and accessories for a fun evening at the first JH dance in three years. The Junior High Student Council sponsored the dance with a DJ, glow sticks, and snack items. Black lights were set up so students glowed while they danced. Students also posed for lots of pictures in between the "Cupid Shuffle" and the "Macarena." Not only did students dance to all genres of music, the gym was open for those wanting to play basketball. All students seemed to enjoy the evening at school, getting their glow on!



### **Braving the Shave**

Not only do our students do wonderful community outreach, but so do our staff! Jim Heffron, long-term substitute at the JSHS campus, "braved the shave" in his endeavors to raise awareness for childhood cancer. For the past fifteen years, Heffron has shaved his head while raising money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a non-profit charity that raises funds for childhood cancer research. He started this yearly tradition, along with a team of others, to support a colleague whose daughter was battling cancer. This year, thanks to generous donors, he was able to raise at least double the amount he has in the past. Heffron says, "Being part of St. Baldrick's has been an important commitment for me. I've started teams and spread the word in each new district I've worked in. I think as educators, we are a very caring, supportive group to begin with, and the St. Baldrick's Foundation really emphasizes both. You become a visible representation of ongoing support and you take away a little bit of the stigma of losing your hair due to cancer treatments." To learn more about the St. Baldrick's Foundation, please got to www.stbaldricks.org.

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### **On the Campaign Trail**

During the month of May, students from the Classes of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 participated in Senior High Student Council elections. Students were responsible for writing and recording a campaign speech that was presented in their social studies classes, as well as creating campaign posters that were displayed throughout the school. While the student body voted on the candidates, faculty and staff voted for their favorite poster. Poster winners received a Dunkin' Donuts gift card. Congratulations to all the candidates on a great campaign season!



3rd place: "Koalafications" by Leah Moss; 2nd place: "Moss is Boss" by Lily Moss; 1st place: "The Shining" by Jack VanBeveren

# Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Student Council Officers

School-Wide President: Everett Chambala.

**Senior Officers**: President: Finn Foody, Vice-President: Liam Tobin, Secretary: Adrienne Edinger.

**Junior Officers**: President: Rachel Daddona, Vice-President: Samantha Garback, Secretary: Jacob Verbanic, Treasurer: Jack VanBeveren, Volunteer: Grace McKenna.

**Sophomore Officers**: President: Daniel Byrne, Vice-President: Nathan Reid, Secretary: Lucy Wright, Treasurer: Isaac Stoogenke, Volunteer: Leah Moss.

**Freshmen Officers**: President: Molly Verbanic, Vice-President: Julia Wortley, Secretary: Hannah Hazen, Treasurer: Lily Moss.

#### Congratulations to FFA Officers Named for 2022-2023 School Year

The FFA Officers for the 2022-2023 school year were announced at the FFA Banquet on June 1st. Please help us congratulate the following students on their dedication and success within our FFA chapter:

President - Matthew Haier Vice President - Adrienne Edinger Secretary - Claire Robertson Treasurer - Lily Darling

**Reporter** - Megan Weisbrodt

Sentinel - Jacob Verbanic

Historian - Brianna "Lulu" Brame

### 2022 National Technical Honor Society

Proudly, Tully would like to congratulate the following students for being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for the 2022-2021 school year. These students have gotten a jumpstart on their careers while still taking the needed courses for graduation. We applaud them for their dedication, perseverance, and success in their fields of study.

Tyler Johnson: Media Communications

Jack Mohat: Engineering

Jessica Smith: Graphic Communications

Malakai Valdez: Computer Technology

# **Athletic News**

**Fall JV/V** Start Date: Monday, August 22, 2022.

Fall JH/Mod Start Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Family ID will open for **JV/V Fall Sport** registration on Friday, July 22, 2022. Family ID will open for **JH/Mod Sport** registration on Monday, August 8, 2022.

# **DISTRICT NEWS**





















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### 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

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 Moure (315) 427-7444
2025	Mrs. Bettemae Russell (315) 696-6843
2024	Mr. Edward Wortley II (315) 696-8609
2024	Vacancy

#### **Alumni News**

Kaylee White, Tully graduate from the Class of 2019,



is now a senior at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She is majoring in Public Health and is making headlines. ACPHS reported that Kaylee's capstone paper and proposal, along with her drafted legislation, was so captivating when presented to the NYS Assembly Health Committee, she was asked to submit the legislation as a work in progress. Con-

gratulations, Kaylee, for working hard to better the healthcare system!

#### **Community Events**

Music at Tully Cornerstone Park 2022 Summer Series -FREE - on Sundays starting at 6:30 p.m.

July 3 - No Concert. July 10 - Thrift Store Gypsies. July 17 - Biggs and Young. Bring your friends and family, enjoy an ice cream, and hear some great tunes!

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# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Have you signed up for Summer Learning with the library yet? It's not too late! Our 2022 theme is "Oceans of Possibilities." We have a lot of fun events and activities for kids of all ages this season! Learn about ocean habitats during a live science demonstration when educators from the M.O.S.T. visit the library on Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30 PM. Be amazed by Jeff the Magician in his "What Do You Sea?" themed magic show on Monday, July 25th at 5 PM! Get face-to-face with zoo animals and learn how to be a wildlife advocate when members of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo visits us on Monday, August 8 at 10 AM. We have craft programs, movies, book clubs, and more all during July and August for kids, tweens, and teens! Check our website for dates and times. There's something fun for everyone at Tully Free Library this summer!

### Parks and Rec

Tully Parks and Recreation hosted its first annual Family Day at the Ballpark on May 7th. Our Parks and Rec kids participated in games hosted by the Varsity Softball team and the Diamond Club, enjoyed some snacks and hotdogs, and watched the Varsity boys win their game! A special shout out to last year's Apple Valley League champions for Girls Majors Softball. Thanks to all that volunteered their time to make this a successful event!

**Tully Moo Run** June 11th at 9 a.m. and the Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.

**Green Lake Beach** opening Saturday, June 25th. 1-8 p.m. We are hiring lifeguards and art camp leaders - please email tullyparksrec@ gmail.com for more information.

Check Active.com often to see what's new with summer Parks and Rec programming!





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#### TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS







