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# KNIGHT INSIGHT



# Athletic Field Named after Hart Teen Institute Mock DWI



The Tully community came together on May 9 for an evening celebration of Larry Hart, former Tully coach and Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame member. Tully alumni, staff, community members, friends, and family gathered to witness the proclamation of the newly named Larry Hart Field. Hart wore many hats while employed at Tully CSD including, teacher, coach, assistant principal, and athletic director. He also founded the Tully Boys Lacrosse program in 1969 and the Tully Girls Track program in 1975. He helped put Tully girls' athletics on the map when he won Tully's first League and Section III Championships in Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, and Girls Track. In addition, he won championships in five different sports and earned a record of 257-32-6 while coaching Girls Varsity Soccer. He mentored countless young athletes, students, and colleagues alike, and treated all with respect regardless of skill or ability. The ceremony concluded with the first-played girls and boys home lacrosse games on the Larry Hart Field. \*Picture courtesy of Barry Lyon

## **Counseling News**

It is important that students who have taken any OCC/TC3 Courses remember to request transcripts to be sent from OCC and TC3 to their prospective college in order to be awarded college credit. Any guestions, please contact the Counseling & Career Center.





Teen Institute helps conduct a mock DWI wreck and assembly on school grounds every other year to remind our students to be safe while behind the wheel before prom and graduation, and of course, every other day of the year. With recent past events, TI was just now able to bring this back after a three year hiatus. Community members such as local law enforcement, fire and rescue, Judge Malone, and Hartwell Funeral Home helped in this endeavor. Students from TI played the roles of the impaired driver and the accident victims while others listened to a mock 911 call, watched the extraction, witnessed the arrest and arraignment, and attended a funeral. While this was a mock wreck, statistics show that one person dies every fifty-two minutes due to impaired/distracted driving – something we hope to never have to witness. Special thanks goes out to all staff and personnel that made this mock DWI assembly a good reminder to stay safe.



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



We've made it to June!!! Thank you to everyone for making this year so incredible; I am grateful for all of you. Don't forget about all the things we have scheduled such as our musical, *Aladdin*, as well as our spring choral and band concerts.

Here is my yearbook message to students, which highlights some of the things we will look back on years from now when reflecting on this past year's journey: "This year's theme for the yearbook is very appropriate. It certainly has been a journey since September. We started the year with masks and social distancing and gradually we were able to remove the masks and get to a more typical routine. By the end of the year, we were able to restart some old traditions, such as popcorn day, the middle-school dance, after-school clubs, and of course, a live musical performance. You supported things such as World Down Syndrome Day and the homeless through In My Father's Kitchen, which are superb examples of the Other People Mindset. Tully Elementary School is truly a place where everyone, staff and students alike,

**Edward Kupiec** 

can feel welcome, cared for, appreciated, and supported. Sixth graders, thank you for being such great student leaders. I wish you the best at the junior-senior high school as you begin the next chapter in your life's journey. You will be missed!"

I hope you all enjoy your summer! I'll keep you posted with social media updates on our Capital Project progress.

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#### **Community Service with a Purpose** To kick off the focus on P2's Purpose, the Tully Rotary, joined by the LaFay-

To kick off the focus on P2's Purpose, the Tully Rotary, joined by the LaFayette Optimists and Pompey Lions, came to TES to give a live presentation in the auditorium. While the 3rd graders experienced the presentation in-person, the rest of the school was able to tune in virtually via live stream.

Each service organization presented on "purpose" and shared some of their work in the community. The Pompey Lions club touched on the history of Helen Keller and how the club helps to distribute eyeglasses and hearing aids to those in need. The LaFayette Optimists club spoke of their motto, "Friend of you," and explained the service projects they conduct such as oratory contests, the Winterfest fireworks, and Stafford Park projects. Tully Rotary representatives and Interact students from the high school presented on how they work in the community including food giveaways, the Apple Fest, and pancake breakfasts, in addition to their work internationally, such as Pennies



for Polio and Books for the World. All three organizations help clean up Tully and keep the community beautiful in addition to the many other services that they offer. Each of the 3rd grade students was given an atlas at the end of the presentation and were shown how to look up some of the countries that these organizations help, like Ukraine.

It's never too early for students to start thinking about how they can serve a purpose in their very own community!



#### Digital Narrative Storytelling

Fourth grade has been working hard on their writing skills and it shows! They were put to the test with an assignment that had them writing, reading, and thinking critically. Students enjoyed becoming the storyteller through a digital storyboard that they created, incorporating dialogue, figurative language, and a lesson for the reader/listener. After creating these digital masterpieces, they shared them among their peers and with the 2nd graders. The 2nd graders were captivated as they listened to a handful of these stories, asked questions, and gave positive feedback to the 4th grade storytellers. Great job to the 4th graders for their storytelling and special thanks to the 2nd graders for being wonderful listeners!



#### **Authors in the Making**



Mrs. Lancer's third grade classroom got the chance to write and present their own real-life stories this spring. Students chose a topic that they wished to write about and included the details and facts about that specific time within it. They also learned what being a good listener entailed. When they were ready, invitations were sent out to teachers and staff of their choosing, inviting them to their classroom so they could share their writing. In all four corners of the room, an author's chair was set up and the class was divided into groups. Each student had a turn reading their true story and About the Author page while the others listened. Listeners then got to ask questions of the author. When finished, the student rotated from being author to listener and vice versa. Staff from around the building also sat in to listen and celebrate the amazing job these authors in the making did. Fun snacks were then enjoyed by the young authors – a truly deserved reward for all their hard work!

#### **PTO News**

TES families, we would like to express our sincerest THANK YOU to all students and families who were able to participate in this year's Read-A-Thon. PK-2 students read a minimum of 75 minutes and a maximum of 350 minutes to achieve the top reading prize level. Students in grades 3-6 who read for more than 150 minutes received prizes and those who read 750 or more minutes will be featured in an upcoming issue of the *Knight Insight*. In addition, students received various prizes for activating their Read-A-Thon account, inviting donors to support them, and receiving donations from sponsors. All proceeds will be used for the students at Tully Elementary School such as field trips, classroom supply needs, popcorn days, etc.

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TES will be holding a BOGO (Buy One Get One) free book fair this month. The book fair will be held in the TES library and will be open during the school day and until 5:30 p.m. each night, Monday-Thursday. The book fair will also be open prior to and right after the band concert which will be held that week. In addition, there will be a Summer Reading Challenge which you will receive more information about later this month.

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.

# TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL



SENIOR ARTIST: Josie Chapman (above) SENIOR ARTIST: Julian Luke (right)



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



As we are about to come to the close of another school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students, teachers, staff, and families for making Tully the amazing and great place that it is to learn and grow. We are so happy that we have been able to have the entire school year with in-person instruction every day. This has allowed for our students to form lasting bonds and relationships with each other and their teachers. Students have enjoyed successes in the classroom, on stage, on the athletic fields, and in their extra-curricular activities.

We also say thank you for the years of dedication and service, as well as goodbye, to our long-time teacher, coach, and athletic director, Don McClure. Coach McClure has been teaching and coaching in Tully beginning in 1992. He has coached 86 teams and four sports, including golf, football, basketball, and baseball over the last thirty years. This year, he was named NYSPHAA Athletic Director of the Year, which is an honor that he is certainly deserving of. Again, thank you, Coach McClure, for everything that you have done for your teams, players, students, and the entire

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Tully community as a whole!

Graduation is on Friday, June 24th when we will celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2022 and wish them well in their career and college choices. On behalf of the Junior-Senior High School staff, we wish the class nothing but the best as they take what they have learned over the years and put it to use in other aspects of their lives. Over the summer, teachers will spend time welcoming new staff and working on curriculum in preparation for the new school year. We hope you have a happy and healthy summer!

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# National Decision Day



On Monday, May 2nd, Tully Junior-Senior High School celebrated the Class of 2022's future plans during lunch periods. Seniors were encouraged to wear their college, employment, or military gear. Some brought in their acceptance letters. Treats were provided and pictures were taken. It was exciting to see the Class of 2022 showcase their post-graduation plans. We are so proud of you, Class of 2022! Special thanks to Mrs. Davin for all of her hard work in helping each senior find their way during this important time!

#### Summer Strength and Conditioning Program

This program is for athletes entering grades 8-12 in the fall. Pre-registration is required. Dates span from July 11 to August 19th; Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. There are 2 session time slots: Session 1 is from 9-10:15 a.m. and Session 2 is from 10:15-11:30 a.m.

This was made possible by the following booster clubs: Cornfield Classic, First & 10, Tully Soccer Club, Tully Runners Club, and Girls of Summer. Thank you for your support! For more information, please go to the Athletics section of the school website or reach out to your child's fall coach.

# Loving the Earth in Tully



Members of Tully's community are always helping do their part to make our town look and feel great, and students could be seen getting in on the action, especially on Earth Day. Fourteen members of the National Honor Society and Environmental Club met on Saturday, April 23rd to clean up litter along Route 80 in the area of NBT Bank and the Best Western Hotel. It didn't take long to fill up the back end of a pickup truck with over a dozen trash bags full of every type of litter you could imagine. In addition, students that are involved in Interact were also in the area picking up trash. This is a much needed activity when the snow melts and the weather becomes warmer. Thanks to these dedicated students for loving our little piece of Earth here in Tully!



## **Congratulations Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

#### VALEDICTORIAN - Morgan Downes



It is with great pleasure to recognize Tully Junior-Senior High School's Class of 2022 Valedictorian, Morgan Downes. Academically, Morgan does outstanding! Throughout her high school career, Morgan has always challenged herself. She has taken advantage of the most advanced courses offered at Tully Junior-Senior High School. She is taking a full load her senior year, including AP Statistics and AP Biology. Her dedication to academics can be observed on a daily basis. Last year she

was inducted into National Honor Society and has been honored with multiple accolades because of her outstanding academics.

Outside of the classroom, Morgan finds the time to juggle several different activities. Morgan is also very involved in the Tully High School community. Athletically, she has participated in soccer and basketball. She is a leader both on and off the field, and her teammates look up to her for guidance and support. Morgan has also devoted countless hours to Environmental Club and volunteering for an assortment of local agencies. Morgan plans on attending University of California at Davis and majoring in the environmental field. Way to go, Morgan, and good luck on all your future endeavors!

## SALUTATORIAN - Robyn Drzewicki



Robyn Drzewicki, Salutatorian, has established herself at Tully Junior-Senior High School and is a contributing member of the Tully Junior-Senior High School community. Academically, Robyn is a superior student and has taken honors and accelerated courses in many core areas offered at Tully High School. She is plugging along her senior year taking advanced courses such as AP Biology, AP Statistics, and college level Spanish. Robyn's hard

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work has paid off. She is a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies.

Outside of the classroom, Robyn is active in various leadership activities, serving in numerous leadership positions including Student Council, Art Club, and Yearbook. Athletically, Robyn participates in Varsity Soccer and Track. In addition, she has devoted much of her time outside of the classroom volunteering for Interact Club, tutoring, and helping the younger Tully population. Robyn plans on attending Le Moyne College and majoring in biology. Congratulations, Robyn, on all of your accomplishments and good luck as you venture on your next path - college!



#### National Honor Society Inductions 2022

Both the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society here at Tully Junior-Senior High have an impressive amount of students that serve. This honor bestowed on students is due to their high standing academics, community service, leadership qualities, and exceptional character.

Nineteen new students were inducted into the NJHS including Kyla Campoy, Gloria Flatt, Daniel Garback, Lane Greczyn, Hannah Hazen, Bryce Keller, Jacob Kowalewski, Anna Lund, Ella Lund, Madelyn Lund, Wyatt Lund, Sean Mize, Lily Moss, Adeline Nash, Aurora Randall, Julian Shay, Molly Verbanic, Gwyneth Wilbur, and Julia Wortley.

Ten new members were inducted into the NHS including Amberle Brown, Everett Chambala, Kaitlyn Edinger, Colden Ives, Finn Foody, Veronica Kowalewski, Catherine Lund, Daniel Mech, Max Selmser, and Alexa Shay. While we are proud of all our Tully students, these students deserve additional recognition as they pursue their goals.

Congratulations to these students!

#### **Making Herstory**

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Women in History is a half-year elective that focuses on many of the women who helped shape American history. Students move from Colonial times to the Women's Rights movement and beyond, taking note of Abigail Adams, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Annie Oakley, and Queen Liliuokalani, just to name a few. This year's class visited the Women's Rights National Historical Park, the Wesleyan Chapel (site of the first Woman's Rights Convention), and the Women's Hall of Fame in Syracuse to expand their learning. While on the field trip, students put together a "selfie" visual presentation of the various women they saw on the trip and presented them to the class. These students enjoyed the chance to see strong women not just making history, but making herstory.

## **SENIOR ARTIST: Shannon Pierce**



#### **Two Earn NYS Seal of Biliteracy**

Becoming proficient in your native language is to be expected but to become proficient in a second language by the time you finish high school is an amazing accomplishment that not everyone can claim. In fact, less than 5% of graduating seniors earn this honor. This year, Kellen McCasland and Jason Weng took their World Language presenta-



tions to BOCES in late April; Kellen in Spanish and Jason in Mandarin. Both students were then notified that they had been successful and would be awarded the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. At graduation, their diplomas will bear a special seal and they will don a medallion with their traditional graduation garb. In addition to the honor, both students now have extra opportunities through colleges and places of employment. Kudos to these young gentlemen! A world awaits you!





The Board and Staff of Tully Free Library send our congratulations out to the graduating class of 2022! We wish you all the best with your future plans!

Summer Reading is now Summer Learning, and as our theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities," we know you are going to have a whale of a fun time this summer! Our cast-off launch party (Anchors Aweigh!) takes place on Friday, June 24th, and registration goes until July 3rd: stop by the library and pick up your goodie bag when you sign up! We have lots of fun planned for kids of all ages this summer, with visits from the M.O.S.T., Zoo to You, magicians, musicians, arts and crafts, and more! Parents, you aren't left out of the fun: join our Summer Reading/Summer Cruising challenge, by picking up your passport to adventure, also starting June 24th! Check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information on when our events are taking place. Ahoy! We'll see you on deck very soon!

# **Exciting Community Events**

# TULLY PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

#### Tully MOO Run 2022 Saturday, June 11th

Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. • Annual Tully Moo run at 9 a.m Register at Active.com

#### Green Lake Beach

Opens on Saturday, June 25 • Beach hours 1-8 p.m. Hiring: Lifeguards and Art Camp Leaders email tullyparksrec@gmail.com

#### UFLCOME

Sarah Panzarella is the new director of Tully Parks and Rec. Contact Info: **tullyparksrec@gmail.com** 

Music at Cornerstone Park, **Free Summer Series 2022**, Sundays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Beginning on June 19 - Father's Day - Dave Zawadski; June 26 - Syracuse Highland Piper Band; 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! Sponsored by Town of Tully, TAG, and Tully Building Supply.

# **DISTRICT NEWS**

# **From the Superintendent**



Thank you to all who voted on May 17th during the Tully CSD Annual Meeting and Budget Vote. The Tully community approved the 2022-23 Tully CSD Budget, the establishment of a new Capital Reserve Fund, and the 2022-23 Tully Free Library Budget. Additionally, the Tully community elected Ryan Chatfield and Bettemae Russell to serve three-year terms on the Tully Board of Education beginning in July 2022. Congratulations to both of them. Finally, thank you to Denise Cardamone for her service as a board member the past 12 years and as Board President for the past five years. Thank you also to Matt VanBeveren who recently stepped down from his seat on the Board of Education after seven years of service.

Rob Hughes

As we look forward to the summer of 2022, I would like to inform everyone that there will be construction

occurring on campus this summer. Specifically, we will be renovating several classrooms at Tully Elementary School, the JSHS locker room, the JSHS auditorium, and the first floor bathrooms in the academic wing of the JSHS. Because of this, there will be some parts of the campus that will be closed to the public during the summer.

Finally, over the next few weeks we will be holding our typical year-end ceremonies. We plan on holding these year-end ceremonies in-person so that we can properly celebrate our students' successes and accomplishments.

I hope you are able to enjoy the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

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#### TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS







