



## All About Albany



Fourth graders this year were able to resume their annual field trip to Albany which included a tour of the NYS Capitol, viewing the Corning Tower, and enjoying the NYS Museum. For over ten years (with the hiatus of COVID years), the fourth-grade teachers have facilitated this adventure for each class to provide real-world learning opportunities that connect directly to their curriculum. It is an adventure indeed as many of our younger students enjoy not only the activities of the field trip but getting back and forth to their destination. The coach bus can be very exciting as students can watch movies and a bathroom is at their disposal!

Their first stop was the state Capitol. Students entered the Capitol through an underground concourse with security checkpoints. While touring the building, they had an opportunity to enter the Assembly and Senate chambers if the members were not in session, which they weren't. While students didn't go on the floor, they were able to view the chambers from the balcony and take pictures. They then enjoyed lunch on the NY Plaza while being shaded by the Corning Tower, which just happened to be wonderfully sunny that day.

Lastly, students visited the NYS Museum. They seemed to really enjoy this part of the field trip as many hands-on exhibits were available that coincided with their social studies curriculum. And who doesn't like seeing real-life animal bones and wigwams on display?! Not only did the students really enjoy this trip but so did the teachers. They love seeing how things can change from year to year and they always learn something new each time they visit. They also "love to hear the thrill in the kids' voices when they discover exhibits in the Museum or on the Capitol tour that they have either learned about or are new."

Special thanks go to the PTO, chaperones, and all the family support given to make this trip so exciting and successful!

## Earth Day Endeavors



Earth Day has always held a special place in Tully's heart. Each year you can see students and staff trying to do their part, not just on Earth Day but throughout the year. This year, we spotted several groups cleaning up the campus and around the town alongside other volunteer groups. Several grade levels got involved including the third and fourth graders by picking up trash around TES, the playground, and the field while the fifth and sixth grade Character Club did the same thing. National Junior Honor Society students also picked up trash around the campus while National Honor Society and the Environmental Club spent an early Saturday morning cleaning up 281. The eighth grade tech classes constructed fifteen bird houses and fifteen bat houses to donate to the Onondaga County Water & Soil Conservation Department. The Department then hung them along Onondaga Creek to help increase pollination and decrease mosquito populations. We are sure there were many more helping and we love seeing the dedication to keep our community clean and beautiful.





## Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

We've made it to June! It has been a great year! Our capital project work on the new PE office, renovations to the Chorus and Band room, and the auditorium update continue to move along. I cannot wait to be able to share them with the community this fall!

This concludes my 7th year here at Tully Elementary, which means that I started here when our soon-to-be 7th grade students entered kindergarten! Here is my yearbook message this year, which references this fact and summarizes some of the highlights of the year:

The yearbook theme, "Outside the Lines," makes me think of creativity. There was so much that happened this year that reflects this character strength. Of course, there were art projects, but our musical, *Elf, Jr.*, showcased the creativity of our students and staff. In grades PK-4, students adjusted to having PE class every day. Our math program pilot asked us to problem solve and think of multiple ways to solve the same problem. Finally, there are many challenges in the world that have no easy answers. You will be the ones asked to find creative solutions to these problems.

To the 6th graders: I will miss you next year! Seven years ago, we started at Tully Elementary School together; now you are all moving on while I am staying here. It will be strange not seeing your faces every day and it has been a pleasure watching you grow. Enjoy everything the junior-senior high school has to offer!

I hope you all enjoy your summer! I'll keep you posted with ParentSquare updates.

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## Field Trip Fun



The end of the year is beginning to wrap up and the sun is co-operating (for the most part). The elementary school has been taking advantage of these things to participate in many hands-on learning activities through field trips. Not only are these fun for the students, but they are great ways to enhance students' learning. Recently, the pre-K took a trip to the Sciencenter in Ithaca. Students played with items that helped them explore sound, motion, and movement. While they were enjoying the playing aspect of the field trip, teachers were enjoying watching them put their learning into their action! First grade students also enjoyed a field trip. They traveled to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo after their animal unit to see the animals up close. Students were able to point out characteristics and features of the animals they learned about in class. They really seemed to enjoy taking pictures atop the tiger statue and at the penguin exhibit. In addition, kindergarten visited The Wild and fourth grade visited Albany (front page). As we get closer to the end of the 2023 school year, more fun activities will have all the students putting their learning into action in some way or another!





## PTO News

TES PTO would like to thank everyone for their participation in the annual 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.

Looking ahead, we are planning to hold our annual BOGO (Buy One Get One) Scholastic Book Fair which will be June 5-8. The book fair will be held in the TES library and will be open during the school day and until 5:00 p.m. each night, Monday-Thursday. The book fair will also be open prior to and right after the June 7th band concert until 7:30 p.m. 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.

## Middle School Rite of Passage



Many students get excited about the prospect of being a middle schooler because they get to enjoy new activities, clubs, and privileges; and for many, the middle school dance can be seen as a sort of rite of passage. With the anticipation high, students dress up for a fun night of dancing in the gym with their peers, and while the sixth graders may have attended last year's dance, the fifth graders get a whole new experience. Music, laughter, and photo props filled the gym with an excitement that only those in attendance could understand. New and older music was played including the "Cupid Shuffle," the "Macarena," and "YMCA" – it's amazing how these traditions carry on. It seems that all in attendance, including the chaperones, enjoyed their time greatly!

## FTC Robotics Visits TES Maker Lab



TES Maker Lab and Computer Science club participants got a special treat this spring when Tully's FTC Robotics team presented their robot and its abilities to them. Students watched as the robot navigated through a 12'x 12' game field and stacked cones on top of poles with an extendable arm. It also impressed students by being able to zip around sideways on specially designed wheels. Dade Ledbetter and Kaleb Dodd, Tully high school students, and Ian Ray, a Tully elementary student, explained that each year the team designs, builds, and programs a robot to perform tasks in a robot game. They compete against other teams from across NY, attempting to score the most points in the game. This year, the team won two qualifying tournaments and made it to the semi-finals of the NYS championship. Glenn Ball and Bill Doolittle, team coaches, helped facilitate the presentation. Students in 6th-12th grades can join the team by emailing [ftc8863@gmail.com](mailto:ftc8863@gmail.com). Judging by the comments that some of the Maker Lab participants made, the robotics team may soon see new members!

## Athletic News

### Summer Strength & Conditioning Program at Tully HS

**Dates:** Week of July 10th - Week of August 7th • **Days:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Session I:** 8 - 9:00 a.m. • **Session II:** 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Athletes can come to either session based on what works best for them. Open to incoming 7th - 12th grade Tully & Southern Hills athletes. Facilities: Gym #2 (Fitness Center may not be available due to renovations.) Registrations will be done through Varsity coaches.

## Principal's Message



Michael O'Brien

June is upon us, and we are in the final weeks of the 2022-2023 school year. Tully is a special place full of dedicated teachers, wonderful students, and spectacular families! A special thanks to everyone involved in the Tully community for creating a place where students, staff, activities, and instruction are valued. As we are continuing with our capital project, we are happy to say that this year we completed the renovation.

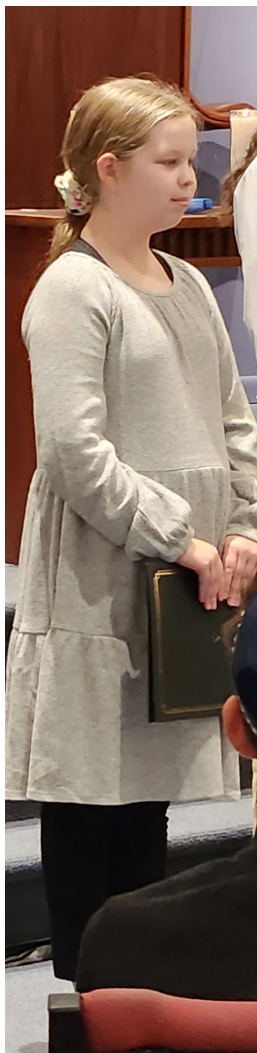
The 2023 school year marks the end of an era in Tully. We say thank you for the years of dedication and service, as well as goodbye, to five long-time Tully educators: Monica Abrams, Jim Paccia, Stew Snyder, Jen Trexler, and Nick Zupan. These staples of Tully education have built relationships over the past three decades with countless students, club members, players, community members, and colleagues. They will be greatly missed throughout our school community. These five amazing people have dedicated a combined 134 years of instruction in the Tully Junior-Senior High School!

Graduation is on Friday, June 16th when we will celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2023 in the newly renovated auditorium. We are excited for life's next chapter for all our graduates. We 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 recharging their batteries and working on priority standards in preparation for the new school year. Please have a happy and healthy summer and we look forward to seeing all our returning students and new students in the fall!

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## Simmons Wins Holocaust Poem Contest



Seventh grade students recently created poems and artwork during their Flex class as part of their Holocaust unit. Students were then invited to submit their work to the Yom HaShoah Jewish Federation of Central NY contest. The theme was "Resistance." All work submitted was creative and thoughtful but one student in particular caught the attention of the judges. **Sophia Simmons** wrote a poem titled "Resistance is a Secret Waiting to be Found" and won first place in the contest. She was then invited to a celebration to accept her prize in which she gladly attended. Congratulations, Sophia!

### ***Resistance is a Secret Waiting to be Found***

*We shall rise against the winds  
We shall rise against the storms  
We need to rise against ourselves  
We must rise and refuse the others who put us down.*

*People must decide to rise and defend  
People need to know that they have power  
People can have their own decisions  
It is not up to others to decide for us.*

*What if we just tried  
What if it is possible to stand against others  
What if we can do things for ourselves  
If we do and if we can, our world will change for the better.*

*There are many possibilities out in our world  
There are many people to do those things  
If they try their hardest they can achieve their goal for those things  
People can change the world but they can also bring storms.*

*The world we live in wasn't always like this  
We have done amazing things in this world but we have also done terrible things  
We cannot change the past but we can hope for the future  
To rise is not to fall, it is to resist.*

## Day of Silence



Some JSHS students opted into the National Day of Silence in April,

bringing awareness to the silencing of LGBTQ+ voices globally. Students signed up in the morning and wrote down why they made the decision to participate.

Some students participated because they wanted to show support to friends or community members, while others were being true to themselves. Students who participated wore a sticker as a sign of solidarity and so teachers knew that those students chose to remain silent throughout the day. It was a more than usually quiet day at the JSHS, but for a great cause.

## Health and Safety Reminders

Please slow down while on/around campus. Be overcautious of pedestrians crossing and walking in the parking lots and in the crosswalks. The campus-wide speed limit is **15 MPH at all times**. These rules apply during school hours as well as during after-school activities.

With the sunny mornings, it can be difficult seeing – please slow down and use caution of students, staff, and those directing traffic.

When dropping off students, PLEASE use the **passenger side** of the vehicle (curbside) for students to exit the vehicle.



## Counseling News

**Important Reminder** - Students who have taken any OCC/TC3 courses must request transcripts to be sent from OCC and TC3 to their prospective college to be awarded college credit. Any questions, please contact the Counseling & Career Center.

## Congratulations Class of 2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

### VALEDICTORIAN - Alexa Shay



**People/Pets in your family:** Justine Shay (mom), Devin Shay (dad), Jonah and Julian Shay (brothers), Diego (FES), my two cats, dog, and bird.

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** I would say the best part of high school has just been to be able to spend so much time with my friends. Whether it be doing projects with them, winning games with my teammates (especially against Fabius), or hanging out outside

of school. It has been such a fun four years and I'm grateful to all my friends for making my high school experience so amazing.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** I am proud of many things that I have done such as my athletic accomplishments, being named valedictorian, and the amount of hours that I have spent giving back to my community. However, I think I am most proud of achieving the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. I have spent a lot of time in and out of class working on my Spanish, and receiving the Seal of Biliteracy has been a goal of mine since 9th grade when I first heard about it. It is crazy to think back to 9th grade when I was telling myself that I wanted to try to do that, and now it's all over and I did it.

**What are your plans after high school?** I will be attending Binghamton University to study mechanical engineering and foreign languages. I hope to study abroad a lot, especially through the Engineers without Borders Club. After that, I hope to continue my studies in graduate school to become an aerospace engineer.

**If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be, and what would you talk about?** I would invite 3 fictional characters: Raven Reyes (*The 100*), Katniss Everdeen (*The Hunger Games*), and Trudy Chacon (*Avatar*) because all three of these characters inspired me a lot when I was younger. 10-year-old me would have given anything to talk to one of these characters. They are all strong, intelligent women, and they inspire me to be the same. I would love to talk to them about anything.

**Who's your hero and why?** My heroes are my parents. They do so much for me and they are constantly inspiring me to be better every day. They give me the best advice, and I know that I can come to them no matter what the situation is. They support me no matter what I do, and they trust me and encourage me to make choices that I believe are best for myself. I am so grateful for them and if I become just half of the person that they both are, then I will have done something right.

### SALUTATORIAN - Kaitlyn Edinger



**People/Pets in your family:** Kelan (father), Beth (mother), Nicole (sister), Watson and Windsor (dogs)

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career has been making friendships with different people. I am grateful for the people I have met in high school. Whether they went to Tully or not, I have made some of the best friends and I am sure that these friendships will last

a long time.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** My proudest moment so far in high school would have to be winning the Cross Country State Title with my team in 2018. This is my proudest moment because it was a fun/rewarding experience and I got to do it with my friends. It's also nice to see my name on a banner in the gym.

**What are your plans after high school?** After high school I plan on attending the University at Buffalo to study exercise science with a focus in physical therapy. I will also compete at the D1 level on the cross country and track teams at UB.

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?** I don't know exactly what I will be doing in ten years, but I hope to be traveling. It is one of my main goals to travel the world and experience different cultures. I am going to try to get to as many countries as I can in my lifetime.

**If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be, and what would you talk about?** I would invite my two friends Brooke Rauber and Brynn Bernard. I don't know what we would talk about, but I know that we would be laughing the entire time. All three of us have similar personalities and if anyone knows us, they know that when we get together the IQ level drops significantly.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** There haven't necessarily been any major challenges in my life. Something will come up every now and then, but you just have to remember to keep going.

**Who's your hero and why?** My heroes are definitely my parents. I have always looked up to them for advice and just life in general. They have been my biggest supporters and have allowed me to do the things I love. I know the support won't stop in high school; they will continue to support me in whatever I do. I want to thank them for bringing me to every corner of the country for track and cross country meets. Whether it was North Carolina, Kentucky, New Jersey, Massachusetts, or even Oregon, thank you mom and dad.

## From the Superintendent



I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all who participated in the recent annual vote for the Tully Central School District. Thanks to your support, all four propositions were approved. We are grateful for your involvement and commitment to our schools and students. Additionally, the Tully community elected Jessica McAnaney and Cheryl Wayne to serve three-year terms on the Tully Board of Education beginning in July 2023. Congratulations to both of them. Finally, thank you to Fay Burt and Jane Byrne-Panzarella for their service as board members the past six years.

We are also excited to announce that we will be offering summer programs for our students once again this year. Our elementary level reading program will be available to incoming first, second, and third graders, while a junior high program will provide seventh and eighth graders with an opportunity to explore different subjects and develop their skills in a fun and engaging environment. Additionally, we will have our typical high school regional program in Cortland.

More information about these programs will be provided directly from the schools.

In addition to our summer programming, we want to make you aware of some construction projects happening throughout the district. We will be refinishing the parking lot and fitness center floor. Furthermore, several spaces in both schools will continue to be remodeled through our capital project. We are excited about the progress we are making and the benefits these projects will bring to our students and staff.

Again, thank you for your support and participation in the recent vote. We are looking forward to a successful summer of learning and growth for our students.

**Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent**

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## Light It Up Blue



Students in the district participated in April's *Light it Up Blue* day in support of people on the autism spectrum on April 12, World Autism Awareness Day. Many homes displayed blue lights during the month of April so Tully modified how we would "Light it Up Blue" by donning blue clothing. Slides on the announcement screens also offered information regarding autism. The point of this endeavor was to bring awareness, acceptance, and inclusion to those who fall within the autism spectrum. In addition, a fifth-grade student created a presentation that was sent out to faculty with his desire to educate and bring understanding to what autism is. Such determination! The blue spilled outside during recess where it was a miraculously beautiful, sunny day with the blue sky adding to nature of the day.

## Culture Corner

Calling all princes and princesses! Did you know that Poland is home to the world's largest castle? Dating back to the 13th century, this castle has been restored several times throughout history. If you have ever enjoyed visiting Boldt Castle here in NY, you would surely enjoy seeing Malbork Castle up close. Another fun aspect of Poland is that all Polish names have their very own holiday. For every calendar day, a Polish boy and a Polish girl get to celebrate like it's their birthday. These name day celebrations are tied to the feast days of Catholic saints. What a fun concept to celebrate yourself on your very own name day! Sports such as basketball, volleyball, and soccer are all very popular in Poland, but one sport is even more so - Speedway. This sport isn't for the faint of heart. Motorcyclists race around a dirt circle track without brakes! On the serious side, many inventors and entrepreneurs have come out of Poland including someone you may have studied about. Marie Curie was a Polish scientist who conducted ground-breaking work with radioactivity and is one of seventeen Nobel Prize winners from Poland. We are excited to learn more about this interesting country as some of our families have close ties to Poland.

## 2023-2024 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR • TULLY SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 2023					October 2023					November 2023					December 2023				
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April 2024					May 2024					June 2024				
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CALENDAR DATES				
August 31	.....	Superintendent Conf.		
September 4	.....	Labor Day		
September 5	.....	Superintendent Conf.		
September 6	.....	First Day for Students		
October 9	.....	Columbus Day		
October 10	.....	Superintendent Conf.		
November 9	.....	Parent/Teacher Conf.		
November 10	.....	Veterans Day		
November 22-24	.....	Thanksgiving Recess		
December 22-29	.....	Holiday Recess		
January 1	.....	Holiday Recess		
January 15	.....	Martin Luther King Day		
January 23-26	.....	Regents		
January 26	.....	Half Day for Students		
February 19-23	.....	Winter Recess		
March 11	.....	Superintendent Conf.		
March 29	.....	Good Friday		
April 22-26	.....	Spring Recess		
May 24-27	.....	Memorial Day Recess		
June 4	.....	Regents		
June 14-26	.....	Regents		
June 19	.....	Juneteenth		
June 24-25	.....	Half Days at Tes		
June 26	.....	Rating Day		

Key:  Half Day Students  Holiday  Regents Exams  Conference Day  BOE Mtg.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

PARKS AND REC  
Summer Camp Offerings:

**Pet Palooza** July 24th-28th at 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Ages 6-15)

**Road Trip USA** July 31st - August 4th at 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Ages 6-15)

**STEAM-Warts** August 21st-25th at 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Ages 6-15)

**Black Knights Basketball Camp** July 31st- August 3rd at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Grades 4th-9th)

**Summer Soccer Camp** August 14th-18th (Ages 6-15)  
Grades pre-K - 2nd 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Grades 3rd - 7th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Art and Nature Exploration at Green Lake** will return this summer on Friday afternoons; stay tuned for details and dates! Check out **active.com** – Town of Tully for more information or to register!

Open Monday - Friday from 10 AM - 7 PM  
Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM • Closed Sundays

**Tully Free Library**  
12 State Street • [tullyfreelibrary.org](http://tullyfreelibrary.org) 315-696-8606

June is here and that means it's time for **Summer Reading!** Our theme this year is **"All Together Now,"** and we've planned lots of programs and events for kids, teens, adults, and families! These include visits from the MOST, the Zoo, Traveling Lantern Theatre Company, the Onondaga Historical Association, Jeff the Magician, and much more!

**Registration begins on June 12;** make sure to attend our **Kickoff Party/Solstice Bash** on **June 21st**. Summer Reading runs until Friday, August 18, with our Summer's End Ice Cream Party. You can find all the details on our website.

We'd like to **congratulate this year's high school graduates**. Good luck and best wishes to you in your future endeavors!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the library this summer!



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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



### JUNE

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|--------------|---|
| 1, 14-22     | Regents Exams   |
| 1            | TES Chorus/Recorder Concert                               |
| 3            | SAT (off-site)  |
| 5            | Cortland Special Olympiad                                 |
| 6            | Tri-M Music Awards, 6:30 p.m.                             |
| 7            | Block T Awards, 6:00 p.m.;<br>TES Band Concert, 6:00 p.m. |
| 8            | CTE Graduation at BOCES                                   |
| 10           | ACT (off-site)  |
| 12           | BOE Meeting at JSHS, 6:00 p.m.                            |
| 15           | Flag Day/Wellness Day at TES                              |
| 16           | Graduation, 5:00 p.m.                                     |
| <b>19</b>    | <b>Juneteenth; No School</b>                              |
| <b>21-22</b> | <b>Half Day at TES</b>                                    |
| 23           | Rating Day  |