



## 3... 2...1... Lift Off!



Maker Lab was in full swing this fall with 17 fifth and sixth graders participating. The theme for the session was model rocketry where students got to design, build, and launch a rocket. Mr. Keefe and Mrs. Fowler-Conner guided students during the building process and then made sure that everyone was safe during the launches. With a little luck, the launch days were nice and clear so students could see if their parachute deployed or not. Students were able to retrieve their rockets as they fell from the sky. It was definitely a fun and successful Maker Lab. Check out the Slo-mo video on the website!

Parents, keep an eye out for an email detailing when the next Maker Lab will be in session, and to see what new and creative things the kids will be doing!

## Our Youngest Learn Bus Safety



Our youngest students at TES enjoyed a sunny day while learning bus safety. Mrs. Katie Murphy, Tully Bus Dispatcher, spoke to the kids about seat belts, how to safely enter and exit the bus, evacuation procedures, and staying seated while the bus is in motion. Students practiced these important items and got to ask questions. Parents are encouraged to talk with their children about these important safety procedures as well.

## Science in Action



The science classes at the JSHS have been in full swing right from the beginning, helping students see science in action. Mrs. Tucker's classes, both the seventh grade and seniors, didn't waste any time jumping into the experiment portion of class.

Seventh graders got together in groups to grow plants, but not just any ordinary plants. Students had to choose a liquid besides water to grow their plants: caffeinated products, energy drinks, green tea with/out sugar, lemonade, etc. In addition, they had to decide how much to "water" their plant. Each group was given a control plant that would take the same amount of water each day as their experimental plant with the other liquid. Then they compared their plants. What an interesting experiment watching plants thrive (or not) under different conditions!

The seniors worked with owl pellets, dissecting them to identify what owls eat and how their food is digested. Some found enough bones to form a rodent skeleton such as a shrew, mouse, or mole. If they found a skull, they tried to identify which one it was. Others found intact feathers of a smaller bird.

No matter what they found, they were intrigued to see this science in action!



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## Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

holiday season! We'll see you in 2022!

It's been a busy first quarter of the year! It was great to have a Halloween parade again to end October and then we moved right into a packed November. On our first Superintendent's Day in November, staff from both buildings participated in a poverty simulation facilitated by the CNY Teacher Center. The goal was to help staff gain greater understanding and empathy for students living in poverty and how this can impact student achievement and behavior. In addition to report cards going home for the first marking period, parents were able to meet 1:1 with teachers in-person or virtually for a parent-teacher conference. Our most recent P2 traits of study have been Bravery, Gratitude, and Kindness. I am looking forward to having our first concert of the year with performances by both our 5th/6th Band and 5th/6th Chorus. I know we are well versed in COVID protocols at this point, but during the winter months, we will also see an uptick in other illnesses like cold, flu, and strep throat. Even if a student is COVID-negative, please make sure to keep them home if they are still not feeling well so we can try to limit the spread of all illnesses. Have a wonderful

Sincerely, Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal

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## Safety Patrol 21-22



Tully Elementary's Safety Patrol training got off to a good start this year. A total of twenty-five 5th and 6th graders were chosen for the task. These students are responsible for helping the younger students safely get into school. They also facilitate the afternoon dismissal. Congratulations to AM Captain, Desiray Gables, AM Lieutenant, Isabella Fredenburg, PM Captain, Tyler Wood, and PM Lieutenant, Madelynn Bean. We are happy to see so many young students caring for the safety of others on our campus!

## PTO News & Notes

We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the 2021 Spirit Wear Sale. We will be having our **annual Book Fair the week of December 6th-10th**. Please note that there will be safety protocols in place when visiting the Book Fair. We hope everyone stays warm throughout the winter season and we will update you all as to any upcoming events. Our next PTO meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on December 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The link will be sent out via email to parents of Elementary School students and will also be posted on the TES PTO Facebook page. We are also a 501(c)(3) organization and gladly accept tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation.

## Notes by Knights Crunch It

Mrs. Wilson and the *Notes by Knights* (5th and 6th grade) Chorus sang the National Anthem at the first Syracuse Crunch game of the sea-



son. Our students were the first game to be cancelled at the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, and the first to perform after 603 days without a game! The students did a wonderful job representing Tully Schools. The performance was caught on TV for anyone watching the game at home. Everyone had a great time and the *Notes by Knights* can't wait to sing at another sporting event in the future!

## PreK/K Registration

This year, we are starting our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration process earlier to better coincide with the budget planning process. If you have not already done so, please register your child(ren) online at <http://www.tullyschools.org>.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, children must be district residents and turn 4 years of age, but not yet reach age 5, by December 1, 2022. For the 2022-2023 school year, Tully Elementary School is able to accommodate a maximum of 54 students in pre-kindergarten. If more than 54 students have been registered for pre-kindergarten by January 31, 2022, the District will need to conduct a lottery to determine enrollment and organize a waiting list. Please note that Pre-K is a full-day program and we cannot provide school bus transportation until a child is 4 years old.

To enter kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age by December 1, 2022. Unlike pre-kindergarten, there is no limit on the number of district-resident kindergarten students who can be enrolled at Tully Elementary.

Information about the screening process for both grade levels will be mailed out to enrolled students in the spring. Please don't hesitate to contact the elementary office at 696-6213 if you have specific questions about the registration or screening process.

## Principal's Message



**Michael O'Brien**

As we turn the calendar to December, we hope that everyone had a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving holiday and enjoyed the company of friends and family! It's hard to believe that we are only a few weeks away from the winter holiday recess and the beginning of a new year! A few weeks ago, all students received their first marking period grades. Teachers and parents alike may want to check in with each other about a student's performance. Direct contact between parents and teachers is the best way to engage in meaningful conversations about academics and the skills necessary to be successful in school. We encourage families and teachers to reach out to one another anytime that a concern arises so that we can partner together for the betterment of our students. Throughout the year, parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher directly if there are concerns. Every student has the opportunity for continual academic support. Please remember that every day, except for Tuesdays, we offer our Activity Period directly following 9th period. This is an excellent time for students to take advantage of seeing their teachers with specific questions and increase knowledge in areas of interest. Anytime that a student is unsure of where they should go to get any type of support, they can reach out to our counselors, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Davin, for strategies. We wish everyone a safe holiday season!

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## Tully Has Spirit!

Students in each grade level began vying for their color to don the knight's sword before the Homecoming pep rally. Throughout the year, grade levels will be given the chance to accumulate ribbons and whoever has the most at the end of the year, will be the ultimate winner. The Color War began and the seniors won the first ribbon with 71% of all senior students wearing black. The 8th graders were not too far behind with 68% wearing orange, but it still didn't earn them a ribbon. During the Homecoming pep rally games, 7th graders earned a blue ribbon by winning limbo, sophomores scored a red ribbon by winning the potato sack race, and the juniors earned their first white ribbon by mixing it up during musical chairs.

The seniors were victorious at Captain's Quarters, which placed them in the lead on sword ribbons thus far. Jason Weng and Emma Byrne were crowned as this year's Homecoming King and Queen. The senior's strength was impressive during the tug-of-war even if it didn't earn them another ribbon on the knight's sword. With the Homecoming pep rally being outside, Mr. Donald and Robyn Drzewicki, donning the knight's clothing, helped pump up the crowd as athletes were announced and the cheerleaders helped the stands get on their feet and chant.

Tully has definitely shown that they have spirit!



## Student Council Officers

School-Wide President:  
**Emma Byrne**

Senior Officers:

President: **Katelyn Lamoureux**

Vice-President: **Jason Weng**

Secretary: **Robyn Drzewicki**

Treasurer: **Stelly VanBeveren**

Girls' Representative: **Mary Babbage**

Boys' Representative: **Kevin Wood**

Junior Officers:

President: **Finn Foody**

Vice-President: **Liam Tobin**

Secretary: **Adrienne Edinger**

Sophomore Officers:

President: **Ella Hall**

Treasurer: **Jack VanBeveren**

Freshmen Officers:

President: **Daniel Byrne**

Vice-President: **Nathan Reid**

Secretary: **Lucy Wright**

8th Grade Officers:

President: **Lily Moss**

Vice President: **Julia Wortley**

Secretary: **Gloria Flatt**

Treasurer: **Aurora Randall**

7th Grade Officers:

President: **Meadow Bassett**

Vice President: **Brier Huggins**

Secretary: **Andie Fairchild**

Treasurer: **Colton Walkup**

## Senior Spotlight - ASHTON BURIAN



**Family:** Jamie, Chris, and Mason.

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** Playing football and making new friends from different schools because they are memories that will last forever.

**What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?** I learned to be time efficient, a hard worker, and how to work well with others.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** Having the opportunity to play Division 1 lacrosse at Canisius.

**What are your plans after high school?** I plan on going to Canisius College and studying Sports Management.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** I hope to have a happy life with a wife, kids, and a lot of money.

**If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?** I would invite Dennis Rodman and Ray Lewis to talk about how they became one of the best defenders and hardest workers in their sports.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** A challenge I faced was the shortened football season of my junior year. I overcame this by making the most of every opportunity I was given, and making sure I wouldn't get sick so I didn't have to miss any time.

**Who's your hero and why?** My brother is my hero because he always puts a laugh on my face and I can always count on him.

## Senior Spotlight - KATELYN LAMOUREUX



**Family:** Diana Lamoureux, Joe Lamoureux, Nathan Lamoureux, and Charlotte Lamoureux.

**What has been the best part of your high school career and why?** The best part of my high school career has definitely been my junior year morning study hall chats with Mr. Fregly and Mr. O'Neill where I should've been getting homework done but talking about kayaking trips and the funniest scenes in *Mad Men* always seemed more important.

**What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?** I have learned to embrace others' differences but also focus on the fact that in the end we are all human, so using differences to build hatred and inequality is unjust.

**What is your proudest moment in high school so far?** I don't think I have one single proudest moment. I am honestly just proud of myself that I have made it this far and thankful for all of the opportunities that I have had to lead me to where I am now.

**What are your plans after high school?** So far I don't have any concrete plans but ideally I will go to college and get a degree in a job that will allow me to travel and communicate with others to better the world.

**What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?** By the time I'm 30 I hope I will have been able to travel around the world and learn at least two other languages. If everything works out then I hope to be financially stable and in a job that I am happy with, but overall by the time I'm 30 I wish to be happy with my life.

**If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?** This is easily the hardest question I've had to answer but I think I would invite Big Time Rush (yes, they are a band but I'm counting them as one invite), Meryl Streep, and Matthew Gray Gubler. This may seem like a very eclectic group of people, but I think that is what would make it so much fun. There would be Big Time Rush because I love their music and they seem fun, Meryl Streep because there is no film that she is bad in, and Mr. Gubler because he is extremely funny and was Simon in *Alvin and the Chipmunks*. This group would be chaotic but definitely the best dinner party that I would ever host.

**What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?** I think my biggest challenge that I have faced has been myself. Not only am I a professional procrastinator, but I also get caught up in a loop of not mentally being able to do work but stressing about how I have so much work to get done. I can't say that I have overcome this mental obstacle yet, but I'm getting there.

**Who's your hero and why?** My hero is probably my dad. Not only does he consistently work to help others but he also is unapologetically himself. No matter what, he will always drop what he's doing to break out in song and dance when *Price Tag* by Jesse J comes on, or will always tell a joke even if he's the only one laughing at it. People have told me that I look like my mom but act like my dad and it is the best compliment I could get because I strive to be as outgoing, determined, and generally happy as he is.

## Teen Institute Buddies Up



Teen Institute has buddied up with the 7th graders, as they have for several years in the past, as a way to help 7th graders transition from the Elementary building to the JSHS building. Their first meeting was focused on organization and locker clean out. TI members also spent time chatting about ways 7th graders could be successful during their time at the JSHS. The main purpose of this buddy system is to give the 7th graders an older student that they can rely on if they need help. Teen Institute will follow up with their buddies at least once a month and some even created group chats among their buddies so they could keep in touch frequently. More fun activities will be planned for the 7th graders in the near future.



## FFA Activities

Our once again Nationally Acclaimed 3-Star FFA Chapter has been busy with many activities, on and off campus. FFA members began working on the TES butterfly garden last spring and finished it up at the beginning of school. TES students have enjoyed the colorful plants and are excitedly waiting for butterflies to come and go this coming spring! Members also volunteered their time at the NYS Fair and at an alpaca show, and could also be seen at the Community Days here in Tully on the FFA float or on a tractor. At the beginning of October, our FFA members welcomed officers from other chapters when Tully was the first stop in the region's State Officer Tour. Four of our chapter officers enjoyed leadership training and activities at the Cornell campus a few days later. All members participated in the FFA State Conference virtually, particularly proud when the National FFA Chorus sang, due to Tully's very own FFA member, Ella Tordel, being a part of the prestigious group. We are always looking forward to seeing what the FFA is up to. Check out their Facebook page to see all the wonderful things they are involved in!

## ATHLETICS

### Fall Athletics Recap

Even though some Covid restrictions remain, the overall feel and excitement of interscholastic athletics has returned! Varsity Girls Soccer qualified for the Sectional tournament and won their first round game against Sandy Creek, 4-0. They played against Watertown IHC in the next round, which brought their injury marred season to a conclusion. The Tully Varsity Boys Soccer team took a very young team into the Sectional tournament. Varsity Football (Southern Hills Storm) finished their regular season play with a 4-2 record. The fall cheerleaders had a great season working on the sidelines of the boys' football games. The girls were enthusiastic, well-choreographed, and supportive of the boys all season! Boys Varsity Golf had several athletes qualify for the Fall Sectional Tournament at Beaver Meadows CC in October. The top finisher was senior Ryan Shute, who fired a 79 in the sectional match and will next compete in May 2022 at the State Qualifier at Colgate University. Our boys' Cross Country teams had a very successful season, finishing in 1st place in the OHSL Patriot League, winning the OHSL League Meet, and being one of the top seeded teams heading into the Class D Sectional race in November. Our girls' XC team had a small roster, but still competed very well.

### Storm Youth Program

The Southern Hills STORM Youth Program wrapped up the 2021 season, with over 140 participants registered and competing this season. By far our largest turnout in the eight years of our program. The program consists of players from LaFayette, Fabius-Pompey, and Tully school districts. We competed with teams across the Finger Lakes in the FLYFCL League (Finger Lakes Youth Football & Cheer League). We'd like to thank all the parents, players, and coaches for an extremely successful and safe season! **Team Records:** C Football: 7 Wins/1 Loss; B Football: 6 Wins/2 Losses. **Cheer Competition:** Flag Football Cheer: Grand Champions; C Cheer: 5th Place; B Cheer: 3rd Place.

### JH Winter 2 Sports

(JH Girls Basketball & JH Wrestling) Start Date: Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

**Girls Basketball:** Bill Donald, 7th/8th Grade Coach. **Varsity Wrestling:** combined with Fabius-Pompey. FP hosts daily practices and matches. Tully transports athletes to FP Mon-Fri when school is in session. Parent pick up at FP HS needed. Register for Winter Sports on Family ID at [www.tullyschools.org](http://www.tullyschools.org)

### Cross Country Team



This year, the Tully Boys Cross Country members worked together to build a better team, on and off the course. They endured an Adirondack Adventure trip; team and chaperones alike participated in zip lining, obstacles, and ropes courses high among the trees. While some were not so keen about having their feet off the ground, they found themselves supported by their teammates around them. Their bond seems to be strong no matter where they find themselves. Check out some video footage on the Tully website!

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#### TULLY PARKS & REC BASKETBALL

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## Alumni News



**Brendan and Cassidy McGinn**, both from Tully's Class of 2016, have started their first year of medical school.

**Cassidy**, a graduate of SUNY Geneseo, is attending Upstate Medical University School of Medicine in Syracuse, New York.



**Brendan**, a graduate of SUNY Oswego, is attending Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine at Lincoln Memorial University in Knoxville, Tennessee. Congratulations and good luck in your future medical professions!

**Taz Josh**, Tully graduate from the Class of 2018, made the President's List at SUNY Cortland in the spring of 2021, which he completed at home online during Covid. In addition, Taz graduated a year early due to his efforts in academics.

Congratulations and well done!



## Alumni Celebrate



Tully Alumni Association was finally able to have their yearly event that celebrates ALL Tully Alumni. The classes of 1970 and 1971 were acknowledged during this year's event. Mark ('85) and Suzanne ('87) Drumm (Tully Alumni) graciously opened their doors to the Loft for our gathering. Not only did they provide us with a place, but they also provided us with the oldest, Dick Drumm (1946), and youngest, Aurora Drumm, (2021) Tully Alumni.

Even with tornado warnings and flooding, no one could stop the eighty-five alumni from attending. There was wonderful music provided by Bob Cooper ('76) accompanied by Mike Shafer ('71) on the harmonica. There were also amazing sounds of laughter and memories being shared. Kudos to the Alumni Association Committee who continue to keep the spirit going and bringing Tully graduates back together.

## Communities Kickin' Cancer – A Fall Tradition in Our Community



The fall of 2020 was a season of disappointment. Our 5th annual Communities Kickin' Cancer event was not able to take place due to the ongoing pandemic and concerns of gathering together. The Fabius-Pompey and Tully soccer teams, especially our seniors, missed out playing the "game of the year," and both communities missed the gathering of two great teams on Route 80 in Southern Onondaga County.

Fast forward – August, 2021, we received great news. We Were Back! The 6th Annual Communities Kickin' Cancer event was a go. The planning committee gathered quickly and shared concerns about what this event would look with such a short turn around for fundraising and securing in-kind donations. However, collectively it was decided that this event would be what it would be, and we would put forth our best efforts!

Our communities and beyond did not fail us! Every individual and corporate sponsor who donated raised their donation level this year; our tee shirt sales became advance tee shirt orders and were sold out for the first time ever! We received many in-kind donations for concessions - all to keep the expenses down for a greater donation to Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital! In addition, our sidelines crowd was larger than ever!

Thank you to both the Fabius-Pompey and Tully communities and beyond for your continued support of this great event and for continuing the tradition of friendly competition. Thanks to ALL of YOU, we presented a check for \$13,000 to the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. This makes our total donations over \$50,000 to date. Watch the Bridge Street Newscast of this event on the Tully website.

**Interested in volunteering for this event next year? Visit <https://www.facebook.com/Communities-Kickin-Cancer>**

## Halloween Festivities

There were many Halloween activities, new and old, happening in and around campus this year. The elementary students enjoyed their annual dressing up and parade. Parents got to come on campus and watch as the students paraded around the front courtyard and then around the side of the building. There were



lots of fun costumes this year: police officers, animals, witches, ninja turtles, butterflies, storm troopers, and even a banana. The elementary staff and faculty got in on the fun, too. Seniors enjoyed the annual tradition of dressing up and walking the halls of the elementary and JSHS. They all seemed to have fun and were genuinely happy to see the tradition continue. A few teachers were spotted at the first Tully Trunk or Treat. Ms. Gazdik's trunk looked very festive with the theme of "Spook-tacular" while Mrs. Dietz and Mrs. Scully-Smith rocked the theme of "Don't Let Pigeon Drive the Bus," derived from a fun children's book series. Here at Tully, we declare Halloween a complete success!

## From the Superintendent



**Rob Hughes**

We are slowly working our way back to a sense of normalcy. Our students had a successful fall sports season, with all of our teams making sectionals this year. In October, our JSHS band and chorus students held their first concerts of the year to a live audience. We held our annual Halloween activities, including a senior Halloween breakfast and a costume parade at the elementary school. We also held in-person National Honor Society Inductions and held a Homecoming pep-rally. Thank you to everyone in our school community who played a role in making all of these events possible. It really has been a great start to the school year, and it certainly seems that we have a lot of good things to look forward to over the next several months.

With this in mind, we must now begin the process of developing a proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year. On October 25th, the Tully BOE adopted the 2022-23 Budget Development Calendar. Some important dates from this calendar are as follows:

- November 22, 2021**
- December 20, 2021**
- January 24, 2022**
- February 14, 2022**
- March 7, 2022**
- March 28, 2022**
- April 18, 2022**
- May 9, 2022**
- May 17, 2022**

- BOE Meeting: Discussion of Budget Priorities and Goals**
- BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2022-23 Administrative Budget**
- BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2022-23 Capital Budget**
- BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of 2022-23 Program Budget**
- BOE Meeting: Review of Projected 2022-23 Revenue**
- BOE Meeting: Review of Overall Budget and Budget Adoption**
- BOE Meeting: Initial Discussion of Fund Balance Management Plan**
- Public Budget Hearing: Presentation of BOE Approved 2022-23 School Budget**
- Annual District Meeting & School Budget Vote**

As we go through the upcoming budget development process, there are a number of opportunities for members of the public to share ideas. Specifically, at the Board of Education meetings listed above there will be an opportunity for members of the public to share comments on the budget. Additionally, on May 9th, we will be holding our Annual Budget Hearing, during which members of the public may ask questions and share comments about the proposed 2022-23 school budget. This Budget Hearing will take place in the JSHS, beginning at 6:00 p.m., prior to the start of the May 9th BOE meeting.

Additionally, as we go through the budget development process, there are a number of opportunities for building administrators, faculty, and staff to help clarify budgetary needs. There are two goals in bringing building administrators, faculty, and staff into the budget development process. First, doing so helps us to identify ways to improve upon and expand learning opportunities for our students. Second, doing so helps everyone develop a more common understanding of the financial constraints we face as a public school. If we are effective on both of these fronts, we should be able to identify areas for improvement and cost saving measures.

Please note that in addition to discussions about our general fund budget, the process listed above will include discussions regarding our use of federal stimulus funding, commonly referred to as ESSER funding.

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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 4 Craft Show @ JSHS
- 7 JSHS Holiday Band Concert 6 p.m.
- 8 PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9 Elem. 5th/6th Grade Concert 7 p.m.
- 11 ACT (off site)
- 14 JSHS Holiday Chorus Concert 6 p.m.
- 20 BOE Meeting @ JSHS 6 p.m.
- 24-31 Holiday Recess

*Picture courtesy of senior Jack Mohat*

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

