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KNIGHT INSIGHT



See You Later Summer! Hello 2022-2023!



Past are the days of summer camps, summer programs, and summer activities. Tully CSD is excited to welcome new and returning staff and students to a full and exciting year! This summer, our FFA students returned to Camp Oswegatchie and lent a hand with parking at Empire Farm Days in addition to hosting Camp Watson to our younger students. Our Interact students helped with several community services throughout the summer including at the King's Corner days. The After School Program enjoyed crafts, swimming, and activities including a day when they visited with some exotic animals at the lake. In addition, upgrades were, and continue to be made, at both schools.

For the 2022-2023 school year, we have welcomed several new staff members including Michael Hoose, Interim Superintendent, and Kevin Sommer, Business Administrator. Look for theirs and all our other new staff members' introductions in the October KI. We have also implemented our new communication platform, Parent Square. We believe our parents and guardians will really like this platform as it helps streamline all communication from teachers and the district.

Tully CSD is excited to get this year started with all the wonderful things planned – we hope our community is too!

Student Medications

Students are not allowed to have medications on their persons at school. This includes ALL prescribed or over-the-counter medications. The ONLY exception is for students that have been deemed as a self-carry individual. With this designation, written permission from both the parent/guardian and a written provider order are necessary.

Documentation needs to state both the diagnosis and that the student has demonstrated they can effectively administer the medication(s). These students are allowed to carry emergency medications, which require rapid administration to prevent negative health outcomes. This does not include just inhalers; they may also carry Epi Pens, Glucagon, or even at the high school level, medication to treat a migraine... etc.

All medication must be delivered to the health office first by a parent or guardian along with documentation of a written order and original packaging.

Please contact the health office of your student with any further questions.

New to the District:



ParentSquare™

Get excited! Tired of having a ton of different platforms (Remind, Dojo, School Messenger, etc.) to keep in touch with your child's teachers and keep up-to-date on the Tully School District info? We have a solution! We are transitioning from School Messenger to Parent Square. Many parents have already accepted their invitations and have linked to their child(ren). If you have not, check your email for the invite. Parent Square will facilitate all messaging from the district to our community. Our expectation is to use this new tool to provide a safe way for staff and parents to receive important school and teacher communication all in one place. As a parent, you can communicate with your child's teachers one-on-one or in a group setting, sign up for teacher-parent conferences, receive "Backpack Express" info, and so much more! Download the app for on-the-go communication! If you have any questions regarding Parent Square, please contact Sherry Huggins at sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org or by calling 315-696-6236.

Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

Welcome (back) to the 2022-2023 school year where the term "refresh" is so appropriate! Everyone is eager to get started on a new school year. TES is pleased to welcome several new staff members to the building and you will get to learn more about them in next month's issue. We are in the midst of capital improvements/renovations and we will see many changes as the year progresses. So far, eight classrooms have been renovated with new doorways/entrances, new cubbies, and new sinks/countertops. An additional eight classrooms will receive the same treatment during the fall. Our main gym floor was stripped, sanded, painted, and resealed. It looks fantastic! This spring, our music classrooms and our auditorium will receive substantial upgrades and we look forward to debuting them a year from now. Teachers took time during the summer to recharge and are excited to implement the curriculum work that they engaged in over the summer. Most notably, several grade levels are piloting a new math program this year. Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, September 22nd. This is the date of our annual Back to School Night. More information will be sent home in student backpacks. I look forward to seeing you at this event and throughout the year as we are fully reopened after a couple years of COVID-related restrictions. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child(ren)'s teachers or me with any questions. To keep up-to-date on school events and news, please check out the school website and our new Parent Square communications platform.

Mr. Edward Kupiec, ES Principal • Phone: 315.696.6213 • Twitter: @ekupiecTullyES • Email: ed.kupiec@tullyschools.org

Positivity Project

Tully Central School is proud to continue as a partner school for the Positivity Project (P2) in 2022-2023! By now, most students are familiar with P2 and the 24 character strengths, common vocabulary, and philosophy of other people matter mindset. Watch how P2 is used in school and how it can transfer into the community!

PTO Update

Welcome back, everyone! We are back to the start of another school year once again. For those who are not familiar with the Tully Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (TES PTO), we would like to introduce ourselves. The President of the PTO is Marie Schmidt. The Vice President of the PTO is Erin D'Antonio. Chris Lawton is the PTO Treasurer. Stacey Burian-Wilbur is the Secretary. Wendy Hutton is the Public Relations Coordinator.

TES PTO typically funds a number of different activities throughout the school year. The PTO's Read-A-Thon fundraiser in the spring was a HUGE success! We would like to thank each and every one of our students that read, as well as the sponsors and the donors. As a result of your generosity, we are able to continue to offer support to our staff and students at the elementary school.

Throughout the school year, the TES PTO offers funding to various clubs and activities that students and staff may benefit from. Some of the funding this past school year went to the following groups/activities: 6th grade picnic, field trips for each grade level, teacher and teacher assistant allotments (for extra items that they may need in their classrooms), clothing and undergarments for the nurse's office, Flag Day popsicles for the entire school, Staff Appreciation luncheon and stocking the break room with snacks and beverages at the beginning of the school year, dual senior awards (two separate students), Maker Lab items, Safety Patrol pizza party, Summer Reading/Read-A-Thon prizes, bins to help with a new playroom, snacks for summer learning, and much more. This fall we will offer a spirit wear sale and our bi-annual author visit.

We will continue to support our students and staff at the Elementary School in any way that we can. At this time, we are holding our monthly meetings via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. We encourage you to join us either in the meetings or via our Facebook page, Tully Elementary PTO.

Our first meeting of the school year will be September 14. TES PTO is a 501(c)(3) organization, and we gladly accept tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation.

ATHLETICS

Fall Sport Start Dates

JV & Varsity Fall Sports: Monday 8-22-22

JH & Modified Fall Sports: Tuesday 9-6-22

Fall Coaching Staff

FOOTBALL:

Head Varsity Football: DJ Charles

Assistant Varsity Football: Jeff Russell

Assistant Varsity Football: Nick Zupan

Head Modified Football: Stew Snyder (7/8/9 grade)

Assistant Modified Football: TBA

SOCCER:

Head Varsity Boys' Soccer: Bill Donald

JV Boys' Soccer: No JV Boys' Team in 2022

Modified Boys' Soccer: Charlie Locke (7/8/9 grade)

Head Girls' Varsity Soccer: Ashley Brunelle

JV Girls' Soccer: Kaitlyn Mahns (*Nicole Beatson will fill in 8/22-9/12*)

JH Girls' Soccer: Tim Villhauer

CROSS-COUNTRY:

Boys' Cross-Country: Jim Paccia

Girls' Cross-Country: Michelle Rauber

GOLF:

Varsity Boy's Golf: Don McClure

CHEER:

FB Cheerleading: TBA - combined with LaFayette and Fabius Pompey

Principal's Message



Michael O'Brien

Hello all incoming Junior-Senior High School students and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Over the past few months, I hope that everyone has had some time to rest and recharge! We are so excited to see all of our returning students and meet all of our new students and incoming 7th graders!

The Junior-Senior High School is extremely busy as we are amidst a capital project and are busy preparing for the upcoming school year. The construction team is working diligently. Currently, the Junior-Senior High School auditorium is off-line and in the process of renovations. Also, the former upstairs computer labs are being transformed into a large group instructional room. Gym 1 locker rooms are all being updated and will be unavailable for use as we start the school year. The Gym 2 floor is being refinished and should look spectacular. The work that began last spring should all be complete by the start of school. We are excited for everyone to see and enjoy the new art and agriculture rooms as well as the renovated central bathrooms upstairs and downstairs. Also, new drop ceilings and LED lights have been installed in the upstairs rooms. The custodial staff continues to do a spectacular job getting the building ready for everyone to arrive! Interruptions have made normal summer work difficult; however, our amazing custodians are working tirelessly as we look forward to the 1st day of school!

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th. We will communicate the specific details regarding Curriculum Night via Parent Square during the first week of the school year. During this event, teachers will share information regarding their courses.

Students can anticipate receiving their Chromebook during the first day of school on Tuesday, September 6th. Additionally, we are excited to welcome several new teachers to our school community. Please contact Mr. Schiener or me if you have any questions. Also, you can contact Mrs. Newton or Mrs. Davin for counseling office questions or needs. We look forward to seeing all of the students on Tuesday, September 6th!

Michael O'Brien, JSHS Principal • Phone: 315.696.6235 • Email: mike.obrien@tullyschools.org

2022/2023 Meal Prices:



Breakfast: \$1.45

Lunch: (PK-6th) \$2.85, (7-12) \$3.00

Free or reduced lunch prices are available. See application on pages 8-11.

Fitness Center Open to Tully Residents

The Tully Central School District Fitness Center, located in the High School athletic wing, is open to Tully residents Monday through Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Children under age 12 are not allowed.

The Fitness Center is closed on holidays and snow days, or when after school activities are canceled for weather reasons. The gyms and indoor track are not available for use during the designated Fitness Room hours.

Article Submission Guidelines

To submit an article, email articles to Sherry Huggins at sherry.huggins@tullyschools.org

If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6236.

Please email articles in Word format whenever possible. Do not capitalize all the words in the article. Do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.

Material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.



Bus: Wolf

Driver: Glen Wintermute*
 Route: Otisco Rd.,
 W Canty, Otisco Valley
 Rd., Crooked Lake

**Bus: Fish**

Driver: Lisa Bollinger
 Route: Strong Rd., Vesper Hill Rd., Curtain
 Rd., Stevens Rd., Ryan Rd., Octagon Rd.,
 Gatehouse Rd., Lake Rd.

**Bus: Buffalo**

Driver: Art Rienhardt
 Route: Route 11S,
 Marybelle, Tully Ctr Rd.,
 E Homer Baltimore,
 E Hill Rd., Currie Rd.,
 Route 281

**Bus: Giraffe**

Driver: Brett Stephenson
 Route: Song Mountain Rd.,
 Otisco Valley Rd., Church Rd.,
 Masters Rd., W Valley Rd.,
 Sawmill Rd., Lake Rd.,
 Frenchs Bay

**Bus: Dog**

Driver: Rick Burke
 Route: Route 80W, Oak Hill
 Rd., Deer Haven Ct., Patterson
 Rd., Kamm Rd., Kenyon Rd.,
 Buckwheat Rd., Wright Rd.,
 Finlon Rd.

**Bus: Bear**

Driver: Doug Deyoe
 Route: Woodmancy Rd., Otisco Rd., Route
 80, Hidden Falls, Scadden Terrace,
 Austin Rd.,
 Melinda Lane,
 Village View

**Bus: Eagle**

Driver: Christine Leonard
 Route: Lake Rd., Wetmore Rd., Assemble
 Park, Salisbury Rd., Friendly Shores, Song
 Lake Xin Rd.,
 Palmer Rd., Song
 Lake Rd., Long Rd.,
 Lake Rd.

**Bus: Rabbit**

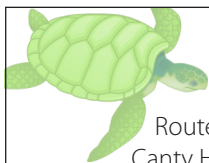
Driver: Randy Burt
 Route: Barker St., Otisco Rd.,
 Tully Farms Rd., Route 11A,
 Solvay Rd., Quail Ridge,
 Bob White Lane

**Bus: Elephant**

Driver: TBD
 Route: Meeker Hill Rd.,
 Tully Truxton Hill,
 Robyn Lane, Grove St.

**Bus: Turtle**

Driver: Robert Poulsen
 Route: Route 80W,
 Canty Hill Rd., Bailey Rd.,
 Octagon Rd.

**Bus: Lion**

Driver: Dave Earley*
 Route: Rt. 11N,
 Babcock Rd.,
 North Rd.,
 Markham Hollow Rd.

**Bus: Kitten**

Driver: Russell Vinnedge
 Route: Dutch Hill Rd., Bishop Hill Rd.,
 Barker St., Cook Rd.,
 Case Hill Rd., Kingsley Rd.,
 Hitchings Rd., Canty Hill Rd.

**Bus: Cow**

Driver: Yvonne Bailey
 Route: Sky High Rd.,
 Route 80 E,
 Apulia Rd., Markham
 Hollow Rd., Daly Rd.

**TIPS FOR SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES:**

- ◆ Remember, buses make frequent stops. Be prepared to stop for them.
- ◆ Never pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing on the right or left.
- ◆ Watch for children who cross in front of the bus when the bus is stopped.
- ◆ Look for children at bus stops and those running to bus stops.
- ◆ By law, school buses are required to stop at railroad crossings.

As bus transportation requests continue to come in, schedules may vary slightly by the time school starts. Parents will be notified via Parent Square of any changes.

From the Interim Superintendent



I hope everyone has enjoyed their time with friends and family this summer. As we begin the 2022-23 school year, please remember to thank everyone who worked so hard to get the buildings and grounds ready for everyone's arrival.

My name is Michael Hoose, and I have the honor of serving as your Interim Superintendent until a permanent Superintendent is selected by the Board of Education. I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you over the next few months. In the short time I have been here, I have witnessed Tully pride and the

dedication of staff and community to the success of our students.

The Capital Project was in full swing this summer across the campus. I think you will agree that the much-needed improvements to our schools can only enhance the educational experiences for our students. While this phase is nearly complete, there is also work scheduled throughout the school year on the auditoriums and some classrooms in both buildings. Disruptions will be kept to a minimum. Thanks to you and the community for your investment in the infrastructure of our district.

We will be spending time in the first few weeks on our safety plans and school safety in general. The Safety Committee recently participated in a table top exercise to practice various "what if" scenarios as a way to prepare for an emergency situation. We all need to be aware of the world in which we live and remain vigilant.

We are welcoming some new faculty and staff members this year. The administrative team designed and implemented New Teacher Orientation and two Conference Days prior to students arriving on campus. These orientation and conference days are designed to ensure the success of our newest team members, to work on the improvement of the learning process, and to continue the excellence that defines Tully. While we anticipate a "normal" school year, districts across the state are waiting on firm guidance from the Governor on any pandemic-related restrictions that may occur. We will keep everyone updated as we receive information. Please check the district website often. Our goal, as always, is to keep everyone healthy and safe.

It is fun to watch the excitement build as we get closer to opening day. Everyone is anxious to get back to working with students, watching sporting events, and attending concerts and musicals. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Michael J. Hoose, Interim Superintendent

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NEWS FROM TULLY FREE LIBRARY

Welcome back to school!

We hope students had a fun summer and enjoyed being part of our 2022 Oceans of Possibilities Summer Learning Program! It was nice to see the kids come in weekly to log their reading, and we hope you enjoyed our special events such as Zoo to You and the M.O.S.T.

Did you know that September is Library Card Sign-Up Month? Students as young as kindergarten age are welcome to apply for their very own card, and you can get books from all the libraries in Onondaga County with it!

Got books? Need more? Our yearly book sale takes place on September 17, the same day as the Tully Community Fair. Stop by and add to your own permanent collection!

We have lots of activities planned for kids and teens this fall including new Full STEAM Ahead workshops, story times, clubs, crafts, and more! Please check our website and Facebook page to find more details and registration information.

Find us online at www.tullyfreelibrary.org.

Board of Education Meetings 22/23

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

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.

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. Colleen Kania (315) 559-9108
2024	Mrs. Andrea Mourey (315) 427-7444
2025	Mrs. Bettemae Russell (315) 696-6843
2024	Mr. Edward Wortley, II (315) 696-8609

Transportation Safety Requests

Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

- ◆ Provide your child with a backpack or book-bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children get off the bus.
- ◆ Check your children's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items as they could become snagged in the bus door as the child gets off the bus, and should be removed from clothing.
- ◆ Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop five minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it, or run into the road.
- ◆ Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway at least 15 feet. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.
- ◆ When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in single file.
- ◆ Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the bus driver and result in an accident.

It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children.

New York State law requires motorists to stop for school buses that are receiving or discharging passengers. The driver of the vehicle must stop when they encounter a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students:

- on a public highway
- on multiple lane roads
- on opposite sides of divided highways
- on a public street
- on a private road
- in a parking lot
- on school property

The driver of the vehicle must stop from either direction. The driver must also stop if the school bus has another bus in front of it to receive or discharge passengers.

Student Records Access

You are notified that you have the following rights in relation to student records: **1.** The right to inspect and review a student's education records. **2.** The school district shall limit the disclosure of information contained in the student's education records except: (a) by prior written consent of the student's parents or an eligible student, (b) directory information, or (c) under certain limited circumstances, as permitted by FERPA. **3.** The right of a student's parents or an eligible student seeking to correct parts of the student's education records which he or she believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's right. These rights include the right to a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the district decides not to alter it according to the parents' or an eligible student's request. **4.** The right of any person to file a complaint with the Department of Education if the school district violates FERPA. **5.** If either a student's parent or an eligible student desires to obtain copies of the policy pertaining to student records, notifications should be presented to the appropriate building principal. **6.** All rights and protections given to parents under FERPA and this policy transfers to the student when he or she reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an "eligible student."

Fire Inspection Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the 2022-2023 school year of the school buildings of Tully Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the District's Business Office for inspection by all interested persons. Please contact Mr. Kevin Sommer, School Business Administrator, Tully Central School District, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159, phone (315) 696-6205.

District Facility Use Requests

All requests for use of district facilities and grounds will be made online using the Master Library scheduling platform on the district website. After going to www.tullyschools.org, click on "Departments < Facilities < Login: Building Use Form." Here you will have to create a free account before you request the use of facilities. Requests have to be made at least two weeks in advance. If you have any questions or need assistance after watching the posted video and instructions, please contact the main office of the building you are requesting facility use.

Immunizations

Vaccinations due between Pre-Kindergarten and 12th grade are as follows: Students entering Pre-K must have had the following vaccines: 4 doses of the Tetanus, Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine, and Pertussis vaccine booster (TDaP), 3 doses of the Polio (IPV) vaccine, 1 dose of the MMR vaccine, 3 doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine, 1 dose of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine, 1-4 doses of the Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) vaccine, and 1-4 doses of the Pneumococcal vaccine.

Students entering 6th grade, or by 11 years of age, must have the Tetanus, Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine, and Pertussis vaccine booster (TDaP), and 2 doses of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine.

Students entering 7th grade are required to have one dose of the Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY).

Students entering 12th grade are required to have 2 doses of the Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 or older.

Directory Information

The Tully Central School District classifies the following student information as directory information:

- Name, address, and telephone number
- Date and place of birth
- Enrollment status
- Major field of study
- Grade level
- Participation in school clubs, activities, and sports
- Weight and height of interscholastic athletes
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- Electronic mail address
- Most recent educational institution or agency attended by student
- Student's picture

Directory information may be available for bona fide purposes to outside parties such as colleges, newspapers, and social service agencies. Any eligible student or parent wishing to limit the availability of directory information must do so within 14 days of this notification by contacting the building principal in writing.

Other questions regarding these rights should be referred to the student's building principal.

Physicals

The New York State Department of Education requires a health certificate or health appraisal of each public school student when they enter the school district for the first time, are in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, participate in interscholastic sports, need working papers, or are referred to the Committee of Special Education.

All students participating in interscholastic sports programs, regardless of grade level, must have a physical exam before participating in any sport practice. These physicals need to be turned into the school nurse prior to the start of practice. If your child intends to play a sport, it is important that they check with the school nurse before practice to verify they have a current sports physical on file.

Physicals expire one year from the month they were performed, on the last day of the month.

Asbestos Public Notification

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, all buildings of the Tully Central School District have been inspected for asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). The original inspection and triennial re-inspection reports identifying the location of ACBM, the management plan detailing how the district is managing the asbestos materials and the semi-annual surveillance reports are available in the Assistant Director of Facilities II office.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Bishop at 315-696-6218.

Summer 2022 Pesticide Notice

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The Tully Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please mail a letter to: Mr. Jerry Bishop, Asst. Director of Facilities, PO Box 628, 20 State Street, Tully, NY 13159 or fax a letter to him at 315-696-6253. The letter should include your name, address, daytime phone number, home phone number, e-mail address, and the area of interest. For more information, contact Mr. Bishop at 315-696-6218 or jbishop@tullyschools.org.

Professional Qualifications

Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers. The District will provide in a timely manner upon request the following information to parents:

1. Whether the student's teacher has met New York State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
2. Whether the student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the New York State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
3. Whether the student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of certification of the teacher;
4. Whether the student is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition, the District will provide to parents timely notice that their student has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable New York State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Tully CSD** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.45**; lunch costs **\$2.85 (PK-6) & \$3.00 (7-12)**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.**

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your students school.
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Paul Schiener, pschiener@tullyschools.org** to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **315-696-6230** if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or email to: **Kevin Sommer, kevin.sommer@tullyschools.org 315-696-6205**
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

2022-2023 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 25,142	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	\$ 967	\$ 484
2	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,303	\$ 652
3	\$ 42,606	\$ 3,551	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,639	\$ 820
4	\$ 51,338	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,975	\$ 988
5	\$ 60,070	\$ 5,006	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,156
6	\$ 68,802	\$ 5,734	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,324
7	\$ 77,534	\$ 6,462	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,983	\$ 1,492
8	\$ 86,266	\$ 7,189	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,318	\$ 1,659
*Each add'l person add	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Date Withdrew _____

F ____ R ____ D ____

2022-2023 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **315-696-6230**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: **Tully CSD Food Service**
20 State St
Tully, NY 13159

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- ____ - ____

 I do not
have a
SS# ☐

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or LatinoRace (Check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to your student's school. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: 315-696-6230. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

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| 1 & 2 | Superintendent Conference Days |
| 5 | Labor Day Holiday |
| 6 | First Day of School for Students |
| 14 | DEI Committee, 3:30 p.m.
PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom |
| 15 | JSHS Curriculum Night |
| 19 | BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m. |
| 20 | TES Picture Day |
| 22 | TES Back to School Night |
| 27 | JSHS Financial Aid Night, 6:00 p.m. |

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

Pictured: Summer Driver's Ed

