



Saying "Farewell" to Summer and "Hello" to 2023-2024



Even though school years come to an end, Tully CSD and its staff interact throughout the summer with many students in different capacities. Tully students engage in camps and activities through Parks and Rec, the Tully Free Library, FFA, TASP, and other community-wide programs in which they see lots of familiar faces from the district volunteering their time.

So while we say "farewell" to the summer activities and "hello" to the 2023-2024 school year, our staff has been engaging with students and forging relationships that are sure to make this school year the best yet. Welcome to school year 2023-2024!

Safety Reminders from Your SROs

A few reminders from your SROs to keep our students, parents, and staff safe while on campus this year:

Walkers:

- ◆ The elementary school building is not to be used as a cut through. Please use the sidewalks to walk around the building.
- ◆ Always utilize the sidewalks and crosswalks.
- ◆ Never step off the curb without looking in both directions, even if there is someone helping you.
- ◆ Never run while crossing the road/driveway.

Bus riders:

- ◆ Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- ◆ Keep your personal volume down while on the bus.
- ◆ Once off the bus, whether at home or at school, move away from the bus quickly, but without running.

Drivers:

- ◆ The campus speed limit is 15 MPH at all times.
- ◆ Always stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks and when navigating parking lots.
- ◆ Always yield to the vehicles in the traffic circle.
- ◆ Always stop for school buses that have their red lights on – even in the parking lots.
- ◆ The roundabout, JSHS parking lot, and JSHS main circle is one-way traffic.
- ◆ The roadway between the JSHS parking lot and the elementary is closed to vehicle traffic (except buses) between 7:30-8:00 AM & 2:30-3:00 PM.
- ◆ Use extra caution while on school roads and parking lots.
- ◆ Look out for our crossing guards, traffic control staff, and police (SROs); in the complete interest of public/student/staff safety, please follow any directions given by them.

- ◆ Student drivers must have permission to drive to school and must register the vehicles they will be driving with the SRO/Admin. Forms available in the JSHS main office.

Drop Off/Pick Up:

- ◆ Unload from the curb/passenger side, not driver's side into traffic.
- ◆ Say your goodbyes at or in the vehicle.
- ◆ Don't walk away from your vehicle and leave it unattended, running or not.
- ◆ During pickup, wait with your vehicle.
- ◆ Elementary student drop offs/pickups are to be from the circle only at entrance #1 (back of TES).
- ◆ JSHS student drop offs/pickups are to be from the main circle only at entrance #1 (front of JSHS).

Campus Safety:

- ◆ During school hours there is one point of entry at each building. Use the main entrance at both the JSHS and elementary school.
- ◆ All persons MUST check in at main offices using an identification card (Driver's License, State ID, etc). All persons are subject to a background check in our Raptor system prior to entry.
- ◆ During school hours, the school campus is closed; no unauthorized persons are allowed on school property i.e.: walking the parking lots and sidewalks, being on the sports track and fields, using the playground, cutting through school grounds to get to an off-campus location, etc.

Principal's Message



Edward Kupiec

We are ready for another great year at Tully Elementary School! It will be great to have the building full of life again with students returning to the hallways. After a summer of rejuvenation and professional learning, especially in the area of literacy instruction, school staff can't wait to get started on Wednesday, September 6th. To kick off the year, we have moved our Back-to-School Night and Title I Program Information event. On Tuesday, September 5th between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m., students, parents, and guardians will be able to visit their classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about the curriculum before the school year officially begins. We also will be able to show off our new band and chorus rooms, as well as our newly renovated auditorium and bathrooms. They look fantastic! Additional information about the start of school was sent home to families in their back-to-school mailing.

I can't wait for the 2023-2024 school year to begin! I look forward to seeing you at Back-to-School Night on September 5th. To keep up to date on classroom happenings and other school events, make sure to check out the school website and ParentSquare regularly.

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

PTO News

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 and the vice president is Erin D'Antonio. Chris Lawton is the treasurer, Stacey Burian-Wilbur is the secretary, and 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 this past 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: the 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, the 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, the Safety Patrol pizza party, Summer Reading/Read-A-Thon prizes, bins to help with a new playroom, snacks for summer learning, funding for the Literacy Club, and much more. This fall we will offer a spirit wear sale as well as hosting a Syracuse Stage performance. 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 13. TES PTO is a 501(c)(3) organization, and we gladly accept tax-exempt donations. Please inquire if you wish to make a donation.

2023-2024 School Meal Prices

Breakfast \$1.45

**Lunch \$2.95 (PK-6)
\$3.10 (7-12)**

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 – Friday, 4:30-6:30 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.

After School 2023-24

PEACE, Inc. is recruiting participants for our FREE After School Program.

We provide healthy snacks, educational activities, and seasonal fieldtrips. If needed, we can provide transportation.

The after school program is offered on Monday and Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Peace, Inc. office.

This program is for children in grades 3-6 (only FOUR openings available).

Contact: Brenda Nellenback at (315) 696-8203.

Tully Alumni Association – Gathering 2023 Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023



The Loft at Vesper Hills Golf Club
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Hope to see you there!

Principal's Message



Michael O'Brien

Hello all incoming Junior-Senior High School students and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Over the summer, I hope that everyone has had some time to rest and recharge, and returns to school ready to learn. We are so excited to see all of our returning students and to meet all of our new students and incoming seventh graders!

The Junior-Senior High School is busy as we continue to work on our capital project and are preparing for the upcoming school year. The construction team is currently finishing up the High School Counseling and Nurse's offices, and we hope to have both offices ready for the start of school. Athletic locker rooms are also being finished up for students to enjoy in the coming sports seasons.

The custodial staff continues to do a spectacular job, as always, preparing the building for everyone to arrive. Interruptions have made normal summer work difficult; however, our amazing custodians are working tirelessly as we look forward to the first day of school.

Students can anticipate receiving their Chromebook during the first day of school on Wednesday, September 6th. This year, Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th. We will communicate the specific details regarding Curriculum Night via ParentSquare during the first week of the school year; but during this event, teachers will share information regarding their courses.

Additionally, we are excited to welcome several new teachers to our school community. We have no doubt they will be great additions to the Tully JSHS family. 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 the first day of school!

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

DISTRICT WIDE: Who to Contact with Questions/Concerns

By following this contact chain, parents/guardians, students, and community members will have questions or concerns addressed quickly and efficiently. If you are unable to reach the first contact or your issue is not resolved, please move on to the second contact and so on until your concern has been addressed. Contact information for individuals below can be found by using the "Contact" link on the district website. All media inquiries should be directed to the office of the superintendent.

Athletics

Step 1: Coach
Step 2: Ryan Dando, Athletic Director
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Attendance

Step 1: Main Office or Nurse
Step 2: Building Principal
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Budget

Step 1: Kevin Sommer, School Business Administrator
Step 2: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Classroom (curriculum, instruction, behavior, etc.)

Step 1: Classroom Teacher
Step 2: Building Principal
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Extracurricular Activities & Clubs

Step 1: Activity or Club Advisor
Step 2: Building Principal
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Athletics Office: 315-696-6232
Business Office: 315-696-6206
District Office: 315-696-6204
Elementary Main Office: 315-696-6213

Facilities

Step 1: Building Principal
Step 2: Jerry Bishop, Assistant Director of Facilities
Step 3: Kevin Sommer, School Business Administrator
Step 4: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Food Service

Step 1: Mark Guccardi, Cook Manager
Step 2: Kevin Sommer, School Business Administrator
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Health/Medical

Step 1: School Nurse, Counselor, Social Worker
Step 2: Building Principal
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Residency/Registration

Step 1: TBD, Registrar
Step 2: Paul Schiener, Director of Instructional Services
Step 2: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Facilities: 315-696-6218
Jr.-Sr. High Main Office: 315-696-6235
Special Education: 315-696-6221
Transportation: 315-696-6250

Safety/Security

Step 1: Classroom Teacher
Step 2: Building Principal
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Scheduling (High School Level)

Step 1: School Counselor
Step 2: Mike O'Brien, JSHS Principal
Step 3: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

School (student conduct, events, concerns etc.)

Step 1: Building Principal
Step 2: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Special Education

Step 1: Program Manager/Teacher
Step 2: Building Principal
Step 3: Cristy Bobbitt, Director of Student Support Services
Step 4: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

Transportation

Step 1: Katie Murphy, Transportation Supervisor
Step 2: Building Principal/Director of Student Support Services (for off-campus special education programs)
Step 3: Kevin Sommer, School Business Administrator
Step 4: Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent

BUS # 82**Animal: BAT**

Driver: MIKE LEE
Route: In district
special
needs

**BUS # 70****Animal: KITTEN**

Driver: RUSS VINNEDGE
Route: Dutch Hill,
Otisco Rd, Canty Hill,
Case Hill, Kingsley,
Barker, Cook Rd

**BUS # 64****Animal: LION**

Driver: JENNY
WHEELER
Route: Babcock,
Markham Hollow Rd,
Route 80, North Rd, 11 North

**BUS # 81****Animal: BEAR**

Driver: DOUG DEYOE
Route: Woodmancy,
Hidden Falls, Route 80,
Village View

**BUS # 66****Animal: FISH**

Driver: KURT BETTERS
Route: Strong,
Vesper Hill, Curtain,
Stevens, Ryan,
Octagon, Gate House

**BUS # 80****Animal: BUFFALO**

Driver: ART RIENHARDT
Route: 11 South, Marybelle
(Fietta), Tully Crossing Rd,
East Homer Baltimore, Curry Rd,
East Hill, Route 281

**BUS # 67****Animal: WOLF**

Driver: ERIC SHAFFER
Route: Otisco Rd, Canty Hill,
Otisco Valley Rd,
Song Mountain,
Crooked Lake, Lake Rd

**BUS # 78****Animal: DOG**

Driver: RICK BURKE
Route: Route 80 Vesper,
Oak Hill, Ripley, Kamm,
Hunt, Buckwheat,
Wright Rd, Finlan Rd

**BUS # 73****Animal: COW**

Driver: ROB POULSEN
Route: Sky High, Daly,
Apulia Rd, Apulia
Station, South Street

**BUS # 86****Animal: GIRAFFE**

Driver: TARAH KADLUBOWSKI
Route: Frenchs Bay, Song
Mountain Rd, Otisco Valley Rd,
Church, Masters Rd,
West Valley, Saw Mill

**BUS # 71****Animal: RABBIT**

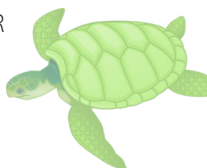
Driver: RANDY BURT
Route: Barker, Otisco,
Tully Farms,
Nichols Rd,
Route 11A

**BUS # 68****Animal: ELEPHANT**

Driver: LUKE
UNDERWOOD
Route: Truxton Hill,
Meeker Hill, Robyn
Lane, Grove Street

**BUS # 85****Animal: TURTLE**

Driver: LISA BOLLINGER
Route:
Route 80 Vesper,
Otisco,
Lords Hill

**BUS # 79****Animal: EAGLE**

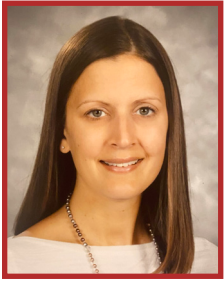
Driver: CHRISTINE
LEONARD
Route: Lake Rd, Wetmore, Salsbury,
Friendly Shores, Song Lake Crossing,
Long Rd, Gate House

**SHARING THE ROAD W/ 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 transportation requests continue to come in, schedules may vary slightly by the time school starts. Parents will be notified of any changes.

From the Superintendent



September is upon us. I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the final days of summer. As we gear up for another exciting school year, I wanted to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families. The new academic year promises fresh opportunities, new experiences, and continued growth, and we can't wait to embark on this journey together.

Our dedicated faculty and staff have been working diligently over the summer to ensure that the upcoming school year is filled with enriching learning experiences, engaging activities, and a safe and nurturing environment for all our students. We have exciting plans in place to challenge and inspire each student, foster their creativity, and encourage them to explore their interests.

I believe that education is a partnership between the school, the students, and the families. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in the success of our students, and I encourage open communication between all parties. To that end, the district offers several channels of communication for families and community members to connect. To facilitate this communication, we are introducing the Contact Chain in this month's issue. By following

this Contact Chain, parents/guardians, students, and community members will have questions or concerns addressed quickly and efficiently. If you are unable to reach the first contact or your issue is not resolved, please move on to the second contact and so on until your concern has been addressed. In addition to the Contact Chain, below are other methods of communication used commonly throughout the year:

◆ **ParentSquare:** Our primary communication platform for updates, announcements, and important information. You can expect to receive messages through this platform regularly.

◆ **Anonymous Tip Line (Tip411):** If you have concerns or information you'd like to share anonymously, our tip line is available for you to submit information discreetly. The safety and wellbeing of our students and community are of utmost importance.

◆ **Email/Phone Call/Face-to-Face Meeting:** We are here for you, and available to answer questions, listen to concerns, and welcome suggestions.

As we prepare for the school year ahead, let us reflect on the achievements of the past and anticipate the potential of the future. Together, we will create a year filled with growth, learning, and cherished memories.

Here's to a fantastic 2023-2024 school year!

Darcy Woodcock, Superintendent • Phone: 315.696.6204 • Email: darcy.woodcock@tullyschools.org

ATHLETICS

Sports Start Dates:

JV & Varsity Fall Sports – Monday, August 21
JH & Modified Fall Sports – Wednesday, Sept. 6
JV & Varsity Winter Sports – Monday, Nov. 13
JH Winter Sports – Monday, October 30

Fall Coaching Staff:

Head Varsity Football: DJ Charles
Asst. Varsity Football: Brad Sullivan
Head JV/Asst. Varsity Football: Jeff Russell
JV Football: Leo Burke
JV Football: Steve Pierce
JH Football: Rob Reddington
Varsity Boys' Golf: Don McClure
Varsity Boys' Soccer: Bill Donald
Mod. Boys' Soccer: Charlie Locke
Varsity Girls' Soccer: Ashley Brunelle
JV Girls' Soccer: Kate Mahns
JH Girls' Soccer: Tim Villhauer
Boys' Cross Country: Jim Paccia
Girls' Cross Country: Michelle Rauber
JH Boys' & Girls' Cross Country: Emily Paccia
FB Cheerleading: Katie Glover

2023/24 Board Members

2025	Mrs. Ryan Chatfield	boe.rchatfield@tullyschools.org
2024	Mrs. Colleen Kania	boe.ckania@tullyschools.org
2026	Ms. Jessica McAnaney	boe.jmcananey@tullyschools.org
2024	Dr. Andrea Mourey	boe.amourey@tullyschools.org
2025	Mrs. Bettemae Russell	boe.brussell@tullyschools.org
2026	Ms. Cheryl Wayne	boe.cwayne@tullyschools.org
2024	Mr. Edward Wortley, II	boe.ewortley@tullyschools.org

Board of Education Meetings

The planned schedule for Board of Education meetings for the 2023-2024 school year is as follows:

September 19, 2023	March 5, 2024
October 10, 2023	March 26, 2024
November 14, 2023	April 16, 2024
December 12, 2023	May 7, 2024 (<i>Public Budget Hearing</i>)
January 16, 2024	May 21, 2024
February 13, 2024	June 11, 2024

Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Library unless otherwise specified. Additional Special Meetings to be scheduled as needed.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 2023-2024 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.

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, and the 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.

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.

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.

Required Pesticide Notice

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, signed into law in July, 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.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please contact the Tully District Office pesticide representative, Jeanette Neadom, at jeanette.neadom@k12.tullyschools.org or 315-696-6204.

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 **\$2.95 (PK-6) & \$3.10 (7-12)**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **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.** Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk to apply for free or reduced price meals for all students in your household attending this School Food Authority. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information as indicated on the application and application instructions. **Return the completed application to: [Mark Gucciardi, Tully School Cafeteria, 315-696-6230].**
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?**
 - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. 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.
 - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
 - Children participating in their school's Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Households with children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
 - Children may receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free or reduced price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. 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.
 - Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

2023-2024 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES					
Total Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,038	\$ 519
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,404	\$ 702
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,769	\$ 885
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,135	\$ 1,068
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,501	\$ 1,251
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,867	\$ 1,434
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,502	\$ 3,232	\$ 1,616
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,598	\$ 1,799
*Each add'l person, add	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366	\$ 183

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, 315-696-6236]** to see if they qualify.
5. **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.
6. **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 carried over for the first 30 operating days of this school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

7. **I GET WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) BENEFITS. 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 an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk.
8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. **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 or who experiences financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. **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 writing to: [Kevin Sommer, Tully School Business Official, 315-696-6202].**
11. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. **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**.

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children, carefully complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk, following the instructions on the form, for your household and **return it to the designated office listed on the application**. All household members and children should be listed on one application.

- If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits or participate in the 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.
 - Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number, if necessary.
 - No application is necessary if the household was notified by the School Food Authority that their children have been directly certified based on Assistance Program participation. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.
- 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 for each household member, 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.** We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

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.

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.**

Date Withdrew _____

F _____ R _____ D _____

2023-2024 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 completed 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 children'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 FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (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 FDIPIR 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 FDIPIR 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 FDIPIR 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.

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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/ad-3027.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:

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| 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



Pictured: **FFA Students Attending Camp Oswegatchie**

SEPTEMBER

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| 4 | Labor Day Holiday |
| 5 | Superintendent Conference Day
TES Back-to-School Night, 3:00 p.m. |
| 6 | First Day of School for Students
JH Sports Begin |
| 9 | ACT (off-site) |
| 11 | Late Buses Begin |
| 14 | JSHS Open House, 6:00 p.m. |
| 19 | BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m. |
| 22 | JSHS Fall Sports Pictures
Homecoming |
| 23 | JSHS Homecoming Dance, 7:00 p.m. |
| 26 | JSHS Picture Day |
| 27 | TES Picture Day |

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



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