



## The Beginning of a New Era

The decision was made earlier this year that the Junior-Senior High School would house sixth through twelfth grade beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, so instead of having just one welcome day, the JSHS planned for two. Students in the fifth and sixth grade each had their own welcome days at the JSHS close to the end of the school year to familiarize themselves with the building, some of the staff, and meet upper classmen that they could connect with while on campus in the fall. The Teen Institute helped facilitate these days by conducting tours and engaging their younger peers in team building exercises. Students were seen throughout the halls listening to their surroundings and in the gym having paper snowball fights, creating human machines, and untangling themselves from human knots. The tours helped students know where a majority of their classes would be held, and the activities helped the older students use their leadership skills while the younger students warmed up to their older peers.

After team building, tours, and lunch, informational sessions were held where students met and learned a little bit about their teachers for next year. They heard about expectations, classroom etiquette, club and activity offerings, and tidbits of advice regarding organization, Chromebooks, and study skills. They also got to hear from the current junior high students and the current and future student body presidents. At the end of the day, they enjoyed popsicles. Many of the students found this day very informational and it helped alleviate any concerns they had regarding the transition.

An orientation day for not only our incoming JSHS students but their parents will take place closer to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. While the transition for our younger students can be quite daunting, we hope they realize how special this moment is. The school year of 2024-2025 is the beginning of a new era, one that our current students will be able to reminisce on for years to come.





## Principal's Message

The month of June was a whirlwind, especially with the school year ending on June 21st instead of the 25th! It only took eight years, but I finally experienced an outdoor concert on the lawn! The students did a great job in both spring concerts. We also had a number of faculty get pied in the face as a reward for such incredible participation and spirit during our Read-A-Thon, which marked our final assembly as a PK-6 building. Of course, we also said our traditional good-byes and had ceremonies for our students heading over to the junior-senior high school. This year, we said good-bye to both the fifth and sixth grade classes. Thank you to our amazing staff, students, and parents who made the end of the year so memorable and smooth!

The building will be bustling with activity this summer as we transition from a PK - 6 building to a PK - 5 building and prepare for the 2024-2025 school year. Please make sure you are connected to ParentSquare. I will keep you up to date on important happenings as we move through the summer. Enjoy the start of summer and mark your calendars for Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 3rd from 4:00 - 5:30 PM!

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## Warm Weather Allows for Concert on the Lawn



For at least the past eight years, the concert on the lawn has been moved inside due to several factors. Between yucky weather, Canadian wildfires, and a pandemic, the spring band concerts have taken place within the walls of our schools. This year, we had a little bit of luck. With a partly cloudy evening and warm temperatures, Tully's fifth and sixth grade band performed several music pieces on the front elementary lawn while parents, grandparents, friends, and community members relaxed in pop up chairs and on picnic blankets. Snacks were passed around while neighbors gathered to enjoy not only the warm weather with one another but some very talented young musicians. We hope this tradition is able to be continued for years to come!

## PTO News



The TES PTO would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Read-a-thon. Pictures of the students who participated are above the article. As always, our BOGO Book Fair was a success all thanks to the students and families as well as the volunteers.

This *Knight Insight* issue we say farewell to two of our officers who have been with the PTO for seven years. Marie Schmidt (President) and Wendy Hutton (Public Relations) will be moving on from the TES PTO as their children will be entering the Jr-Sr High School next year. While we have found replacements to fill their positions, the TES PTO always needs parent volunteers for the numerous events that are planned. To become involved, simply reach out via email: pto@k12.tullyschools.org, our Facebook page (Tully Elementary PTO), or via the elementary office.

We are a 501(c)3 organization and with only one fundraiser per year, we appreciate any and all donations.

## No Stone Unturned

Prom season is a time when students get to pamper themselves, dress up, and enjoy a night out with friends; however, not all proms end happily. To help make sure ours does, we try to educate students on the consequences of distracted driving. Marianne Angelillo, a local mom from Skaneateles, provided a sobering experience to our tenth through twelfth graders before they attended prom. Her personal story is centered around the heartache that not only their family faced when her son died after a night out, but the heartache their town faced. She encouraged students to watch out for one another because any type of distracted driving can have negative consequences, whether it is being under the influence, being tired, texting, or not paying attention. While her book is called *Sharing My Stones*, she is determined to educate as many students as possible, leaving no stone unturned.

A week after the assembly, juniors and seniors then witnessed a mock wreck, watching some of their peers act out a scene in which there was a driver under the influence and the impact it had. The students that played a role in the mock wreck provided an experience we hope that no one truly witnesses. Local fire, EMS, and police helped in this endeavor, which proved to be a good training exercise, especially to the younger emergency volunteers, some of whom are our students. A helicopter was also dispatched to the school, landing in the field behind our viewers. Once the mock wreck participants were freed from the vehicles, students then filed into the auditorium for a mock trial and funeral. School social workers and counselors were on site to help students who wished to talk and student feedback on this experience was positive.

Not long after, Tully hosted a successful and safe prom night for our students and their guests. Students gathered at Bellevue Country Club for A Starry Night - the theme chosen by their junior peers. Dresses in every color donned the dance floor and many themed tuxes were also seen. Adeline Russ and Harper Shaw were chosen as Prom King and Queen with Wesley Chambala, Mehdi Dursun, Darrell Gables Jr., Elaina Iozzo, Karissa Olender, Anna Pierce, Isaac Stoogenke, and Rowan Usherwood filling in the Prom Court. In addition, parents threw an amazing After the Prom Party at the school with over seventy in attendance. Lots of games were played, many prizes were won, and tons of smiles were shared. We thank everyone involved that helped make this prom year one with no stone unturned.



## Principal's Message



As our families and staff are hopefully enjoying a well-deserved summer recess, our yearlong staff start to focus on the 2024-2025 school year. The maintenance staff is working diligently to prepare the building and grounds for the start of interscholastic athletics and a brand-new school year. Our counselors and clerical staff are busy ensuring that all students' schedules are ready for the fall. Curriculum work and supply ordering are also main focuses of the staff.

In addition, we are making preparations to house the upcoming sixth graders and making sure their daily schedule is productive and does not differ too much from what they would expect if they were staying in the elementary building. While it is a big change, we are working to make it a smooth transition for all. We are excited to begin this journey with them! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!

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## Senior Installation



Each year, senior art students create a senior installation that is proudly displayed somewhere in the hallways of the JSHS. Sometimes the installation consists of individual pieces that work together and sometimes it consists of a collaborative piece. This year, seniors chose to construct a memory maze together. The maze had each senior represented by a magnetized clay doll, placed either in the maze or below it while the senior artist's dolls were labeled above it. Many of the dolls portrayed a defining feature such as glasses, hairstyle, athletic attribute, or other characteristics that are associated with the particular senior. Also within the maze were stopping points which represented memories from their years at Tully CSD. Popcorn days, the wooden playground, the Bugz play, the Quebec trip, Regents, and Halloween festivities were among the memories. Graduation day was the maze's exit. During the art show, many people had fun trying to guess which clay doll represented which senior. Another fun perk, seniors got to take their clay doll home to display on their refrigerator, no doubt holding more memories than one would think.

## Once A Knight, Always A Knight



This year's yearbook dedication was not only a first but an amazing tribute to one retiree that will always be considered part of the Tully Black Knight family. With all the changes the JSHS yearbook has endured in the past three years to be more inclusive, the yearbook staff felt it was appropriate to turn a corner and include the entire student body in the ceremony. Ten members of the yearbook staff donned the stage while the student body listened to the accomplishments of the year, including earning the gold standard award from Jostens – no easy feat. The anticipation was palpable as students eagerly awaited to hear who had won the dedication vote. This year's yearbook was dedicated to retiring Officer Ray Herrick. With his family present and a standing ovation, Officer Herrick was awarded the yearbook and a gift basket to remind him of his time at Tully CSD and that he will always be a Tully Black Knight at heart. After the dedication, all students were given their yearbooks to look through with friends and to write messages for one another. It was a great memory for all involved. The yearbook staff wishes Officer Herrick a relaxing retirement with the hopes that he will visit often!

## Character Call Out

Here at Tully, we are proud of all our students. They make strides every day to learn and grow. We spotlight them for making the honor roll, earning Student of the Month awards, winning various academic awards, making the teams in athletics, participating in extracurricular activities, and joining clubs. Some students, however, are quieter in their day-to-day activities. They go about their day, completing their tasks with what seems to be little acknowledgment. We want students to know this is not the case. We see you. We see the hard work and effort all students put into their everyday educational and social growth. We see the small things that students do when they think no one is looking. Because of this, we want to acknowledge these students that have been seen doing something extraordinary for themselves, their classmates, or another person while on campus whether it was stepping out of their comfort zone or going out of their way to help one another. We are proud of you!

### TES

- Jayce Baca
- McKenna Barney
- Eli Blaney
- Tanner Charette
- Xavier Davidson
- Damon Diliello
- Grant Dunham
- Ruby Foote
- Elaine Kite
- Hugh Hammack
- Elizabeth Hayes
- Cohen Hudon
- Logan Kilburn
- Charlotte Lamoureux
- Shawn Martz, Jr.
- Arlo Nachtrieb-Perry
- Joshua Pouliot
- Caden Proulx
- Calix Reis
- Blake Schmidt

- Quincy Travers
- Quinlan Wykstra
- Emmalin Zimmerman

### JSHS

- Nora Bort
- Thomas Chatfield
- Noah Collins
- Brennan Dilmore
- Mehdi Dursun
- Daniel Garback
- Colman Hathaway
- Nicholas Hobart
- Kayanna Hutt
- Lyn Kania
- Bryce Keller
- Sarah Kutty
- Allison Marinich
- Patrick Pierce
- Addyson Rockwell
- Dalton Stillman

## Olympiad Fun



The second annual Cortland County Olympiad was held this year at SUNY Cortland with several Tully Black Knights in attendance, both participating and volunteering. With almost two hundred student-athletes, almost as many volunteers showed up to make this an amazing event.



Tully was one of seven districts in attendance, along with several BOCES programs, while our National Junior Honor Society members volunteered their time. The student-athletes could be seen competing in dashes, tricycle races, long jumps, ball tosses, obstacle courses, and other lawn games. They also participated in getting their face painted, playing together with the parachute (a favorite among the younger and older kids), listening to music, and meeting characters such as Batman, Captain America, Spongebob, and Mike from Monsters, Inc, along with other superheroes and mascots. SUNY Cortland Auxiliary provided a boxed lunch and a community resource fair was available for parents. It was a beautiful day filled with so much fun!

## BOCES Blog

Two OCM BOCES New Vision Criminal Justice program students received \$500 scholarships at the 53rd District Attorney's Advisory Council Awards & Scholarship Luncheon at The Oncenter in downtown Syracuse. Madeleine Brown-Paul, a senior at Tully Junior-Senior High School, and Meghan Ferguson, a senior at Liverpool High School, received the scholarship from Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick. The District Attorney's Advisory Council (DAAC) aims to increase knowledge and understanding of crime prevention and criminal justice matters in Onondaga County. The council provides educational programs, a channel of communication between the community and the District Attorney's Office, and a recognition program for individuals and organizations whose activities have shown "exceptional accomplishments" in furthering the council's objectives. OCM BOCES New Vision teacher Kelly Cunningham said she was "thrilled" her students received these scholarships. "Both Meghan and Maddie have consistently demonstrated remarkable dedication in this New Vision class," Cunningham said. "Their passion for the law enforcement field is inspiring. I have no doubt they will go on to make significant contributions to the field of law enforcement. Congratulations, Meghan and Maddie! The future of law enforcement is bright, and individuals like you are leading the way." *Article courtesy of Jacqueline Wiegand*



## 2024-2025 BOE Meetings

The planned schedule for Board of Education meetings for the 2024-2025 school year is as follows:

**July 9, 2024; August 20, 2024; September 17, 2024; October 15, 2024; November 19, 2024; December 17, 2024; January 21, 2025; February 11, 2025; March 4, 2025; March 25, 2025; April 22, 2025; May 6, 2025; May 20, 2025 and June 17, 2025.**

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.

## Tully Free Library

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Our Summer Reading Challenge, Adventure Begins at Your Library, opened July 1st and runs through August 9th. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time. We have adventure-themed programs for kids, teens, and adults, where reading earns you rewards and raffle tickets for a grand prize!

We also have a jam-packed summer filled with events to help make the season even more fun! With programs this month such as Paint & Sip on July 8, Jeff the Magic Man on July 11, Armchair Travel-Great Britain on July 18, Enchanted Tales with Belle on July 20, and Adventure Begins with the MOST on July 25, plus crafts and more for all ages, it is going to be super fun for everyone! Plus, there's more to come in August. Check our website calendar for more details or stop into the library to get a copy of our printed summer calendar.

Tully Free Library is the place to be this summer and we look forward to seeing you here!

## Parks and Rec News

### SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

All registrations are on [Active.com-Tully](https://www.active.com/tully)

### Green Lake Swim Lessons

Session 1: July 1st - July 18th • Session 2: July 29th - August 15th

### Black Knights Basketball Camp (grades 3-9)

July 29th -August 1st, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### Summer Volleyball Camp (grades 3-9)

July 2nd - July 30th, Tuesdays 3:30 – 5 p.m.

### Summer Soccer Camp - TBD

### STEAM at the Beach

Fridays at 12 p.m. \*There will be a variety of activities; stay tuned for details or just show up!\*

## 2024-2025 Board Members

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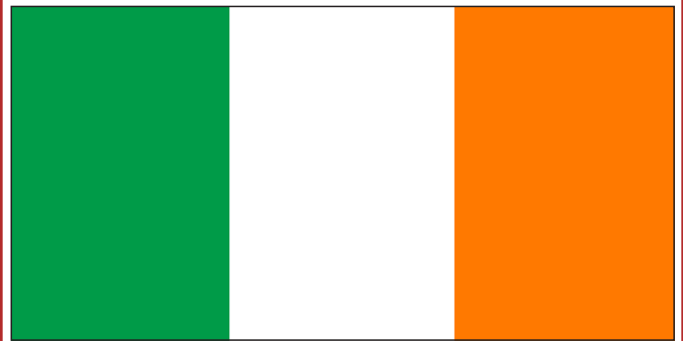
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## Culture Corner Ireland



Did you know that the Titanic was built in Ireland? Today, you can learn all about the Titanic and its infamous voyage at a museum located in Belfast, Ireland on the wharf where it was constructed. Something else that you may learn about in your history classes is that the Great Potato Famine happened in Ireland, which brought about hard times and starvation to the population. Ireland is an island west of Europe and is nicknamed the Emerald Isle due to the lush green landscape, although it used to be nothing but ice caps and glaciers once upon a time. There are no snakes there and the wildlife is minimal. While most seem to think the four leaf clover is a symbol of Ireland, it is actually a harp; however, the Irish accept the clover as an honorary symbol. Another interesting tidbit is that Halloween largely originated in Ireland. Historically, with celebrations of the Irish New Year on November first, Halloween celebrated the Celtic festival of Samhain where it was believed that spirits mingled with the living. This caused the Irish to dress in costumes to protect themselves from those spirits. Western civilization then adopted costumes as a tradition. Also historically, due to the small population, the people of Ireland had just one name, meaning they had no use for a last name. When the population began to grow, the Irish would add an "O," meaning "grandson of" or "Mac," meaning "son of" to the name of their father or grandfather, creating the last name. Now, we recognize anyone with an O-apostrophe or a Mac-apostrophe as being of Irish descent. Think of your friends and the staff at Tully - you may know someone that may be able to tell you about this wonderful country!

## Fall Start Dates & Upcoming Special Events:

JV/V Football .....	August 19
JV/V Soccer, V Cross Country, V Golf .....	August 26
JH/Modified Sports (Soccer, Football, and Cross Country) .....	September 4
Homecoming Weekend .....	September 20 & 21
Kickin' Cancer Soccer Game(s) at Fabius .....	September 28
Cross Country Invitational .....	October 5

## DISTRICT NEWS

### SCHOOL CENSUS – All Families with Small Children

This form is to be filled out by **all families with newborns to 5-year-old children living in the school district.**  
Please help us to update our records to ensure we have the proper staffing when your child(ren) attends our school district.

Please complete the form and return to: **Tully Central School District, Business Office, 20 State St, Tully, New York 13159**

#### ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
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#### CONTACT INFORMATION/PHYSICAL ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE(S) SPOKEN IN THE HOME \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHILD(REN) IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Please check here if your child receives early invention services

Last Name,	First Name,	Middle Initial	Date of Birth	Relationship	
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## TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS



**JULY**

**4** Independence Day –  
Tully CSD Offices Closed

**9** BOE Reorganization and Regular  
Meeting, JSHS, 6:00 p.m.

Summer Office Hours for all Tully CSD Offices:  
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

