



# SEPTEMBER 2015

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# KNIGHT INSIGHT



Pictured, Girls Cross Country, story on page 4



**Youth Flag Football Exhibition Game** – Youth Flag Football will be playing an exhibition game during halftime of the Tully Varsity football game on 9/11/2015. Come and show your support for your classmates and the future of the Tully Football Program!

# TULLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Welcome to Tully Elementary School!



We're so excited for the 2015-16 school year! Our teachers and custodians have been very busy working this summer to prepare for our new year.

We have approximately 20 new students we'll welcome into our building this year along with our 52 kindergartners. We've said goodbye to five students. With only days to go before we start school, please talk with your new neighbors to assure all children are registered and ready to come to our great school! If you have questions, comments, concerns and/or ideas to share, please call the office at any time. We can't wait for the year to begin!!

We can't wait to see you on September 8th!

Below are some things you should know:

### School Wide Theme

- ◆ "Oh, The Places We'll Go" will be our building theme
- ◆ Our hallway signs will be referenced/focused upon throughout the year
- ◆ We'll share the places students travel throughout our curriculum

### Morning Arrival:

- ◆ Our morning entry bell rings at 7:50 AM – all children enter at this time from buses or walking
- ◆ All children need to be in their homeroom ready to learn before 8:05AM
- ◆ Breakfast students enter the building and go directly to the cafeteria
- ◆ Children will use different doors to enter/exit the building based on grade level
- ◆ We've labeled the doors with numbers:
  1. Walkers: (all grade levels) enter/exit through the State Street doors into our lobby
  2. K-2 students: enter/exit through the Breezeway doors
  3. 3-4 students: enter/exit through the Preble wing doors (closest to the track)
  4. 5-6 students: enter/exit through the Main entrance doors

### Afternoon Dismissal:

- ◆ Our afternoon dismissal bell rings at 2:35 PM
- ◆ Activity period begins the first full week of school (every day except Tuesday)
- ◆ Activity period ends at 3:15 PM

### Fifth and Sixth grade:

- ◆ We'll call these grades our middle school this year
- ◆ They'll have identical schedules
- ◆ Teachers are departmentalized

### Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- ◆ Jessica Walker is our new President
- ◆ Please join us for meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 7PM
- ◆ Sign up for the email list to get information about school and community events

### Volunteers

- ◆ Volunteers are always welcome
- ◆ Please complete the annual volunteer application

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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## CASSIDY M. MCGINN



**Family:** Dennis- Dad, Leslie- Mom, Brendan- Brother

### What has been the best part of your high school career and why?

By far, the best part of my high school career was meeting President Obama. Regardless of political views, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

### What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?

Be kind, work hard and stay humble.

### What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

My proudest moment in high school so far was surviving my junior year. That was a draining year.

### What are your plans after high school?

I plan to attend college and major in chemistry/physics and possibly a minor in political science

### What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?

One thing, I know for sure I will have achieved by the time I am 30 is paying for my own cell phone bill.

### If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?

I would invite Bill Nye "The Science Guy", Winston Churchill and Billy Joel. We would most likely talk about science, the Battle of Britain and lots of historical events in chronological order and write a song about it.

### What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

Junior year was definitely a challenge emotionally and mentally. Getting into the college of my choice is my biggest motivation.

### Who's your hero and why?

My hero is definitely my track coach, Coach Rauber. She brought out the tough girl in me. She always sees my full potential; and not to mention, she's old and can still run faster than me.

## ERYNN F. MCNERNEY



**Family:** Mark- Father, Kim- Mother, Donna- Stepmother, Ally & Katie- sisters, Ryan- brother

### What has been the best part of your high school career and why?

Having the opportunity to join many clubs and sports teams was a great experience. I got to meet so many people and spend time with my friends. These activities also helped me to make friends from other schools.

### What have you learned by the activities you have participated in outside of school?

By participating in activities outside of school I have learned how to manage my time and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

### What is your proudest moment in high school so far?

My proudest moment has been getting on the high honor rolls and maintaining it for consecutive semesters.

### What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I plan on going to college to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner.

### What do you hope to achieve by the time you're 30 years old?

I hope to be well established in my career and to have a home and a family of my own.

### If you could invite two or three people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?

Dave Matthews- we would talk about his music and his inspirations. Dali Llama- I am interested in his views on world peace and other global issues.

### What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

I play three sports and participate in many clubs. I also have a job, so time management is a challenge for me. However, with the help of my family, friends, and teachers, I am able to do all of these successfully.

### Who's your hero and why?

My hero is my mom. She has gone through a lot in her life yet still stands strong. When she was a junior in high school her family moved from her hometown in West Virginia to Central New York. I can only imagine how much she had to persevere to move away from all of her friends she grew up with. She still inspires me by working hard to give my sisters and myself everything we need and pushing us to do our best. Thank you mom for the endless things you do for me!

# TULLY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

## Girls Cross Country

The Girls Cross Country team has been preparing for their upcoming running season. They weren't sleeping in during their summer vacation, but instead were up early to run in the woods on hiking trails, around lakes and creeks, and around town. Their summer vacation also included attending a week-long cross country camp, and raising money at a FlapJack fundraiser at the Applebee's in Dewitt. The runners greeted their guests, served breakfasts of pancakes and bacon, and cleaned up after their customers. Money from the fundraiser is going to help the teams with expenses and prepare the varsity team as they compete for another chance to win a state title. This year the team will also compete against teams around the country in the Disney Cross Country Classic at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.



The Girls Cross Country teams express heartfelt thanks to the families, friends, coworkers, and community members who helped support them with their summer fundraiser and to all who support them throughout the season.

## Alumni News

The Knight Insight wishes to highlight news of recent graduates. If you have information relating to academic or the career path of recent graduates, please email to [mfisher@tullyschools.org](mailto:mfisher@tullyschools.org)

If you prefer, you may mail your article to Mary Fisher, Tully Central School District, 20 State St, Tully, NY 13159. If you have any questions, call the district office at 315-696-6204.

## Article Submission Guidelines for the Knight Insight

The Knight Insight is published ten times per year and is available online @ [tullyschools.org](http://tullyschools.org).

The **deadline for article submissions is the 10th of each month** except for the combined issues. The deadline for the summer issue, July/August is June 30 and the deadline for the winter issue, January/February is December 30.

We must adhere to the deadline in order to publish each issue in a timely manner. All material is subject to editing. The district has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

**If you would like to submit an article, please email articles to Mary Fisher at the Tully Central School District Office at [mfisher@tullyschools.org](mailto:mfisher@tullyschools.org). If you have any questions, please call (315) 696-6204.**

It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Please do not capitalize all the words in the article. Please do not insert or embed a picture within the actual Word article. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi. If you are unable to email the picture, you may drop it off to the district office. If you want the picture returned, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you are unable to email your article in Word format, it is helpful if the material submitted is typed. You may drop it off to the district office or you may fax it to (315) 883-1343.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## 2015-2016 BOARD MEMBERS

Term Exp.	Member
2016	<b>Mr. Mark Drumm, <i>President</i></b> 5344 Rt. 80, PO Box 1177 Tully, New York 13159 Home: 696-5958
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2018	<b>Mrs. Carrie Edinger</b> 1615 Sky High Road Tully, New York 13159 Home: 696-0106
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2018	<b>Mr. Matthew VanBeveren</b> 5461 Lake Road Tully, New York 13159 Home: 696-5745
2018	<b>Mr. Edward Wortley, II</b> 982 Dutch Hill Road Tully, New York 13159 Home: 696-6031
2016	<b>Miss Cassidy McGinn</b> <i>Student Ex Officio Member</i> 5527 Route 80 W Tully, New York 13159 Home: 696-6821

## Board of Education Upcoming Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in the Junior/Senior High School Library at 6:00 pm. Dates, time and location subject to change and additional special meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis. Check the school website for updates.

Upcoming BOE meetings through December 2015:

September 15, 2015

September 28, 2015

October 13, 2015

October 26, 2015

November 10, 2015

November 23, 2015

December 8, 2015

December 21, 2015



## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Looking for part-time work with flexibility? Hours vary. All positions on an as needed basis. Hourly or daily rates paid per contract.

- ◆ **Substitute Bus Drivers** – All drivers must have a clean driving record and a CDL license with a Passenger Endorsement. Training may be available for class B license.
- ◆ **Substitute Teachers** – NYS certification preferred
- ◆ **Substitute Teaching Assistants and Teacher Aides**
- ◆ **Substitute Bus Monitors, Clerical, Cleaners and Food Service Helpers**
- ◆ **Substitute Nurse** – RN certification preferred. May consider LPN certification.

All eligible must complete an application and will be fingerprinted through the NYS Education Department.

Application may be obtained from the school website: <http://tullyschools.org> or at Tully CSD, 20 State Street, NY 13159. Applications taken on an on-going basis.

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# CLOSING REMARKS



This September we are welcoming a number of new students at both of our schools. Some of these students are our new kindergarteners, who were able to visit their classrooms during the last week of the summer. Others are students who have moved into the community over the summer, and who have been in from time to time to tour the schools prior to the first day. Additionally, we have a new cohort of 7th grade students starting at the Junior/Senior High School. Many of these students were at our recent 7th grade orientation, where they had the opportunity to walk through their schedules, and to become more familiar with the Junior/Senior High School. We are also welcoming several new faculty and staff members to our school community this year. Our new teachers were in the buildings a couple of weeks ago for a new teacher orientation, and all of our new employees were in during the last week of the summer for some staff development. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students, parents, faculty, and staff.

September is also a time for reflecting back with a critical eye on the previous school year. We typically set some time aside during the month of September to review our 3-8 NYS Assessment results, and our Regents Exam results, as a means of conducting a program evaluation. While these are imperfect measures, it is still possible to use NYS Assessment and Regents Exam results as a means of identifying areas of program strength and areas for improvement. Our students' 3-8 Assessment results seem to have improved slightly year over year, in both ELA and math, but given our 25% opt-out rate from the spring of 2015, these results are a little difficult to interpret. Regardless of the opt-outs, it does seem that the work we have done to align our K-8 program is leading to some improved academic results. In looking at our Regents Exam results, it is clear that our high school students met with tremendous academic success during the 2014-15 school year, as our students' Regents Exam scores were again among the top third in the area.

Hope you are able to enjoy the start of the school year.

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**SIGN UP FOR ED ALERT**

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