

Valedictorian and Salutatorian, for the Class of 2018



Ian Evans, (top left) son of Kerry and Steven Evans, is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2018. He has a grade point average of 98.46. Some of Ian's many activities throughout high school include National Honor Society, Principal's Cabinet, Basketball and Lacrosse. Ian will attend St. John Fisher College this fall.



Brennen Thrall (bottom left) attained Salutatorian honors with a grade point average of 96.39. Brennen is the son of Deborah and Jeffrey Thrall. Brennen completed several college courses through Syracuse University, and other colleges during high school along with activities that included Science Olympiad, Math League, Varsity Football, Varsity Tennis and the National Senior Honor Society. Brennen spent many hours volunteering at Crouse and St. Joseph's Hospitals as well as Youth Tennis Club. This fall, Brennen will attend SUNY ESF, planning to major

in Environmental Health/Pre-Medical studies.

Sewing Skills at Grimshaw

6th graders are practicing their sewing skills with the target goals of learning how to thread a needle, tie a basic knot, sew a cross stitch, running stitch, and ugly stitch.



This is a great real life skill to practice, or as we discussed in class, nurses and doctors are master sewers and this requires great skill.

Top Ten Seniors, Class of 2018

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| 1 Ian Evans | 6 Bridget Walsh |
| 2 Brennen Thrall | 7 Alexi Harrington |
| 3 Evan Spratt | 8 Tucker Reiss |
| 4 Patrick Prince | 9 Ian Schaefer |
| 5 Sean Corby | 10 Roman Reiss |

Optimist Achievement Awards

Recently Tim Baker, a member of the LaFayette HS History Department, revived a program that had fallen through the cracks: The LaFayette HS Optimist Achievement Awards.

With the generosity of the Optimist Club and matching funds from the extra class fund, students who embody the Optimist Club's Creed are recognized for their everyday efforts with a personalized gift.

The 2018 winners of the awards thus far this year can be seen below.



Ben Appel



Kyle Greczyn



Erika Isaacs



Andrew Kostiv



Carolyn Redmore



Elaina Saba

Past winners are as follows - January Winners: Elaina Saba, grade 7, Ben Appel, grade 11. February Winners: Andrew Kostiv, grade 7, Erika Isaacs, grade 10. March Winners: Kyle Greczyn, grade 9, and Carolyn Redmore, grade 8.

District News ♦ **District News** ♦ **District News**



At LaFayette, our vision is to inspire, empower, and prepare all students to achieve excellence. We recognize that our future lies in the education of our students and our goal is to provide our young people with the very best educational experience. Inspire, empower, and prepare, these words describe how we steer students towards the goal of excellence, but what do these words look like in action and how do we accomplish this at LaFayette?

To inspire someone is to influence, excite, or spark an interest. Our teachers achieve this through engaging lessons that utilize creative and original content, allowing students to explore concepts with research, practice and manipulation, and creating opportunities for students to share ideas and collaborate. During the month of April, Ms. Jean's second grade classroom at Grimshaw studied the life cycle of chickens. Second graders were able to witness the development of chickens from eggs by housing an incubator in their classroom. During each day of incubation, students studied the development of the baby chicks. I happened to be at Grimshaw when one of the baby chicks started to hatch. The excitement from our second graders was palpable and certainly inspired a love for the life sciences.

To empower someone is to enable, pass, or give leave. At LaFayette, it is our goal to give students ownership over their learning. We accomplish this through a personalized approach to learning. At LaFayette Big Picture School, we empower students through service learning opportunities, internships, and other hands-on opportunities. In each of our classrooms throughout the district, we have been focusing on posting learning targets. Learning targets spell out for students, in the form of an "I can statement," the major learning that is to occur as part of the lesson. Teachers encourage students to connect back to these learning targets throughout the lesson to empower students to take ownership for their learning.

To prepare someone is to make ready, compose, or manufacture. At LaFayette, we help to prepare our students by fostering in them a solid understanding of who they are and the endless possibilities that their talents and skills can afford them. Our students celebrate who they are through rich experiences and opportunities offered inside and outside the classroom. LaFayette students can take advantage of multiple opportunities to earn college credits or career and technical education credentials. When thinking of these opportunities, one LaFayette student comes to mind, this individual will graduate with over 40 college credits this June! We encourage all students to take advantage of these opportunities and begin their first steps towards a rewarding future.

Our aim for all students is excellence. Excellence sets a high standard for all our students. We are confident that, by pulling together as a school community, excellence is an attainable goal. I truly appreciate the support of our students, parents, and community as we head into the home stretch of the 2017-18 school year. I wish everyone a rewarding finish in these final months!

*Jeremy Belfield,
Superintendent of Schools*

Student Data Privacy Public Forums

As part of New York's student data privacy law, NYSED will develop regulations that establish standards for the security and privacy of student data. NYSED will also seek the input of parents and other stakeholders to develop additional elements that must be included in every educational agency's parents bill of rights for data privacy and security.

In order to seek input, NYSED is holding a series of public forums to help us engage with the public and stakeholders. The forums are underway and will continue in locations across the state through June 18. We hope you will attend a forum in your region and encourage parents to attend as well.

In addition to participating in the public forums, individuals may also submit written comments electronically through June 18 to PrivacyForumComment@nysed.gov.

RELAY FOR LIFE of Apple Country



June 9th from 4 to 10 pm at the Apple Fest location

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◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Jason Ryan

While the weather put a hold on most of our athletic contests, we have still had a busy spring within the halls of the Jr./Sr. High School. Our 7th and 8th grade students just completed their first year of ELA computer based testing. The implementation of this new computer based system resulted in a few road bumps, but our students did a great job persevering through the exam. We are excited and eager to see the results this fall.

On more of a fun note, we just concluded our heritage week. Each year during this time, students and staff celebrate a variety of different heritages by playing music, cooking food and taking part in various traditions. This year the week culminated with a building wide celebration on Friday where students and faculty had the opportunity to be truly immersed in a variety of different cultural celebrations. The weeks events are organized by our Native American Liaison Asa Shenandoah, but the implementation of all the activities wouldn't be possible without the support of our faculty and staff. This week is a great celebration of the diversity within our building and community.

In an effort to continue our emphasis on school safety, we had a company by the name of Armoured One present to our students on Friday, April 18th. Armoured One has become one of the leading organizations around school safety procedure in the area. The goal of the organization is to protect the lives of the innocent through security, empowerment and collaboration. Armoured One has worked with many districts in the area to foster and improve their overall security. We are excited to be able to provide our students with this training and will continue to make student safety our number one priority.

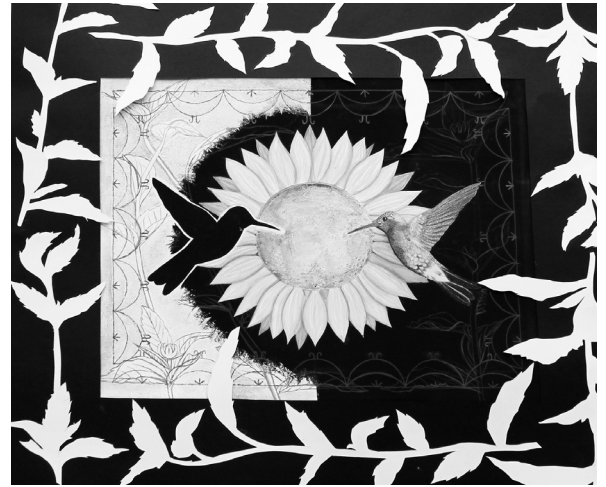
On Wednesday, May 9th, the Jr./Sr. High School worked in collaboration with Prevention Network to present "Hidden Mischief". This was an interactive experience that allowed adults and parents to learn about the various ways drugs are being used, hidden, and referenced by young people today. Members from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and local service providers presented to inform participants about possible services that are available and answered questions.

Jason Ryan, Principal

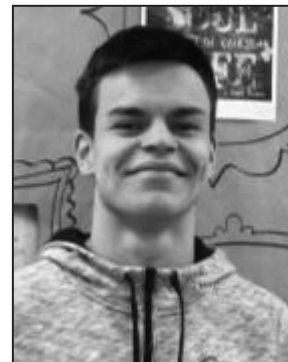
Art Department News

Below, art by Marissa Booth,
Mixed Media

The LaFayette Junior Senior High School Art department is proud to announce that the following students have been selected to participate in the 45th Annual Teenage Competitive Art Exhibit at the Community Folk Art Center: Ivy Bennett, Marissa



Adam Schaefer



Tony Messano



Keegan Hemlock

Booth, Trevor Hill, Erika Isaacs, Neson Jones, Nathan Martinez, and Cienna Oakes.

This year's show is on display from June 2nd through June 16th. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 1 -3 p.m. at the Community Folk Art Center, 805 East Genesee Street in Syracuse.

In other art news:

Congratulations to LaFayette CSD student, Adam Schaefer, who was named a medalist in the Scholastic Art & Writing awards. His printmaking portrait received a Silver Key. This places him among the top one percent of this year's award winners. Adam joins a legacy of celebrated artists and authors, including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, Ken Burns and Lena Dunham.

Tony Messano's art piece entitled *Turtle Rattle* was selected by the Everson Teen Arts Council for their Spring Exhibition. Tony's piece was one of 32 pieces chosen out of approximately 550 submissions from students around the region. The exhibition will be held from May 18 to June 24 at the Everson Museum. Congratulations, Tony!

Congratulations to Keegan Hemlock whose Digital Art piece entitled *Evergreen* was selected for display at the Everson Museum in Syracuse. The pieces for display were selected from Silver Key 2-D, Scholastic art winners and were on exhibit at the Everson Museum during March and April.

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
MARCH 2018

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FEBRUARY 2018

AUSTIN DOOLITTLE (8th Grade)



What is the secret to your success? I guess the secret to my success is trying to focus and work hard, and if needed I ask for help.

What advice do you have for younger students? My advice would be to work really hard in school and focus. And, if you got homework that you didn't do or didn't have a chance to do, then try to do it in your free time.

What other hobbies or activities do you participate in outside of academics? I like to help clean around the house.

Who motivates or inspires you to do your best? No one, really, but I know school is important if you want your life as an adult to be great.

Where do you think you'll be in 10 years? I'll be US Army Delta Force Special Forces!

ARIANNA REED (7th Grade)



What is the secret to your success? Well, I guess kind of want to be good and prove myself to my family and my parents. I want to set an example for my sisters.

What advice do you have for younger students? Work hard and if someone knocks you down, just get back up and try again. Try to be light about things; make jokes and just overall try to be happy - that's how I try be!

What other hobbies or activities do you participate in outside of academics? I play hockey and both indoor and outdoor lacrosse. I also like to draw and I like writing.

Who motivates or inspires you to do your best? My grandma, because she is sort of a role model to me. She helps me a lot and says things like, "when you're a senior, you're going to be up there as valedictorian!" I think motivate myself, too.

Where do you think you'll be in 10 years? I see myself with a degree in something like Interior Design or something having to do with creativity. I also see myself with a job and my own apartment. Maybe a couple of cats.

ANNA GODDARD (8th Grade)



What is the secret to your success? I think organization is really important, and remembering to empathize with others.

What advice do you have for younger students? You have to remember that everyone is going to transition into Jr. High and High School, too, but that it's an individual experience. Your individual feelings are valid and don't ever feel afraid to go and talk about them.

What other hobbies or activities do you participate in outside of academics? I'm really into the Arts - drawing, painting and music. I'm also really interested in psychology.

Who motivates or inspires you to do your best? I guess other people who are always kind, and no matter what they never stop being themselves. Also my best friend Meghan who is away in Colorado for college.

Where do you think you'll be in 10 years? I see myself doing something I enjoy and hopefully excelling in that.

ANDREW KOSTIV (7th Grade)



What is the secret to your success? I didn't even know I was succeeding!

What advice do you have for younger students? I guess my advice would be something like.. "just try to get through 6th grade because you get less homework in 7th grade."

What other hobbies or activities do you participate in outside of academics? I do soccer in school, and I like to train in combat.

Who motivates or inspires you to do your best? I'm not sure. I try to keep my grades good enough for my parents.

Where do you think you'll be in 10 years? There are two possibilities. I could either be an electrical engineer, or I could live by myself in the forest.

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desk of
**JOHN GIZZI &
SIMONE THORNTON**

Students and teachers continue with their work on Learning Targets. Learning targets are posted and used in the course of lessons in many of our classrooms at ONS. Two second graders, on the bus ride home, said to me and Mrs. Thornton, “Yea, we know what learning targets are”. One of the students then explained that he

could, “infer, from the text, the point of view of a particular character”. The students exemplified the most important part of a Learning Target- a student based explanation and understanding. Kudos to Lyle Johnson, Hunter McKee and Mrs. Marino, second grade teacher, for their outstanding efforts on Learning Targets.

Many students in grades 3-8 took on the challenge of taking the NYS ELA Exams. The tests were challenging, but students did their best and worked hard. On the Grade 7 exam, on Part I, there was an excerpt from Joseph Bruchac’s book, Children of the Longhouse. The excerpt was used to test students’ ability to identify such elements as character’s intention, plot, context and text structure. It was good to see the inclusion of diverse literary sources, especially since Mr. Bruchac visited ONS this year to share his stories and music.

ONS had the honor and good fortune to have Mr. Tom Porter visit on Friday, April 13. Mr. Porter, a renowned Mohawk storyteller, shared his wisdom and stories to the delight of students, faculty, and community members throughout the entire day in our library. An eighth grade student commented on how Mr. Porter captured their attention and shared so much knowledge through his good words. Mr. Porter has such tremendous energy and presence, his impact was palpable. Nyawenha, Mr. Porter.

There are two students who will be inducted as new members of National Junior Honor Society for the 2017/2018 school year. Congratulations to Sydney Calrobe and Cherice Johnson.

ONS students worked with students from Big Picture in our after school program and made a movie. The movie entitled, “Don’t Drink the Water” won an award at the film competition held at the Junior Senior High School on Saturday, April 14. Thank you to Mr. David Stablein, Big Picture students, and congratulations to all those budding cinematographers.

And finally, April ended with our Spring Dinner. Thank you to the ONS staff and students, and to the Onondaga Nation community members who give of their time and efforts to provide a wonderful dinner for so many people.

Community News ◆ Community News ◆ Community News

CORTLAND REPERTORY THEATRE YOUTH PROGRAM AND CORTLAND COUNTY PROUDLY PRESENT...

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LEARN TO THINK ON YOUR FEET AND HONE YOUR SKILL IN
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FOR COMIC EFFECT!

USE SCENES AND SITUATIONS FROM
LIFE AS A TEEN TO WORK ON
COMEDY, STORYTELLING, AND
DRAMA!

ACT!

WHAT WILL A ONE-WEEK
STUDENT LEARN?

THIS WEEK WILL INTRODUCE THE
STUDENT TO ACTING, COMEDY, AND
ACTING GAMES! THIS
KNOWLEDGE CAN BE USED IN
AUDITIONS AND ONSTAGE, AND THE
CONFIDENCE GAINED IN LEARNING TO
THINK ON YOUR FEET CAN BE USED IN
THE CLASSROOM!

JULY 9-13

TECHNICAL THEATRE!

SCENIC DESIGN AND SET BUILDING
MAKEUP AND COSTUMING
PROP CONSTRUCTION
SCENIC PAINTING, LIGHTING, AND SOUND!

WORK ON PRODUCTION
ELEMENTS FOR THE SHOW:
SCENIC PIECES, PROPS, SPECIAL-
MAKEUP

BUILD!

INTRODUCE HANDS ON KNOWLEDGE
OF THE MANY TECHNICAL ELEMENTS
IN THEATRE!
DESIGN BUILD CREATE!

HONE SKILLS VALUED IN
YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PROGRAMS!
GAIN CONFIDENCE IN SONG AND
DANCE, AND PARTICIPATE IN A
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FOR FAMILIES!

JULY 16-20

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CHOREOGRAPHY AND VOCAL PERFORMANCE!
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EMOTION TO MUSIC,
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CHOREO, LEARNING NEW VOCAL
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LEARN SCRIPT DIAGNOSIS, AND
PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF
PIECING ALL OF THE THEATRICAL
ELEMENTS TOGETHER TO FORM A
SUCCESSFUL SHOW!

JULY 23-27

BUILD THE SHOW!

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LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY NEWS

Memorial Day Benefit

The Columbian Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Routes 11 & 20 in LaFayette, will be hosting its' annual Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach, on Mon. May 28, from 8:00 am- 12 noon.

All of the proceeds will be donated directly to LaFayette Outreach, which is our local food pantry and service-referral agency. The event consists of a silent auction, bake sale, plant sale, "Red, White & Blue Ice Cream Sundaes," and a free kids' craft area. Questions/Donations: 677-3293, cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com.

Adult Programs

Daytime/Senior Exercise: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center. The next session will run May 8 through June 14. The cost for the regular 6-week session is \$36. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 20, 2018; costs for this session are \$75 (approximately \$3/class) if attending classes one night per week, and \$140 if attending classes two days per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class

WERQ® (This class replaces Zumba and Tabata): WERQ® is a dance fitness class that tightens and tones the entire body through athletic moves and dance steps choreographed to dance, pop and hip-hop music. Classes are held Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School cafeteria. The current session runs through April 19, 2018. The costs for this session are \$42 if attending class one evening per week, Monday or Thursday, and \$80 if attending classes both Monday and Thursday evenings per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

Tai Chi: Beginner and advance classes are held at the LaFayette Community Center on Monday mornings 8:30-11 a.m. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

Other Programs

Step Up To Stop Falls: A falls prevention program designed to raise awareness about falls and how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults and includes an exercise class

designed to improve strength and balance. The classes are taught by Yoga instructor, Kate Farrar. Classes are held on Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the LaFayette Public Library's conference room, located on the main floor of the Town Offices, adjacent to the courtroom. Classes are scheduled to run weekly until May 23. There is NO FEE for this program.

Hall Walking: The hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., through April. Please use the gymnasium entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided in the gymnasium foyer for sign-in.

Walking: The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk. Signage will be posted to indicate whether or not the path is open.

Announcements

Community Council Board Meetings: Scheduled for 7p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LaFayette Community Council as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.

First Aid and CPR/AED course: We hope to offer this training in April; time and location TBD.

For additional information about LaFayette Community Council programs, phone 677-7272 or send e-mail to: lafayette-communitycouncil@cnymail.com.

Thank You

LaFayette Community Council would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to help the LaFayette Community Council provide our community with positive and quality sports experiences; you have our sincere gratitude for all you do: Wrestling - Mark Chapman; Todd Briggs; Christopher Mueller; Nick Moltion; Joe Clemens, and Steve Albro. Youth Basketball - The Shute Family (Adrian, Morgan, Mason); Chris porter; Matthew Daniels; Joe Greco; Jeremy Oimette, Dave Thomas, John Stanton; Jay Colburn; Julie Clarke, and Kerry Evans. Volleyball - Mackenzie McElhannon; Alyssa Worth; Jurnee Shenandoah-Kurtz; Serena Harrington; Lexi Harrington, and Griffin Garbutt. Ski Club - Wendy Moltion, Julie Clarke. Adult Men's Basketball - Luke Ternosky and Joe Greco.

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June IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

4	GAPS 6:30pm
5	GS Kindergarten Olympics
7	JSHS Scholarship Awards Night
11	JSHS Local Exams
12-21	Regents Testing
19	6th Grade Moving up
20	GS Kindergarten Graduation Big Picture Graduation 6:00pm
21	ONS Graduation GS Last day of school for students
22	HS Graduation
28	ONS Last day for students BOE Meeting
29	ONS Last day for staff/ Professional Development Day

