

## 2018 Scholastic Art Awards



Over 75 individual entries from the High School were submitted for judging to the CNY Scholastic Art Awards Competition this January.

Our students competed with over 90 other junior and senior high schools throughout the region. There was a record number of peices submitted to the artwork competition this year, reaching over 5,700 individual entries. A day of rigorous judging resulted in 25 of our students receiving a total of 32 awards in this prestigious competition. All award winners have their artwork on display at the Whitney Applied Technology Center at OCC.

On opening night, Thursday, January 11th, the Gold and Silver Key winners were invited to a special Awards Ceremony and a first look at the exhibit which takes up an amazing three floors of display space. Gold Key winners will have their work go on to compete at the National Competition in New York City in March.

Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Robinson wish to congratulate these students for their hard work and achievement.

**Gold Key** Heaven Elliot, Harlee Farrar, Keegan Hemlock, Raven Dittman, Karina Magyar, Caitlyn Oristian, Jenna Reese and Adam Schaefer.

**Silver Key** Lindsay Carroll, Keegan Hemlock (3 individual awards), Alyssa Francis, Isabella Papworth (2 individual awards), Trevor Hill, Jacob Park, Evelyn Ryan, Carolyn Redmore, Grace Caughey and Olivia Virnoche.

**Honorable Mention** Ivy Bennett, Allison Carroll, Cameron Walsh, Leanna Crouse, Tyler Fabend, Anna Goddard, Keegan Hemlock, Andrew Kostiv and Jennifer Post.

## Helping Hounds Fundraiser

Hi, my name is Sam Denué and I'm a 6th grade student at Grimshaw Elementary. I am starting a fundraiser to help a place called Helping Hounds Dog Rescue. This is a nonprofit organization that helps dogs that do not have a home. There are currently a lot of dogs in the Central New York area that need a home and this place helps them to find the perfect family.

Starting March 5th, there will be a Buffalo Bills helmet that will be used as a place to leave donations for this fundraiser. Anyone who would like to bring in spare change to donate to this fundraiser can find that helmet in the main office at Grimshaw. At the end of the school year, we will donate all of the money to Helping Hounds. Let's all try to show Helping Hounds what Lancer Pride is all about.



**Friday, March 23 • 6-10 pm. \$5 Donation at door**

Featuring the following bands: *Country Swagg* of LaFayette; *Decent* of LaFayette; *Shaky Joe* of LaFayette; *Sydney Irving* from Marcellus; *Churches & Graveyards* of Marcellus.

## Relay For Life of Apple Country

Relay For Life is an event where teams are formed to raise important funds in the fight against cancer. This event is a community celebration where we honor our cancer survivor's, remember the ones we have lost, and fight back against cancer by supporting the teams and community members participating in the event.

Join us today and help fight cancer in your community! June 9th from 4-10 pm at the Apple Fest location.

If you need community service or volunteer hours, start a team today and start the fight! [www.crowdrise.com/applecountry](http://www.crowdrise.com/applecountry)



## Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

To register your child for the 2018-2019 school year, go to LCSD Home Page. Scroll to the bottom to "Quick Links". Click on Central Registration. Follow online instructions to download forms needed for registration. If you cannot download the forms, contact the Central Registration Office at 315-677-9728.

## Message from the Superintendent



The month of March is an exciting time of year for our school community. While March in Central New York never quite feels like spring, the spring equinox occurs on March 20th and it does give us hope that warmer weather may be around the corner. During the month of March, our students will perform "The Music Man," attend the college fair at OCC, and host Rockfest. March also ushers in the beginning of our spring sports. Be sure to check out our new school website and fill your calendar with all the important events happening in our school

community.

Throughout this school year, we have been working on a new district mission statement, vision statement, set of core beliefs, and tagline with the ultimate goal of unifying our school district behind a common theme and purpose. We hope to unveil these new ideas some time during the month of March. Be sure to check out my weekly blog, posted on the school website, as we finalize our new mission, vision, set of core beliefs, and tagline.

March is also when we finalize our school district budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The anticipated adoption by the LaFayette Board of Education is March 29, 2018. The school district budget vote will occur on May 15, 2018. You can read the most recent news regarding the budget process by visiting our website. During our community budget meetings, we received great ideas on how to better support our students, clarify our use of resources, and more clearly communicate the various opportunities for students. We are excited to offer more ways for high school students to earn college credits and to also continue the other great programs that we offer to our students.

To preserve these opportunities for current and future students, we need your support and the support of our elected officials in state government. LaFayette Central Schools relies heavily on revenues from New York State. When Governor Cuomo unveiled his executive budget proposal in January, LaFayette was underfunded by \$537,235 in foundation aid. Foundation aid was enacted in 2007 to help address inadequate funding for schools; however, New York State has yet to fulfill the promise of adequate and equitable funding for schools. Based on an analysis from the Statewide School Finance Consortium, wealthier school districts stand to see the largest increases in state funding; while small districts with higher populations of economically disadvantaged students, like LaFayette, continue to be underfunded by New York State.

Throughout the months of February and March, I have been reaching out to our state legislators to express my concerns about the need for adequate school funding. It would also help if our elected officials heard from parents, students, and community members. Let your elected officials know that our students deserve to have adequate state support. Remind our state legislators and Governor Andrew Cuomo that the New York State Constitution lays out the promise of a sound, basic education. It is the job of our elected officials to make adequate and equitable school funding a priority. Our outstanding graduation results reflect that money spent on LaFayette students results in success. There is no better investment in the future than our students. Thank you for supporting our students not just with your tax dollars, but also with your continued attendance at school and community events.

*Sincerely,*

*Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools*

## School Board Nominating Petitions

LaFayette is looking for honorable community members who are looking to serve the greater good of our community as members of the school board. As a school board member, you will have the opportunity to make major policy and financial decisions that positively impact the lives of hundreds of students.

*If you are interested in learning more about serving on the board, you can stop by the district office to meet with Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools on Monday, March 12, at 4pm or Tuesday, March 13, at 4pm.*

Three terms of office on the LaFayette Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2018. Two candidates will be elected for three year terms from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and one candidate will be elected for a two year term from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 at the annual school district election to be held on May 15, 2018.

Candidates may be nominated only by petition. Each nominating petition must be filed with the School District Clerk, LaFayette Central School District Office, 5955 US Route 20, LaFayette, New York 13084 no later than 5:00 pm on April 16, 2018. Each nominating petition must state the name and residence of the candidate and be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the school district. Each person signing must also state his or her residence. It is good practice to obtain more than 25 signatures from qualified voters.

Under the law a qualified voter is one who is entitled to vote at a school district election. To be entitled to vote a person must meet these three qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the election.

Nominating petitions are now available. If you would like a nominating petition, please contact the district office at (315) 677-9728 or email [vtryon@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:vtryon@lafayetteschools.org).



# District News ♦ District News ♦ District News

## Transportation News - Private Transportation Request Due by April 1st

New York State Education Law Section 3635(2) requires that a written request be made to the Board of Education of a School District when transportation of a student to a non-public, private or parochial school is required. This written request must be made annually and be received by the school district no later than April 1st for transportation for the next school year. Most non-public schools have a form available to make this request and can be contacted for assistance. Please have these written requests sent to Attn: Vanessa Tryon, LaFayette Central School District Office, 5955 US Route 20, LaFayette, New York 13084 no later than April 1, 2018.

## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**CAROLYN REDMORE** (8th Grade)

*December 2017 Student of the Month*

**What is the secret to your success?** I just try my best, and if I get something wrong, I go back and see what I did so I know for the future.

**What advice do you have for younger students?** If you fail, it's only to make you better

in life.

**What other hobbies or activities do you participate in outside of academics?** Just about everything! I do dance, Math League, Student Council, Drama, Jazz Band and a bunch of other stuff.

**Who motivates or inspires you to do your best?** My mom. I can always talk to her about anything I know she's always there for me if I need her.

**Where do you think you'll be in 10 years?** I want to be an Orthodontist, but I'll take what life gives me and make it great!



**KARA HUMPHREY** (7th Grade)

*December 2017 Student of the Month*

**What is the secret to your success?** It's not really a secret, it's more or less how my parents brought me up. I was told to respect people and be kind. They always said "Treat people as you want to be treated."

**What advice do you have for younger students?** Well, my sisters are all younger than me, and I always want to be a good role model for them. So, be kind to others because it'll show, and younger kids are looking up to you.

**What other hobbies or activities do you participate in outside of academics?** In school I do Basketball. I also love photography and drawing and art-type things.

**Who motivates or inspires you to do your best?** I have an older brother in 8th grade and I always wanted to have great grades like him. He's also like my best friend and the one person I always turn to.

**Where do you think you'll be in 10 years?** My parents always said that I'd probably end up doing something with photography and art, so hopefully I'm in college doing that!

## ♦ ATHLETIC NEWS ♦

Congratulations to Ian Evans who was selected as the Zebra Classic Scholarship winner!

Congratulations to Grace Dow and Charlotte Ryan who were selected to the All-Tournament Team at the Fabius-Pompey Christmas Tournament.

Congratulations to Isaac Dow who was selected as MVP of the Zebra Classic game between Fabius and LaFayette at LeMoyne College.

Congratulations to the following scholar athletes:

Women's Basketball

Charlotte Ryan

Grace Quick

Tori Albro

Kierstin Rurka

Cara Meldrim

Olivia Prince

Grace Dow

Men's Basketball

Colling Dix

Reid Jackowski

Cory Hart

Patrick Prince

Ian Evans

Isaac Dow

Morgan Shute

Sean Corby

Hockey

Joe Lamson

Kyle Lamson

Track

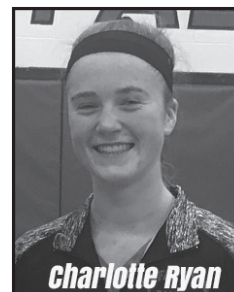
Megan Sanders



**Ian Evans**



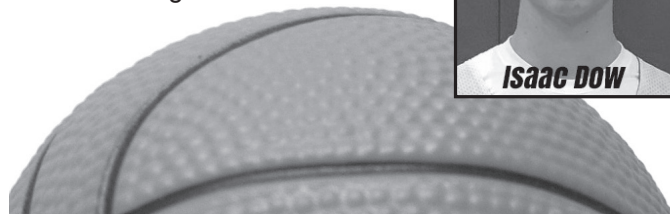
**Grace Dow**



**Charlotte Ryan**



**Isaac Dow**



## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### *From the Desk of the* **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

The LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School is excited to announce that the official 2017 graduation rates have been made public on the New York State website. For the 2017 school year, the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School posted an impressive graduation rate of 99%. This is up 17% over last years numbers. This dramatic increase is the direct result of the hardwork and effort that has been put forth by our students and staff. To access this information as well as additional information about the building, please visit <https://data.nysed.gov> and search LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School.

We have recently completed our grade level attendance competition. During the past month, each grade level was challenged to accumulate the highest attendance percentage. I am happy to announce that after several days of perfect attendance the 8th grade and 11th grade are the winners of our competition. Both grade levels have chosen to host an ice cream social in celebration of their accomplishments. In addition to our grade level competition, we also had an individual competition that challenged each student to achieve perfect attendance. Any student that displayed perfect attendance during the 2nd marking period was entered in a drawing to win a Kindle Fire. At the end the 2nd marking period we had 88 students with perfect attendance! That means that approximately 30% of our students did not miss a day of school during the 2nd marking period. We held our drawing and the two winners were Toby Tummio and Carson Campbell. I am very proud of the effort that all of our student put forth and look forward to future achievement competitions.

The LaFayette Players present..... **MEREDITH WILLSON'S**



Make sure to mark your calendars for March 9th and 10th as the LaFayette Drama Club will be performing ***The Music Man*** live in the high school auditorium. Both performances will begin at 7 pm. Our students have been putting forth great effort to ensure that the show is a success. We hope to see you all there.

*Jason Ryan, Principal*

### **Outdoor Education News**



On the Jr/Sr High School "De-Stress Day," John Drapikowski was kind enough to do a fishing lure making workshop. In another kind gesture, he recently returned to show some of his skills to the Outdoor Education Club. Students gathered during lunch in Mr. Baker's room for a hot chili lunch and a discussion about homemade fishing lures. A great time was had by all, and the club wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Drapikowski for his willingness to speak to the club.

### **GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS**

#### **College Acceptances**

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to colleges for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year:

<b>Catelyn Battelle</b>	Quinnipiac University (CT) Mercyhurst University (PA) Clarkson University St. John's University
<b>Cheyenne Brockway</b>	Mercyhurst University (PA) Mars Hill University (NC) Marywood University (PA)
<b>Mary Conover</b>	Niagara University SUNY Fredonia SUNY Oneonta
<b>Brennen Thrall</b>	College of Environmental Science and Forestry



## ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



There are so many exciting and wonderful things happening at ONS.

The Valley Men's Club, a local organization that supports youth activities, visited and presented ONS with a gift of five hundred dollars. Three former presidents of the club, Mike Corbett, Dave Bowen, and Jerry Hawk graciously presented the gift to us and stayed for a bit of discussion afterwards. ONS will use the gift to purchase books to be placed in the Culture Center for easy student access. Nyawenha to the Valley Men's Club.

We had our first Taco Tuesday, and it was a great, delicious treat. Thank you very much to Tom McCasland and Deanne Homer for the "fixings" and to Lonnie Powless and Hazel Powless for coming in and making fresh tacos in our Home and Careers Room.

Students helping students! Arrow Booth took the opportunity and time to help out some younger students with their ELA work.

On February 9, ONS hosted a dance for students from all three buildings. Students from ONS, Grimshaw, and the Jr.Sr. High School dressed up, danced the night away, and enjoyed each other's company. Thank you very much to our Student Leadership and all of the adults who gave of their time and efforts to create an enjoyable and memorable event for all those in attendance.

ONS held its annual Snow Snake tournament on February 13th and 14th. There was a great deal of excitement, fun, and competition. While the boys competed, the girls prepared food and drinks in support of the spirit of the games.

At one of our recent openings, 8th graders Sydney Calfrobe, Makiyah Lazore and Jonaca Thornton, played the theme song of the Olympics under the direction of Mrs. Wendy Stafford. Nice job ladies!

And finally, we held our Grade 5 luncheon and students gave us a sneak preview of their upcoming concert. Nice job to Parker, Mikayla, Aubrey, Kaidence, Lexani, and Maddox.

## ◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

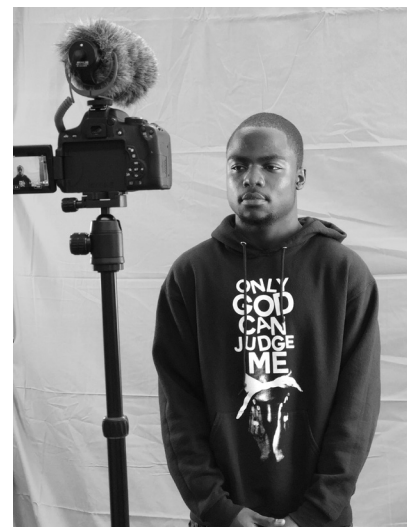


### Robotics Competition

Morrisville STEP participated in a VEX Robotics Competition in January. The STEP team will compete once again in May.

### STEAM Fun

The STEAM Group has been working together to create fun products such as student created PSAs. The STEAM Group is experimenting with green screen technology. Any students interested in participating can stay after school to learn about filmmaking, pictured below.



## The 2nd Annual National Big Picture Film Festival

April 13th, 2018 • 7pm at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium

Student entries submitted by April 6th to [20kiljam@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:20kiljam@lafayetteschools.org) • Theme: Scary/Comedy • Entry Fee: \$5

Awards will be presented for Overall Best Film, Audience Award, and more.

## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### PRINCIPAL INPUT

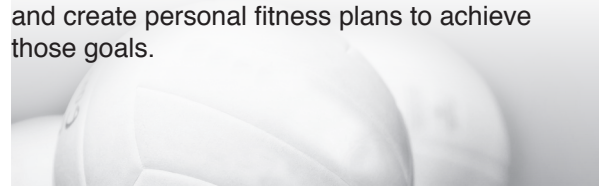
Dear Parents, each day we are challenged as adults, asking ourselves when is the use of technology too much or too early in a child's life. First and foremost, children need to accept that technology and safety go hand in hand. Parents should always be transparent with their children and let them know that they will, from time to time, check their devices to make sure they are being safe. Setting limits is the next piece that should be investigated. In a recent article, it was stated the electronic device should "go to bed when the child goes to bed". We need to encourage our children to follow that important phrase, so the child is able to calm their brain, so they can be well rested for the next day of school. A well rested child is the one of the keys to a successful student. Recently, we have reviewed the importance of internet safety and we will continue to revisit this topic throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do to keep your child safe in this tech savvy world.

*Jennifer Blossey, Principal*

### Grimshaw PE

It's been an exciting 2018 so far in PE! We just completed our Volleyball Unit and held a tournament for each class as well as an after school intramural tournament. Basketball intramurals will be starting soon.

We have moved into our most important unit of the year, our Fitness Unit. Students will learn how to maintain and improve their 5 Components of Health Related Fitness in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle into adulthood. As part of this unit students will learn how to set fitness related goals and create personal fitness plans to achieve those goals.



**Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse**  
Phone: 677-5501

### Health Office News

Fax: 677-3154  
[pbush@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:pbush@lafayetteschools.org)

We hold Kindergarten screening each year in the Spring here at Grimshaw. This year screenings are being held from Monday, May 21st through Friday, May 25th. You may call the main office (315-677-3152) to make an appointment for your child if he/she will be starting school in September. Please bring a copy of your child's immunizations with you to their appointment. I have put a copy of current NY state immunization requirements on the website for you to review and compare to your child's record. Your child will also need a physical (done after 1/1/2018) before starting school. You may mail or fax (315-677-3154) it in or drop it off at school anytime between now and September. If your child will require medication at school or has a medical condition I should be aware of, please contact me before school starts in the fall to discuss it. At the time of the screening I will be doing a hearing screen and a very basic vision screen. The children (almost) always have a great time.

As most of you are aware last month we had many children sick with a stomach bug and viral illness with a fever as well as some confirmed flu cases, strep throat and the usual array of upper respiratory infections we see this time of year. Please continue to notify me if your child has a specific contagious disease such as strep-throat or conjunctivitis. It is very important to keep children home 24 hours after they vomit or start on antibiotics. They should also be fever free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication, following any illness before returning to school. Please call or send a note in whenever your child is sick so they will receive a legal absence. It would be best to call me directly or email me. If you email the teacher regarding an absence, please copy it to me as well. You may leave a message on my voicemail the night before as well as in the morning. Please notify me, along with the teacher, if your child will be out of town.

All children who are entering 6th grade and have turned 11 will need to have a Tdap vaccine before starting school in September. Fifth graders will be bringing home a letter several times during the year with detailed information regarding this immunization. They should have had one in their backpack before the winter break. The letter includes information on the new Meningitis requirement and the chickenpox vaccine. Please discuss these requirements with your physician and plan to have them done on schedule.

We're making progress on the required physicals (PK/K,2,4 and new students) but some still need to send in the required paperwork. If you're child has an appointment scheduled please notify me of the date and please turn the paperwork in to me as soon as they're done. For your planning purposes I have been notified New York State is changing the required physical years to PK or K,1,3,5,7,9 and 11 beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Also beginning with the 2019-20 school year only the NYS Physical form will be accepted for your child's school physical.

All children at Grimshaw have their vision/hearing checked each year and I will notify you if I have any concerns after your child's testing. We had a new program for vision screening this year sponsored by the Lion's Club called "Lion's See". Check out their website at [www.lionsseeny.org](http://www.lionsseeny.org) for more information. They did a great job and you'll be receiving the results of the screening if it is recommended your child be seen by an eye care professional. If you have any concerns/questions about your child's vision/hearing please call me.

Please keep updating emergency information and be sure to have extra clothes available at school for your child in case they need them.



## LaFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to assist in maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of excellence in the athletic programs at the LaFayette School District. In addition, it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving and honoring the athletes, teams, coaches and individuals who made a significant contribution to these athletic programs. The Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee is a collaborative effort that includes former LCS Alumni and the LaFayette School District. The committee is currently accepting and seeking nominations for consideration for the Class of 2018. Please submit nominations ASAP, they can be emailed to [LaFayetteSportsHOF@gmail.com](mailto:LaFayetteSportsHOF@gmail.com) or USPS mailed to: LCS Sports Hall of Fame,

### Nomination as a Player

The nominee, must be an alumnus of LaFayette School District and must have graduated at least five years ago.

1. *An Athlete*: Any person who distinguished themselves in the field of athletics while a student at LaFayette High School. Criteria should include:

- a. School, league, state or national records; or,
  - b. League, state or national recognition; such as All-Conference Team, All-District Team, or individual championship; or, c. Individual statistics for a given athlete.
2. An athlete not honored for their high school athletic achievements but who participates in college and gains honors at this level may be considered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. An athlete not honored for their high school athletic achievements but who participates at the Professional Sports Level may be considered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

### Nomination as a Coach

A *coach* with at least five (5) years of service at LaFayette High School or is an LCS Alumni, who has at least 10 years of coaching experience, may be considered for the Hall of Fame. Consideration should be based on accomplishments that merit significant contributions of the Alumnus. The nominee, must have retired / departed as a Coach from the LaFayette School District at least five years ago.

### Contributor

An *individual* who has made outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic programs at LaFayette High School other than coaching or playing.

### Team Selection

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee may choose to select a LaFayette School District *team (s)* for induction into the Hall of Fame. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame, the team (s) must have distinguished themselves above and beyond normal standards. These may include:

1. Undefeated seasons; and / or,
2. League, sectional, district, regional or state championship; and / or
3. State appearances.

The nominated Team (s), must have graduated at least five years ago.

### Posthumous Candidates

This is open to deceased athletes, coaches or contributors that have met eligibility criteria.

Any persons from the above categories who are nominated, but not selected to the Hall of Fame during the years, will have their nomination form kept on file to be reviewed yearly for possible consideration up to (5) five years after the original submission.

### Nomination Instructions

The person(s) nominating an individual or team should supply the LaFayette School District Sports Hall of Fame Executive Committee with the information on the Candidate Recommendation Form. A detailed explanation should be provided as to why you believe this individual or team should be inducted into the LaFayette School District Sports Hall of Fame. Your explanation should reference all sports played or coached and any awards, records, or recognitions garnered while a student, coach, special contributor, or team at LaFayette Central School. Please include any relevant post high school athletic or coaching activity of your nominee's candidacy. Be as accurate and specific as possible.

Please contact: Mr. David Knapp, LCS HOF representative @ [dknappmb@aol.com](mailto:dknappmb@aol.com), 315-558-0154 or email [LaFayetteSportsHOF@gmail.com](mailto:LaFayetteSportsHOF@gmail.com) to assist with any questions that you may have.



## LAfAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### Candidate Recommendation Form

NOMINEE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY (CHECK ONE)

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ATHLETE—GRADUATION YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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COACH—RETIREMENT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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TEAM—SPORT AND YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTRIBUTOR—NAME, YEAR & ACCOMPLISHMENT \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach typed or written description (250 words or less) of the nominee or team accomplishments at LaFayette High School. Their personal, work and community related accomplishments should also be attached to be used in their biography. Also include family information.

DATE SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form by either email to [lafayettesportshof@gmail.com](mailto:lafayettesportshof@gmail.com) or USPS LaFayette Booster Club—Attn: HOF Nomination—P.O. Box 294—LaFayette, NY 13084



McKinney-Vento  
Quick Tip Series

TIPS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

If you are living in temporary housing, **YOU HAVE RIGHTS** regarding the education of your children under the **McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act**.

**Call us at 800-822-9571 for help.**



### Know Your Rights

- **School Choice:** If you move into temporary housing, your children have 3 school choices! They can stay in the same school they went to when you had a permanent address, OR stay in their most recent school, OR transfer to the school for where you are staying now. This includes public preschool programs.
- **Immediate Enrollment:** You can enroll your children in school without the usually required documents. The school must enroll your children within 1 day even without immunization forms, guardianship papers, birth certificates, or proof of address. After your children are enrolled, the school can help you get any needed records.
- **Transportation:** If your children stay in their same school, they can get free transportation to/from that school. If you move from temporary to permanent housing during the school year, your children will still get transportation for at least the rest of the school year, and maybe one more year, if it's their last year in the building. This includes pre-school aged students.
- **Free Meals and Title I Services:** Your children can get free meals at school. You do not need to fill out any forms about your family's finances. Students in temporary housing can also get Title I services, including emergency supplies, counseling, tutoring, etc.
- **Help from McKinney-Vento Liaison:** Every school district has a McKinney-Vento liaison. The liaison is a staff person who will help you enroll your child in school and connect you and your family with services. If you don't know who your district's liaison is, call us at 800-388-2014 and we can tell you.

### Ask the Right Questions

- Can I talk with the McKinney-Vento liaison?
- What transportation is available for my child?
- Who can help set up free meals for my child?
- What if my child needs special education or English Language Learning (ELL) services?

### Keep Track of Important Documents

- You have the right to enroll your children without documents or records. But, it will be *helpful* if you do have things like immunization records, birth certificates, or academic records.

### Know Who Can Help?

- We can! You can call us (**NYS-TEACHS**) at **800-388-2014** with any questions regarding your children's educational rights. You can also call the **McKinney-Vento liaison** in your school district.



Toll Free Hotline: (800) 388-2014

Email: [info@nysteachs.org](mailto:info@nysteachs.org)

Website: [www.nysteachs.org](http://www.nysteachs.org)

*This tip sheet was adapted from materials from the Illinois, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia Departments of Education and the National Center for Homeless Education.*

## LaFayette Public Library News

We have an ongoing **jigsaw puzzle exchange** in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. It's very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here.

If you would like to **display your craft, hobby or collection** or know of someone who might be interested in displaying their work in our display case, please let us know. Right now we have a beautiful winter display.

### March Imagination Lab

Wednesdays - 3:30-4:30

- March 7th: Make your own abstract art
- March 14th: Build boats to see how many Pennies it can hold
- March 21st: Make your own water filters
- March 28th: Recycling paper

Speaking of imagination, our **3D printer** is available for public use. Please come on in and be creative.

### Step up to Stop Falls

Wednesday mornings 10:30 a.m.

This an exercise program run by Kate Farrar, a local yoga instructor, promotes balance that will help to prevent falls. This program is hosted by the LaFayette Public Library and LaFayette Community Council, and will take place in the library's community room. Come learn what you can do to prevent falls!

### Tuesday Tea

March 20 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Just a reminder about our Tuesday Teas which are held every month on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. We also have a jig saw puzzle set up. Come join us!

The library system has a number of **databases** available that range from full courses to newspaper archives to genealogy. Many of these databases are available on any device that can access the internet using your library card and pin number. Others are in-library use only. Ancestry.com is accessible for in library use. Another database is Learning Express Library which contains practice exams, downloadable study guides and e-courses for job related certifications, academic entrance exams, computer tutorials, and more. Go to [www.onlib.org](http://www.onlib.org) and click on the "learn" tab.

Thank you for your continued support in using **Smile. Amazon.com**.

A reminder that we have a **children's computer** that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

We continue to offer **computer training for our patrons**. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

**Story times:** Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Imagination Lab:** Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30 (except July and August)

**Don't forget to visit:** [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org) .  
**You can also follow us on Facebook.**



## LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Basketball:** The basketball program for girls and boys in grades K-2 and grades 3 & 4 will begin Saturday, March 3 and run through March 31. Coed practices will be held 12-1 p.m. for grades K-2, and 1-3 p.m. for grades 3&4, in the Grimshaw Elementary School's gymnasium. Registration\* will take place at the first practice, March 3.

**Baseball and Lacrosse Registration\*:** Apple Valley League (baseball, softball, t-ball) and Upstate Lacrosse Association registrations will be held Wednesdays, February 28 & March 7, 6-8 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School's cafeteria.

**Pre-Season Baseball/Softball practices\*:** LCC has requested to use the gymnasium at Grimshaw Elementary school on Saturdays during the month of April, 12-3 p.m., for baseball/softball training and workouts. Boys and girls, grades 3-6, are welcome to attend these sessions to work on baseball/softball skills.

\*Flyers with registration form and additional details for each respective program will be sent home from school.

As the baseball and lacrosse seasons approach, LCC is still in need of coaches at all levels for both of these sports. Please let us know if you are able to coach this upcoming season; we need to know of your intention to coach so that we can plan accordingly.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Daytime/Senior Exercise:** Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center. The current session runs through March 22. The next session runs March 27 – May 3. 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; 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 advanced 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.

**Men's Basketball:** Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. Program runs through March 2018. Participants must sign a waiver, which are available online or at each session. The cost for this program is \$20 for the entire session or \$5 per week walk-in fee.

### OTHER PROGRAMS

**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. During the winter, only the south section of the path will be maintained for walkers. Signage will be posted to indicate whether or not the path is open.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Aid and CPR/AED Course:** To be offered in April; time and location TBD.

### LCC INFORMATION

LCC oversees several youth sports programs, including: basketball, wrestling, volleyball, baseball/softball, lacrosse, tennis and soccer. However, we cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise. We can always use additional help, whether it is as a team coach, a program coordinator, or as a member of the board of directors. If you are interested and able to help out with the any of these programs, please contact LCC at 677-7272 or [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com).

LCC Contact Information: Information about Community Council programs can be obtained through the following sources:

- 24/7 on the Town's web site: [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) under the "Depts." (Departments) tab

- By calling 677-7272 - leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call. (Messages are retrieved at least twice a week.)

- By speaking to an LCC representative during the new "Open for Business - Town Hall Tuesday Nights" at the Town Offices every Tuesday from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

- E-mail: [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com)

- LCC Mailing Address: PO Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13078

**Community Council Meetings:** Board meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Dates of upcoming board meetings are: March 1, April 5 and May 3. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input.



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## March IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 8  | GS Open House   |
| 9  | ACT deadline<br>JS HS Drama Production<br>End of 25 weeks   |
| 14 | <b>No School:</b><br><b>Superintendent's Conference Day</b> |
| 15 | College Fair @ OCC<br>BOE Meeting                           |
| 23 | Rockfest 2018 6-10pm  |
| 29 | BOE Meeting   |
| 30 | <b>No School: Good Friday</b>                               |

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