

# LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

2018

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## We are **STILL** PRESENT, POSITIVE and PASSIONATE!



We are **PRESENT**. We are **POSITIVE**. We are **PASSIONATE**.

The energy this week was high. As the week progressed, so did the energy and excitement for our overnight camping trip. This event is something that our students look forward to and repeatedly talk about. You can imagine that it is a difficult task preparing for and executing a plan for 28 hours with 60 students. The the dedication and focus of my amazing staff, we were able to pull of another excellent overnight. I have described the event as 12 hours of awesome, a two hour derailment followed by another 14 hours of awesome. That is 93% AWESOME! I will take it. Students stepped out of their comfort zones, tried new things, succeeded, failed, laughed, reflected and most importantly learned more about each other. I love when I see students eating a meal next to "new friend." I love to hear cheers of support to classmates who are dancing, singing, and lip synching. During one of our relay races, a 5 person team wanted to quit. The other teams had finished. They were half way through the course. They were last. I asked the students to support them to the finish line. About half of our students surrounded this 5 person team and cheered them on to the finish. The team quickly regained their focus and with the support around them were able to go faster and work together better than they had during the first leg of the race. It was a beautiful moment. Just like in the previous 10 years of overnight camping trips, there were so many other beautiful and successful moments. Leading up the trip, I ask myself why I continue to do it. During the trip I am repeatedly reminded why I do. I love them. I hope you enjoy our pictures!



## TGIF from Greg

The 101s had a great week completing 99% of their daily goals. They are preparing for their mini-oral project of the ancient Greek Gods for Friday. They had a successful overnight in which they prepared an excellent skit, participated in physical activities, and many team building activities. They will begin their "Who Am I?" project this week. We will have a college professor come to class in the next couple of weeks to teach oratory skills when speaking to an audience. We have had great attendance and parental participation thus far this year. "SHARK TANK HOO HAA HAA".

















## TGIF from Jessica

I hope everyone has had a chance to get settled back into routines for the school year. I know the 201s have been working to get back into the swing of things and look at our focus for the year. As a whole school we worked on project development and brainstorming during our PAID (Project And Internship Development) Day last Monday. As an advisory we looked further into this and we talked about being inquisitive, exploring, asking for feedback and refining, dreaming big and desiring to make an impact. This week the 201s will finalize their project ideas and write out their goals into their learning plans.

Over the two weeks the 201s have had several shadow days. Brandon S. was beaming about his experience at Blue Collar Doggie Daycare. Brandon L., Trent, and Randy were rocking with Marty and Shannon during The Morning Mess at 95X. We met Joe Stanley at the station and we were able to set up shadow days at the Stanley Law Office. Tete learned how to make tasty cuisine at Peppinos. Darryl helped care for dogs at LaFayette Kennels. Kyle, Trent, and Riley worked on human rights activism on a photography project with Carol. Stuart and Kyle served in cleanup and landscaping at the SPCA. Walt has also worked with several 201s in the workshop.

The 201's have planned and attempted to plan for the lip sync battle during the overnight camping trip since school started. They experienced pressure to uphold their winning status from last year. They faced trials and disagreements as they tried to pick a song, decide on props, choreograph, and practice. We switched songs three times and had many small and whole group



discussions as the advisory tried to work together and up their game from last year. Many of the advisory doubted and there were times they wanted to throw in the towel. Even up to the last second at the camp, the 201s still had trouble listening, practicing, and planning. They doubted in their ability and doubted that they could win. However, when push came to shove, when they were in the moment, the 201s pulled through and came together. After each relay race they became more engaged and more excited each time they came close to or won a race. They started cheering each other on and next thing you know at the end of the relay races they were tied for second place. They used their strengths to take their costume designing for the fashion show to the next level which pulled them ahead to second place. Finally it was time for the lip sync. Our jail cells were up, the instruments were out, and our jail shirts were on as we rocked to Elvis' classic Jailhouse Rock. Hayden and Randy each bravely did solos and jammed out to their favorite songs during the talent show. At the end of the overnight the 201's learned that they had taken second place and that if they had done two more events in the talent show that they would have won. I am proud to say that my students immediately were motivated and started planning songs they could do next year and talents they could do with each other. As they were talking these things over an unfortunate loss of points came to the winning team. As a result, the 201s were notified that they had won the overnight! They were ecstatic and continued to plan for next year's overnight lip sync and talent show. I hope through this experience they learned the importance of communication and listening, the ability to compromise and work together as a team, and most importantly the ability to believe in themselves and

put their full effort forward. As the 201 advisor, I am very proud and excited to work with all of them this year and continue to see them grow into the amazing young adults they are becoming.





## TGIF from David

Number 9, not as impressive as number 11 for Sue and Lenny, but my 9th Overnight with Big Picture has to be some sort of achievement. I did not fall ill, like I have at some Overnights. Not ill as in the food cooked for the Overnight made me feel ill, but a seasonal cold typically befalls me at this point of the year. (Also, I may have overdone it with the amount of beef I purchased for meals, but some teenagers have bottomless stomachs.) There was the one year at Highland Forest where I should have gone home. I was really sick that year and it rained most of the time. This year, no seasonal cold, and no rain. So, yay for me as I was able to tackle the mostly sleepless night with a body full of energy.

Yes, it was mostly sleepless for me because I slept on the most uncomfortable three person seater in the world. I did not realize the sofa, if that is what this monstrosity of furniture was called, had these wooden dividers between each seat. There was a wooden bar pressed up against my chest for the entire night. I was also distracted by a light that sat off in the distance and seemed to move, but it was only the wind and the movement of the trees that gave this light a dance. It was mesmerizing and kept my attention at 2 in the morning while my body took a break from being separated into pieces from the wooden dividers.

That was how my sleep went, and I was tired. Yes, I was tired from a day of being Point Master. Being Point Master is exhausting. Only I can distribute and take away points to each advisory, or each individual student. This is a mighty task bestowed upon me by thousands of years of Point Masters. Students definitely obey the Point Master because they do not want to disrupt the forces that guide my decision making. Which means that they do not want to be the one responsible for their advisory losing points.

After all, it was a decent Overnight. There were some



hiccups, but teenagers always take you for dips and curves through their rollercoaster of emotions.

Walt and students caught a fish, or multiple fish I am not sure. I watched it stare at me as they prepared to fillet it. I think we bonded in that moment, I am not sure, but if we did I failed it. I know where food comes from, but I like to trick myself into believing that it just appears all prepackaged at the grocery store. I played some basketball and realized once again that I am terrible at dribbling. Even at thirty-three I can still keep up with teenagers on the court. The Gaga Pit does not appeal to me. Hitting a ball at someone's feet to get them out in the game just made me want to put on the album Joanne and resign to the idea that is the only Gaga I am interested in. Our lip sync battle was not as flavorful as last year. Maybe I am begin biased because I helped the 101s to victory last year? Students enjoyed it and I did hear some say they plan on doing more next year.





## TGIF from Lenny

It is hard for me to reflect on the week without having my thoughts dominated by the overnight. We certainly had plenty of other great experiences last week with internships, advisory, trips, and workshops. But there was much energy and preparation directed towards our annual overnight excursion.

The 301s decided to have tie dye t-shirts for color wars this year so making them was a fun and educational process. Our advisory emblem was a tornado because the energy in our advisory can sometimes form a destructive vortex of force. So during advisory time we prepared our shirts and attempted to rehearse for the lip sync competition. I conspicuously removed myself from the rehearsal process. As members of Senior Institute, it is my hope that the 301s can organize an event without adult oversight. To be honest, the first few attempts at student-facilitated rehearsals were less than productive.

The first day of the trip was pretty successful for the 301s. We gathered for an advisory to process our challenges and wrote our intentions for the trip in our journals. The 301s did great in the relays and the design challenge competitions. We all took a break from the competition with exploratory sessions. I hosted watercolors in the woods and it was a success once again.

In the free time before dinner, the 301s regrouped to rehearse again on their own. This time the sense of urgency seemed to help focus their energy. When it came time for the competition, the 301s performed an entertaining, well choreographed and comedic routine to Take On Me by A Ha. We also had 301 solo entries for the talent show by Alyssa and Josh and Kaia attempted a duet with 101 Austin. Overall, that portion of the night was a success for the 301s.

Like every overnight, there were highs and lows. I believe in celebrating the highs and looking for the lessons in the lows. I always end the overnight experience by having my advisory revisit their intentions set at the beginning of the trip and reflect on their journey. The reflections by the 301s show that they did learn lessons from their failures.



The 301s did not win the color wars competition despite a good showing in many of the events. The 201s took the title and they are truly deserving of the win. We have a busy week ahead filled with opportunities. Happy Fall and have a great week!





## TGIF from Walt

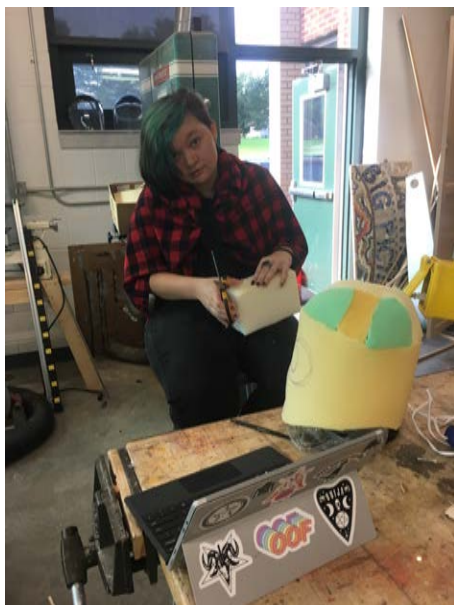
This week was very busy at Big Picture. We were preparing for our annual overnight trip, so the energy was high, and there was much to get done and prepared. I have several projects going on the workshop, so most of my time was spent working with students creating things for their learning plans, or for the overnight trip.

This week's highlights:

On Tuesday, I went to the CNY SPCA to do some landscaping with students. We are continuing to work on the memorial garden, a project that we took on last year. Stuart, Aiden, Kyle, Bree, John and Cailyn went with me and did a great job. We did most of the weeding, and next week we will go back to finish up and trim back the perennials.

I spent some time this week working with students to create props for the lip sync battle at the overnight. I helped the 101s create and paint wooden fish and kelp, and I also helped the 201s create a jail cell door to use in their performance.

In entrepreneurship workshop we continued to experiment with our resin jewellery project. This week we worked on coloring the resin and also creating molds. We made another batch of prototypes and they came out better than our first batch. We are making progress, and next week I am hoping to try making silicone molds to make the epoxy pouring much easier. If all goes well, I am hoping to have our first set of pendants done by Friday.



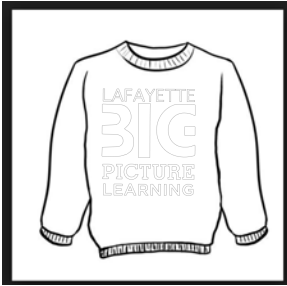
In the workshop, I worked with Stuart on a costume project. He is making an animal suit and this week I helped him with the head and hands. We created teeth and claws out of clay and then we created a mold and cast them in resin.

On the overnight, I was able to bring a group of eligible students fishing this year during exploratory workshop, and it went very well. Stuart ended up catching two very large bass, so Jessica and I showed students how to clean and cook the fish. We ended up making fish tacos, and they came out very good. The fishing was a great time, and students really enjoyed themselves.





# LaFayette Big Picture Learning Spirit Sale



**Adult Unisex CREWNECK:**  
9 ounce 50/50 Fleece Dri Blend

**Available Sizes:** Adult Small-3xl  
**Available Colors:**  
Sports Gray Crewneck with Black Lettering  
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**Adult Unisex HOODIE:**  
8 ounce 50/50 Heavy Blend

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**Available Colors:**  
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Black Hoodie with White Lettering  
Purple Hoodie with White Lettering



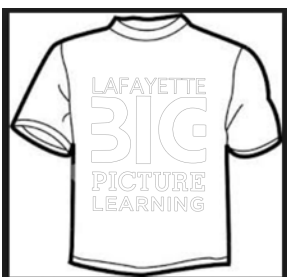
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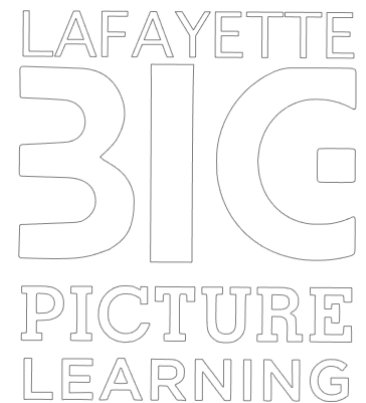
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Berry Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-3xl  
Purple Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-3xl  
Jade Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-3xl





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Adult Unisex <b>Crewneck:</b> 9oz 50/50 Fleece Dri Blend					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Sports Gray CREW with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
	2XL	3XL			\$28		
Black CREW with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
	2XL	3XL			\$28		
Purple CREW with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
	2XL	3XL			\$28		
Adult Unisex <b>Hoodie:</b> 8oz 50/50 Heavy Blend					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Ash Hoodie with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
	2XL	3XL			\$29		
	4XL	5XL			\$30		
Black Hoodie with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
	2XL	3XL			\$29		
	4XL	5XL			\$30		
Purple Hoodie with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
	2XL	3XL			\$29		
	4XL	5XL			\$30		
Adult Unisex <b>Full Zip</b> 8oz 50/50 Heavy Blend					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Sports Gray Full Zip with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$29		
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Black Full Zip with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$29		
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Purple Full Zip with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$29		
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White Lightweight Hoodie with Black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
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Heather Navy Lightweight Hoodie with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
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