

# LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

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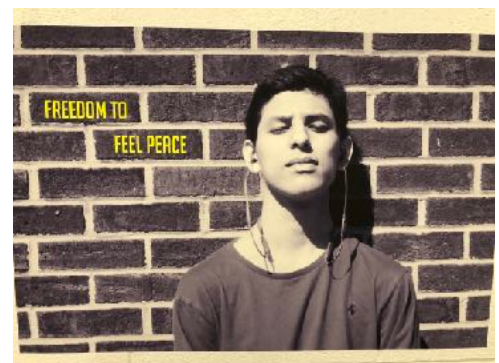
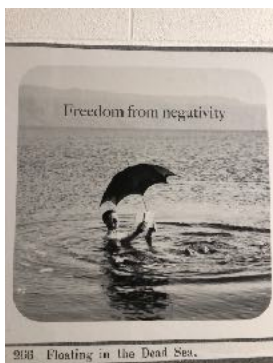
We are **STILL PRESENT, POSITIVE** and **PASSIONATE!**



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We learned this week that we were awarded a \$750 from the Walmart foundation. We are excited to use this grant to continue our Salad Wednesday initiative. Each Wednesday, we provide the student with a "new look" on salad by using a variety of vegetables, dressings and toppings. Thank you Walmart!

Additionally, the photography students hung their For Freedoms posters in our school. They are beautiful messages of Freedom For, Freedom From, Freedom to, and Freedom of. Thank you to Carol DiSalvo and Lightworks for sharing your passion and expertise with our students. To learn more about the For Freedoms project, <http://forfreedoms.org>.





## TGIF from Walt

This week was a short week, but a very busy week. I was all over the place working with different various students on different projects.

This week's highlight:

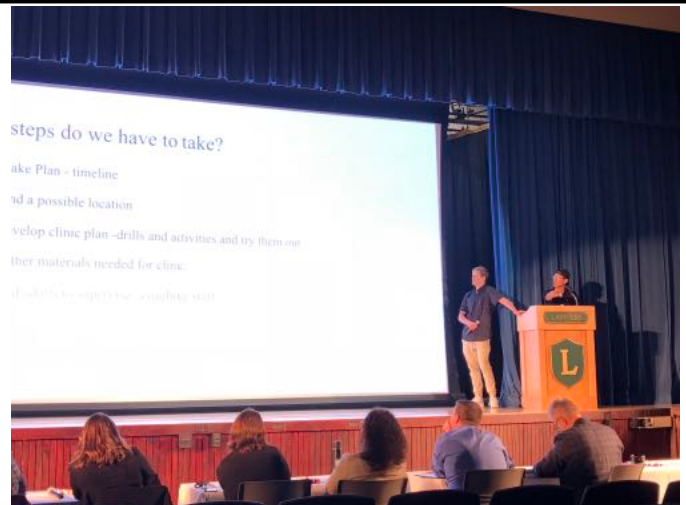
I spent most of my time this week with the 401 advisory helping them prepare for STP proposals. It largely consisted of refining ideas, creating PowerPoints and proofreading. They presented on Friday, and I was impressed by the broad range of ideas they presented. I am looking forward to see what they accomplish this year.

I also was able to sit on on some of the 101s' Who Am I Projects this week. I was very impressed at how well they did overall. I think this is a great group of students, and am excited to see what they do for their first learning plans.

I worked with Stuart on another costume this week. He is creating a costume based around Mewtoo, a popular Pokemon character. This week he finished the head and hands. Next week we will be working on the tail.

In the workshop, I worked with Darryl and TeTe on starting their desks this week. We began with the table top for TeTe's desk. It involved cutting down 2x4s and gluing/clamping them together to form a long solid piece. Next week we are going to try to plane it down to size with a router and start adding the sides.

For exploratory, I am teaching students how to make chainmaille jewelry. Carlee was the first person to finish her bracelet this week, although the others are close. Next week, I am hoping to show them a different weave.



## TGIF from Jessica

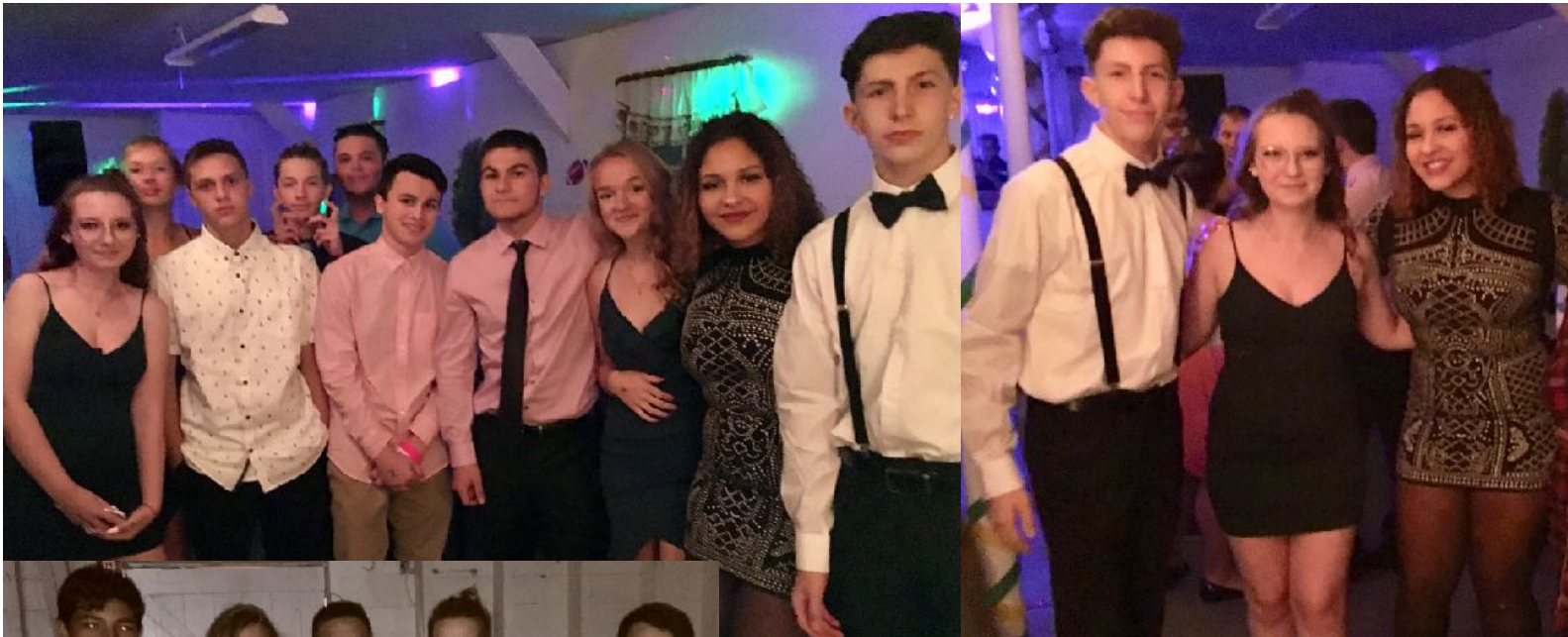
Even though this week was a short week, it definitely didn't feel like it. The week was packed. On Tuesday, Dawsun was able to explore her interest in criminal justice on a shadow day at The Stanley Law Office. Dawsun was also able to go to Grimshaw on Wednesday and see the students she worked with last year. Kyle transitioned into an internship with Dominick's Restaurant. Kyle is enjoying learning how to prep food and learning about baking. Elias made his first few cat toys for the SPCA. Stuart finished another set of cosplay head and hands. Tierra, Tete, Sam, and Randy

enjoyed the first day of our school exchange with PSLA on Thursday. They are looking forward to the next exchange day.

Amongst these activities, the students all completed their STAR Reading and STAR Math screenings. They independently read 15 more pages in *The House on Mango Street*. The best part is that the 201s are enjoying the book; they are all keeping up with their study guide and aren't complaining. On Friday, Lenny and I switched classes. Lenny worked with the 201s on writing and peer editing. I worked with the 301s on math skills for the SAT and PSAT.

## TGIF from Greg

This week was our first week of exhibitions. We completed our Who am I? projects. We were able to attain 100% attendance! Students presented their past and future maps as well as a family history. This allowed us to get to know each other a little better. Students also presented their independent reading books, also called DIRT books. We finished our mythology projects as well. All in all this Advisory is off to an epic start.



Homecoming Dance

Thank you Student Council!



## TGIF from Alex

First of all: wow, what a fantastic week! The 401s capped off their week with their senior thesis project proposals. They all were extremely impressive! All of the seniors worked extremely hard leading up to the proposals and it showed. Some, like Diana and Cailin, had their internships only come together the day before their proposal and their proposals were wonderful!

In more good news, the 401s welcomed Dan Conover back on Tuesday! Dan had been out for the beginning part of the year but is now back with the advisory. Just having Dan back in the classroom is a joy and his presence in the advisory was an extremely welcome addition, especially with the week of their Senior Project Proposals.

I just want to thank all of our mentors who showed up and took time out of their days to provide invaluable feedback to our seniors. At many points during the proposals, I kept thinking back to the 401s freshman year. It is really amazing to see the growth that has taken place over the last 4 years. Everyone was composed and poised even though the situation was extremely stressful. The senior class did a great job and really came through!

While the STPs were complex within themselves, here is just a brief snapshot of the 401s STPs.

Caitlin led off the Senior Thesis Proposals. Her STP is going to be about creating a diagnostic kit through her internship with ICHOR Therapeutics. For those that do not know what they do, they are a biotechnology company. She is going to be developing a kit that can be taken into remote areas and test for various substances.

Wyatt & Skariwate followed next with their hockey clinic. Their objective is to run a 2 day clinic for kids ages 10-11. They are also going to be asking for donations from local hockey teams (Crunch, Comets, Sabres) and fundraise to not only pay for ice time but also to provide equipment for kids of the camp!

Keegan was next and is going to be setting up a photographic contest and exhibition with various high schools in Onondaga County. Through his internship at Lightwork, Keegan will develop a panel of judges to help him judge the work and use them to print the photos for the exhibition!

Sean's STP is all about changing the perspective of how people see video games. While there are many stereotypes around the gaming industry, Sean would like to break down those walls and provide the general public with a deeper understanding of the gaming culture. This is an extremely current STP: just the other day, Ohio State University announced that they are launching an esports program and building a gaming arena.

Brandon is continuing his work with maple syrup. Brandon is going to hand over a maple syrup business to Big Picture (talk about leaving a legacy). The plan is for Brandon to tap trees in the area surrounding school and teach other students how to make maple syrup so that the students can then sell the syrup and use the funds for future projects.

Layton is going to be starting in RC Car Club where younger students (4th-6th grades) can come and learn about remote

controlled cars. Layton's project will learning about how the car works but putting the various parts and controls together. He is also going to teach them about how to maintain the cars and as well as the various costs of ownership. Layton is also going to have the students work in pairs, so that the students learn to work as part of a group!

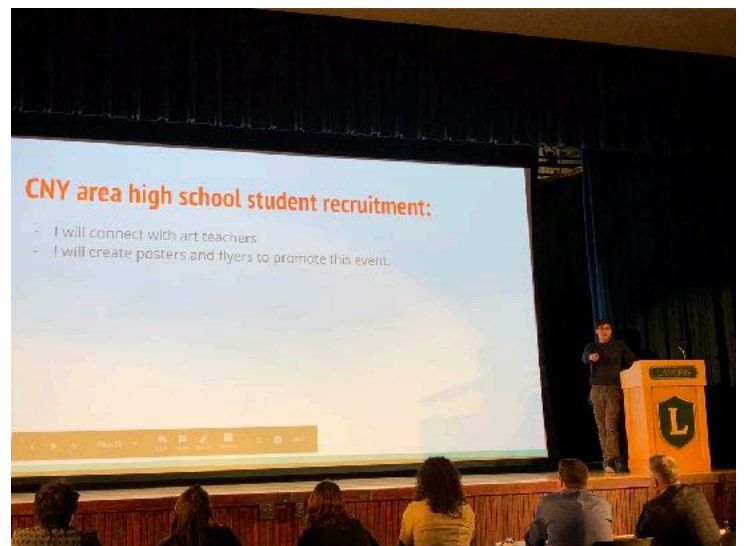
Hunter is going to tackle our school's problem of plastic cups and styrofoam trays. Hunter's goal is to get our school district to stop the use of non reusable materials. The end goal of his STP is to help our district cut down on the waste and become more eco-friendly.

Carlee is going to be doing hair styling and makeup. Her focus is going to be doing special occasions and Prom. Her goal is to give someone a complete makeover. Carlee got some great feedback on her project in that several panelists suggested that she also try and see if she could collect dresses. Their feedback included the idea that she could not only provide the hair and makeup for those that can not afford it but also provide them the outfit. So it would basically be giving someone a prom experience who could not afford one!

Diana just secured an internship with Joseph's House for Women. As the project currently stands, Diana is going to be collecting supplies and various personal care items in an effort to donate the to the organization. She is also going to be building the donation boxes by hand! Diana will also be helping them plan and deliver events. While Diana is still working out the details, she has the foundation of an exciting senior thesis project.

Lastly, Dan is going to be working as with "Hard As Nails" on their Media Development team. Some of the goals of Dan's STP will include the creation of content 3 months ahead of schedule; launching a new website; helping them grow their social media platforms and helping them create 3 professional videos for their website. Dan's internship will not only take him out of the classroom on Tuesdays & Thursdays, but his internship site has also requested him on Wednesdays to to help complete the tasks.

Overall, it was an exciting day for the 401s. Now the hard work begins of execution of the plan. Again, I want to thank all the mentors that came out for this. I also want to thank the entire staff of Big Picture. Everyone has really chipped in and helped make these STP's the best!



## TGIF from Lenny

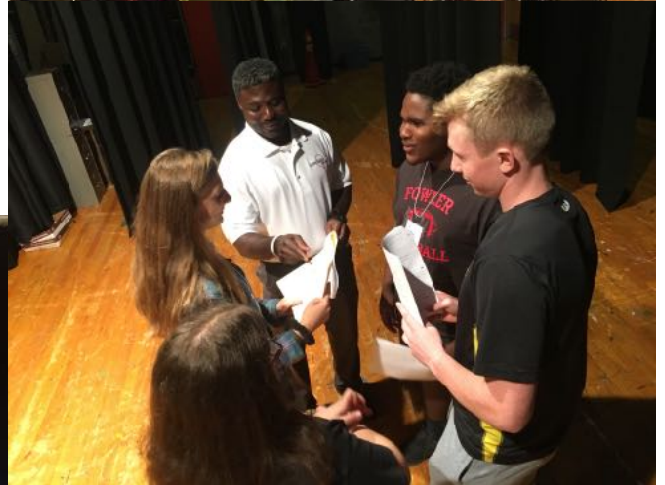
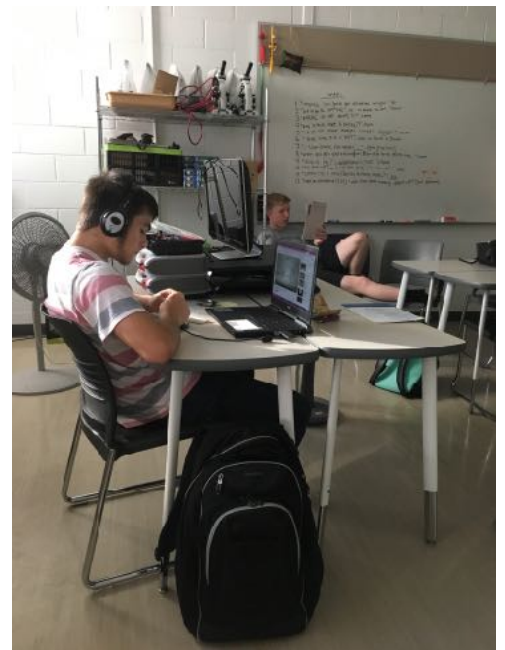
Our week began on a Tuesday so we got straight to internship and project work. There was one project that I was really impressed with and that was the arduino work that Jamus was engaged in. He did research, experimented and used trial and error to learning how arduinos worked. He then programed two to respond to temperature and moisture levels so they could one day be used to automate our greenhouse. It was fascinating to see the process unfold over the course of the day.

On Wednesday, 301s took the PSATs. Taking standardized tests is definitely not our favorite thing to do, but we had many conversations leading up to this day. Taking the PSATs is simply another step on the path to college. The test took the better part of the day and my 301s were definitely not used to sitting that long. Afterwards, I was happy to hear 301s discuss what they felt confident with and what areas they needed support in.

On Thursday I traveled with David and 20 BP students to PSLA for the first School Exchange Day. We were greeted warmly at the door by PSLA students and staff. From there, we began a day of activities designed to stimulate thinking and dialogue. We alternated from large group to small group circles to encourage each student to share their voice. It was a successful day of building relationships and planting seeds for some grittier topics in our future. On November 7, we will host our PSLA friends to continue dialogue and to show them how our school operates.

There was quite a bit happening on Friday. The 101s had Who Am I presentations all day and the 401s were presenting their STP proposals to a panel. Meanwhile, 301s had a long morning advisory, SAT math prep with Jessica, some IWT and some were able to sit in on some 101 and 401 presentations.

During advisory I took Jamus, Kaia and Bri to the Apple Festival grounds to load surplus apples and cider into the van. You see, each year the Apple Festival Committee donates the apples and cider that doesn't get sold and we at BP provide the labor to distribute the goods. I made a delivery to the Rescue Mission on Gifford Street and to the Brady Faith Center on South Ave. Both agencies were delighted by the generous donation. Thank you to the Apple Festival Committee for your generosity and for allowing BP to be part of it. Have a great week!





## TGIF from David

This week, although only four days, was a testament to how much we challenge our students. We challenged them on many fronts. We challenged them with the ten Big Picture distinguishers. If you are unfamiliar with the ten Big Picture distinguishers, you can find them at [www.bigpicture.org](http://www.bigpicture.org).

At our core, we are one student at a time, and I may never have felt that so much as this week.

These one student at a time moments are precious and informative. These moments also take a lot of time and four days was not enough this week. But, that one student at a time did allow for Kyle Thomas to start his internship at Dominick's restaurant, of which his mentor there said he is excellent in his role. That one student at a time allowed for authentic assessments of our seniors' Senior Thesis Projects. On Friday, our seniors took the stage of the auditorium to present to a mentor panel. This mentor panel provided feedback and constructive criticism. The students I talked to after their presentation realized the areas they needed to improve, or expand to complete a comprehensive project. The mentor panel helped convince the students of the improvements we as a staff had been trying to convey. Thank you to: Keely Calf Robe, Ed McGraw, Chad Jaconski, Angela Stivers, Susan Johnston, and Sarah Bliss. Your participation as mentors was valuable and needed. We will sit down with our seniors and use the mentor feedback to make the projects better.

We engaged with parents and families this week through some post-secondary planning on Wednesday night. I hosted, through STEP, a college planning night. We discussed the college application process, planning for financial aid, and helped students think of college classes they can take in January. Karen Rodriguez from Bryant and Stratton College joined us to talk about opportunities. Susan Johnston of CSTEP and STEP was there to talk about SUNY Morrisville opportunities. Our students have many opportunities to get comfortable with their post-secondary choices while a student at Big Picture.

We just have to keep communicating these opportunities to families.

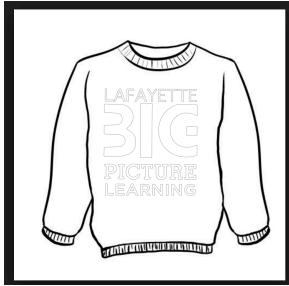
We did some testing of student leadership this week while also exploring our school culture. On Thursday, we visited PSLA at Fowler for our school exchange. This was the first of five exchanges that allowed twenty of our students to engage in dialogue with twenty PSLA students.

We eased our way into some heavy topics on race. Although, I believe the biggest surprise the PSLA students had about our school was that we once had chickens. They were really intrigued by our school having chickens. PSLA reminded me a lot of my high school and I had the opportunity to do exchanges like this when I was a high school student. My high school exchange experience helped me understand community differences and value my community in different ways. I look forward to our students' perception after our fifth exchange and what, if anything, it has changed about them. That morning started with Randy being nervous about the exchange and wanting not to attend, but literally twenty minutes into our visit he was relaxed and engaging with others. I have the suspicion that by the end of our exchanges our two schools will want to continue a partnership and collaborate further in various ways.

I said we challenged our students this week, but I think the adults were just as challenged. I know that I was challenged and sitting writing this TGIF helped me realize all the different ways in which we lived up to the Big Picture distinguishers. We must be doing something right.



# LaFayette Big Picture Learning Spirit Sale



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

**Available Sizes:** Adult Small-3xl  
**Available Colors:**  
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**Adult Unisex HOODIE:**  
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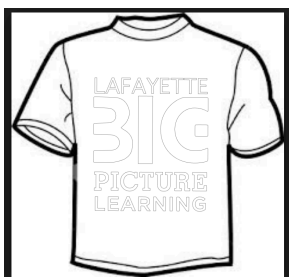
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Sports Gray CREW with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
	2XL	3XL			\$28		
Black CREW with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
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Purple CREW with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
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Adult Unisex <b>Full Zip</b> 8oz 50/50 Heavy Blend					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
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Purple Full Zip with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$29		
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