

# LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

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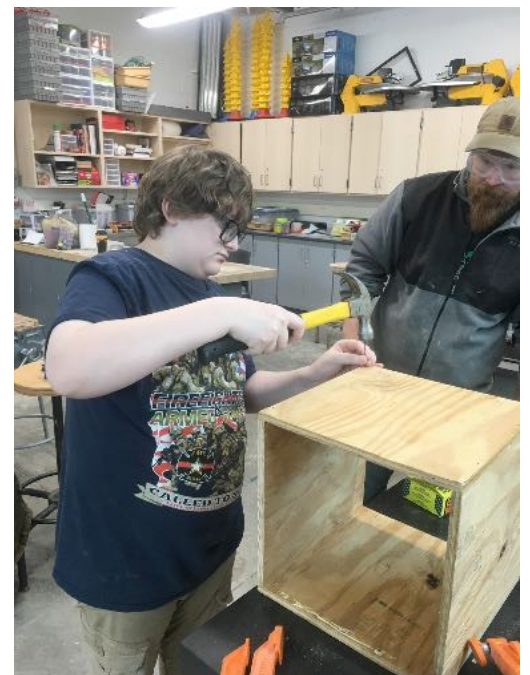


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We had a busy week with high energy in the building! Students are knee deep in their project work and exploring their interests and passions. Pictured below are Sam and Alyssa as they conducted an informational interview. Read about in Lenny's



reflection. To the right, Austin is working on improving his skills in the workshop for an interest based project he is working on.





## TGIF from Walt

Most of my time, outside of ELA workshops, this week was spent working with the 101s on their first learning plan projects and also working on various projects with other students in the workshop. It wasn't uncommon for me to be in the shop with 2-5 different students working on completely different projects all at the same time. It was very busy, but I also am doing some really neat projects with students.

This week's highlights:

Austin is building a donation box for local homeless shelters as part of his first learning plan, so this week I worked with him to start building it. We completed all of the cuts and assembly, and next week we are hoping to have it stained and sealed.

Aiden is interested in making skateboard decks so this week we worked on designing a press to make that happen. His mentor at Black Mamba skatepark gave us two old deck to use for the forms on our press, so we are hoping to start construction next week.

Elias created more cat toys to donate to the CNY SPCA and this week we dropped them off. It was a good time to do so, because when we arrived, we learned that they just received 100 new cats at their shelter. There is a great demand for new cat toys, so Elias and I decided to start an exploratory workshop at school to create some. It went well, and we are hoping to create 50 toys by the

end of next week.

In Entrepreneurship Workshop we have been focusing on creating Christmas crafts for the holiday craft fair and Grimshaw. This week we continued wood burning and making vinyl cut decals for ornaments. Chad, our master woodworker, has offered to come in to teach us how to make wooden Christmas ornaments on the lathe, and I am very excited to do this. He is coming in next week, and I can't wait to get started.





## TGIF from Jessica

Despite having a slow start to the year, I am proud to say that the 201s are stepping up their game and growing. Christine and I have challenged them to get 100% goal attainment for 5 days and then we will get them pizza. While we knew this would encourage them, we didn't expect a few outcomes. Darryl surprised us and took home work he did not finish and completed it to make sure he got his goal completed. Kyle has step up the depth of his goals and has made sure to complete them. Randy made a plan with me to help him complete each step of his goal and has also completed work at home. Several students have worked with each other or with an adult for help. Their STAR Reading scores drastically increased and they are becoming more engaged in Algebra. My favorite surprise is seeing each of them hold one another accountable and challenge their classmates to complete their goals. We gave them the challenge on Monday and by Wednesday they were able to reach 100%. They maintained 100% through the end of the week! With 3 days down, they need 2 more days of 100% for pizza. Keep it up 201s, keep



your head in the game! Who knows where this will lead us.

Over the past two weeks, three students went on shadow days and one started an internship. Darryl went to Blue Prints Dog Studio. Tierra went to Concepts in Hair/Divine Madness. Sam went to Hobin Sound Recording Studio. Tete started an internship with Eternity Extensions and she has already had great hands-on learning experiences. She has blown dry, cut, highlighted, and styled hair.

Hayden planned and hosted his own Mario Kart 8 exploratory! He started with an 8 person tournament that so many students enjoyed, they requested more. Hayden has kept the exploratory going for 2 weeks. Hayden has become quite the leader and he has inspired two other students to plan their own exploratory.

This Thursday Elias donated more cat toys to the CNY SPCA with Walt. When Elias and Walt went, they discovered that the SPCA had just taken in about 100 rescued cats. In response to the need, Elias led an exploratory on Friday to invite more students to make cat toys.

## TGIF from Greg

This week the 101 Shark Tank continued their average of over 90% attainment on daily goals and attendance. The class began phase one of their learning plans and selecting their projects. The projects included topics ranging from creating a Walstad Method Aquarium to learning guitar and emotions felt when different of types of music is listened to. One student is learning how to make rocket fuel while another is using photo exhibitions to explain the process behind photography. The list goes on with students exploring projects that include, building a



weather resistant dog house, creating a brochure that will explain about the history of miniature horses and topic where a student is building a skateboard

The class will do a service learning project in which they will be making toys for dogs at a shelter. The class was also involved to outdoor activities in which they worked in the garden. In ELA they worked on identifying the literary elements of their Daily Independent Reading Time Books (DIRT BOOKS). Our class had a great Halloween Party with some really cool costumes. Internships are starting to fall into place and the Shark Tank is growing.

## TGIF from Alex

Wow! November already? The year is just flying by. As of Monday, there are 21 school days until the 401 last first trimester exhibition! I'm excited to see the progress that the 401s will have made on their Senior Projects! This week, the 401s took some big steps toward completing their projects.

For example, within the last week, Diana has cemented an internship with Joseph's House for Women. She volunteered for them during their Parade of Homes last weekend.

Cailin gave a whiteboard presentation on ELISA (which stands for enzyme linked immunosorbent assay) which are basically diagnostic tests. These tests are used to test for infectious diseases. Her next step is analyzing a peer reviewed journal on "RPTag as an Orally Bioavailable, Hyperstable Epitope Tag and Protein Binding Scaffold." This will be the next step in completing her project.

Dan is working with his internship at Hard as Nails. He is working with their communications team in completing various social media goals to expand the organization's outreach and influence. He is basically gone 3 days a week because of the requirements that his internship has put on him!

Sean is taking the proper steps in starting his ESports Team. He has talked to the IT people at school and everything from the technical side is in the process of being worked out. He is also currently working on a packet to send out to parents with a permission slip!

Layton is in the beginning stages of getting his RC Car Club off the ground. He has been working on pricing out a few options for cars. This week he has plans to go to a few RC car shops and see if a few local shops would be willing to donate cars/ parts/ and maybe even become a sponsor of the club!

Hunter is in the closing stages of securing a internship/job with Advocates. He has met with with the family of the child that he is going to

be working with! The meeting went extremely well. The next step is for Hunter to actually start working with the organization.

Shout out to the great job done by the 401s in completing their gradpoint. The seniors worked hard on their assignments. All of them showed grit battling through and completing their assignments. The gradpoint assignment really showed what this senior class is made of. There were plenty of instances where after not getting a passing score the first time that many could have just given up. But, all of them really "dug deep," found some grit and completed the task! Great job 401s! Just think: now, you are just one step closer to graduation!

Speaking of Graduation Requirements, the 401s continued the government aspect of their senior year this week. This week, the seniors explored how our government is set up at the National, State and Local level though various principles of government. Some of these principles include things like Popular Sovereignty, Rule of Law, Necessary & Proper Clause, Supremacy Clause. Some of the Seniors have also taken and started a political beliefs quiz and reflection where the seniors will be analyzing their own political beliefs.

Also, next semester's college class schedule just became available through Morrisville this week so the seniors are busy looking at the various opportunities for next semester!





## TGIF from Lenny

It has been a couple weeks since our last communication so we have a lot of catching up to do. Our students have been involved in so many hands on projects. Here's an overview.

We worked in the garden area last week to prepare the space for a fall planting. Even though we plant the bulk of our garlic crop on the Apple Festival grounds, we decided to do a couple test plots in our space. In the raised box we are growing a new variety of garlic and we also planted our usual German White in the garden so we can more closely monitor it. Thank you to RJ for mowing and tilling and thank you to the 101s that helped plant. We hope to plant the main crop this coming week if the weather cooperates. WE have barely had two consecutive days without rain in past few weeks.

Jamus has spent a significant amount of time working out the heating system for the greenhouse. We have test plants in there now and we are working on creating a custom heat regulating system. Jamus has consulted with experts, researched on his own and experimented with various set ups to program an arduino. By Friday afternoon he had created a prototype that successfully turned the heat source on and off at the desired temperatures. Although the process can be frustrating (and messy) Jamus showed drive and determination in reaching his goal.

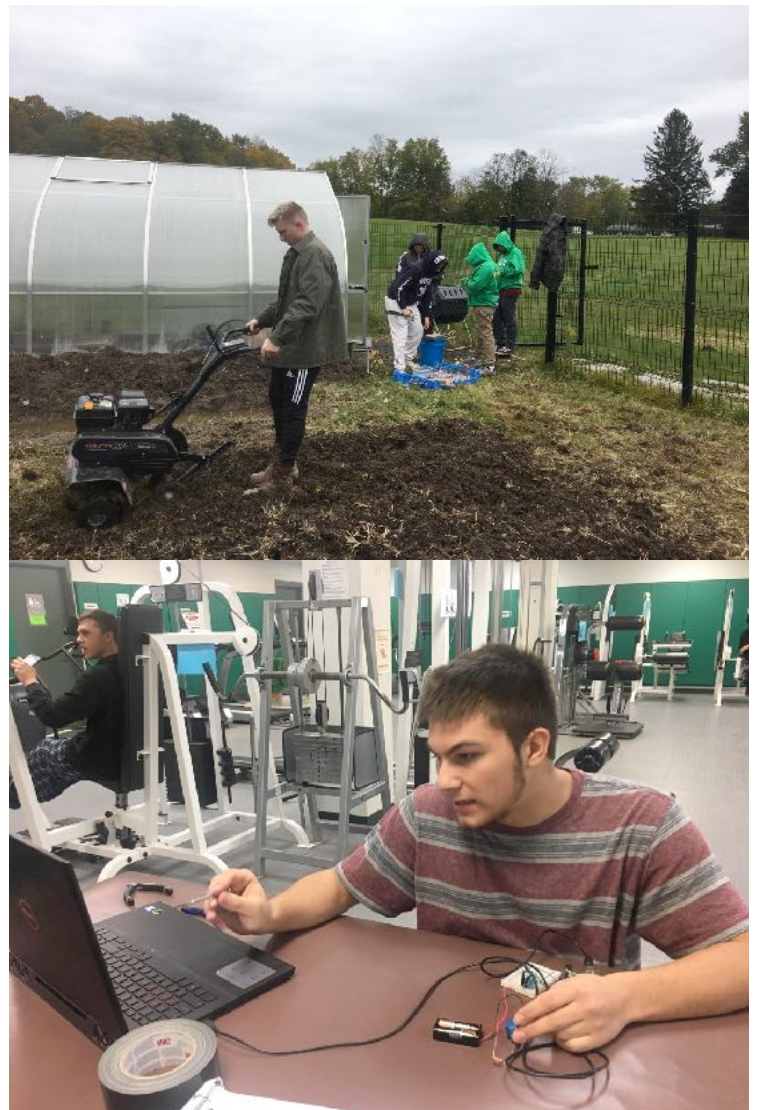
In ER and LE workshops, we have looked closely at diet and nutrition recently. It made for a perfect time to restart our salad Wednesday initiative. Thanks to a grant procured by Sue, we were able to purchase salad fixings and offer it to students on Wednesday. The salad was prepped by my ER group and many students tried something new that day. I also brought in my juicer this week and in LE we juiced apples, carrots, oranges, beets and spinach. Last week I offered students kombucha and on Friday I brought in raw tuna and kimchi for students to experience raw and fermented foods. Not everyone tried the new foods and not everyone that tried them liked them, but we certainly learned from the experience.

On the 'leaving to learn' front we are doing well, but we still need to get a few more students out. Josh, Kaia and Emma continue to work hard in their college classes. Nikki, Thomas, Melissa and Audrey, have been working consistently with Carol's photography group. Bri has been helping Walt at the

SPCA, Kyle is still at Goodman Automotive and RJ returned to work with StudCo.

On Tuesday I accompanied Alyssa and Sam on a shadow day to Hobin Studios to meet with Brett Hobin. Sam and Alyssa would like to professionally record music and are working to create a space in our school to do so. The shadow day was intended to help them understand what equipment and techniques they will need. Brett greeted us on arrival and he could not have been more hospitable. He gave us a tour, answered questions, explained equipment, provided examples and gave sound advice. The students took notes and listened intently the entire visit. We left with tons of information to sort through so we met with Jessica on Thursday to create an action plan. We hope to return to Hobin Studios to learn more in the future. Meanwhile, we have plenty to work on and are very appreciative to Brett for his time and consideration.

There are exciting times ahead as the countdown to exhibitions has begun. Stay dry, stay warm and have a great week!





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