

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Friday, January 11, 2019 1 - 9 PM

at LaFayette
Jr/Sr High
School

A Busy Month in Physical Education

The Junior High students finished up their Flag Rugby and Tchoukball units and started Basketball and Floor Hockey. As a Holiday Treat, we rounded out the month with "Grinch" Ball. The students were engaged in Moderate-Vigorous Physical Activity (MVPA) all month!

The High School and Big Picture students explored different components of fitness as well as international games this month. We started with a flexibility workout (Yoga) and then the students created their own flexibility workouts, using the F.I.T.T principle: Frequency, Intensity, Time and Type, as part of creating their personal fitness plans. Next, some students enjoyed Zumba while others experienced the intensity of Cardio Kickboxing (Cardiovascular Endurance). Again, they created their own CVE workouts using the F.I.T.T principle for their personal fitness plan project.

We played many games from around the world. GaGa Ball from Israel; Sabakiball and Yuki Ball from Japan; Baloncesto from Spain; Futbol from Mexico; Sepak Takraw from the Philippines, and Canadian Handball from Canada. Also, Intramural/After School Activities included the following: Jr. High: Intramural Tchoukball took place in December during the students lunch time, and Yoga was offered at the high school two times a week throughout December.

Coming Up: January brings one of our students favorite units, volleyball. Intramural/After School Activities: Intramural Volleyball and Yoga.



After Prom Fundraiser 2019

Sticker/Decal
1 for \$4
3 for \$10



Available for purchase in the High School Guidance Office or contact robinokane1308@gmail.com

A Taste of Chocolate - Saturday, February 9

This is a food-sampling event where you can purchase samples of dozens of home-made goodies with one thing in common: Chocolate!

Choose from white, dark, or milk chocolate in cookies, muffins, candies, breads and more! Samples are only \$.50, or 22 samples for \$10! Half of the proceeds will be donated to Lafayette Outreach (our local food pantry). Taste some treats here, then fill a box for your sweetheart.

Info./questions: 315-677-3293, cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com, or go to www.ColumbianPresbyterianChurch.com

The event will be held **Sat. Feb. 9, 10 am - 2 pm**, in the Columbian Presbyterian Church Session Building, located on the corner of Routes. 11 & 20, Lafayette.

Spaghetti Dinner

February 2 • 4-7pm • LaFayette Fire Barn, Route 11

Pasta-Meatballs-Salad-Bread-Drinks
50/50 Raffle
Silent Auction from 7-8pm

Fundraising event for LaFayette Varsity Baseball Myrtle Beach Spring Training





Message from the
SUPERINTENDENT

The LaFayette Central School district looks forward to renewing our commitment to students and community members as we enter the new year. We value the opportunity to provide a quality education as we strive for excellence in academics. Recently, I received an email from the parents of a LaFayette alumnus. They shared that their child was able to receive 35 college credits as a LaFayette student prior to entering college. Thirty-five credits equated to more than one year of college for this student, with the cost of a college education continuing to rise, this represented a significant educational and economic advantage for this family. Currently, we offer 15 courses that result in college credits for our high school students.

In our efforts to defray the cost of college, we also have a new partnership with Onondaga Community College that offers the OCC Advantage Program for our current 9th grade LaFayette students. The OCC Advantage program has been expanded to area school districts in Central New York and it was recently announced that the LaFayette CSD will be the next partner school for students currently enrolled in 9th grade. The OCC Advantage Program will provide a scholarship for those students that meet certain attendance, academic, and community service standards. These standards encourage students to continually perform to the best of their ability while also making earning a scholarship to OCC attainable.

Our current freshmen will have the opportunity to earn a scholarship to OCC that covers tuition and fees, after awards of other forms of financial aid, for four semesters at Onondaga Community College. This means that our current 9th graders, that routinely come to school, meet academic benchmarks (grades 70 and above), and perform certain community engagement activities, will have the chance to have a paid for associate's degree. The OCC Advantage Program provides added support to students as they transition to college to help ensure success. Funding for the OCC Advantage Program is made possible through the OCC Foundation. We will be hosting a kick-off ceremony for our current 9th grade students and their families on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium.

I attended OCC right after high school and it was a great start to my college education. After completing three semesters, I transferred to a four-year institution to complete my studies in elementary education, followed by a master's degree, and finally a certificate of advanced study. With over 25% of LaFayette students attending OCC right after college, this partnership presents an excellent opportunity for students to get a fully funded two-year degree just for coming to school, trying their best, and being an involved member of the school community. Thank you to OCC, the OCC Foundation, and our community partners who donate to the OCC Foundation. I look forward to seeing the OCC Advantage Program expand to additional cohorts of LaFayette students over the coming years. For our 9th grade students and families, we hope to see you on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Jr/Sr High Auditorium for the kick-off.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools

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◆ **Junior/Senior High School News** ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Jason Ryan

As we close out the 2018 school year we have much to celebrate. On December 13th, we had a remarkable turnout at our winter Chorus/Band concert. The event



was standing room only and our students did an outstanding job with the performance. I always love to see our community come out in support of our amazing students.

In Senior High School news, we are extremely proud of our very own “Legend of Learning”. On December 12th, the high school’s very own Ms. Sopchak was recognized at our Board of Education meeting for her commitment to excellence within the classroom. Ms. Sopchak was given the “Legend of Learning” cape which she proudly displayed.



In Junior High School news, our teachers have been working hard to establish a meaningful character education program where students are rewarded for positive behavior inside and outside of the classroom. This month our 7th graders had the opportunity to participate in a dodgeball game as a reward for all their outstanding behavior and hardwork. We are excited about this initiative and continue to make citizenship a goal in preparing our students for future endeavors.

We have had a great 2018 school year and we are looking forward to an even better year in 2019.

Journalism/Photojournalism Student Submissions

Foreign Exchange Students Love LaFayette: What’s Not to Love?



LaFayette has had the pleasure of hosting a 10th grade student, Charlotte Hlawa, 16, from Rockstock, Germany. She arrived in August and is here until the end of the school year. Charlotte is being hosted by the Burke family, who is also hosting Sander Varin, an exchange student from Norway.

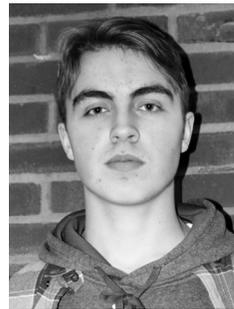
Charlotte said her experience here is going very well. “I really love the people here and I’m going to miss them so much when I leave,” says Charlotte. Her transition wasn’t too hard. “When I got to my host family I already felt like I was at home; so that was awesome.” German students start taking English as a second language in third grade.

The schooling in Germany is different from here. The only similarity is that they also get lunch time and they have classes. Charlotte believes that the teachers are very different as well. “I really like the relationships that the teachers have with the students here. At home you can’t talk to the teachers like you can out here. It’s very different.”

Charlotte has learned that she is capable of doing things on her own. She actually has chores like doing dishes and other things around the house and she has more responsibilities than she does at home.

Charlotte enjoys horseback riding, ballet, playing piano and drawing. Her favorite type of music genre is Pop and she also likes listening to Juice WRLD and Ed Sheeran. She enjoys reading *The Selection* in her free time, her favorite movie and television show are *Harry Potter* and *Grey’s Anatomy*.

submitted by: Maddy Homer



Sander Varin, 16, is one of this year’s foreign exchange students from Oslo, Norway. While he’s attending high school, some of Sander’s hobbies and interests include soccer, skiing, and watching movies.

Sander hopes to have a career in business. His two favorite types of music are rap music and pop music. His favorite television show is *The 100*.

As a foreign exchange student at LaFayette, Sander has said that it was easy to participate in class and make friends. He also said that his transition to LaFayette wasn’t difficult and that he’s had a great experience so far. Sander said that the most difficult part was math. It wasn’t until early in elementary school when Sander learned to speak English.

Sander said that school is different back home in Oslo, Norway because in Norway, there are a lot of students and the teachers don’t have their own homeroom. He also said that he prefers LaFayette’s Junior-Senior HS more than high school in Norway. One similarity that Sander stated between his hometown of Oslo and LaFayette is that both had similar school subjects.

Of the other parts of the United States, Sander has visited Miami and New York City. Learning from this experience as a foreign exchange student, Sander said that he’s learned a lot about the American culture and how it’s different from Norway’s culture.

In order to become a foreign exchange student, Sander completed an application and some interviews.

submitted by: Nathan Lajoie

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desks of
**JOHN GIZZI &
SIMONE GONYEA**

The Onondaga Nation School had many exciting events this December. Our most anticipated event was the arrival of Winter = Gohsá'geh on Friday, December 21st.

Students in grades prek through 3rd gathered together to complete fun classroom activities focused on the winter solstice. Students traveled around the building for the annual tradition of welcoming the New Year with a loud and boisterous “New Yea, New Yea, New Yea.”

Also, this month our second graders and their families participated in a writing activity where they created their own fables. They finished Thursday, December 20, 2018, and celebrated with a publishing party. The second grade classroom was standing room only as our brave authors shared their stories and felt the warm accolades from teachers, family and friends for a job well done.



First grade students experienced “Hospital Land,” sponsored by Crouse Health. The visit to Hospital-Land is made possible by a grant from the Crouse Hospital Auxiliary. The program was established in 1976 and provides an educational opportunity for first-grade students to learn what a stay at Crouse Hospital, or any hospital, would be like.

ONS also welcomed Perry Ground, Onondaga Turtle Clan member, to share stories and cultural observations connected to New York State Social Studies Standards. His presentation was very lively and animated. Students actively participated in Mr. Ground's retelling of various events.



A huge Nyawenha is extended to Grimshaw for the invitation for our students to view a performance of “Pete the Cat”. Pre-k students enjoyed the performance and described the performance in great detail.

Sherri Hopper's sixth grade language class held a friendly Gahá·hgwa'geñihdahgwih (hot scoons/fry bread) competition on Tuesday, December 18th. The instructions were given in Onondaga language & the bread was made solely by the sixth grade students who were split into three teams. Adult judges were: Mr. Brad Powless, Mr. Jay Meacham & Ms. Nancy Powless. It was a tough decision and after much deliberation and melted butter on warm scoons ... the winners were:

1st Place: Lexani Johnson, Mykala Girvin, Parker Booth

2nd Place: Kaidence Cronin, Rachel Power

3rd Place: Aubrie Jones, Maddox Lazore

Many Nyawenhas to Mrs. Hopper for facilitating a fun learning experience.

The eighth grade students, using material from their regalia, had an opportunity to learn the process of making corn husk dolls from Elizabeth Doxtater from “Everything Cornhusk.” The day included traditional teachings and sharing of the Peacemakers journey and the origins of the cornhusk doll. To solidify and reinforce their learning, the eighth grade students shared their knowledge with the students in second grade. Our community of learners continue to learn and share in meaningful and powerful ways.



Upcoming Events:

Visit from Assemblymember Pamela Hunter on Wednesday, January 16th.

Planetarium Visit from BOCES
Wednesday-Thursday, January
30th & 31st.



◆ **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS** ◆

**Congratulations to the following teams or individuals
who were selected as Scholar Athletes:**

Volleyball

Bethany Miller
Raegyn Garbutt
Grace Dow
Grace Quick
Kierstin Rurka
Lindsay Carroll

Boys Soccer

Brandon Benjamin
Nik Cromley
Josh Jewett
Kyle Lamson
Mason Shute
Sander Varvin
Chance Burk
Reid Jackowski
Tim Kramak
Adam McIntyre
Kyle Tracy
Ryan Zajac

Golf

Cory Hart
Michael Wais

Girls Soccer

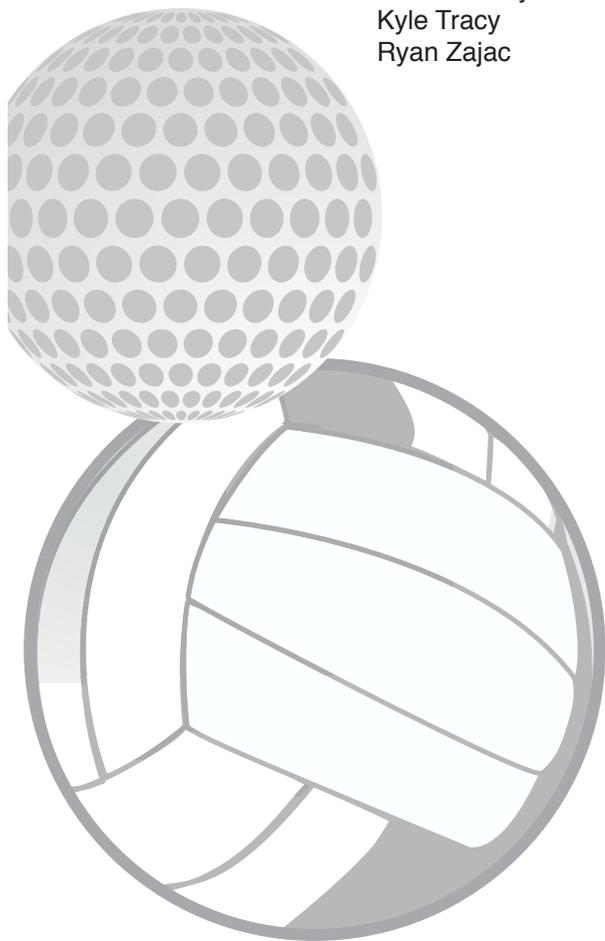
Tori Albro
Leanna Crouse
Kendra Doupe
Charlotte Ryan
Celia Bertlesman
Mya DeJoseph
Olivia Prince
Carha Williams

Girls Cross Country

Evelyn Ryan
Grace Caughey
Charlotte Hlawa
Marissa Evans
Megan Sanders
Julia Bertlesman

Boys Cross Country

Jack Caughey
Jonathan Dix
Luke Wanlass



LaFayette Public Library News

Upcoming events:

- ♦ **January 6 – 6-8 p.m. – TCG Player** – game night. Card based – Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic the Gathering. Come on in and play. Registration required (there's pizza involved!)

- Imagination Lab events:
 - ♦ **January 2nd – Mystery stem bags** – create item with materials provided
 - ♦ **January 9th & 16th – Collage animals**
 - ♦ **January 23rd – red cup challenge** – stacking red cups using only rubber bands
 - ♦ **January 30th – paper columns** – build them strong enough to hold the most books

- ♦ **Tuesday Tea – January 15th - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Our Tuesday Teas 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 jigsaw puzzle set up. Come join us!

- ♦ **Step up to stop falling:** The fall sessions wrapped up in December. They will start again on Wednesday, March 6 @10 a.m. in the library community room into the third week in May. This exercise helps core strength and aids in maintaining balance.

Reminder: The library has three **Empire passes** that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga County parks. The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. Enjoy!

We would like to **thank you** for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

Field Goods

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called "Field Goods". **They deliver fresh foods from small farms.**

The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the food. This is a "local supports local" effort. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy.

It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.field-goods.com>.

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.

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! We also have a puzzle set up in the library so come in and fit a piece or two (or three).

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 one that is accessible for in library use.

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. NEW: we have two new ipads in the children's area with lots of fun and education apps on them.

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.

Don't forget to visit: www.lafayettelibrary.org. You can also follow us on Facebook .



LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Sports

Basketball: The grades 5 & 6 girls and boys seasons are underway. Practices are Saturdays. Games will also be played on Saturdays beginning in January.

Basketball for boys and girls in grades 3 & 4 will begin after the February school break. Flyers will be sent home with additional information.

Wrestling: For boys and girls grades K-6. Practices began in December. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Jr./Sr. High School's wrestling room (downstairs). Grades K-3 practice 5:15-6:00 p.m., and grades 4-6 practice 6:15-7:15 p.m. Optional matches will be held weekly on Fridays or Saturdays. The season runs through early March.

Volleyball: Programs for girls in grades 3-6 will begin soon. Please watch for notices coming home from school or check the LCC website. Information will also be posted on the LCC sign located at the corner of Routes 11 & 20.

Baseball and Lacrosse: Registration for the baseball and lacrosse programs will be in early March. Flyers will be coming home from school with details for each respective sport.

As spring approaches, LCC is in the process of planning the **baseball and lacrosse seasons**. Coaches are needed at all levels for all sports. Please let us know if you are planning to coach this upcoming season so that we can plan accordingly. If you are interested and able to help out with the basketball, volleyball or wrestling programs – **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** – contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches.

Adult Exercise

Daytime/Senior Exercise: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Classes are held at the LaFayette VFW on Rte. 11. The next regular six week sessions are: January 8 – February 14, and February 19-March 28. The cost per session is \$36 and cannot be prorated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The next session runs January 7 through June 19, 2019. The cost for this session is \$76 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$152 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. Fees cannot be prorated. The walk-in fee is \$5 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 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Grimshaw Elementary School. The next session runs January 7 through June 19, 2019. The cost for this session is \$76 if attending class one night per week, either Monday or Wednesday, and \$152 if attending class both Monday and Wednesday. Fees cannot be prorated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Tai Chi: Beginner and advance classes. 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

Ski Program: LCC supervised ski nights, bus transportation and lessons, begin Friday, January 4, 2019.

Transportation is available from the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High and Grimshaw Elementary to Song Mountain for seven Fridays, January 4 through February 15. Riders must register with LCC prior to January 5. Cost of transportation for the season is \$10.

Six lessons are included with most of the ski packages offered by Song Mountain. The lessons will be held January 4, 11, 18, and February 1, 8, 15. Please note that there will not be any lessons on Friday, January 25 due to Song Mountain's Friday Freak Out.

Walking: Don't let the weather keep you from getting some exercise during the winter months; the hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., December 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019. Please use the gymnasium entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls.

Thank You

To the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to the LCC soccer program – Lance Benjamin; Mike White; Erin Scofield; Renee Clemens; Dylan Kinsella; Aiden Griffin; Brandon Benjamin; Kevin Morel, and LaFayette High School's Varsity Boys soccer team players. LCC would also like to thank the LaFayette Community Coed Softball League for their generous monetary donation. In addition, LCC would like to thank everyone who helped out with the tree lighting on December 2, 2018, and offer a special thank you to Cyndi's Old Tyme Café for providing the delicious cookies served with the hot chocolate.

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January

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1** No School - Holiday Recess
- 2** School Re-opens
- 10** BOE Meeting
- 11** **Capital Project Vote at the Jr/Sr High School**
GS Play
- 21** No School - MLK Jr Day
- 22-25** Regents Days
- 24** BOE Meeting
- 25** Half Day

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