

## Welcome Back to School

First Day of Class is September  
5th (ONS) and  
6th  
(GS/BP/HS)



## Preparing for a New School Year at Big Picture

We are excited to start the new school year. We will be welcoming 15 LaFayette students to our 9th grade or 101 Advisory! The Big Picture Staff has spent the summer reflecting on the previous school year and planning for this one. We are currently setting attendance and academic goals for our students.

In July, Jessica Giordano, Greg Scott, Rosalie Whipple, Susan Osborn, David

Stablein and Susan Johnson (SUNY Morrisville CSTEP Director) attended the Big Picture International Conference on Student Centered Learning. We all learned so much from the conference and had time to plan as a team on what to bring back to our school. Additionally in August, the entire Big Picture staff were able to use professional development hours to explore questions, such as: What do we value? Where are we? Where do we need to go?

We will be welcoming our entire school community to the 2018-2019 school year at our Welcome Back Potluck Dinner on September 11th, at 6pm. We hope you will join us!



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## Summer STEP

LaFayette students participated in the joint SUNY Morrisville STEP and OCC Liberty Partnership Summer Program. Students participated in five weeks of projects, field trips, and college visits. Students built rockets, RC cars, solar ovens, ships, and collaborated with SUNY Morrisville professors in the Agricultural and Biology/Chemistry Departments. Students also had the opportunity to explore their drawing and illustration interests with Big Picture graduate and current Rhode Island School of Design student, Nick Park. These students concluded their efforts with an art show of their collected work.

Morrisville STEP will continue throughout the school year. To learn more about how your student can participate in activities, contact David Stablein at 315-504-1002, or email [dstablein@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:dstablein@lafayetteschools.org).





## Message from the SUPERINTENDENT



Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We are excited to welcome back our students and staff to an exciting school year in the LaFayette Central School District. We all have been busy preparing for a great year. Our teachers and instructional staff members have been getting classrooms and offices ready. Our custodians and maintenance staff members have been preparing our school buildings and grounds. Our transportation employees have been reviewing bus routes. Our food service

staff have been preparing our kitchens and our clerical staff and administrators have been tending to all the behind the scenes details. We are ready for our halls and classrooms to buzz with the excitement of another school year in the LaFayette Central School District.

Throughout the summer months, our teachers and administrators have been reviewing curriculum and aligning our day-to-day lessons with learning standards. Teachers have been identifying “Power Standards” to identify the most important learning content and skills for our students. These “Power Standards” have been condensed down to learning targets which will be displayed in every classroom throughout the school district. A learning target is a student friendly statement that identifies what students should know or be able to do by the end of the lesson. An example of a learning target would be: “I can support my ideas about a written piece with details from the text.” Teachers are also working on linking learning targets to student assessments to provide enhanced feedback as part of the teaching and learning feedback cycle.

Our board of education and district administrative team have been busy refining our district strategic plan and district goals for the 2018-19 school year. The following are the major goal areas for this school year:

- Improve the academic performance of our students
- 100% Graduation Rate
- Improve student attendance and reduce chronic absenteeism;
- Improve communication with the staff, students, and community; and
- Focus on the well-being of our students

We are committed to the success of every student who walks through our doors. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teachers or principal regarding any concerns that you might have. We are confident that by working together with our entire school community we can “inspire, empower, and prepare all students to achieve excellence.” (LaFayette CSD School Vision Statement)

Jeremy Belfield,  
Superintendent of Schools

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION & BUS ROUTES

Buses will leave the Bus Garage between 6:30 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. each morning to pick up all students in the LaFayette School District.

Adjustments to the bus routes will be made during the first week of school. Students will arrive at the Onondaga Nation School by 7:30 a.m. The students that attend the Jr./Sr. High School will arrive no earlier than 7:25 a.m. The buses will then proceed to the Grimshaw School and students who participate in the breakfast program will be released beginning at 7:40 a.m. while the remaining students will be released off the bus no earlier than 7:50 a.m.

All private and parochial students will be picked up by their respective buses for the school they are attending. In the afternoon, students will ride their respective bus home or meet an activity run bus at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School to ride an activity bus home, depending on the time.

**Be sure to check carefully to see which route and bus your child(ren) have been assigned. There are slight adjustments in some routes this year.**

If you have any questions on any of the routes, or if it is not clear what bus your child should ride, please contact Ron Cooper in the Transportation Office at 677-9700. You are welcome to call this number whenever you have a concern, comment or suggestion.

The following pages list the morning bus routes for the upcoming school year.

## ◆ SCHOOL BUS ROUTES 2018-19 ◆



### **Bus #149 a.m. Route**

#### **ONS & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS**

From Bus Garage proceed north on Route 11 to the line in Nedrow. Turn around and head to Quarry Rd. turning right onto Old Route 11. Proceed to Frontage Rd. Then continue down the hill to the first left onto Maybee Lane. Return to bridge then left on Hemlock up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock to Webster turning left on Webster up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock proceeding to Martins Lane then continue to upper Martins Lane and turn around. Continue back down Martins Lane to Route 11A to the Onondaga Nation School. Return on Route 11A north to Route 11 shuttling students to High School. Return to Bus Garage.

### **Bus #163 a.m. Route**

#### **Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS**

From Bus Garage, bus will turn right on Route 20 then onto Ortloff Rd. From Ortloff Rd, bus will turn left onto Route 11A continuing to Nichols Rd. Turn Right onto Nichols Rd. then right onto Tully Farms Rd, and then right onto Webster Rd. to turnaround point. Return to Tully Farms Rd and then left onto Bear Mountain Rd to turnaround point. Turn left off of Bear Mountain onto Tully Farms Rd and then left onto Route 20 west to turnaround. Return to Route 20, turning left onto Tully Farms Extension to Route 11A north. Turnaround Route 11A, head to Rowland Rd, and then back to Route 20. Head east on Route 20 to Webb rd. Turn left onto Webb Rd and then left onto Amidon Rd. Continue on Summer Ridge, turn around and continue back to Webb Rd. Left on Webb Rd, then left on Shute Rd. Turn Around and return to Webb Rd. Head down Groth Rd, turn around and return to Webb Rd. Proceed to LaFayette High School and then to Grimshaw.

### **Bus #138 a.m. Route**

#### **Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS**

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route 11 to Kennedy Rd. picking up students on Route 11, north of McClary Rd.. Turn right from Route 11 to Kennedy Rd, then to Sentinel Heights. Turn right on Sentinel Heights to Graham Rd. Left on Graham to LaFayette Rd. Left on LaFayette Rd. to Forestry turnaround. Back on LaFayette Rd. Turn left onto Barker Hill Rd. to turnaround. Continue on Barker Hill Rd to LaFayette Rd and turn left. Continue on LaFayette Rd to Coye Rd turnaround. Right on LaFayette Rd and proceed to High School and then to Grimshaw.

### **Bus #139 a.m. Route**

#### **Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS**

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd. to Reidy Hill Rd and turn right. Continue on Reidy Hill Rd and then right onto Eager Rd to Apulia Rd. Turn left on Apulia Rd to Bush Rd. Right on Bush Rd to turnaround. Continue back on Bush Rd to Apulia Rd, turning right. Apulia rd north to turn around, then back south on Apulia Rd to Route 20. Left on Route 20, then left on Dodge Rd to Apulia Rd and turn right. Continue to Colton Rd. Turn right on Colton to O'Connell Rd. Turn right on O'Connell and then right on Route 20 west. Proceed to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

### **Bus #145 a.m. Route**

#### **ONS & Grimshaw**

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed right on Route 20 to Everingham Rd, continuing to turn around. Return back to Route 20, turning left. Route 20 east to Tully Farms Rd Ext. Continue to Route 11A and turn left. Turn left on Route 11A beginning pickups at the Onondaga Nation Line. Continue on Route 11A to Gibson Rd. Turn left on Gibson to Route 80. Continue right onto Route 80 to Commissary Rd. Turn left on Commissary and continue up to turnaround point. Return on Commissary to Route 80 to Gibson Rd to Route 11A. Turn left on Route 11A north picking up students as bus proceeds to turnaround point. Turn around and head back south on Route 11A and go to the Onondaga Nation School. Then proceed to Grimshaw.

### **Bus #166 a.m. Route**

#### **Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS**

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route 11 beginning pickups just north of the High School. Continue on Route 11 to McClary Rd. Proceed onto McClary, then Kennedy Rd, and then to Sentinel Heights. Continue on Sentinel Heights to Mercun Dr. Turn right on Mercun Dr to turn around point. Back to Sentinel Heights and turn right. Continue on Sentinel Heights to Route 11. Turn left on Route 11 pick up students on the West side of Route 11 (stopping at Apple Ridge Apartments) to the Dollar General Store turn around and then pick up students on East side of Route 11. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

## ◆ SCHOOL BUS ROUTES 2018-19 ◆

### Bus #154 a.m. Route

#### Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS

From Bus Garage, bus will go left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd. beginning pickups on both sides of LaFayette Rd. from Rte. 20 to Coye Rd. Turnaround at Coye and Old Coye Rd. and continue on LaFayette Rd to Bull Hill Rd. Turn Right on Bull Hill Rd picking up students on Bull Hill as bus proceeds to McClary Rd. Left on McClary to Route 11. Left on Route 11 then left on Norman Dr. Pick up students on Norman Dr., Pioneer Rd., and then Bella Vista Dr. Continue to Mondore and turn left then left on Sentinel Heights. Continue to Winacre Dr turning right, and then proceed to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

### Bus #158 a.m. Route

#### Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd to Reidy Hill Rd. Turn right on Reidy Hill and then right on Persse Rd to turnaround. Head back to Eager Rd and turn left. Continue on Eager Rd, to Coye Rd, and then to turnaround. Proceed back on Coye Rd to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Road heading south to Commane Rd. Turn right on Commane Rd and head to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 and pick up at Willow Wood apartments. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

### Did You Know?

The speed limit in front of Grimshaw Elementary on Route 20 is **20 mph** while school is in session?

### Bus #159 a.m. Route

#### Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 picking up students on south side of Route 20 to Apulia Rd. Right on Apulia Rd (south) to turnaround. Head back north on Apulia Rd to Cascade Rd. Right on Cascade to Clark Hollow. Right on Clark Hollow to turn around. Continue on Clark Hollow to Newell Hill Rd. Right on Newell Hill to turn around and then back to Clark Hollow. Right on Clark Hollow Rd to Route 20. Left off Route 20 onto Palmer Rd. Return on Route 20 and then left on Applewood. Turnaround and back to Route 20 to Festival Gardens. Continue on Route 20 to Webb Rd. Right on Webb, then right on Naughton. Return to Route 20. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

### Bus #160 a.m. Route

#### Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed south on Route 11 to Feather Dr and Sturgen, then back to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to Meeker Hill Rd. Turn left on Meeker up to turnaround. Back on Meeker Hill Rd, turning right onto Sky High Rd. to turnaround. Back to Meeker to Holcomb to Meadowlark Circle; back to Holcomb turning left to Deer Run. Right on Deer Run to turnaround and back on Deer Run to opposite end and return to Holcomb to Meeker Hill to Route 11. Left on Route 11, continuing onto North Rd to the AT&T Towers. Then proceed to Maple Grove Dr. to Sugar Bush Dr then back to North Rd, turning left on Scammell Rd to Route 11. Left on Route 11 to turn around. Continue back north on Route 11 to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

### District Traffic Safety Reminders

Speed and carelessness injure kids! Are you aware that the speed limit in front of the Grimshaw School on Route 20 is 20 mph while school is in session? Please adhere to the speed limit to protect our elementary students...besides, it's the law, and you will be ticketed if caught driving beyond the posted speed in any School Zone. The School Zone in front of the Jr./Sr. High School is 35 mph. Again, it's the law that this speed be enforced. Also, it is law that vehicles not pass school buses in ANY school driveways or parking areas when school buses have their red lights flashing. Vehicles are to remain stopped while buses have red lights flashing regardless of where the buses are stopped, as red lights are indicators that students are boarding or discharging from the bus.

If you are behind or approaching any school bus with red flashing lights you must STOP. That means you cannot go around any bus on any side! You must remained stopped until the bus driver turns off the red signal lights, or a law enforcement officer signals you that it is okay for you to proceed.

Thanks for your help and cooperation in keeping our students safe!





## ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

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

In our last newsletter the cicadas were singing with loud voices. Now, the corn ripeners have taken their place. ONS has been busy all summer. Students spent four weeks maintaining and adding to their skill sets in reading and math. Students enjoyed the laughter and learning that came with the Positivity Project and field trips to the movies, the zoo, and the MOST.

A special thank you to the custodial and technology staff, for getting our building ready; it looks great and is ready for students in the fall.

We look forward to a great school year. The new year brings new faces to ONS. We welcome Brianna Sullivan as our new physical education and health teacher. We welcome Brian Burrows as our new grade six teacher. We look forward to the energy, passion and compassion that these two young teachers will add to our building. Returning to ONS as a student teacher is Shawna Booth. Shawna will be working in second grade with Mr. McCoy and Ms. Ouimette. We are fortunate to have such a great plan and process in place.

Last school year one of our major areas of focus was to bring the community back into our school. We will continue that process this year by holding our Family Gathering Nights once a month. Events and activities will be planned so that community members can participate in important cultural expressions, as well as have access to educational and social supports, that provide opportunities for our children. As we begin this year we are discussing ways in which ONS can help facilitate increased awareness and understanding within the district and larger community to achieve the district's goal of excellence for all students.

ONS will start the school year on August 30 by participating in a team building adventure at the Orenda Springs Experiential Learning Center in Marcellus, New York. We hope to build academic and behavioral expectations for students and staff from the personal and professional relationships renewed and created by this experience.

The district's initiatives of improved academic performance, increased attendance, supporting the social and emotional well being of our students, and improving internal and external communication will be at the forefront of everything ONS does this year. We are so excited to get started and we would like to wish great starts and school years to Grimshaw



**Four schools  
Three buildings  
Two nations  
and One Goal:**

**EXCELLENCE  
FOR ALL  
STUDENTS**

## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *from the desk of Mrs. Blosser*

If your child asks to stay home, please remind him/her of what they would miss if not in attendance. Please reinforce the idea that the time to miss school is when they are truly ill or if there is a family emergency.

When students are in regular attendance at school, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future. I look forward to working together school year on getting our children to school each and every day on time and ready to learn.

If you have a question or concern as the school year begins, please feel free to contact us. Welcome again to the 2018-19 school year. We are looking forward to a great year.



## ◆ ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS ◆

### School Lunch Menu Notification

Please refer to the LaFayette School website: [www.lafayetteschools.org](http://www.lafayetteschools.org) to find out what the menu is for your child's school. There are often changes that are made after the menu is printed, and it was decided that it would be more accurate and up-to-date to post the menus on the website.

If you do not have internet access, please call your child's main office and a menu will be sent home with your child.



### Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise an emergency situation when school may close, or be delayed, or dismiss early, i.e., weather emergencies. Please listen to the following stations for school related information:

#### RADIO:

95X Radio (95.7 FM)  
93Q Radio (93.1 FM)  
Y94 FM Radio (94.5FM)  
WSEN Radio (92 FM)  
WHEN Radio (620 AM)  
WSYR Radio (570 AM)

#### TV:

WSTM TV (Channel 3)  
WTVH TV (Channel 5)  
WSYR TV (Channel 9)  
Your News Now: (Time Warner Channel 10)

Closing information can also be found on the District's website and Facebook page.





## NYS Next Generation LEARNING STANDARDS

### What you need to know!

#### What are the goals of the Next Generation ELA & Math Standards?

- Delineate the knowledge, skills and understanding that students can and demonstrate over time when exposed to high quality instruction and learning experiences.
- Clarify what students should know and be able to do independently by the end of each grade

#### How were the NYS Next Generation ELA and Math Standards created?

- The new standards are the result of a two-year collaborative revision process.
- More than 130 teachers, administrators, parents, higher education representatives and stakeholders reviewed each (Common Core) standard, including educators who work with students with disabilities and multi-lingual learners.
- Reviewers suggested modifications based on their own experience/expertise, public comments and additional reviews from researchers, content specialists and experts in cognitive research.

#### Timeline for implementation

Phase I: Raise Awareness

Winter 2018-Winter/Spring 2019

Phase II: Build Capacity

Spring 2019-Summer 2020

Phase III: Full Implementation

September 2020-ongoing

New Grades 3-8 ELA/Math State Tests

2020-2021 - full implementation/assessment alignment at high school level

#### What should we be doing over the 2018-19 school year?

- Raise Awareness - read introductory materials.
- Become familiar with the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards At-a-Glance and Next Generation Learning Standards Roadmap.
- Share and discuss the documents with your school community!



#### Where can I go for more learning & resources?

[www.nysed.gov/next-generation-learning-standards](http://www.nysed.gov/next-generation-learning-standards)

#### How are the new standards DIFFERENT?

- The new standards clarify vague and/or confusing wording in both ELA and math standards.
- Adjustments have been made to ensure the new standards are appropriate for the youngest students, English language learners and students with disabilities.
- Early-learning standards introduction provides in-depth guidance for pre-K through second grade implementation of standards.

#### Major modifications/changes

- The 2017 Next Generation English Learning Standards are organized under the following major strands: Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening and Language.
- The 2017 Next Generation Math Learning Standards reflect revisions, additions, vertical movement and clarifications to the Common Core Learning Standards for Math.



# LaFayette CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Jeremy Belfield, Title IX Compliance Officer, LaFayette Central School, 5955 Route 20, West, LaFayette, New York 13084

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## September IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 3  | <b>Labor Day - No School</b>                     |
| 4  | <b>Superintendent Conference Day - No School</b> |
| 5  | First Day of School for Students (ONS)           |
| 6  | First Day of School for Students<br>(GS/BP/HS)   |
| 13 | Board of Education Meeting                       |
| 18 | Welcome Back Dinner (ONS)                        |
|    | Open House (ONS)                                 |
| 20 | Open House (JSHS)                                |
| 26 | Financial Aid Night (JSHS)                       |
| 27 | Board of Education Meeting                       |

October

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| 5 | <b>Superintendent Conference Day - No School</b> |
| 8 | <b>Columbus Day - No School (GS/BP/HS)</b>       |

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