



# LaFayette

GREEN SHEET – School District News

# CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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## Women in Engineering

Three sophomore students from LaFayette Senior High School recently attended Women in Engineering Day at Lockheed Martin in Syracuse. The purpose of the event was for the girls to investigate the world of engineering and understand the variety of career paths that engineering can offer. Catelyn Battelle, Marissa Booth, and Taylor Tummino were selected by their science and math teachers to attend the event on behalf of LaFayette.

The day began with a session in creative problem solving. The LaFayette students joined students from Canastota High School to compete against other teams to solve a design problem. The girls got a feel for how engineers work together toward a common goal, and how to overcome challenges related to supply and demand. Next, the students completed a personality test and discovered what types of careers would best suit their personality types. During lunch, the students met with several women engineers and talked candidly about the benefits and challenges of a career in engineering. Finally, the students were taken on a tour of the Lockheed Martin facility. The girls were taken through manufacturing areas and learned about the different types of radar and radio-frequency detection systems that are designed and built in the Syracuse facility. As a result of this tour, the students understood how math, science and engineering can be used to keep our military personnel safer when in combat zones.

When leaving the event, all three students indicated that they learned a lot about engineering during the day. They were able to witness first hand that engineering is not only about math and science. Engineering incorporates problem solving, creative thinking, and working cooperatively to solve the world's challenges.



## Holiday Cheer

On Saturday, December 19th, the Grimshaw Student Council met at Destiny USA to ring the Salvation Army Kettle Bell and spread some holiday cheer! Among the hustle and bustle of holiday shoppers, the 6th graders sang carols and wished everyone a happy day, all while showing great Lancer Pride and raising money for a great cause. This was part of the ongoing volunteer project for the Student Council where each of the 30 members spend time volunteering throughout the community every month of the school year. Student Council members also volunteer their time within the Grimshaw building by running the school store and organizing the book return at the library. On behalf of the Grimshaw Student Council, we hope you have a wonderful New Year!



## District News ♦ District News ♦ District News

### Inspections

The District's Fire and Annual visual inspections are scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016. It is anticipated that Don Warnow, Safety Officer of OCM BOCES along with Jim Kesler, Director of Facilities for LaFayette Central Schools will be conducting these inspections. Upon completion, a full report will be completed and sent to New York State Education Department as well as the LaFayette School Board of Education.

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Edward Brisson

LaFayette Central School District students were greeted by a new face when they returned to school this school year.

Edward Brisson, a retired member of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and current Village of Baldwinsville police officer, was appointed June 11 by the Board of Education as the district's new School Resource Officer (SRO).

As SRO, Mr. Brisson will work to enhance the district's existing safety and security measures. His primary responsibilities include monitoring the campus, assisting with conflict resolution and educating students about the district's Code of Conduct - both the expected behaviors according to the code and consequences for violating the code. The SRO also offers students advice, support, and direction on a variety of topics including bullying, alcohol, drugs and other unsafe behavior.

Mr. Brisson said getting to know students and staff is one of his top priorities this school year.

"I want them to know that I'm here to listen, learn and help them," Mr. Brisson said. "I want them to feel comfortable coming into my office and talking to me about anything."

Prior to being appointed to LaFayette, Mr. Brisson is a law enforcement officer and also works as a campus safety officer for Syracuse University. He was Hannibal Central School District's SRO for the past year and a half.

"I love this job," Mr. Brisson said of being an SRO. "I never expected to enjoy it as much as I do."

Mr. Brisson started his position with LaFayette CSD July first.

*Each month, Staff Spotlight will highlight a LaFayette Central School District employee.*



### 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:

95X Radio (95.7 FM)  
93Q Radio (93.1 FM)  
Y94 FM Radio (94.5FM)  
WSTM TV (Channel 3)  
WTVH TV (Channel 5)  
WSYR TV (Channel 9)  
Your News Now: (Time Warner Channel 10)  
WSEN Radio (92 FM)  
WHEN Radio (620 AM)  
WSYR Radio (570 AM).

### 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 were often changes made after the menu was printed in the school's newsletter, 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 for you.

### Traffic Safety

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.

### February Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday, **January 12**. The LaFayette News (Green Sheet) is published eleven times per year and is available online at [www.lafayetteschools.org](http://www.lafayetteschools.org). All material is subject to editing. Information should be sent to: [ehayes@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:ehayes@lafayetteschools.org).

It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi. Thank you.

## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### *From the Desk of the* **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

#### Post-Secondary Education

In six months, the members of the Class of 2016 will be graduating and moving on to the next chapter in their lives. Most career fields today, over 80%, require some type of post-secondary education. The options available include two-year or four-year colleges, career/trade schools, or a branch of the US Military.

If the choice is to pursue a two-year or four-year degree, it is important to choose the right college. The right college is the school that best aligns with the student's preferences. Criteria to be considered include the following:

- Location – should the school be close to home or out of state? In an urban area or a small town? Is weather important?
- Major – most colleges offer a variety of majors, but not all colleges offer all majors.
- Admission Requirements – all colleges have their own requirements for admission. Some have higher standards and are more selective than others.
- School Size – small colleges may have an enrollment of a few hundred students and have a more personal campus environment. The enrollment at large universities can be over 30,000 students. Larger schools are less personal, but offer a wider range of programs and activities.

Other considerations include costs, special programs and religious affiliation.

Choosing the right college is not necessarily an easy process. An important piece of the decision-making process is the college visit. Information about a school can be easily collected through brochures, reference books and virtual tours. However, it is important to get a feel for the campus and to imagine being a student there. It's not a good idea to purchase a car without test driving it first. Choosing a college without making at least one visit is not a good idea either.

*James Chupaila,  
Interim Principal*

#### Yearbook

From now until May 1st yearbooks are \$60 plus shipping and handling. On distribution day they will be \$75.

But why pay more than you have to?

Buy your student's yearbook today at: [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) TODAY!

Yearbook now has an app that you can get on your phone or tablet that will upload your pictures of your student's accomplishments right to the yearbook site. Whether it's the award ceremony, sporting event or just friends goofing around, those are the memories that need to be preserved.

[replayit.com](http://replayit.com)

The password is: lancer

#### Drama Department

The ongoing renovations to the auditorium allow us a special and unique opportunity this year. Instead of a musical staged in the auditorium we will be presenting a dinner theater in the cafeteria.

**March 4 & 5, 2016**

LaFayette Players will present:

**AN EVENING OF  
DRAMA AND SONG**  
IN THE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**Reservations Only**  
(more information to follow)

**Dinner will be served between 5:30-6:30**  
**Show will begin at 7:00**  
**Ticket Prices: TBA**

Watch the February Green Sheet for updates

#### 2015-2016 ACT/SAT DATES

##### **ACT**

April 9, 2016

June 11, 2016

ACT recommends registering online at: [www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)

##### **SAT**

January 23, 2016

SAT recommends registering online at: [sat.collegeboard.com](http://sat.collegeboard.com)

##### **New SAT**

March 5, 2016

May 7, 2016

June 4, 2016

##### **Deadline to Register**

March 4, 2016

May 6, 2016

##### **Deadline to Register**

December 25, 2015

##### **Deadline to Register**

January 29, 2016

April 8, 2016

May 6, 2016



## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

# GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS →→

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to the following colleges: **Hannah Blum** - Hartwick College, SUNY Potsdam; **Samantha Claffey** - Albright College (PA), Capital University (OH); **Rachel Coulter** - Alvernia University (PA); **Allie Esposito** - St. Johns University, Ganon University (PA), St. John Fisher College, Siena College; **Emerson Shenandoah** - Cornell University.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

*The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a paid summer internship and mentoring program for high school juniors and seniors, and is sponsored by the American Fisheries Society (AFS).*

Students known as “**Hutton Scholars**,” accepted into the program are matched and mentored by a fisheries professional to enjoy a hands-on fisheries science experience in a marine and/or freshwater setting.

Hutton Scholars who successfully complete the program receive a \$4,000 scholarship as well as valuable work experience in an exciting and rewarding field.

**Applications are open: December 7th. Applications are closed: February 27th**

**SUBMITTING YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION:** You will receive a successful submission notification if your application has been processed. If you do NOT receive a successful submission notification be sure that you have completed all required fields and resubmit. Do not upload photographs or video materials, as they will not be considered by reviewers. Any information the student finds relevant to his or her application should be expressed in the Student Statement of Interest.

**SUBMITTING TRANSCRIPTS AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** If your school or transcript service does not give transcripts to students or if your references prefer to send recommendation letters directly to AFS, please have your school or references email, fax or mail your transcripts and/or letters.

Contact:

American Fisheries Society Hutton Program  
5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110  
Bethesda, MD 20814-2199  
Email: [hutton@fisheries.org](mailto:hutton@fisheries.org)  
Fax: 301.897.8096

**NOTE:** You cannot submit this application without uploading a file to the Transcripts and letters of recommendations fields. If you do not have a copy of your transcripts or letters to upload, please upload a Word doc to each respective field that states the document will arrive via email, fax or mail. For questions about the online application or application process, please contact [hutton@fisheries.org](mailto:hutton@fisheries.org). All applicants will be notified via email and phone about acceptance to the Hutton Program.

**STEM OPPORTUNITIES** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Come to this series for the opportunity to explore careers in STEM! Any student (14+), parent, or teacher from any CNY school district can register. Each program will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the dates listed below. Registration for each session will be open one month in advance. By registering for any of these sessions, you will receive more information and reminders about future sessions. Register online at [www.cnystem.com](http://www.cnystem.com).

<b>January 27</b> Host: Topic:	Liverpool Middle School C&S Companies Engineering, architecture, environmental, and construction services
<b>February 24</b> Host: Topic:	Liverpool Middle School King & King Architects Designing the learning spaces of tomorrow
<b>March 30</b> Host: Topic:	West Genesee High School Anoplate & United Radio Meet companies that are recruiting candidates with technical certifications; 2-year and 4-year STEM degrees
<b>May 10</b> Host: Topic:	East Syracuse Minoa High School SRC, Inc. Engineering, Cyber/Computer Science, and Toxicology/Biology

### FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS

If you are a parent of a high school senior at LaFayette, you can receive assistance in filling out the FAFSA. On Thursday, January 28, Max Flint-Morgan from the Syracuse University Financial Aid Office will be offering help in our high school computer lab at 5 pm. Please call the guidance office at 677-7849 to arrange an appointment as space is limited.

### SUNY FINANCIAL AID DAYS – JAN. 16 & FEB. 20

SUNY's Financial Aid Days are offered as a service to all prospective college students and their families. The programs are designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, types of aid available, and the award process.

Please pre-register for one program only at [www.suny.edu/attend/events/](http://www.suny.edu/attend/events/). Each host site will send a confirmation letter or email message with program details including program start time, parking information, and schedule.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarships that come to the guidance office are listed online on Naviance. To log in to Naviance, students will use their ID # which is listed on their schedule/report cards. It begins with 610. Their password is their first initial and last name. Most scholarships you can apply to online; some require you to pick up an application in guidance.

## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### ATTENTION JUNIORS

Beginning in January, Mr. O'Leary will meet with juniors and their parents/guardians. The purpose of this meeting is to schedule for the senior year and discuss preparing for college or other post-high school plans.

### STEM Incentive Program

The NYS STEM Incentive Program provides a full SUNY or CUNY tuition scholarship for the top 10 percent of students graduating in each New York State high school if they pursue a STEM degree in an associates or bachelor degree program and agree to work in a STEM field in New York State for 5 years after graduation.

Find out more at the following website: [www.hesc.ny.gov/order-hesc-publications.html](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/order-hesc-publications.html)

### PSAT RESULTS

The PSAT arrival date will be much later than planned. We were just notified when we will receive the score reports.

Jan. 6 - Educators will be able to access the score reporting portal at [k12reports.collegeboard.org](http://k12reports.collegeboard.org).

Jan. 7 - Students will be able to access their scores and AP Potential information at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org).

By Jan. 29 - Educators will receive paper score reports.

# FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

### 7th Grade

#### High Honor

Brandon Benjamin  
Kylee Breed  
Lindsay Carroll  
Grace Dow  
Colton Keane  
Hunter Martorella  
Molly Rogers  
Evelyn Ryan  
Mason Shute  
Luke Wanlass  
Dawsun Weil

#### Honor Roll

Kyle Crouse  
Sara Donnelly  
Kendra Doupe  
Kyle Farewell  
Harlee Farrar  
Morgan Jachim  
Jessica Lamson  
Jack Martorella  
Colin Morel  
Daphne Reyburn  
Samuel Rosokoff  
Jorja Shaffer  
Amelia Shenandoah  
Emma Shute  
Farrah Spratt  
Eliza Thayer  
Cameron Walsh

### 8th Grade

#### High Honor

Jack Caughey  
Collin Dix  
Allison Evans  
Marissa Evans  
Raegyn Garbutt  
Victoria Kostiv  
Allison O'Kane

#### Honor Roll

Victoria Albro  
Jessica Battelle  
Noah Brothers  
Lily Buck  
Terri Clarke  
Grady Collingbourne  
Jazmyynn Crandall  
Nikolas Cromley

Dante Friedman

Emma Gretskey  
Timothy Kramak  
Kailyn Leach  
Adam McIntyre  
Branden Pope  
Kierstin Rurka  
Megan Sanders  
Richard J. Shaver  
Aaron Stroup  
Nicholas Wager  
Ryan Zajac

### 9th Grade

#### High Honor

Celia Bertlesman  
Leanna Crouse  
Joshua Denué  
Mya DeJoseph  
Kyle Lamson  
Bethany Miller  
Nathan Mott  
Ashley Ohstrom  
Olivia Prince  
Regina Prince  
Charlotte Ryan  
Brianna Szentmiklosi  
William Tiller  
Carha Williams

#### Honor Roll

Chance Burk  
Alyssa Capps  
Timothy Crouse  
Jackson Denué  
Isaac Dow  
Samantha Formoza  
Anna Guenther  
Emily Haines  
Hailey Hammond  
Cory Hart  
David Jackowski  
Nathan Lajoie  
Thomas Long  
Carol Meldrim  
Mary Moltion  
Grace Quick  
Jacob Tiller  
Kyle Tracy  
Michael Wais  
Bradley Wallis

Taylor Watson

Christopher Wieszczyński  
Amanda Wilson  
M. Anthony Young

### 10th Grade

#### High Honor

Sean Corby  
Ian Evans  
Alexi Harrington  
Patrick Prince  
Ian Schaefer  
Evan Spratt  
Brennen Thrall  
Bridget Walsh

#### Honor Roll

Jasmine Appleton  
Catelyn Battelle  
Marissa Booth  
Samuel Camaione  
Allison Carroll  
Madison Coon  
Molly FitzPatrick  
Serena Harrington  
Joseph Lamson  
Eric Lyons  
Andrew Maloney  
Roman Reiss  
Tucker Reiss  
Jacob Shaffer  
Morgan Shute  
Ethan Theel

### 11th Grade

#### High Honor

Rhiannon Abrams  
Sara Beresovoy  
Logan Booth  
Mattie Caughey  
Lauren Gates  
Lashiva Gonella-Sigworth  
Jannah Grant  
Andrew Hall  
Jennie Lamson  
Riley LaCava  
Emily Long  
Wadely Miller  
Ethan Murray  
Natasha Powless  
Sophia Powless

Cecelia Robinson

Dana Scofield  
Grace Terrell  
Zackery Thrasher  
Olivia Travis

#### Honor Roll

Samuel Adams  
Taylor Cook  
Jacob Doster  
Kayla Doupe  
Jonathon Grass  
Lorenz Hemphill  
Seeyoh Homer  
Joshua Mayotte  
Vivian Mueller  
Michael Ortiz  
Joshua Palin  
Kaitlin Rurka  
Kyla Smoke  
Chad Warren  
Thomas Whitney

### 12th Grade

#### High Honor

Ryan Agedal  
Justin Applegate  
Hannah Blum  
Samantha Claffey  
Rachel Coulter  
Mallory Edwards  
Allie Esposito  
Jacob LeBlanc  
Elizabeth Pierce  
Emerson Shenandoah  
Katelyn Tiller

#### Honor Roll

Jaden Chin  
Cassandra Dodge  
Tanner Fitzpatrick  
Matthew Hughes  
Levi Krebs  
Christopher MacMackin  
Jordyn Marchiano  
Cierra Oakes  
Kersten Perez  
Megan Skinner  
Gavin Warren

## ◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

### New STEP Initiative

STEP has begun a new Science initiative after school on Wednesdays. Students are invited to join this new initiative of hands on, lab work, and research based learning. Please contact David at [dstablein@lafayette-schools.org](mailto:dstablein@lafayette-schools.org) for more information.

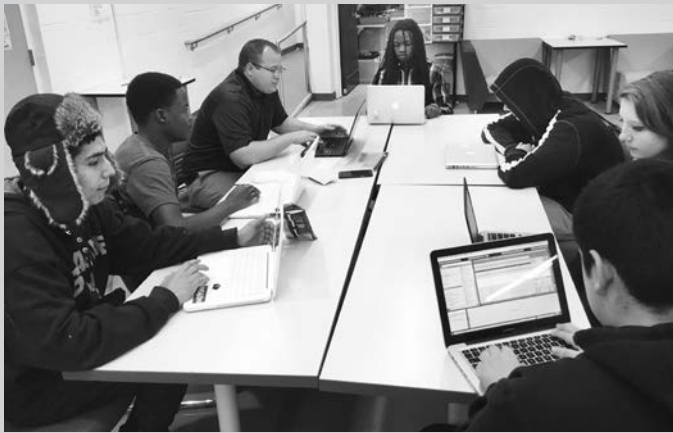
### Salvation Army Volunteering

Big Picture students Jaheal Smith, Carlee Clarke, and Mitchel Ramage rang the bells for the Salvation Army at Destiny USA on Thursday, December 10th.



### Day of Code

Big Picture once again held a day of coding. Students spent their morning learning how to program. Big Picture also had a visitor, Nicholas Lyga, from Syracuse University's School of Information Studies who is a web specialist. Nick led a workshop on computer coding. This was another successful learning event with Big Picture joining over 200 million students worldwide.



### College Visit

On December 3th, students visited Nazareth College.





## ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



*From The Desk Of Ms. Ellsworth*

*Onondaga Nation School Principal*

**DOOR DECORATING** - December was door decorating month at ONS! Each door in the school was decorated in the theme of "Winter Wonderland." Students and staff alike enjoyed creating entertaining doors that made the school feel more inviting and fun! Each classroom created a unique design using a variety of materials to make their door look wonderful!

**YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST** - Each year, the ONS Yearbook holds a contest for the cover. As is tradition, the contest is offered first to the 8th grade students. If there are no entries from 8th grade it will be opened up to more grades. Entries should be created on an 8.5 x 11 white sheet of paper and can be in full color. Entries from 8th grade have been turned in before the December break. The winner will receive a free yearbook.

**HARVEST DINNER** - ONS' Harvest Dinner was held this year Tuesday, November 24, 2015. We had a record breaking 750+ guests come to the school to enjoy a wonderful dinner and to gather for discussions and laughter. We look forward to next year's dinner, greeting everyone, and having friends and families in the school.

**READING IMPROVEMENTS** - Once again this year, our school is using the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI), which consist of the iRead Program, System 44 Program and Read 180 Program to help our students with improving their reading levels. We also have added the Leveled Literacy Program and the Foundations Program to help our PreK-2 students. These programs help us determine our students' Lexile range. The Lexile is a scientific approach to measuring reading ability and the text demand of reading materials. The Lexile involves a scale for measuring both the reading ability of an individual and the text complexity of materials he or she encounters. The Lexile scale is like a thermometer, except rather than measuring temperature, the Lexile measures a text's complexity and a reader's skill level. Recently, we administered the SRI to Grades 3-8 and we were able to determine that these grades increased their overall Lexile range by an average of 46%. We will continue to strive to have our students be more proficient readers, which will ultimately increase student academic achievement.

**ONS Physical Education** - Students in the ONS Physical Ed. classes are working on badminton skills. Grades 3-8 are learning the rules and skills needed to compete in an upcoming tournament. Students will participate in a double elimination tournament to test their skills. The winner of the tournament will meet Mr. Seitz in the "Winner Takes All" tournament.

**ONS Library** - On Tuesday, December 8th the students and staff at ONS enjoyed a wonderful visit from local author Fran Paige. Fran shared her fun loving story "Where's Liam?", with pre-K through third grade classes. Her beautifully written book about her own family helps children learn to go through challenging situations with a positive attitude and to know if you keep trying things will eventually get better, a valuable lesson for all of us to acquire. The children at the Onondaga Nation School not only heard her beautiful story but learned about the importance of being an author and what goes into writing children's books. At the end of her presentation each student received the "Liam" award for being positive and always willing to help make every day a great day! It was so nice to have Fran here to share her beautiful story and talent with us at ONS. Thank you so much for being here and making the day special.



*Teresa Fisher ~ ONS librarian*

### CALENDAR UPDATES

January 4, 2016	School Resumes after Holiday/Christmas Break
January 18, 2016	No School, MLK Jr. Day
January 26, 2016	Mid-Winter Concert Grades 4-8 at 6:00 pm
January 29, 2016	Early Dismissal for Students at 11:30 am

## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### PRINCIPAL INPUT

As we begin 2016, we should take a moment to reflect on some of the great things that happened at Grimshaw during the month of December. The Grimshaw Student Council members have been collecting non-perishable food items at the School Store every Friday morning. We filled the giant red bucket twice and have lots of food to donate to LaFayette Outreach for the food pantry. The community service continued with a pajama day that gathered funds for our Million Penny Drive here at Grimshaw. As of the end of the month the students have collected approximately 100,000 pennies. What an amazing job the students have done so far collecting for an amazing cause.

Congratulations to 5th and 6th grade students on their amazing winter concert. To hear and see all of the students hard work exhibited is so rewarding.



Grimshaw staff and students would like to wish each and everyone of you a prosperous 2016. Thank you again for your continued support and dedication to our school and their activities.

*Jennifer Blossey,  
Grimshaw Principal*

### Health Office News

**Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse**  
**Phone: 677-5501**

**Fax: 677-3154**  
**[pbush@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:pbush@lafayetteschools.org)**

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break! Welcome to winter! Please be sure your child is dressed for the cold weather with hats, gloves and boots as well as a warm jacket.

As for illnesses, we've mainly been seeing a variety of upper respiratory infections(colds/bronchitis/croup), a stomach virus and some conjunctivitis in the primary grades here at school (as of press time anyway!). No doubt flu season will be here soon and may be by the time you read this. Please notify me if your child is absent for any reason and please keep them home for 24 hours after a fever, vomiting or starting on antibiotics. It would be best if you call me directly(677-5501) even if you let the teacher/office know. You may leave a message on my voice-mail if I'm not available or send me an e-mail.

A relatively new immunization requirement for 6th graders is the Tdap vaccine which is given after the student's 11th birthday. A detailed letter about the Tdap requirement will be sent home with students with their report cards in February. If your child will be in 6th grade next year please discuss this vaccination with his/her physician so your child can have this done and on record before school starts in September. Most students have had 2 Varicella (chickenpox )vaccines by 6th grade, but if they haven't a second one will be required to enter 6th grade. There will also be a brand new requirement for 7th and 12th graders next year. Beginning in September 2016 students entering 7th and 12th grade will be required to have a meningitis vaccine. The recommended ages for the Meningitis vaccine is to have the 1st dose at age 11 or-12 followed by a 2nd dose at age 16. If your child receives their 1st dose at age 16 or older a 2nd dose is not required. I have attached an information sheet from the NYS-DOH for your reference. As you are probably aware there were some significant changes in the immunization schedule the last 2 years that affected some of our

students. Thank you for all your cooperation in updating your child's immunizations if the changes affected your child.

Every year each student at Grimshaw has a vision and hearing screening done. You will be notified if I feel that your child needs further evaluation. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any concerns regarding your child's vision or hearing. If your child has a professional exam please send a copy in to me for their record.

Physicals are required in grades Pre-K, K, 2 and 4 and if you are new to the district. At this time there are about 20 students with outstanding physicals so we're in good shape thanks to all your cooperation! If you're one of the last 20, please notify me of the date your child's exam is scheduled and send in a copy of your child's exam as soon as it's completed.

Remember to keep updating those emergency phone numbers and be sure extra clothes are available for your little ones.

Another reminder regarding medications- a note from a physician as well as a parent is required to give any meds at school. This includes over-the-counter meds as well.

One last reminder- if a doctor writes your child out of gym class he/she must have a doctor's note before they can resume gym or other physical activity.



## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆



### Department of Health

Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Albany, NY 12237 | [health.ny.gov](http://health.ny.gov)

**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
Governor

**HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D.**  
Commissioner

**SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N.**  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

To: School Superintendents, Principals, Nurses and Administrators  
From: New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization  
Date: November 24, 2015

<p align="center"><b>INFORMATIONAL MESSAGE:</b> <b>MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016</b></p>
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The purpose of this informational message is to inform school superintendents, principals, nurses and administrators of new meningococcal vaccine school requirements that will take effect on September 1, 2016.

On October 26, 2015, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 401 of the laws of 2015 which amended New York State (NYS) Public Health Law (PHL) section 2164 to require children entering or attending seventh and twelfth grades on or after September 1, 2016 to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. Survivors may be left with severe disabilities, including the loss of limbs, cognitive deficits, paralysis, deafness, or seizures. In the coming year, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will work with the New York State Education Department and other partners to draft regulations and establish updated immunization requirements charts and other materials to help implement this new requirement.

The ACIP recommendations for meningococcal vaccine are:

- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y (MenACWY vaccine; brand names Menactra® or Menveo®) should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second (booster) dose of MenACWY vaccine should be administered at age 16 years.
  - The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose of MenACWY at 16 years of age or older.
  - The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is 8 weeks.
- A serogroup B meningococcal vaccine series (MenB vaccine) may be administered to adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years of age, at the discretion of the healthcare provider. The preferred age for MenB vaccine is 16 through 18 years of age.

For additional information, please see the websites below:

NYSDOH Meningococcal Disease Fact Sheet

[http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/fact\\_sheet.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/fact_sheet.htm)

NYSDOH Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations web page:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood\\_and\\_adolescent.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood_and_adolescent.htm)

## ◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆

### Booster Club News

The Athletic Booster Club would like to give a very BIG thank you to Patsy McElhannon who we forgot to mention in the Apple Festival thank you's. Patsy helps us out on so many levels between the schools and the boosters. She is a great asset to our students and booster club.

There are samples of the Spirit sale clothing on display in the glass showcase at the High School, please let us know if you are interested in purchasing anything.

We would also like to thank Sean Zehner on helping us set up our LaFayette Athletic Website which is listed on the school website under "Events & Activities."

### Great Job, Lancers!



Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball Team and Coaches on a great season; League champs, Sectional champs and advancing to the Regionals. We are proud of you.

### LaFayette High School Athlete Hall of Fame

Several former student-athletes of the LaFayette Central High School are collaborating to establish a first-ever Athlete Hall of Fame for the school district. The vision is to honor the legacies of former LCS athletes, coaches, teams, and special contributors to the many sports programs within the LCS school district. The goal is to induct an inaugural class during the Spring of 2016. Look for the criteria, candidate nomination form, and a timeline to be published in the February 2016 Green Sheet and the social media forums for both the school district and the town.

### Scholar Athletes

Congratulations to the following teams that qualified as Scholar Athlete Teams:

#### Girls Soccer – 94.72 overall team average

Allie Esposito	Jannah Grant
Samantha Claffey	Jennie Lamson
Sara Beresovoy	Carha Williams
Olivia Prince	Celia Bertlesman
Leanna Crouse	Charlotte Ryan
Ashley Ohstrom	Mya DeJoseph

#### Boys Cross Country – 91.41 overall team average

Jack Caughey	Jack Grass
Ethan Murray	Emerson Shenandoah
Morgan Shute	Haenhyanonhna Powless
Dan Conover	Eric Lyons

#### Football – 92.72 overall team average

Gavin Warren	Gunnar Schmacher
Ryan Agedal	Jordyn Marchiano
Chad Warren	Wade Miller
Zack Thrasher	Brennan Thrall
Sean Corby	Patrick Prince
Riley Jones	Michael Ortiz

#### Volleyball – 95.60 overall team average

Riley LaCava	Lauren Gates
Lashiva Gonnella-Sigworth	Rhiannon Abrams
Grace Terrell	Logan Booth
Sophia Powless	Megan Skinner
Morgan Palmer	



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### Congratulations

Congratulations again to Connor Oakman on a great season, being a Sectional Champion, and finishing 10th in the State championships.

Great job, Connor. We are very proud of you!



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### Community Council

Council meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at the town offices. Meetings are open to the public. Contact us by calling 677-7272 and leaving a message, or email [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cny-mail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cny-mail.com). Or you may also contact a board member or visit [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) for more information.

Board members are:

Julie Clarke, President 559-5826

Adrian Shute, Vice President 727-8012

David Prince, Treasurer 430-5995

Ellen Tapley-Ryan, Secretary 439-9224

Andy Ohstrom, Town Liaison 569-2999

### Basketball

5th and 6th grade programs are ready to begin their games on Saturday, Jan 9th. The 2nd grade program begins Monday, January 4th from 6-7pm at Grimshaw. 3rd and 4th grader programs will be held after February recess. Watch for flyers from your school.

### Wrestling

Beginning Tuesday, Jan 5th, 6-7:30pm at the high school, in the downstairs wrestling room. Practices are Tuesday/Thursday with optional Friday or Saturday matches starting soon. 1st-6th graders.

### Skiing

Transportation and lessons begin Friday, January 8th. If you are registered and have questions, please call our main advisor: Wendy Moltion 345-7904. The Friday night pass may still be purchased for \$95, Jan 1st through Jan 8th but you must go directly to Song Mountain to complete the form and pay in person at their office. Season's pass price deals have expired.

### Hallwalking

If you can't walk outdoors, take advantage of the school halls to work off those holiday extras! At Grimshaw, Mon-Fri, 5-8pm, enter the building by the cafeteria and sign-in the book. Dry shoes only, please!

### Adult Programs

Yoga begins a new session on Jan 11th. Zumba and Tabata/RIPPED finished Jan 27/28. Zumba begins a new session Feb 3. Tabata does not start up again until March 3rd. Walk-ins are welcome for \$4 to any program. Contact us for details or visit the website.

### Please Note

The LCC recreation coordinator position has been eliminated by the town board for budgetary purposes. Regina will no longer be your go-to person. She strived to leave everything in order for a smooth transition.

The LCC board members assure that they will be performing the duties and responsibilities formerly covered by the recreation coordinator.

We urge you to get involved, volunteers are needed to help manage what the paid employee was handling for the past two decades. See what you can do to help!

### Community Council

677-7272 • LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY, 13084

[www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com)

(departments-community council)

Indoor programs held at Grimshaw, HS or ONS gyms.

Outdoor programs held at any LaFayette town park or Toolon.

Both travel to opposing team's towns as well.



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## January

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

*Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of January, 2016. Particular dates to note are:*

<b>Friday</b>	<b>1</b>
Monday	4
Thursday	14
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18</b>
Monday	25
Mon-Thurs	25-28
Thursday	28
Friday	29

<b>No School New Year's Day</b>
School Re-opens
BOE Meeting
<b>No School MLK Jr Birthday</b>
Jr/Sr HS Parent Group Mtg
Regents Exams
BOE Meeting
Half Day for Students, Dismissal at 11:30am