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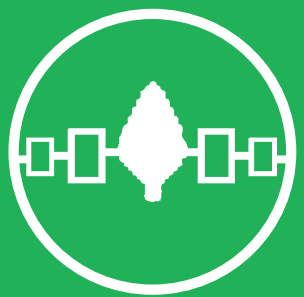
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The Lancers Did It!!



Congratulations to the Lancer Varsity Football Team for winning the regular season NFF West League Title. The Lancers defeated Adirondack 14-8 in double overtime in the NFF Semi-Final at Sauquoit Valley Central School to compete in the NFF Division Championship game vs. Bishop Grimes on Sunday, November 9, in the Carrier Dome. In the championship game, the Lancers defeated the Cobras 40-6 for the first ever Section 3 NFF Conference Championship. Ryan Agedal was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Game from LaFayette.

The Lancers were successful this season due to the unselfish effort of the players during games, who stuck together and did what needed to be done to win each game. The Lancers showed a stout defense, a well-balanced offense, and tough special teams units throughout the season. Teamwork-- It's amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit.

Thank you to the Cheerleaders, Parents, Fans and Community for your support this season. Go Lancers!

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball Team for an Amazing Season!



Senior leadership led the Lady Lancers to take Harpursville to a five-set Regional match. The Lancers ended their 2014 Season as Sectional Champions and Regional Runner Ups. Way to Go! Congratulations to Maggie Coulter who broke a school record by earning over 1,000 digs in her high school Volleyball career!



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

In the beginning of my career in public education, I focused almost exclusively on students' academic achievement and gave little regard to athletics. My view has changed considerably over the years as I have observed the positive impact that school sports have on students' engagement in school, sense of belonging, self-discipline, and exposure to more good role models in the form of coaches and fellow athletes. In addition, as I approach sixty years of age, I am ever mindful of the importance of staying physically active and how school sports can create the foundation for lifelong health and fitness.

Our Volleyball Team is reveling in their Sectional Finals Victory and the Football Team won the NFF Division Championship. Those students created memories that will last for their lifetimes. Some teams and individual athletes, however, do not achieve that level of accomplishment but continue to persevere. Win or lose, numerous studies reveal the benefits of school sports for students:

- learning how to represent their community
- spending less time in sedentary activities
- weight and body mass improve
- teens spend less time in risky behavior including drug use
- better school attendance
- higher grade point averages
- learning the importance of perseverance and hard work to achieve goals
- learning leadership skills
- learning time-management skills
- developing the ability to handle pressure
- taking responsibility for behavior and performance
- increasing the ability to focus and concentrate
- learning humility and sportsmanship

Congratulations to all student athletes for their victories, but more so, for their daily dedication, hard work, perseverance and camaraderie. For students who do not participate in sports, maybe now is the time to give it a try. Talk to a coach, your principal or Mr. Kelly for ideas on how to get started.

In closing, my thanks go to all of our coaches for their leadership and devotion in helping our students to form habits for lifelong health and fitness, and for future academic, personal and professional success. We truly appreciate all of their time and efforts on behalf of our students and entire school community.

Best regards, Laura Lavine

FROM THE
DESK OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

I am Thankful:

Being thankful may be a highly overused statement in our modern society, but with a little reflection, we all may be amazed how blessed we all are. It may be something you have sought for many years finally coming to fruition, or it may be something that happens suddenly but has a great impact on your life. These things may also be something you have never seen, but at the same time it may be “right in front of your eyes”, as the saying goes. These moments do change the course of our own lives and also may affect the people that surround us. As time marches on, these things help to make us the individuals that we are today.

Reflecting on my own history, there are the major factors that many of us can relate to: Graduations from high school and then from college for some; there is also dating and then marriage, which is a truly memorable experience; this is usually followed by children, which brings a mixture of emotions over time -- true elation at the time of their arrival. (Congratulations to the Baker and Turner families on the birth of their new family members.) Birth of a child is followed by exhaustion and fatigue, while at the same time wonderment

and enthusiasm. As they grow older, we are able to help guide and advise them as they make their own decisions, and all the while we get to celebrate with them in their triumphs.

I am extremely thankful for all of the people that I have been able to meet in our town over the years. I am fortunate to have many relatives in the area, but as times change, it has now evolved to where I can say I have many friends in our town. I am honored that they put their faith in me, and then the members of the School Board extended their faith to elect me as President of the School Board. I am truly thankful that I get to interact with our faculty, students and community members on a regular basis.

As I look back, there are many people that were, and are, involved to get me where I am today, as is with most of us I am sure. Please take a moment and realize how blessed we all are to live where we do and to work and play where we do. Do not let the little stumbles get in the way of truly being thankful for all that we have.

Thank you, Matthew Dodge

School Lunch Menu Notification

Please refer to the LaFayette School website:

www.lafayetteschools.org

to find out what the menu is for your child's school. There are changes that are made after the Menu is 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 with your child.

January Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the January, 2015, Newsletter is Monday, December 1.

The LaFayette News (Greensheet) is published eleven times per year and is available online at lafayetteschools.org.

Information should be sent to: ritabush@secny.net. It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi. It is important that a photo is not inserted or embedded within the actual Word article.

Your adherence to these requests is greatly appreciated.

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 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 (6.20 AM)
WSYR Radio (5.70 AM)

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

From the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

Robotics

Our Project Lead the Way Engineering Program has expanded to incorporate the integration of the VEX Robotics Design System. This is an exclusive robotics platform offered to PLTW schools. Our classes will now be able to incorporate sophisticated project-based robotics lessons. I am excited to see what the students will create.



Standing By, Standing Up

This educational theater piece will confront the serious consequences of bullying, cyberbullying, and exclusion, and it identified ways students can address these issues in their schools and lives. Our students will have an opportunity to reflect upon the program and discuss ways we can implement these lessons within our school.

Our New School Nurse

Jennifer Gates is the new school nurse for the LaFayette Junior/Senior High School. Jennifer was formerly an employee of Upstate University Hospital at Community General as a Registered Nurse. She graduated OCC with an Associates degree in nursing, as well as Cazenovia College with an Associates in Stable and Farm Management, and a Bachelors in Fine Arts. She currently resides in LaFayette, and looks forward to serving her hometown!

Teacher Receives \$1,000 Grant



Kristin Angello just received a \$1,000 STEM Teaching Tools grant from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's Educational Foundation.

Greg Bump, Principal



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After December 15th
the cost will be \$60 + sh/h.

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♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

LaFayette Music Students Attend “Music Student for a Day” at OCC

On October 31, three of our music students attended



OCC’s annual “Music Student for a Day” program. Juniors Justin Applegate, Samantha Claffey and Lucas Frigon participated. Throughout the day, students were able to partake in college classes such as music theory, music history, and music

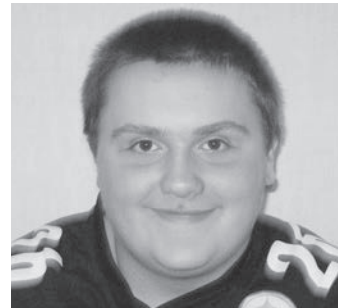
appreciation. The OCC Wind Ensemble and the OCC Concert Choir also performed. Justin said, “It gave us a good preview of what it’ll be like to be a music major in college.” Lucas reflected, “We were able to observe the theory classes reviewing for their midterm.” Then Sam chimed in, “It was fun to see that they were reviewing material that we have already covered in our music explorations class.” Pictured: Justin, Lucas, and Sam outside of the Academic II building at OCC.

SPANISH CLUB NEWS

The Spanish Club has elected three new officers for the 2014-2015 school year: *Mattie Caughey* was voted *Treasurer*; *Grace Terrell*, *Secretary*; and *Zack Thrasher*, *President*.

The Spanish Club is organizing many exciting events this year. On October 31st, Spanish students celebrated Day of the Dead by dressing as skeletons and dancing in classrooms throughout the school.

Spanish students attended a presentation of the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet on November 5 at the Palace Theatre. After the presentation, they went to Moe’s Southwest Grill to taste Spanish cuisine.



LaFayette High School Culinary Students Take Third Place

Kaylee West, Ian Evans and Mackenzie Caron came up with a winning recipe at the LaFayette Apple Festival this year, taking third place in this year’s apple pie contest. Congratulations!



On October 21st we held our first school-wide Brownie Bake-Off. All brownies had to be made from scratch. Students showed off their culinary skills competing against teachers... our Superintendent, Laura Lavine, even got in the on the action. But in the end, there could only be one winner and Mrs. Pethybridge took home the trophy! Our first annual Brownie Bake-Off was a complete success! Keep your eyes open for our next baking contest...

Our culinary students have been busy in the kitchen preparing quick breads, apple pies, brownies and pizza. They are doing a great job and the halls of the Junior/ Senior High School always smell wonderful.

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GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following student who has been accepted to college for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year:
Dustin Rosello - Wells College

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The School Counseling Department's annual Financial Aid Night will take place on Tuesday, December 9th in the High School Large Group Instruction Room at 6:30 p.m. Professionals in the financial aid field from SUNY ESF will be with us to present information and answer questions you may have. Parents of Juniors and Seniors are strongly encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There is a scholarship box set up in the college/career area of the School Counseling Office. However, most scholarships are assessed online. Any scholarship that comes in can be viewed on Naviance. The link to Naviance is on the guidance webpage. Periodically, as new scholarships come in, an announcement is made to remind students to check Naviance.

SENIORS: MID-YEAR GRADES

All mid-year grades will be sent for Seniors who applied to any four-year colleges. Seniors are reminded to do well this first semester for their mid-year grades can ultimately decide whether or not they are admitted to a college.

Additionally, all applications to four-year colleges should be out prior to Thanksgiving break. The applications must be out prior to Christmas break.

SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS: PSAT SCORE REPORTS

PSAT score reports will be back around the second week of December. Mr. O'Leary will meet with each student to review their scores, including strengths and weaknesses that should be focused on before taking the SAT/ACT. Please ask your child to review their score report with you.

All Juniors went onto Naviance to begin their resume. The resume will be updated each year. Students, however, can access this site anytime they wish to update their resume. The resume will/can be used for college and job applications.

JR/SR AFTER PROM FUND RAISER

**Monday, December 8th • 11am - 6pm
at the Dollar General in LaFayette**

There will be a bake sale, too!

Doug's will donate a percentage of the sales
toward the AFTER PROM PARTY!

CALL IN YOUR ORDERS! # 607-423-5996

After Prom Party Fundraiser!!

Ice Cream Social: December 15th



Please join us for Ice Cream Immediately Following the Jr./Sr. High Winter Concert in the High School Cafeteria.

Make your own Sundae - \$2.00 each.

All Proceeds benefit the After Prom Party!

ACT/SAT Test Dates:

ACT Test Deadline	Registration Date	Late Fee Required
12/13/14	11/7/14	11/21/14
4/18/15	3/13/15	3/27/15
6/13/15	5/8/15	5/22/15

ACT recommends registering online at:
www.actstudent.org/start

SAT Test Deadline	Registration Date	Late Fee Required
12/6/14	11/6/14	11/21-24/14
1/24/15	12/29/14	1/9-13/15
3/14/15	2/13/15	2/27/15-3/3/15
5/2/15	4/6/15	4/17-21/15
6/6/15	5/8/15	5/22-27/15

SAT recommends registering online at:
sat.collegeboard.com

Junior Class Parents Needed!

The After Prom Committee will be having a Bake Sale on **December 8th** in conjunction with the "Doug's Fish Fry to Go" fundraiser in the Dollar General parking lot. The Committee needs Junior Class parents to donate baked goods for this event.

If you are willing to donate, please contact Kim Agedal at 315-378-3043 or agedalk@gmail.com. Kim will be at the Community Center on Sunday, December 7, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for your baked donations. Thank you for your support.

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

Big Picture Advisories



Each of our Advisories shared their advisory projects. I think this was an excellent practice and I believe we will add it to our curriculum next year. What made the exercise great was that each advisor modeled the project development process. They each had their unique spin on the process by emphasizing different aspects. Students were required to collaborate and communicate. They were dependent upon one another for the success of the project and the presentation, yet each student's interest and personality stood out. These projects were integrated in content and skills. Students and staff were able to critique the work in an effort to produce even better results in the future. A summary of each project is below.

I was very proud of the 401 Advisory students for the way they presented their Advisory project. The project, Empty Bowls, was an amazing event. It was beautiful and students were able to make a significant donation to the LaFayette Outreach. They were the first group ever to present an Advisory project so there was no precedent set for them to follow. In essence, they were setting the precedent. That adds to the pressure, but the students rose to the occasion beautifully. Each student organized and wrote their own learning information that they then presented to the entire school. Together they compiled a PowerPoint style presentation in Google Drive. Working with Google Drive has been a tremendous help throughout this process as it allowed students to work from home in the evening and weekends and they could edit from any location. The process used to formulate our driving essential question, to investigate like a scientist, a mathematician, a social scientist, to communicate as we gathered our learning, and then communicate our learning to others was vital to the modeling we, as a staff, want our students to see. We held group discussions, everyone's ideas were listened to and debated, peer review and critique were done in a 'safe' environment. Throughout the Advisory project the 401's will take what they have learned from this process and apply it to the Senior Thesis projects.

The 301's had their turn with their Feeding The World project. Students took turns presenting their parts. There were

many examples of personal growth among the student presenters, but using the technology and presenting in an organized fashion were our obstacles. The hope is that each student learned from the experience and will use that to improve upon their individual exhibitions.

The 201 Class presented their Advisory project, "The Power of Music." The presentation provided a reflection of how the advisory specifically met Learning Goals. There were some hiccups, and some parts of the presentation did not live up to our grand expectations. Through every setback, though, our students were there to support each other in order to overcome obstacles. We remain very proud of the 201's who worked diligently to create their presentation. They rehearsed, polished, and refined each of their parts in order to overcome the trepidation associated with presenting in front of peers, parents, staff members, special guests, even School Board members and our Superintendent. The stress was enough to rattle the nerves of adults, much less second-year students in high school. We know now that the individual student exhibitions will be of much higher caliber this next time around.

The 101's presented their social justice project to the school. The project was based on the book *Monster* by Walter Dean Meyers. It involved exploring our criminal justice system. The 101 students created a movie trailer. It is hard to present in front of a large group, and even though the students were very nervous, they did a great job presenting their project work.

If you would like to come visit, please contact Susan Osborn at the Big Picture School. We love to have visitors!



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Big Picture School Students Visit State Capitol



On Wednesday, October 15th, nineteen students visited the State Capitol for a tour, and to learn more

about how New York State government works. Mary Ferguson from Assemblyman Gary Finch's office helped arrange the tour and provided insight into the legislation process. Students had the opportunity to sit on the Assembly Floor, and in the spirit of Halloween, learned about the many hauntings in the Capitol. Students had the perfect stately view from inside Assemblyman Finch's office to eat lunch.

Senator David Valesky was in his office and met with students. Senator Valesky shared that his passion to help others led him to his role as a New York State Senator.

Students then traveled to Providence, Rhode Island, to visit the MET Big Picture School. Students spent two days going out to internship sites, meeting with students to learn about how they develop projects and how it relates to their own system, and to develop a relationship with one of the largest schools in the Big Picture network.

Before departing, students met up with visiting professor, Angelo Baca, of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Program at Brown University. Angelo is a visiting professor at Brown who used to work at the Highline Big Picture School in Seattle, Washing-



ton. Angelo and two of his students gave a tour of Brown and talked about programs offered at the University.

STEP Chess Club

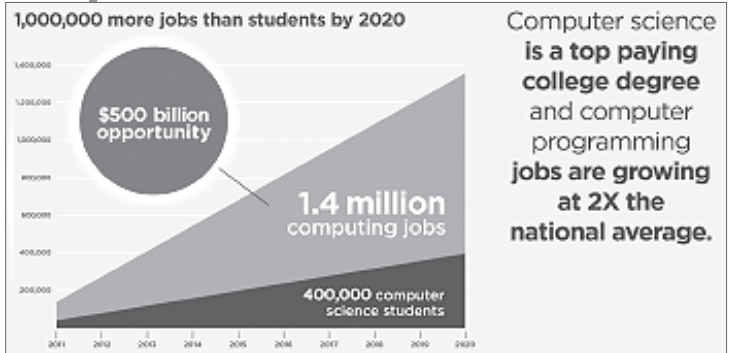
STEP (Science and Technology Entry Program) will host a Chess Club that will meet every Monday 3:15-4:15 after school.

Students in grades 7th-12th are eligible to join the club. This club will serve to support players no matter their skill level, experience, or age. The STEP Chess Club serves to provide a friendly and collaborative environment.

You may also contact your building's guidance office for more information. Club activities began on Monday, October 6th.

STEP Programming Club

Encourages the growth and education of computer science in the LaFayette Central School District, STEP will start a Programming Club to meet after school. For students interested in learning more about computer programming and student programmers to have a place to meet and collaborate.



SAT Prep provided by STEP

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

STEP at Big Picture School

STEP is a partnership between the LaFayette Central School District, Morrisville State College, and the New York State Education Department to prepare historically under-represented students for STEM careers. STEP provides after school tutoring, SAT Prep, college visits, and much more. For more information on how your student can join STEP please contact David Stablein at 504-1002.

For more information on how to join **STEP**, the **Chess Club**, the **Programming Club**, or **SAT Prep**, please contact: **David Stablein at 315-504-1002 or dstablein@lafayetteschools.org**.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

From the Desk of the Grimshaw Principal

Wow, how time flies!! We have already completed the first 10 weeks of the school year and are entering the snowy season. With the seasons changing so dramatically, we need to remind the students to come to school dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Students should be wearing coats, hats and gloves to school, because you never know when we may need to go outside. Also, as a reminder, please tune into your local television and radio stations for all updated school closings and delays.

Each year, the Tully Rotary and Pompey Lions Club provide free dictionaries to all of the area third graders. A big thanks goes out to them for their continued support and providing us with this great learning tool.

We would also like to take a moment to thank LaFayette M & T Bank for helping make our Halloween parade extra "sweet". This year as we paraded through town the K- 4 students were given a small treat. It made our chilly parade well worth it.

Thank you again for the continued support that our school receives from the community. I know that our students, faculty and staff truly appreciate everything.

Jennifer Blossey, Grimshaw Principal



Halloween Parade at Grimshaw School

The annual Halloween Parade from the Grimshaw School, up to the Post Office, and back was an exciting event for the students at Grimshaw on Halloween morning. Many very imaginative and scary costumes were worn by the children (and staff!) as they paraded for community and family members lined up along Route #20, and on the school grounds.



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Apple Festival Poster Winners

Congratulations to the following 4th Grade students on the Apple Festival Poster designs that were chosen for an award:

1st Place – Cadance Phillips, Julia Bertlesman, Izzy Papworth.

2nd Place – Brandy Gibson, Bella Kurtz (absent from the picture), Emily McClary.

3rd Place – Justine Borte, Arianna Reed, Christian DeJoseph.

Honorable Mention: Riley Bell, Victoria Converse, Evan Fitzpatrick, Elaina Saba.

Thank you to all of the students for their hard work and great designs.



This year, Grimshaw Elementary School will take to the stage in the production of “Annie, Jr.” The cast is made up of talented 5th and 6th graders who spent the past three months rehearsing for this amazing production. They will take to the JSHS stage on December 3rd in front of their fellow classmates, and then they will end their evening with a final performance at 7:00 p.m. which is open to the public.

Here is the amazing cast and crew who make this year’s musical a huge success:

Evelyn Ryan	Jorja Shaffer	Jack Martorella
Karina Magyar	Aidan Griffin	Adam Shaefer
Morgan Bice	Brenda Oakman	Grace Caughey
Jessica Lamson	Rebekah Reyburn	Julia Zehner
Harlee Farrar	Jennifer Post	Natalie Sweeney
Anu Scofield	Caitlyn Oristian	Carolyn Redmore
Alyssa Francis	Toby Tummino	Jaredon Jones
Amelia Shenandoah	Hunter Martorella	Eliza Thayer
Grace Dow	Jenna Reese	Colin Morel
Scott Heath, Jr.	Emma Shute	Wyatt Jacobs
Molly Rogers	Julie Herron	Kendra Doupe
Sara Donnelly	Colton Keane	Rylie Skinner
Chris Bergamo	Hanna Pierce	Ashley Aungier
Cameryn Hill	Ethan Maines	Luke Wanlass
Jonathan Dix	Alina Sherman	

Try and attend the performance on December 3rd to support these students for all their hard work and dedication!

Election Day in First Grade



Students in Mrs. Terrell’s 1st Grade were busy creating posters for a Farm Yard President Election.

After Reading the book *Click Clack Moo Cows That Type* and discussing Election Day and what it meant, the students decided that the Farm Yard needed a new president to replace Farmer Brown.

They created posters to represent their candidate. These were hung in the hallway and on Election Day, Mrs. Terrell’s students went in groups to the other 1st Grade classes with ballots.

For math, Mrs. Terrell’s students tallied the votes and announced the winner.



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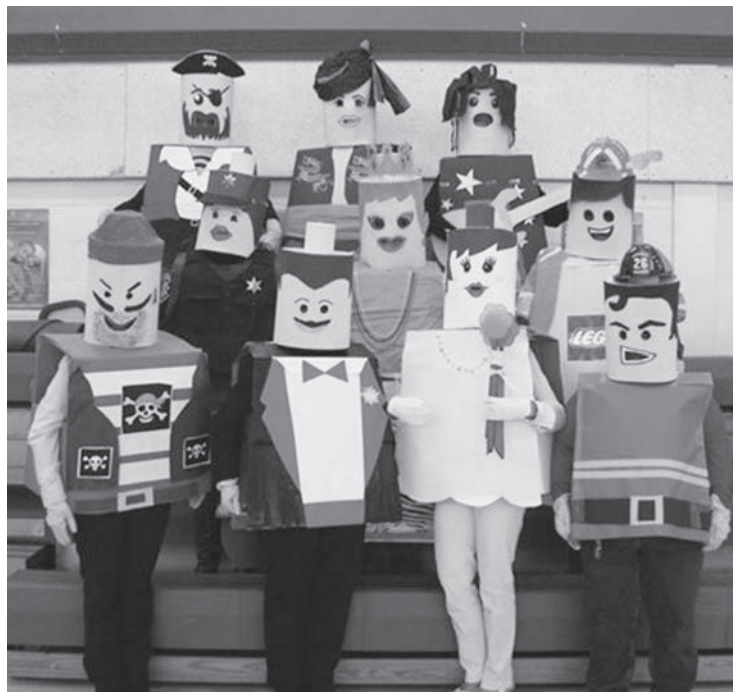
Grimshaw Student Council

The Grimshaw Student Council participated in the Apple Festival by working a water stop on the 15k Apple Run route. The students are Evelyn Ryan, Wyatt Jacobs, Sara Donnelly, and Kendra Doupe.

They had a great time handing out water and cheering on the runners as they passed!



Below: Kindergarten teachers and assistants, as well as reading room teachers and assistants, show their holiday spirit and wore costumes to enjoy Halloween along with their students!



Sign Your Child Up to Receive a FREE BOOK EVERY MONTH

Each participating child will receive their free book through the mail until their fifth birthday.

Families may register their children by e-mailing the following information to gaps@lafayetteschools.org

Please include the following:

Child's Name

Birth Date (Month/Day/Year)

Names of Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Mailing Address and Phone Number

Health Office News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving holiday break!

We had a fairly healthy November here at school seeing mainly respiratory viral illnesses, with a few cases of strep throat and croup. We also had a stomach bug that hit quite a few students. Please continue to keep your children home after any illness until they are fever-free for a period of 24 hours without the aid of medication. Following this rule of thumb helps tremendously in containing the spread of viral illnesses. The 24-hour rule should also be followed after vomiting or starting on antibiotics. I appreciate all of your cooperation as we try to keep our school healthy.

I know many of your children have received flu shots which will also help to keep us all healthy. Please consider getting your child a flu shot if you haven't already done so, as well as yourself!

Please remember to call the school if your child will be absent for any reason. Please try to call by 8:30 a.m., if possible. You may also leave a message before school or the night before or send an e-mail if that's more convenient for you.

Most 2nd and 4th Grade and new students have now had their physicals and handed in the paperwork – thank-you! We have some students scheduled for private exams who still need to have their exams and/or hand in the paperwork. Please get this information in to me as soon as possible after your child has had their exam. If your child has an appoint-

ment scheduled, please notify me of the date if you haven't already done so.

All 6th grade students are required to have a Tdap vaccine when entering 6th Grade or when they turn 11 years old. If your child was not 11 when school started, they will need to have the vaccine as soon as possible after turning 11. Please notify me of the date your child is scheduled to have the vaccine and turn in the documentation as soon as completed. Parents of 5th Grade students should keep in mind the Tdap vaccination will be required for their child next year and plan ahead for this. It can be given as soon as your child turns 11.

Please remember all medicine given at school must have a prescription or written note from a physician. This includes all over-the-counter meds also such as Motrin, Tylenol, cough syrup, antacids and even cough drops. If your child needs a rescue inhaler or Benadryl or Epipen at school, please be sure we have them available here.

Please continue to update emergency information and be sure your child is dressed warmly for the winter weather as most classes do play outside daily (weather permitting). Please remember to have extra clothes available for your K-2 students for an "emergency".

As always, don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season with your family and friends!

Sincerely, Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse

677-5501 • 677-3154(fax) • pbush@lafayetteschools.org

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



Saturday December 13 • 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free admission, but donations will be accepted. All are Welcome.

The From the Earth Arts & Crafts Festival will be held at the Onondaga Nation School, Saturday December 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission, but donations will be accepted. There will be over 45 Craftspeople and Artists from Six Nations, as well as Artists from the Navajo Nation.

Paintings and Prints, Soap Stone carvings, lacrosse sticks, beaded jewelry, gemstone jewelry, woven shawls, Native-patterned material, dream catchers, bone carving and silver jewelry are only a few of the arts and crafts that will be available.

Arrow Booth will be a guest dancer. Traditional foods, as well as hearty lunch menus, will be available.

There will be extra parking available at the Onondaga Nation Health Center just past the school. The Onondaga Nation School is 2 miles south of Nedrow proper on Route 11A; it is the only school on Route 11A. If coming either from the north or south on Route 81, get off at Exit 16 and go north towards Syracuse on Route 11. Route 11A is to the left just after the Arena and Smoke Shop.



Dear Parents and Community Members:

Amazing how quickly the school year is moving along. December is here and the New Year is just around the corner. The first marking period came to an end and ten-week report

cards went out to parents and guardians the week of November 17th.

The month of November was a busy time for the students and staff at the Onondaga Nation School. Harvest Ceremonies and Harvest Dinner occurred during the month of November, a month to give thanks. Each class prepared for the Harvest Dinner by making a dish for the feast, and the entire school was decorated with a variety of students' work. Parents and the community saw how Onondaga Language and Culture, Art, Music, Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies and student creativity are all intertwined in the learning that happens at the school. It was a wonderful day for the community and the school to interact and enjoy each other's company and conversation.

The Perfect Attendance Incentive is continuing this school year. In June 2015, one girl and one boy will receive an iPad. At the ten-week mark, we have approximately 42 tickets in the drawing. This is excellent. We are striving for perfect attendance every day.

We all know that the snow and cold weather is upon us. Please make sure your child dresses warmly for school. Grades PreK-6 go outside each day for recess, weather permitting, and we want to make sure your child stays warm while he/she is outside.

Each day your child brings home notices from school, or homework. We ask parents to take a few minutes to look into your child's backpack and have some conversations with your child on how his/her day was at school. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to the rest of the school year and having our students be successful in all their academic endeavors.

Diane Ellsworth, ONS Principal

PHYSICAL FITNESS FUN

Six benefits of regular physical activity

1) Exercise Controls Weight

Large chunks of time for exercise are not needed for weight-loss benefits. You can be more active throughout the day by taking the stairs instead of the elevator or doing household chores with more intensity.

2) Exercise Combats Health Conditions and Diseases

Being active boosts high-density lipoprotein (HDL), or "good," cholesterol and decreases unhealthy triglycerides. Regular physical activity can help prevent or manage a wide range of health problems and concerns, including stroke, type 2 diabetes, depression, certain types of cancer, and arthritis.

3) Exercise Improves Mood

A workout at the gym or a brisk 30-minute walk can help with stress. Physical activity stimulates various brain chemicals that may leave you feeling happier, more relaxed and better self-confidence.

4) Exercise Boosts Energy

Regular physical activity can improve your muscle strength and boost your endurance. Exercise and physical activity deliver oxygen and nutrients to your tissues and help your cardiovascular system work more efficiently.

5) Exercise Promotes Better Sleep

Regular physical activity can help you fall asleep faster and deepen your sleep. Just don't exercise too close to bedtime, or you may be too energized to fall asleep.

6) Exercise Can Be Fun

Physical activity can help you connect with family or friends in a fun social setting. Find a physical activity you enjoy, and just do it

The bottom line on exercise: Exercise and physical activity are a great way to feel better, gain health benefits and have fun. A general goal is to aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day. Check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program.

By Mayo Clinic Staff

◆ ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◆

Booster Club News

The LaFayette Booster Club would like to begin by thanking fellow Alumni, family, friends, student athletes and their parents for making this year's Apple Festival such a success. Special Thanks go out to A Taste of Heaven, Nice-'n-Easy, U-Cut Enterprises, B&B Lumber, Maine's, Roger Carbonic, LaFayette Fire department, and Mark Schumacher for donating your time or supplies needed.

The Booster Club will be doing a Spirit Sale this year, including the students at our Elementary School. We are hoping students will show their school spirit while supporting the Booster Club. We are offering several great items to choose from! If interested in ordering, go to our high school's website for an order form and available merchandise.

Please donate your cans and bottles to our Athletic Booster Club beginning December 1st through the New Year. We are collecting cans and bottles in the Dollar General parking lot. Your donations will help fund equipment needed for our Varsity teams that our budget simply cannot cover. We appreciate your time and effort in helping make our Booster Club a success.

December 6th and 7th Pre-ordered Wreaths will be available for pick up from 11:00-2:00 in the lower Maher Plaza parking lot across from the Nice-'n-Easy. We will also have some wreaths available for cash and carry along with fresh cut Christmas Trees.

We are always looking for new ideas, thoughts, suggestions, and comments. Please feel free to join us at a meeting to share, or find us on Facebook (LaFayetteBooster Club).

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Please save your cans and bottles for a good cause! Donate your cans and bottles to the LaFayette Athletic Booster Club. We could use the Help!!!

WHEN:

DECEMBER 1ST – JANUARY 15TH

WHERE:

THE DOLLAR GENERAL PARKING LOT

Your donations will help to fund equipment needed for our Varsity teams that our budget simply cannot cover.

We appreciate your time and effort in helping make our Booster Club a success!
Every Nickel Counts



CONGRATULATIONS



Pictured: Chase LaCava, Cassidy Doster, and Coach Kelly, and presenting a check for the new Upstate Cancer Hospital for \$1,000 from the Basketball teams.

Congratulations to the Varsity Football players, coaches, and cheerleaders on a great season! You have made us all so proud of you. Thank you.

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team on a great season. Thank you, ladies!!!



ORDER YOUR LANCER PRIDE CAR MAGNET!!!

ONLY \$5!!

Please make checks out to LaFayette Student Activities.
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE AFTER PROM PARTY FOR THE LAFAYETTE STUDENTS
Contact Jessica Skinner at tjskinners1@aol.com or Kim Agedal agedalk@gmail.com to order!
Or purchase at one of our fundraising events!!

WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

JV AND VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	11/10	Practice Starts		
Tue	12/2	at Tully	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Tue	12/9	vs OCS	5:30 pm	
Thur	12/11	at SAS	5:00 pm	4:00 pm
Tue	12/16	at Weedsport	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Sat	12/20	at Pulaski	12:00 pm	10:30 am
Mon	12/22	vs Tyburn (varsity only)	1:00 pm	
Tue	1/6	at Cato	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Thur	1/8	vs Port Byron	5:30 pm	
Sat	1/10	at Jordan-Elbridge	12:00 pm	10:30 am
Tue	1/13	at Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Fri	1/16	vs Tully (at OCC)	5:45 pm	TBA
		JV @ 5:45 pm Var @	7:30 pm	
Thur	1/22	at OCS	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Tue	1/27	vs SAS	5:30 pm	
Mon	2/2	vs Cincinnatus	7:00 pm	
		(non-league) (Varsity only)		
Tue	2/3	at Port Byron	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Thur	2/5	vs Cato (non-league)	5:30 pm	
Tue	2/10	vs Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	
Fri	2/13	vs Tyburn (Varsity only)	5:30 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

JV & VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	11/10	Practice Starts		
Fri	11/28	vs Faith Heritage (tournament)		TBA
Sat	11/29	vs TBA	TBA	
Wed	12/3	vs Tully	5:30 pm	
Fri	12/5	at Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Mon	12/8	vs MPH	5:30 pm	
Wed	12/17	at OCS	5:30 pm	4:45 pm
Wed	1/7	at Pulaski	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Fri	1/9	at Tyburn	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Mon	1/12	at Weedsport	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Wed	1/14	vs Port Byron	5:30 pm	
Fri	1/16	at DeRuyter (at OCC)	5:45 pm	4:45 pm
		Var @ 5:45 pm JV@	7:30 pm	
Fri	1/23	vs Cato	5:30 pm	
Fri	1/30	at Tully	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Mon	2/2	vs Cincinnatus	5:30 pm	
Wed	2/4	vs Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	
Fri	2/6	at MPH	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Mon	2/9	at Faith Heritage	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Wed	2/11	vs OCS	5:30 pm	
Fri	2/13	vs Tyburn	7:00 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

MODIFIED GIRLS BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	1/5	Practice Starts		
Wed	1/21	vs OCS	4:30 pm	
Fri	1/23	at Tully	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	1/29	vs Weedsport	4:30 pm	
Mon	2/2	at Port Byron	4:45 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	2/5	at OCS	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Mon	2/9	vs Tully	4:30 pm	
Fri	2/13	at Weedsport	4:45 pm	3:30 pm
Tue	2/24	vs Port Byron	4:30 pm	
Thur	2/26	vs OCS	4:30 pm	
		(played at high school)		
Fri	2/27	at Tully	4:30 pm	3:30 pm

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT THE GRIMSHAW

MODIFIED BOYS BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	11/3	Practice Starts		
Mon	11/17	vs Blodgett (scrimmage)	4:30 pm	
Tue	11/18	vs OCS	3:30 pm	
Fri	11/21	vs Fabius-Pompey	4:30 pm	
Tue	11/25	vs Tully	4:30 pm	
Tue	12/2	at Frazier	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Fri	12/5	at Blodgett	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Mon	12/8	at OCS	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	12/11	at Fabius-Pompey	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Wed	12/17	at Tully	4:45 pm	4:15 pm
Fri	12/19	vs Frazier	4:30 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT GRIMSHAW

MODIFIED VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	10/27	PRACTICE STARTS		
Wed	11/12	at Tully	5:00 pm	4:15 pm
Fri	11/14	vs CBA	4:30 pm	
Tue	11/18	at J-D (Middle School)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Mon	11/24	vs Fabius-Pompey	4:30 pm	
Tue	12/2	vs Chittenango	4:30 pm	
Thur	12/4	vs ESM	4:30 pm	
Tue	12/9	at Cazenovia	5:00 pm	3:45 pm
		(Middle School)		
Thur	12/11	at Homer (Intermediate)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Wed	12/17	vs Cortland	4:30 pm	
Thur	12/18	vs OCS	4:30 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT GRIMSHAW

Watch
for a flyer
with a more
detailed
schedule



LaFayette Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 7, 4:00-4:45 p.m.
at Maher Plaza

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council Contact Information:

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

www.townoflafayette.com (departments-community council)

5th/6th Grade Basketball

Boys began in November. Call immediately if you still want to join. Watch for flyers for Girls Basketball soon.

Wrestling

Begins January 6th, 6-7:30 p.m. at HS wrestling room, for Grades 1-6. Wanted: Temporary, clean, dry storage for three wrestling mats (12'x3'x3'). Help us hold on to these quality mats for our program.

Song Mountain Ski Program

Sorry for the misprint, signups were 11/20.

If you want to join, pick up a packet at the Town offices and return it by 12/15. Visit the Town website and go to Skiing to get details about the program.

Hall Walking

Walk the Grimshaw halls for exercise! Weekdays, 5-7 p.m. Enter by cafeteria, sign in book and have dry shoes.

Adult Programs

Times are listed below--call for December pricing:

YogaMon & Thurs, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Grimshaw
ZumbaMon & Wed, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Grimshaw cafeteria
Tabata BasedThurs, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Grim cafeteria
Daytime/Senior ExerciseTues/Wed/Thurs,
8:30-9:30 a.m., Community Center

LaFayette Public Library News

After school holiday musical program:

Jim McCarthy & Family

Wednesday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m.

The **3D printer** is ready to go and we would like to open up to the public. There would be training involved, and by appointment only. There will be a slight charge for supplies, as well.

We have also started to work with the **LEGO ROBOTICS**.

We are going to do some programs, so keep an eye out for that.

As always, we are constantly updating our collection, whether it be print, audio, or video. Come on in and “check out” the collection (pun intended).

We are still looking to add to our **Teen Task Force**, Grades 6-12, to do brainstorming about programming, collection development, etc. If you are interested, please contact Kyra Nay at 677-3782 or knay@onlib.org. There is also a Teen Book Club underway. Come and check it out!

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 hours:

Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. • Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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December IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of December, 2014. Particular dates to note are:

Monday	December 1	
	to	Booster Club Can & Bottle Drive, Dollar General Parking Lot
Thursday	January 15	
Wednesday	December 3	Grimshaw Elementary Presentation of Annie Jr., JSHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Wednesday	December 3	Jim McCarthy & Family Musical Program, LaFayette Public Library, 4 p.m.
Thursday	December 4	National Honor Society Induction, JSHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Sunday	December 7	Junior Class Parents Drop-off Baked Goods for Tomorrow's Fish Fry and Bake Sale, Community Center, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday	December 7	LaFayette Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Maher Plaza, Starting at 4 p.m.
Monday	December 8	Doug's Fish Fry & Bake Sale, Dollar General Parking Lot, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday	December 9	Financial Aid Night, JSHS LGI Room, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	December 10	Grimshaw School Winter Concert, JSHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Thursday	December 11	Board of Education Meeting, JSHS LGI Room, 6 p.m.
Friday	December 12	EARLY DISMISSAL - All Buildings - 11:30 a.m. - Staff Development
Saturday	December 13	From the Earth Arts & Crafts Festival, Onondaga Nation School, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday	December 15	JSHS Winter Concert, JSHS Auditorium, 7 p.m. This will be followed by an Ice Cream Social in the JSHS Cafeteria.
Wednesday	December 17	ONS Winter Concert, Onondaga Nation School, 6 p.m.
Friday	December 19	JSHS Day of Giving
Monday	December 22	NO SCHOOL – Grimshaw, JSHS, BP Only (ONS is in Session)
Tuesday	December 23	NO SCHOOL – Grimshaw, JSHS, BP Only
Tuesday	December 23	EARLY DISMISSAL – Onondaga Nation School, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	December 24	
	through	NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Holiday Recess
Friday	January 2	
Monday	January 5, 2015	School Resumes in All Buildings