



LaFayette

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CENTRAL SCHOOLS

October 2015

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Second Grade Teamwork

Throughout the first week of school, second graders spent time working on teamwork! One of the students' favorite activities was silent puzzles. Students had to work with their partners to put their puzzles together. The trick ... no talking! Second graders loved working together to create the puzzles!



Reading Challenge

In an effort to encourage independent reading among students and staff, the Jr/Sr High School Library Media Specialist and ELA department are initiating the official 2015-2016 Reading Challenge. Readers at the Jr/Sr High School will earn points by reading books that fall within the designated challenge categories. This is also a competition among individuals and among grade levels (teachers included!).

Students can earn points toward their final ELA grade, work toward an end of the year victory party, and try to win the secret grand prize!



3rd
Annual

Pre-Holiday Extravaganza Craft & Vendor Show

Brought to you by the Class of 2017

Local Crafters, Native American Crafters,
Home-Party Representatives, Bake Sale,
Concession Stand, Lancer Apparel,
Raffles and Much More

*This event just gets bigger every year: Don't miss
out! Your Holiday Shopping STARTS here!*

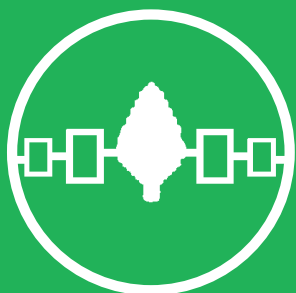
**Saturday, November 7th
from 9am-3pm**

Grimshaw Elementary School, 5957 Route 20, LaFayette
Questions? Interested in buying a table?
Please contact Mrs. McElhannon 315-677-3131 or
Mrs. Kane 315-504-1000

7th and 8th Grade JOG-A-THON FUNDRAISER

The Junior High students at LaFayette will be taking part in their first fundraiser of the year! The **jog-a-thon** will take place during the students' PE classes **October 1st and October 2nd**. The children will have approximately 35 minutes to complete as many laps on the track as possible. The hope is that they will have many pledges and earn money for their class. People can either pledge the student per lap or pledge a lump sum. Please consider pledging one of our Jr. High students!

Thank you so much!



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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

We had an excellent opening of school. Students and staff are all doing what they do best which is working to create high-achieving students who will graduate with their cohorts.

Towards that end, LaFayette Board of Education created a strategic plan this summer that outlines their goals in the areas of new initiatives and continuing priorities. The centerpiece of the plan is “Increasing Student Achievement: College and Career Readiness.” The three components are: increasing Jr./Sr. High School course offerings, Board of Education communication with stakeholders, and increasing student leadership. Separate from those three components is a section called “Continuing Priorities.” Those priorities are literacy (reading, writing, speaking and listening) and mathematics; graduation with cohort (diploma versus credential), Board policy updates; and clear, direct Board/Administration communication.

The strategic plan is a fluid, dynamic process that will change as goals are met. It will be discussed regularly at Board of Education meetings and throughout the district. You are invited to share your views with the Board of Education as the Strategic Plan is implemented and updated.

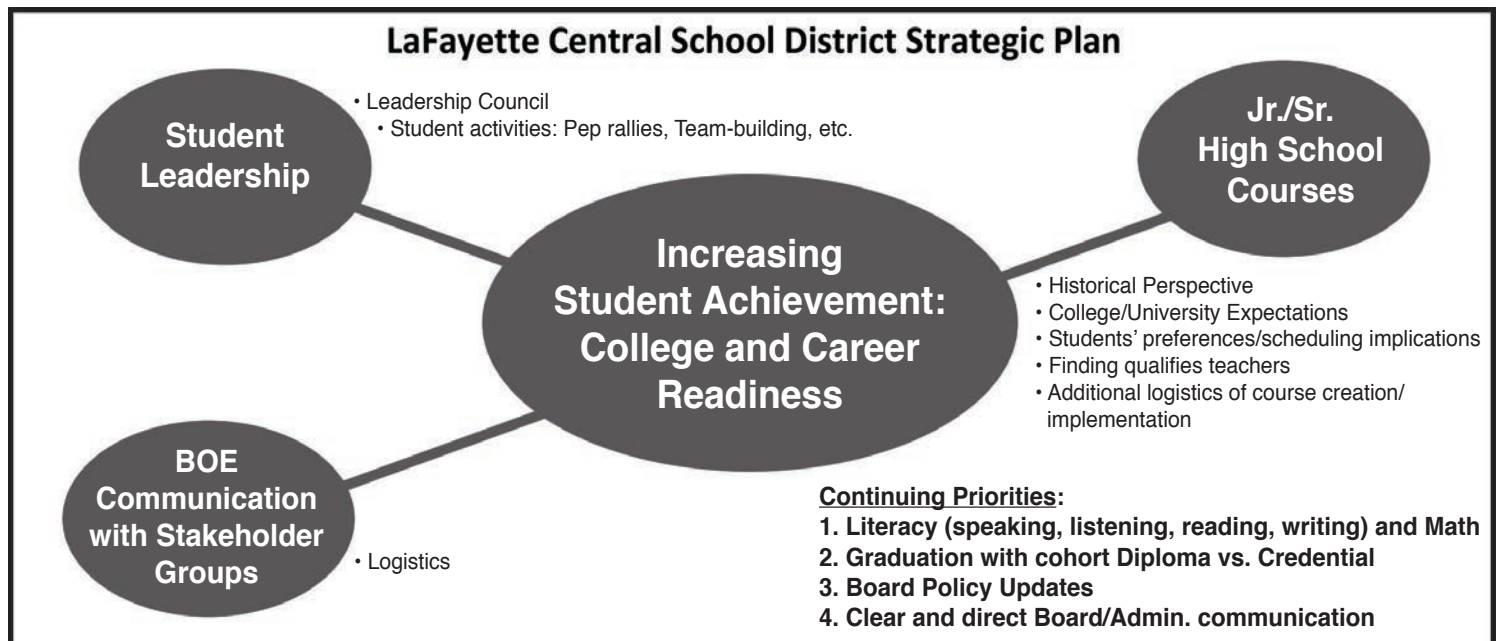
Capital Project

As you can see, our Capital Project is coming to a close. The project is bringing two of our buildings up to new stan-

dards in terms of educational spaces as well as safety and security. While its being unfinished when school started was a temporary inconvenience to some, the payoff to the district is significant. Additional good news is that the project came in well under budget. This is because bids went out during an aggressive market. For example, there was a significant difference between the highest and lowest bids for roofing. As a result, we were able to incorporate enhancements including Grimshaw’s basement floor tile removal, new gym windows and roof hatch. At Big Picture, enhancements included sidewalk modifications and ADA-compliant bathrooms. Enhancements at the Jr./Sr. High School included renovations of both art rooms, wireless clocks, second floor corridor ceilings, front sidewalk lighting replacement, north end of bus loop paving, extension of basketball paving, revisions to nurse’s office, fiber optic data closet, and gym and second floor corridor tubular skylights. We are also able to update the auditorium.

Our students and staff deserve our appreciation for their patience and work in getting their new spaces ready for teaching and learning. School Business Official Mrs. Turner, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Mr. Kesler and our maintenance and custodial workers deserve our deepest gratitude for their superb work ethic and outstanding productivity. Kudos to all.

Laura Lavine, Superintendent



November Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November Newsletter is Tuesday, **October 13**. The LaFayette News (Green Sheet) is published eleven times per year and is available online at www.lafayetteschools.org. All material is subject to editing. Information should be sent to: 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.

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STEP Astronomy Night

STEP will explore the night sky on October 13th and October 26th beginning at 7:00pm. There will be a workshop on Astronomy before looking at the universe through STEP's telescope. If you are interested in participating, please contact David Stablein. Families are welcome to attend.

After School STEP: Morrisville Science and Technology Entry Program will begin after-school activities on October 5th. After school tutoring, SAT/ACT Prep, hands on projects, and preparation for STEP-sponsored competitions will be offered. Please contact David Stablein if you are a STEP student and plan to attend after school. After-school STEP runs Monday-Thursday. STEP is available to all students in grades 7-12. To learn more about how you can join STEP, please contact David Stablein at dstablein@lafayetteschools.org, or by phone at 315-504-1000.

College Visit: STEP Saturday October 24th: Join STEP on a trip to Morrisville State College for the day. Students will meet with college students and participate in group activities.

Dear Families,

I am excited to announce LaFayette Central School District's website is being updated to include links for *Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Pupil Services*. The intent is to provide families current information regarding topics such as Specific Content Curriculum, Instructional Strategies, Response to Intervention, Section 504, Committee on Preschool Special Education, Committee on Special Education, and Homeschooling, to name a few. By offering this information, families may broaden their knowledge of the inner workings of the school system.

I am also excited to announce that family workshops on a variety of topics will be offered starting in October. The first session will be offered from 6-7 pm on Thursday, October 15th in the Jr/Sr HS library. The topic will be Common Core Learning Standards. The second session will be on Response to Intervention from 6-7 pm on Thursday, October 29th, in Grimshaw's Library.

Primary Strategy: Picture/Story Walk

Before reading a book, children should take a picture walk through the book. By looking at the pictures and talking about what is seen, a child can develop a sense of what might happen, which will make their reading and understanding of the book easier.

Intermediate/Secondary Strategy: Read, Cover, Remember, Retell

In order to make books more manageable and understandable, students can break their reading into smaller chunks. With Read, Cover, Remember, Retell, students read one to two short paragraphs then cover the paragraphs they read. Next, students think and remember what they read. Then, students retell orally or in writing the main ideas of what they read.

Sincerely, Karen Ocque
Director of Instruction and Pupil Services

LaFayette CSD offers Parent Today E-mail Newsletter

LaFayette Central School District is encouraging parents and guardians to sign up for *Parent Today*, an opt-in, e-mail newsletter delivered to subscribers' in-boxes each month.

Through easy-to-read blog-style posts, Parent Today addresses important, age-appropriate topics and offers accessible, easy-to-implement strategies. It also provides information to help families understand the dramatic changes taking place in school curriculum and public education.

Parent Today is packed with research-based information that empowers parents and supports teachers. *Parent Today* addresses four "chapters" of a child's life – early learners, elementary school, the middle years and high school – with stories about what is happening in the classroom and students' lives. Its companion website offers resources to subscribing families that encourage parents to be more fully engaged in their child's academic life.

Research has shown that engaged parents have a positive effect on their children's school success in terms of attendance, attitudes toward school and homework, grades, and expectations for the future.

Parent Today is provided free of charge to LaFayette CSD families. Subscribers must have Internet access and an e-mail address to receive Parent Today.

To sign up for Parent Today or to learn more about the e-newsletter, families can visit the district website at www.lafayetteschools.org. Click on the "Parent Today" icon and follow the on-screen instructions. The district's identification number, which is required for initial sign-up, is 13084.

LCSD Launches Facebook, Twitter pages

LaFayette Central School District parents, guardians and community members now have another way to receive the latest news about school-related activities and events.

In September, the district launched official Facebook and Twitter accounts as part of its ongoing efforts to connect with stakeholders, increase engagement and share current information, photographs and announcements about school activities, student and staff achievements and upcoming events.

To receive updates from the district via Facebook, visit the district's official page at www.Facebook.com/LafayetteCSD and click the page's "Like" button. To follow the district on Twitter, visit www.Twitter.com/LafayetteCSD and click on the account's "Follow" button.

More information about the district's social media launch is available on LaFayette CSD's website, www.lafayetteschools.org.

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

From the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

The 2015-2016 school year is underway! The start of each new school year is a time of significant excitement and energy. Students and staff alike anticipate the many opportunities and challenges awaiting them. For students, maintaining a positive attendance record is critical to reaping the rewards associated with those opportunities and challenges, both inside and outside the classroom.

Attendance is important to success in school. Simply stated, students can't learn well if they are not in school. Adolescents who miss a lot of school are more likely to drop out and to get into trouble. Missing too many classes is an indicator that a student may be on a troublesome path.

The beginning of a school year is a good time to help your child develop positive habits. Here are some tips:

1. Discuss attendance with your adolescent. Explain the importance of attendance and punctuality. Make your expectations clear.
2. Whenever possible, schedule appointments for your child, as well as family vacations, so they do not conflict with school.
3. Show interest in your child's school experience by attending school events whenever possible and asking about his/her school day frequently.
4. Communicate with your child's teachers if he/she must miss classes, so that you can work together to keep your child on track for success.

James Chupaila, Interim Principal

BOX TOPS for Education

Please clip box tops and bring them into the main office at the Jr/Sr High School. It will give you an excuse to come check out the new main office! No box top will be turned away. It is a really easy way to contribute to the school with just a few simple clips! Thank you for your support! Mrs. Meaney, 7th grade adviser - Kmeaney@lafayetteschools.org

YEARBOOK

Your student has the opportunity to earn a free yearbook. Check out our new website on the Jr/Sr High website to find out how! Go to: www.lafayetteschools.org, Jr./ Sr. High, Clubs and Organizations, Yearbook Website.

You can share photos of your student with the click of a button! Just download the Replay-it app to your iphone or ipad to share your student's memories. For more information on Replay-it, check out Yearbook's website.

Caramel apples are coming soon! Come visit our booth at the Apple Fest and support Yearbook while satisfying your sweet tooth!

Secure a Section for your Senior Soon!

Parent Ad - Take an opportunity to tell your senior how proud you are of his/her accomplishments by purchasing an ad in the 2015-2016 Lancer Yearbook. Pricing information is listed below. Space is limited; don't wait until the last minute!

Pricing: **Reserved by Dec. 31, 2015: Full page - \$250.00; Half page - \$130.00; Quarter page - \$ 70.00.**
After Jan 1, 2016: Full page - \$350.00; Half page - \$180.00; Quarter page - \$ 95.00

YEARBOOK Family Photo Event

Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Grimshaw Elementary During the Pre-Holiday Extravaganza!

Take advantage of a perfect opportunity to capture your family's memories! Have your family portrait taken by *Life-touch* photographers! For a \$10 sitting fee you will receive a 15 minute session with photographers and a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait. You also have the option of purchasing a CD or other packages for an additional cost, a percentage of your purchase goes to the LaFayette Yearbook.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below by November 1st. Make all checks payable to LaFayette Yearbook. Send the form and the money to: La-Fayette Jr.-Sr. High School, c/o Maria Nastasi, 3122 Route 11 North, LaFayette, NY 13084.

Family Photo Event Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Time Slot: _____ 10-12:30 or _____ 12:30-3

**When your order form is received, you will be contacted to set up a specific slot time with the photographer.*

2015-2016 ACT/SAT DATES

ACT

October 24, 2015	<u>Deadline to Register</u> September 18, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

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

SAT

November 7, 2015	<u>Deadline to Register</u> October 1, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 6, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 25, 2015

SAT recommends registering online at: sat.collegeboard.com

New SAT

March 5, 2016	<u>Deadline to Register</u> January 29, 2016
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 6, 2016

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Senior guidance presentations took place in the computer room. All seniors applying to four-year colleges signed up online for the Common Application. Over 600 colleges use this application and it simplifies the process by collecting much of that information all in one place. This prevents students from repeating the details of their background, education, activities, and testing over and over again, for every school on their list. It also enables students to stay on top of deadlines.

If parents would like to meet with Mr. O'Leary and their son/daughter, please call 677-7849 to set up an appointment time. At this point in the year, the senior college application process should be well under way.

SAT/ACT: All seniors should complete SAT testing by the December 5th test date to ensure that scores will be scored in time for colleges to utilize the results. Register at www.collegeboard.com. Regarding the ACT, December 12th should be the last time seniors take this exam. Register at www.actstudent.org.

PSAT: The PSAT will be held on Wednesday, October 14. Cost is \$15. This test is open to all juniors and those sophomores who are in the accelerated math program. Sign up in the guidance office.

Scholarship News/College Representatives: All scholarship information and college representatives visiting our high school are listed in Naviance. This program can be viewed provided you have your username and password. There is a direct link to Naviance on the guidance webpage. Contact guidance if assistance is needed.

Listed below are schools that will visit during the month of October:

COLLEGE	DATE	TIME
SUNY Maritime College	10/1/15	8:30 AM
Medaille College	10/1/15	11:15 AM
Purchase College State University of New York	10/6/15	1:30 PM
SUNY College of Tech. at Canton	10/19/15	11:00 AM
Clarkson University	10/19/15	12:15 PM
Hobart & William Smith Colleges	10/22/15	11:00 AM
Rochester Institute of Technology	10/26/15	11:45 AM
Onondaga Comm. College	10/28/15	10:00 AM

Note: There will be more schools visiting.
This list is as of September 8.

CHOICES: Crouse Hospital Offers Innovative Career Explorations for Students A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DATES AND SPEAKERS 2015 – 2016

OCTOBER 20 **NURSING PANEL**

NOVEMBER 10 . . . DR. ROBERT DRACKER, **PEDIATRICS**

DECEMBER 15 MR. ELTON GARVIN, **RADIOLOGY**
(UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY)

JANUARY 19 DR. BRADLEY RAPHAEL,
ORTHOPEDICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE

FEBRUARY 9 DR. DAVID MASON,
EMERGENCY MEDICINE

MARCH 15 DR. TONY SCALZO, **ONCOLOGY**

MAY 17 MR. ROBERT FIORELLI, **PATHOLOGY**

*TENTATIVE MEETING DATES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WEATHER*

Each year Crouse Hospital offers a series of monthly programs about a variety of health care careers. The programs this year will begin Tuesday evening, October 20.

We will meet once a month, usually on a Tuesday night, from October through April weather permitting. Each program will run from 7:00 to 8:30 PM and consist of a presentation by a medical professional followed by a question and answer period.

Students, aged 14 and older, are invited to register. The cost for the entire series is \$30.00 and that money will be used to fund the hospital's junior volunteer scholarship program. This year we were able to award five \$1000 scholarships.

We meet in the Marley Education Center, 765 Irving Avenue, located on the corner of Waverly and Irving Avenues. Parking is free in the Crouse Hospital garage located on the corner of Adams Street and Irving Avenue. Bring your parking ticket with you for validation.

Students who attend a minimum of 5 of the 7 programs will be given priority for volunteering in the summer of 2016.

If you are considering a career in medicine, this program is for you!

Registration forms may be picked up in your guidance office. Deadline – Priority October 1 and no later than October 16, 2015.

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

Welcome to 2015-2016!

April Palmer, (pictured below) a LaFayette Big Picture Advisor/Teacher,



applied for a weekend Colloquia at a Historic Site, through the Teaching American History online resource, a project of Ashbrook Ashland University. She was accepted and attended "Security, Self Determination and Empire: The Grand Alliance, 1941-1945 July 31-August 2, 2015. Hosted by Ashland University, the teacher seminar took place in New Orleans, Louisiana. Sessions covered topics such as: "Soviet Expansion and the Polish and German questions", "The Balkan States, the Great Civil War and the Declaration of the Liberated", "The United Nations Organization", "The War against Japan, and the Problem of Detainees", "War Crimes, the Assault on Berlin" and a final debriefing.

The colloquium was unique in that it was not the traditional discussion format.

We have moved into our new space at the Junior-Senior High School. We have space! It has been an exciting few weeks as we reconnect with our students and welcome new students into our school community. We have been welcomed into the High School environment and we are eager to collaboratively serve the students and families of our district.

In our first six days of school, we have participated in a boat float challenge, visited the woods, learned new games, started our workshops and exploratory, volunteered at the Rescue Mission, started internships, met new staff members, beat the heat, started classes at Morrisville State College and started building a 3D printer. We also went on our overnight camping trip.

We have so many experiences waiting for us. In the upcoming weeks, we hope to be active with our technology and expand into our collaboration space and kitchen.

We would love to have you come visit us in our new building. We do plan on having an Open House when everything is complete, but if you just can't wait any longer, please stop in and visit us!

Susan Osborn, Principal

Instead participants utilized a game titled "Yalta, 1945: Security, Self-Determination and Empire." The game allowed the teachers to explore the dynamics of relationships between Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States by putting them in the places of those who attended the Yalta Conference. Each participant was assigned a specific role to play.

Each teacher within their role had a specific list of objectives they needed to achieve at "Yalta" as they discussed the international questions that needed to be resolved to create a stable postwar world. Several primary sources as well as the Game Book and a Briefing Book were sent to each delegate to read prior to the colloquium.

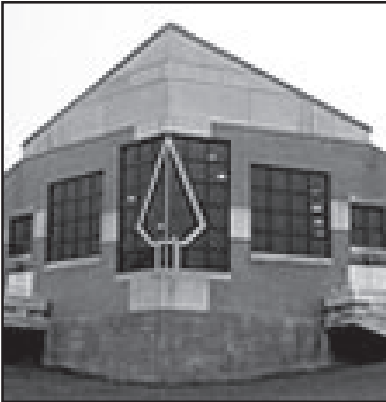
Each participant was responsible for writing a five-minute speech delivered in character; according to what role they were assigned. April was assigned to the Russian Delegation. Her role was Ivan Mikhailovich Maisky, Deputy Commissar of Foreign Affairs who had worked closely with Winston Churchill and signed the Sikorski-Maisky agreement with the London Poles and invalidated the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

It was a fascinating seminar that most certainly gave the participants all points of view, which any good historian wants to know. In keeping with The Yalta Conference they proved that the delegations could work out their deep ideological, historical and prejudicial differences in order to create an organization that would help the world to achieve what was most desired at Yalta: Peace.



◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

Dear ONS Community:



Opening Day and week at ONS went well. The teachers, staff and students were excited to see each other for another wonderful school year.

ONS continues to strive to provide our students with a well rounded education from Onondaga Language to Math to Computer Skills. This year we have 131 students enrolled at ONS. Each year we continue to grow. In eight years our enrollment has gone from 85 to 131 students.

We would like to introduce our new staff members: Cathleen Clemens— Special Education Teacher, William Jaacks— Teaching Assistant and James Tyler— Teaching Assistant. When you visit ONS I hope you get a chance to say hello to them.

*Most Sincerely,
Diane Ellsworth, ONS Principal*

Former Vice President Visits ONS



The Onondaga Nation School was honored to be visited by former Vice President Al Gore, his daughter Karennia, and Rob de Vos, Consul General of the Netherlands to New York. The historic event took place because Onondaga Nation leadership brought the honored guests to the World Indoor Lacrosse Championship.

Pictured above: Oren Lyons (Turtle Faithkeeper), Tom Scofield (BOE Member), Diane Ellsworth (Principal ONS), Mr. Vice-President Alan Gore, Virginia Abrams (Eel Clanmother and Language Teacher at ONS), Laura Lavine, LaFayette Central Superintendent of Schools, Sidney Hill, Tadi-dahah of the Haudensaunee, Rob de Vos, Consul General of the Netherlands to New York, Marion de Vos, and Betty Lyons.

Calendar Updates:

- October 6: Afterschool Program Begins. Information has been sent home for parents/guardians to fill out.
- October 6: ONS Open House (rescheduled from Sept. 22)
- October 9: No School, Superintendent's Day
- October 23: Picture Retake Day
- October 29 and 30: Early Dismissal at 11:30am for Parent Teacher Conferences. Teachers will be contacting parents/guardians to schedule a time and day to meet.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

It is wonderful to have the hallways full again!

September was a very exciting first month of school! The children were so excited to be back with their friends and teachers.

We hope that you had an opportunity to experience our new traffic pattern in the morning for drop-off as well as pick-up, along with entering the building. We are entering Grimshaw through the new entrance off of the cafeteria side parking lot. Please remember that the loop is strictly a drop-off zone only, and if you need to pick up your child, please park and enter the building through the main entrance. Along with the entrance change, you will also notice changes in the cafeteria and the nurse's office, that we are excited to share with everyone.

With the start of a new school year comes the need for updated information. Please note that Grimshaw has sent forms home that contain required information, and we will need all items verified and sent back to the Grimshaw Main Office, as soon as possible.

Grimshaw continues to follow the NO TREAT BIRTHDAYS. There are many students that have or have a sibling with food allergies. So, to minimize the exposure to the allergens, we have requested that birthdays be celebrated with a pencil, bookmark, etc. Along with the birthday celebrations, we are limiting the holiday celebrations to fruits/vegetables and other approved snacks. If you have questions about the snacks, you can look at *Snacksafely.com* to find out what are safe treats for the holiday parties. Thank you for your continued support with our new snack program, it is truly appreciated.

A few dates to remember this month: 10/9 there is No School for the students; 10/29 and 10/30 are half days for parent-teacher conferences. Your child's teachers will setup a time to meet with you. Also, on 10/30, we will have our annual Halloween Parade up to M&T Bank and back, weather permitting.

Jennifer Blossey, Grimshaw Principal

P.E. Corner

We welcome you back from what we hope was a fun and physically active summer! I would like to personally welcome Mrs. Cheryl Polinski to our PE staff! She will be here on alternating mornings and afternoons this year. Mrs. Polinski has been teaching in the BOCES system and is originally from Boise, Idaho. Here are some tidbits from our Grimshaw PE department. The year has started very well. The intermediate level has begun their units on Flag Football and soccer. The primary levels have started their units on body and spatial awareness.

Be aware that the gym will be unavailable from approximately September 18th to Columbus Day weekend. The completion of the installation of our new windows and floor restoration will be taking place during this time. On good weather days we will continue our units outside. Please check the weather and have your child dressed appropriately for the conditions. On poor weather days we will conduct activities indoors as space is available. Thank you for your patience.

Please make sure that your child has sneakers for PE class. They will not be allowed to play without them. We meet every other day. Also, please make sure that your 5th and 6th grade students have shorts with no zippers, a non-offensive T-shirt, and sneakers that are stored in their gym lockers each day. It is also suggested to not wear baggy clothes, dresses and jewelry on PE days due to safety concerns. It may be appropriate to also have a sweatshirt and sweatpants available until the gym is completed so that we can go out as the temperature cools.

This is our year to hold our Jump Rope for Heart Event in May!! Please start thinking about lining up sponsors to help make this event our most successful ever!! We have raised over \$50,000 in 20 years for a great cause.

Please continue to bring in your Capri Sun pouches to the cafeteria to help purchase additional PE equipment. Lastly, we are still in need of various exercise equipment such as walking treadmills, steppers, mini jogging tramps, and rowers.

Thank you for your continued support! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us or leave a voicemail.

Yours in fitness,

Mr LaRose and Mrs Polinski

Tuesday, November 17 at Grimshaw Elementary

Fall Family Literacy Night

Bring the Whole Family for Food and Fun!

Sign up by emailing: jmcdonald@lafayetteschools.org by November 2nd.

Let us know number attending, and ages of children.

Free • All Ages • Fun

All LaFayette and Onondaga Nation families are Welcome!

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Health Office News

Dear Parents, If your child is diagnosed with a specific contagious disease such as strep throat please let me know so I can notify other parents if necessary. We have not yet had any cases of "Influenza-Like-Illness" which is defined as a fever >100 accompanied by a cough and sore throat. I encourage you all to get those flu shots! It is also very important to keep any child with a fever home until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication and feel well enough to return to school.

Many children are suffering with allergies/asthma this time of year. If your child needs an inhaler please be sure we have one available in school. If your child has a severe allergy requiring an EpiPen for emergency use please be sure to bring it in with a new order, if you haven't already done so. Remember all meds must be renewed each year. They don't hold over from year to year. All meds require a physician's order. This includes over-the-counter as well as prescription meds.

All students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade as well as those new to the district should have a physical on file or have notified me of the date it's scheduled to be done. Be sure to send in a copy when it's completed. Thanks to all of you who have already sent in this information.

6th grade students who are 11 yrs. old need to have a Tdap vaccine to enter 6th grade. This is an ongoing requirement so 5th grade parents need to keep this in mind for next year too. If your child turns 11 after school starts they must get their Tdap as soon as possible after their birthday. 6th

grade and Kindergarten students will also need 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) this year or physician statement of disease. There have been several changes in immunization requirements this year affecting elementary level students. In some cases the number of doses required has increased or the spacing intervals of the doses has changed. You may want to review your child's records with your healthcare provider to be sure they're meeting the current NY State requirements. I'll notify you as well if I find any discrepancy in your child's record. Please review the information attached in this newsletter titled "Summary of Key Facts Regarding the Revised NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for the School Year 2015-16" and the most recent chart for the 2015-2016 school year for more detailed information. Please call me with any questions you may have. This information is also available on our website.

Please be sure your child has sneakers to wear on the playground as this prevents many accidents caused by flip-flops/sandals. If your child is in the primary grades please send in extra play clothes with them in case they need to change for any reason.

Please keep updating emergency information throughout the year as it is important we are able to reach you quickly in an emergency. If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to call me.

*Sincerely, Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
(direct line) 677-5501 • (fax) 677-3154
pbush@lafayetteschools.org*

NYSSHSC Summary of Key Facts Regarding the Revised New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Immunization Requirements for the 2015-2016 School Year

General Information

- The new immunization Requirements for School Entrance go into effect September 1, 2015.

Note: July 1st is the beginning of the school year, but these requirements will take effect 9/1/2015.

- 2015-2016 Requirements are located on the A-Z Index, under "I" for Immunizations. Click here.
- District administrators were notified of these Immunization Regulations Revisions on 6/19/2015.
- Private providers will be informed of the changes by the NYSDOH.
- NYSDOH continues to follow the ACIP (Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices). ACIP (part of the CDC) is composed of medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the US.

- Intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP recommended immunization schedule for students in pre-k through grade 7. Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grades 8 through 12.

- Students in grades 8 through 12 in the 2015-16 school year will be deemed in compliance through graduation if they met the immunization requirements of regulations in effect prior to June 30, 2014.

The 2013-2014 Requirement Chart is on the "I" page of the A-Z Index for your use

- The New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) and Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) and some electronic health records

automatically compare entered vaccines against what has been programmed as required for a given age, grade, timing of administration or number of vaccines in a series.

- Records acceptable without a signature now include: NYSIIS or CIR record, Official registry record from another state, electronic health record, official record from a foreign nation, official school health record (paper or electronic) transferred directly from another school which includes the name of immunization, date given and name of the health practitioner who administered the immunizing agents as required in Immunization Law 66.1.6

- Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually, identify the immunization exempted, the medical contraindication for the exemption, and the length of time immunization is contraindicated.

Vaccine Specific Info

Varicella

- Students in grades K, 1, 6 and 7 must have 2 varicella vaccines

Polio

- Intervals between doses of polio vaccine only need to be reviewed for grades K, 1, 6 and 7.

- Students in grades K and 1 must have a dose of both Polio and DTaP at 4 years of age or older. They may no longer wait until the end of the age range (4-6 years) to get the booster dose of Polio and DTaP.

- Serologic Evidence Is now acceptable for Polio (must include all three serotypes), as well as MMR, Hep B and Varicella.

MMR

- Students must have 2 doses of MMR (2Measles/2Mumps/1Rubella) to enter kindergarten and for all grades K through 12. They may no longer wait until the age of 7.

◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆

LaFayette Varsity Tennis would like to announce that the 2016 spring season is our 30th year! The 2016 Team is attempting to organize a year long celebration culminating with a late spring sports reunion/picnic.

Booster Club News – First and foremost we really need to hear from our former players. If you know someone who played or was a member of the team (even for a single season), please contact Mr. Joseph Fox at jfox@lafayetteschools.org. We are trying to create a contact list to help us reconnect.

Furthermore, throughout the coming months we will be writing short pieces for the *Green Sheet* to help retell our story and the important role it has played as a part of the LaFayette athletic family.

The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club Varsity Dinner was held on Wednesday, June 10th at Orchard Vali Golf Course. Coaches and Players from every team joined together to celebrate their seasons. Several individuals were recognized:

Coach Of The Year – Karl Seemann, Football Coach. This award is given to a varsity coach who represents the spirit of LaFayette by motivating athletes to reach their full potential on and off the field. The recipient of this award knows that success is measured not only by a team's record, but by individual and collective growth

Mark Lasky "Extra Mile" Award – Kim Agedal. This award commemorates Mark Lasky, the coach who was responsible for reinstating football in our district and truly exemplified "going the extra mile" to improve the experiences of students participating in organized sports. The recipient may be a coach, teacher, community member, or any other person who has embodied Coach Lasky's selfless commitment to LaFayette athletics

Fan of the Year – Jen Jackowski. Teams appreciate the loyal fans that come out to cheer them on, whether they are students, teachers, administrators, community members or relatives. This award is intended to acknowledge a visibly dedicated and enthusiastic Lancer fan that has demonstrated a positive spirit and encouraged our student athletes.

Jim Munnell Award – Ryan Agedal. This award is presented in memory of Jim Munnell, who is remembered for his dedicated service to the Booster Club and the LaFayette community. The recipient is a high school student who embraces the spirit of volunteerism that was embodied by Jim.

Shannon E. Thomas Award – Kaylee Skeval. This award is given by the Thomas Family in loving memory of Shannon Thomas, Lianne West and Jessica Flegal who lost their lives in a car accident in 2002. Each recipient of this award must be attending college and have shown their school spirit, enthusiasm and respect for the sport in which they played.

Gordon Ohstrom Athletic Scholarship – Cassidy Doster and Chase LaCava. One female and one male athlete are selected from applications received from members of the senior class. Criteria include the number of seasons played as a varsity athlete, as well as any awards and recognitions received.

LaFayette Athletic Booster Club Scholarship – Maggie Coulter and Carl Dickhut. One female and one male athlete are selected from applications received from members of the senior class. Criteria include the number of seasons played as a varsity athlete, as well as any awards and recognitions received, and the amount of time spent volunteering at the Booster Club Events.

Mary Jo Kelly Scholarship – Cassidy Doster and Chase LaCava. One senior female and one senior male who plays two sports and who does not necessarily get recognized for their hard work and willingness to give back to others will be awarded this scholarship in memory of Mary Jo Kelly a 1974 graduate of LaFayette High School and a life-long Lancer.

Legendary Lancer – Ocasio Hazeltine. A special award was given to a special child within our community. He continuously displays courage, dedication to school and sports, bravery and heroism in which all Lancers should constantly demonstrate!

****Look for future information from the Booster Club including our wreath sale in November, Apparel Sale at the Holiday Extravaganza and of course the LaFayette Apple Festival Volunteer Signup Sheets through coaches or Booster Club Members.*

No Games are scheduled through Columbus Day weekend therefore EVERYONE can help!

*A reminder to parents, students, and Lancer fans.... all athletic contests are listed on the athletic page of the school website, giving game and bus times, these are updated as changes occur.****

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015
LANCER PRIDE FOREVER!**



LaFayette Public Library News

Imagination Lab events for October. Registration is not required, but is appreciated, so we know how many to prepare for:

<i>October 7</i>	<i>Lava Lamps</i>
<i>October 14</i>	<i>Pumpkin and Monster Jars</i>
<i>October 21</i>	<i>Fun and Slime</i>
<i>October 28</i>	<i>Pumpkin Decorating</i>

Starting in October, we will be doing some programming in coordination with the LaFayette Big Picture school which will include computer program, 3D printing, Lego Mindstorms and much more.

We have an ongoing teen book club that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays. For further information, please call the library at 677-3782 and ask for Jackie.

A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

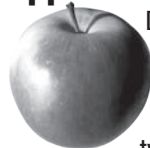
As always, we are constantly updating our collection, whether it is print, audio, or video. Come on in and "check out" the collection (pun intended).

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 time hours:
Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30
Thursday 6:30 – 7:30

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Apple Festival time!



Did you sign up to work the LCC Pizza Booth yet? If not, please call now. If your child participates in our programs, we ask that you give back two hours of your time. Even if you work another booth, add us in too. Call 677-7272 by Oct 6th and leave name, phone, mailing address and available time/day. Thank you in advance.

Soccer Fall

Soccer is underway. Grades 3-6 play games in Tully on Saturdays.

Volleyball and Basketball

Coaches are asked to contact us now to begin planning the upcoming seasons.

Ski Program

We will ski Song Mountain...stay tuned for details.

Mens Basketball

Begins Monday, October 19th at Grimshaw gym, 7-9pm on Mondays through April. No basketball if building is closed. We still need a new head person for this program, contact us for info and to volunteer.

Community Council

Contact Information:

677-7272 • LCC, PO Box 98,

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*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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October

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of October, 2015. Particular dates to note are:

Thursday, October 1	Jr/Sr HS Open House
Friday, October 2	Homecoming Dance, 7-10pm
Monday, October 5	GAPS Meeting, 6:30pm
Tuesday, October 6	ONS Open House
Thursday, October 8	BOE Meeting - Jr/Sr High School Library
Friday, October 9	NO SCHOOL - All Buildings - Staff Development Day
Monday, October 12	NO SCHOOL - GS, Jr/Sr HS, BP
Monday, October 19	Grimshaw School Picture Day
Tuesday, October 20	Grimshaw School Picture Day
Thursday, October 22	BOE Meeting - Jr/Sr High School Library
Friday, October 23	ONS Picture Retake Day
Friday, October 23	7 & 8 Grade Halloween Dance
Monday, October 26	Jr/Sr HS Parent Group Mtg. 6pm
Thursday October 29	EARLY DISMISSAL - Grimshaw and ONS, (For Parent Conferences)
Friday October 30	EARLY DISMISSAL - Grimshaw and ONS, (For Parent Conferences)
Friday October 30	Grimshaw Halloween Parade