

American Indian Science and Engineering Society

In March, the Jr./Sr. High AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) Chapter attended the Region 6 conference at the University at Buffalo along with 9 other school districts. While there, students participated in hands-on workshops in various STEM fields, met with Indigenous students and professionals in STEM. Students learned about robotics, health sciences, land-based learning, language revitalization, engineering and more. NASA, a co-sponsor of the event, also provided our students with an activity whereby they explored the forces of flight on a straw/paper airplane to examine Newton's Third Law of Motion. In the evening, we attended a Buffalo Bandits lacrosse game in which Buffalo won in OT!



All who attended came away having learned something new and exciting about STEM. Students who attended are Brandy Gibson, Brett Bucktooth, Jr., Sophia Hill, Haydin Lyons, Carson Dockstader, and Bryce Stout.



Legend of Learning

Congratulations to **Ms. Charmaine Booth**, who was selected as the March 2023 Legend of Learning! Ms. Booth is the main office secretary at the Onondaga Nation School.

Individuals who nominated Charmaine shared the following: "Charmaine is connected to the Onondaga Nation Community in so many ways. Her top priority is to keep the building running smoothly, communicating with parents and supporting all of the students and staff. She is always willing to lend a helping hand, support and listen to students and staff, as well as ensure everyone is safe."

"Charmaine cares about our kids, staff, and community at the Onondaga Nation School. Charm stays late every single day to make sure that our students make it home safely. Charm knows all of our students, families, and puts a smile on the faces of those who stop in the office or have the chance to talk to her on the phone. Charm, thank you for ALL that you do for our school!"

Charmaine - Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!



Grimshaw Band



Our fourth graders have been working hard on making great sounds on their new instruments. Their favorite songs to play are *Jaws* and *Hot Cross Buns*. They are super excited to make their concert debut on May 24, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Jr/Sr High School auditorium.

◆ LaFayette District News ◆



Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Jeremy Belfield,
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Dear Families and Staff Members:

The month of March is ending, and signs of spring are all around us. Congratulations to our performers, pit band, stage/lights/sound crew, and directors that put on a wonderful performance for our Jr/Sr High School musical. The musical was a great way to kick off Music in our Schools month. Our music educators also helped celebrate the power of music with “Name that Tune” and other fun activities. We are grateful for a wonderful month celebrating music and we are looking forward to many great concerts in the coming months to showcase our talented students.

As the month of April approaches, we look forward to cheering on our spring student athletes. Be sure to check out our updated sports schedules under the athletics section of our website. I am proud of how our fans keep the focus on supporting our athletes and exemplifying good sportsmanship from the stands.

Our board of education has finalized the proposed 2023-2024 school district budget which will be considered by the voters on Tuesday May 16, 2023. Voting will take place at the LaFayette Jr/Sr High School main entrance from 1-9PM. Our proposed budget continues to provide all of the great opportunities for students that we currently have (e.g. small class sizes, college credit opportunities, funding for the arts and athletics). As part of our ongoing commitment to addressing the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students, we plan to add a school social worker at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School. We are also planning to increase instrumental music at Grimshaw Elementary an additional day per week, which will allow for smaller band lesson groups and encourage more students to take advantage of opportunities in the performing arts. We are proud to offer these additional enhancements while still maintaining one of the lowest school property tax rates in Onondaga County. Be sure to check out the school budget section of our website and feel free to reach out with any questions regarding our proposed school district budget.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff, and school community. We have a great community thanks to the joint efforts by everyone.

BIG PICTURE LEARNING OPEN HOUSE

PARENTS AND STUDENTS
ARE INVITED

VISIT WITH LAFAYETTE
BIG PICTURE STAFF

LEARN ABOUT US

**BIG PICTURE
SENIORS WILL BE
SHOWCASING
THEIR SENIOR
THESIS PROJECTS**

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 24
6-7:30 pm**

You will have an opportunity to tour the school, ask questions about Big Picture Learning, learn about internship opportunities, learn about individual project work, and understand how we meet graduation requirements.

Nominate a Legend of Learning

You can help recognize LaFayette staff members who: **Help to advance the mission and vision of the district; Go above and beyond; Demonstrate that they put our students first; Support student learning; Treat students and others with dignity, respect, and compassion; and Embrace creativity and innovation.**

Nominate a staff member today through an online survey which is available on our website.

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From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Simone Gonyea

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Welcome Geñwi•dėñhjik (Springtime!)

We have had an eventful March at the Onondaga Nation School!

Students in Grades Pre-K through 1st Grade traveled to the **Rosamond Gifford Zoo** on Friday March 17th. The day was a bit rainy but that did not hamper the fun and excitement of seeing the Elephant twins Yaad and Tukada, penguins, red pandas and other zoo animal favorites.

ONS also welcomed a visit from the **OCM BOCES Planetarium** on Wednesday and Thursday March 22nd and 23rd! The gym was magically transformed into the nighttime sky. Mr. Clancy, our instructor for the planetarium, provided a unique glimpse into the cosmos.

Snow Snake competition occurred on Thursday March 16th! With the help of a very large snowfall Monday to Tuesday (snow day!) The ONS Snow Snake 2023 competition was completed! The winners were: **PreK-Josvin Sales, Knd- Tucker Chawgo, 1st - Hudson Honyoust, 2nd- Roman Ferguson, 3rd- Sylvester McEldowney, 4th- Henrick Gabriel, 5th- Ivan Abrams, 6th- Tanner Boyd, 7th- Dominick Stafford, and 8th- Raun Gabriel.**

Students in grades 2nd through 8th grade traveled to the **Everson Museum** for a special viewing of the Haudenosaunee Canoe Journey filmed and directed by Roxann Whirbean starring Hickory Edwards and Ellie Rose Edwards. In addition to a question and answer session with the director and actors we toured the Everson in small groups. Special thanks to Natasha Smoke for coordinating and supporting this experience with the Everson Museum!

Celebrating our first **Family Night** in over 2 years, ONS held a fun filled evening of information, food, singing and dancing. On Wednesday night families gathered for a 5:30pm Chipotle dinner along with informational tables sponsored by ACCESS, University of Rochester, ONS Mental Health team, Native American Community Services (NACS) Workforce Development Program, and Onondaga County Bett's Library.

We also had school sponsored tables provided by 4th grade -Mrs. Gerbsch, Art Table- Mrs. Mercurio, Math table- Ms. Waterman, Reading table - Mrs. Reyburn, 5th grade - Mr. and Mrs. Powless, Yearbook - Mr. and Mrs. Seitz, as well as an end of the year school trip -Mrs. McElhannon.

The evening concluded with a smoke dance exhibition with singing and dancing!! It was a beautiful evening of connection, laughter and fast feet!



Did You Know?

An estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses everyday.

THE LAW SAYS: It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing.

Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.

You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.

You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.

The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.

Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life.

◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

High Honor Roll

Fourth Marking Period

Honor Roll

Congratulations

Grade 7

Marissa Bridgette
Kennedy Harmatuk
Leah Heath
Presley Homer
Coen Kinsella
David Kostiv
Jackson Loughlin
Graham Olin
Jerod Olrich
Gianna Papworth
Lillian Peios
Hailey Schrader
Taheton Sullivan
Mary Wellman

Grade 8

Jeremy Aldrich
Madelynn Amidon
Logan Booher
Chloe Chapman
Olivia Coppola
Tristan Costello
Josephine Davidson
Claire Fischer
Grant Gates
Amanda Johnson
Delilah Johnson
Caden McClary
Cross Newman
Camille Reynolds

Grade 9

Darren Benjamin
Hudson Borchert
Amelia Evans
Katherine Fischer
Gisele Greco
Leah Haas
Logan Hazeltine
Landon Kendall
Sophie Olrich
Maximus Race
Caitlin Somerlot
Thomas Somerlot
Sye Stanton

Grade 10

Jason Borte
Asha Christiana
Carlee Clemens
Caroline Davidson
Spencer Dix
Shayla Elm
Kaitlyn Fabend
Isabella Friedman
Alexis Jennings
Isabella Kremers
Ryan Ortlieb
Kiera Reed
Kayla Tillinghast
Paul Wells
Claire Zehner

Grade 11

Madison Baker
Brooke Branch
Jesse Breed
Zoey Christoffel
Digby Collingbourne
Emmett Dix
Austin Fellows
Payton Kremers
Mackenzie Loughlin
Aidan Mott
Aiden Newkirk
Daniel Porter
Benjamin Ryan
Amalie Shute
Madison Simmons
Eva Stivers
Sophia Townsend

Grade 12

Justine Borte
Ariel Clarke
Christian DeJoseph
Evan Farewell
Evan FitzPatrick
Andrew Kostiv
Emily McClary
Adison McConnell
Jordyn Sawkins

Grade 7

Braylon Amidon
Rylee Anderson
Schuyler Bice
Rachel Ganoë
James Herron, Jr.
Ayson Ryan
Levi Seemann
Madison Shute
Alanna Stanton
Logan Stark-Brown
Taylor Thorpe

Grade 8

Kaci Armstrong
Tyler Armstrong
Ashtin Carrier
Mia Cooke
Jeremiah Griffin
Garrett Keefe
Devon Munnell
Ileigh Ossevoort
Brooke Rugari
Caleb Seemann
Cambria Stanton
Jack Taylor
Teagan Vossler

Grade 9

Devin Brennan
Ian Colburn
Lynn Jones
Peyton Lazore-Crouse
Owen Moltion
Denny Pitre
Laila Shenandoah
Caitlin Somerlot
Thomas Somerlot

Grade 10

Lily Amidon
Rylee Casler
Kal[^]:na Dockstader
Owen Simmons
Gavin Slishevsky

Grade 11

Samuel Denuë
Harlie Deordio-Malone
Davin George
Tysen Johnson
Kesington Keane
Aiden Keefe
Ellie McElhannon
Aiden Moltion
Kayleigh Olrich
Benjamin Seemann
Madison Simmons

Grade 12

Gabriel Bauer
Brett Bucktooth, Jr.
Isabel Fontaine
Rachel Ganoë
Charlie Jones
Isabella Papworth
Kaia Shenandoah
Isabella Shenandoah-Kurtz



Mathletes Compete in Competition



separately at our own schools. For the final meet, each school brings their top 5 scoring 7th/8th grade students from the previous meets to compete live. Each student answers five timed math questions independently. Each student that answers correctly earns our team a point. Pictured are the students that represented LaFayette this year. (From left to right) Cross Newman, Jason Stevenson, Ashtin Carrier, and Logan Booher. Not pictured is Tate Sullivan.

Please congratulate these amazing Mathletes! Although we did not place, everyone scored points.

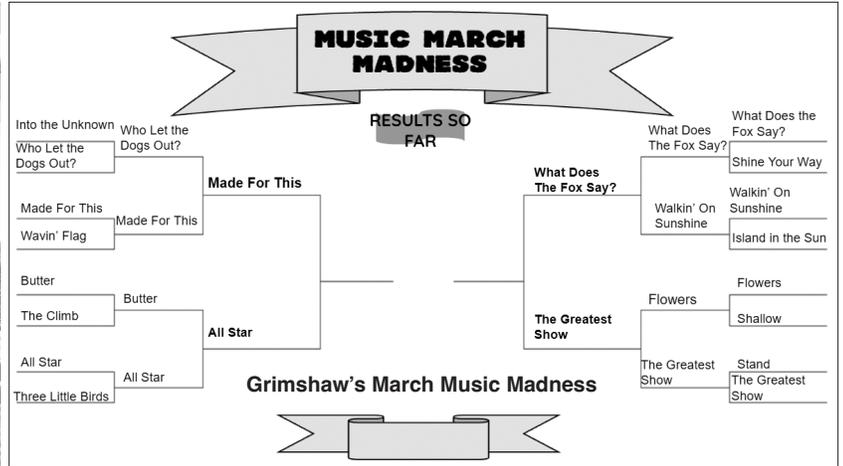
On March 7th, 2023 the Junior High Math League participated in a competition at Camillus Middle School. This event consists of 16 school districts across Onondaga county. We compete 5 times a year, where the first four meets are held

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Music in Our Schools Month

We are very proud of our music program at Grimshaw!

Grimshaw Band: We have 90 students in Mrs. Pethybridge's fourth, fifth, and sixth grade band this year. See our fourth graders on the cover. Fifth and sixth grade band members are looking forward to performing on May 24th. Their two favorite songs are *Waltz for Band and Water Glasses* and *Shut Up and Dance*.



Grimshaw Chorus & Music Class: Mrs. Snyder has approximately 45 students participating in our fifth and sixth grade chorus. During rehearsals, they have been preparing for their upcoming concert in May

In music class, all of our students play instruments, sing and dance daily. When students get to third and fourth grade, they learn how to play the recorder. Our fifth and sixth graders learn the ukulele and keyboards.

Grimshaw's March Music Madness: At the end of March, we will have completed Grimshaw's March Music Madness, a tournament style song competition, to celebrate Music in Our School Month. The songs for the tournament were suggested by Grimshaw staff members. Each day, classrooms listened to two songs and voted on which song they like better. The winning song for the day moved on to the next round. 2021 Winner: Ms. Kenney with "Brave" by Sara Bareilles. 2022 Winner: Mrs. Szrama with "Champion" by Carrie Underwood

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day Parade: All LCC participants are invited to march with LCC in the Memorial Day Parade, **Monday, May 29th**, 9:00 a.m. Meet at LaFayette Alliance Church, 6069 Us Route 20, at 8:15 a.m.

Community Day: Saturday, June 3 at Stafford Park, LCC will be providing popcorn and conducting activities, including the Annual Duck Race. Stop by our table and GET YOUR DUCK!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Baseball/Softball/Tee-Ball: Boys/girls in grades K-6. Practices held at the coach's availability, beginning early April / as weather permits. Games for Rookies, Softball and Baseball will run May 1st - June 10th. Softball games (Gr 3-6) typically held on Mon & Wed. Baseball games (Gr 3-6) typically held on Tues & Thurs. Rookies games (Co-ed, Gr 1-2) typically held on Wed & Frid. Tee - Ball schedule TBD based on coaches availability. **We ARE looking for coaches!**

Lacrosse: Boys and girls K-6. Program planning will be determined based on entry numbers and registering teams with the Upstate Lacrosse Association. Younger grade levels will practice at the conclusion of the baseball / softball / tee-ball season. Teams registered into ULA will begin practices in May; games start in June and run through the end of July.

Swim Lessons (boys and girls all ages): The Town of Tully will be hosting swim lessons for the Town of LaFayette youth residents this summer at Green Lake. Further details and registration information will be announced through school messenger, LaFayette Community Council Facebook and on the Town of LaFayette website (Community Council tab).

If you are able to help with the LCC programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC.

THANK YOU!

LCC would like to thank all the coaches, volunteers, staff, families, and organizations/businesses who volunteered their time and efforts in games and at practices for LCC youth 2022-2023 winter sports programs.

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2023 SOUTHERN HILLS STORM YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

FABIUS-POMPEY * LAFAYETTE * TULLY

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT: www.storm1stand10.com

Season begins in August

CHEER FEES:

Grade	Team	Before June 1	June 1 – Nov. 1
K-2 (must turn 5 before 12/1/2023)	Flag Football Cheer	*\$70	*\$85
3-4	C Cheer	*\$70	*\$85
5-6	B Cheer	*\$70	*\$85
7-8 (cannot turn 15 prior to 12/1/2023)	B Cheer	*\$70	*\$85

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR CHEER: JULY 16, 2023

FOOTBALL FEES:

Grade	Team	Before June 1	June 1 – Nov. 1
K-2 (must turn 5 before 12/1/2023)	Flag Football	*\$40	*\$50
3-4	C Football (Tackle)	*\$90	*\$120
5-6 (cannot turn 13 before 12/1/2023)	B Football (Tackle)	*\$90	*\$120

*There will be a \$40 fee added to the registration costs listed above. Registrants are given an opportunity to earn that \$40 back by selling the two raffle tickets given to you (\$20 each). You may sell those two tickets and return the stubs for entry in the drawing, or simply elect to enter yourself into the drawing.

The \$40 fee for your raffle tickets is NOT included in prices shown above.

- Grades for registration are as of **FALL 2023**
- Partial payments option available
- For scholarships and all other questions, please call: 315-575-0728

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***Senior Night
for Ladies*

The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club Presents..

A BACKYARD BATTLE

When: Thursday, May 11, 2023

Where: LaFayette High School Lax Field

Who: Lady Southern Hills (LaF, OCS, FP, Tully) vs Mexico 4:30PM

Boys Lancers vs. Tully Black Knights 7:00 pm (under lights)

Why: *AN ALUMNI NEEDS OUR HELP!*



Joe Evans (Class of 1985), retired Syracuse Police Officer, pictured with his wife Diana, a retired NYS Court Officer along with his daughters Maria DeJesus, Marissa (Class of 2020), who attends SUNY Oneonta and Amanda (Class of 2022), who attends SUNY Brockport.

On October 23, 2022, Joe fell 15 feet off a roof in Canada, crushing several vertebrae and significantly damaging his spinal cord. He had emergency back surgery and had a plate attached to the back of his skull and installed two rods fusing 14 vertebrae from his skull to the middle of his back. He spent the next 8 weeks recovering in the hospital. Joe is home now but continues to be paralyzed from his chest down. We are hoping that

donations from these games will help pay for the modifications to Joe's home, rehabilitation, and adaptive equipment costs for Joe's continued recovery. Prior to his accident, Joe was active in outdoor sports such as lacrosse, golf, hunting and fishing and we are confident that with today's technology, he can continue many of those activities.

Joe's goal is to be as independent as possible, and hopefully continue to yell and cheer on the LaFayette Lacrosse programs as he has his whole life.



We are asking for a \$5.00 per adult & \$3.00 per student donation at the top entrances to the field



CHUCK A DUCK AT HALFTIME OF BOYS GAME

\$10 FOR 10 DUCKS



ONCE A LANCER ---- ALWAYS A LANCER

LaFayette CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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LaFayette, NY 13084

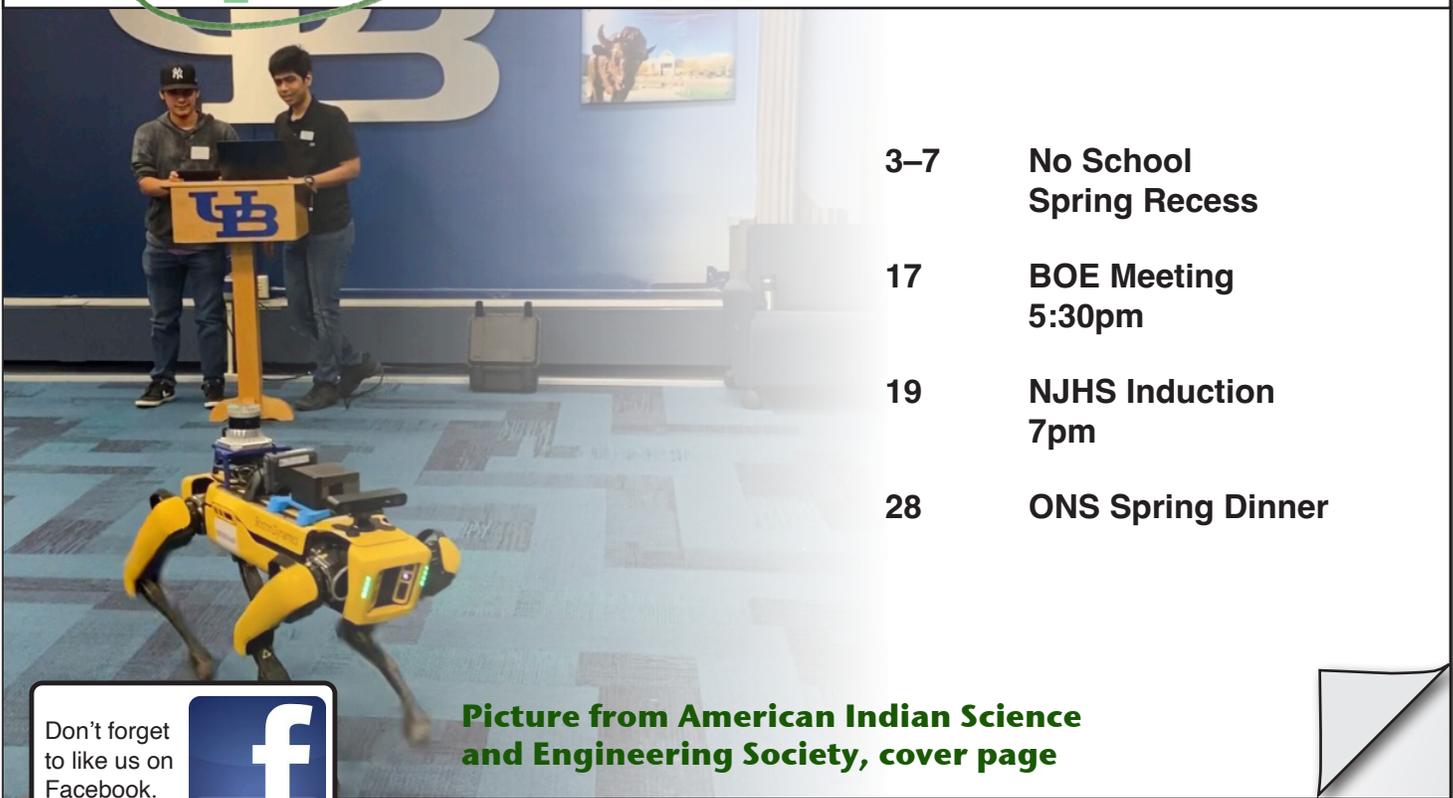
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April IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



- 3-7 No School
Spring Recess
- 17 BOE Meeting
5:30pm
- 19 NJHS Induction
7pm
- 28 ONS Spring Dinner

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Facebook.



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