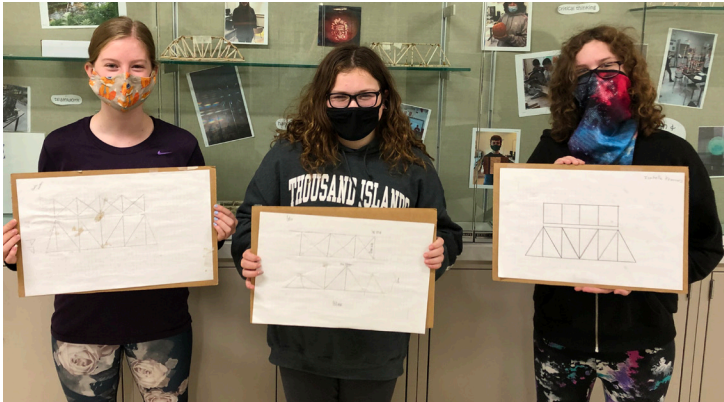


**Capital Project  
REFERENDUM**

**Dec. 10, 2020 • 1pm-9pm**

**LAFAYETTE  
Jr./Sr. High School**

## Science Club Competition



In November the LaFayette Science Club was represented by three teams at the annual "Central New York Build 'em and Bust 'em" bridge competition, hosted by the MOST. Students used engineering design principles to create ideas for bridges. Once they decided on a design, students used balsa wood, glue, and a ton of patience to construct their bridges. Bridges were delivered to the MOST where they were tested to the point of failure.

The bridges were scored based on efficiency, which is determined by how much force it takes to break the bridge divided by how much the bridge weighs. This year the MOST tested bridges through a live stream.

In the middle school division Lucas Aldrich & Caroline Davidson placed 8th, Harlie Walker placed 5th, and Isabella Kremers placed 1st! Congratulations to all of the students for their dedicated and creative work!

## Art Students of the Month

The Art Department would like to recognize and congratulate the following art students for their hard work ethic and dedication in art class: *Jennifer Post, Elliana Saba, Savanna Williams, McKenzie Powless, Lexi Jennings, Shayla Elm, Amber Cooper, Lynn Jones, Beauden McElhannon, Carlee Lewis, Amelia Shenandoah, Keely Jocko, Justine Borte, Ellie McElhannon, Kayleigh Olrich.*



Savanna Williams



Keely Jocko



Ellie McElhannon



Jennifer Post

## Legend of Learning



John Russell has faithfully served LaFayette CSD for over 25 years. John has been dedicated and loyal, adjusting work hours and being available when needed to plow parking lots, make building repairs or address concerns. John always found a way to be in the right place, at the right time. A few years ago, John happened to

be walking in the transportation parking lot at the same time that a parked bus began rolling towards the fuel island. John was able to stop the bus before it rolled into the fuel pumps and avoided what could have been a terrible accident.

Please congratulate Mr. John Russell as the Legend of Learning for October, as he will be retiring in November. We thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

**Nominate a staff member today through an online survey which is available on our website. 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
- ◆ Embrace creativity and innovation

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## Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

**Jeremy Belfield**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

### **Dear LaFayette School Community:**

2020! What a year! As a school community, we not only survived, but adapted, changed, and grew together. Throughout the past year, we have ventured into a world of digital learning and welcomed a new level of parent and family engagement that has served to enhance our connections and increased our ability to work together. When schools switched from in-person to digital learning in March, families welcomed our staff members (digitally) into their homes while we continued learning together. LaFayette students, families, and educators have faced many challenges in the past year and I am incredibly proud and grateful that it has made us grow closer as a school community.

As we approach the month of December, please be sure to weigh in on our capital improvement referendum on Thursday December 10, 2020 from 1:00-9:00 PM in the Jr/Sr High School Main Lobby. Voting will take place in person; however, eligible voters can also contact Paula Hibbert, District Clerk, to request an absentee ballot by calling the district office at 315-677-9728 or emailing [phibbert@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:phibbert@lafayetteschools.org). This \$8.6 million capital project will address all of the high priority infrastructure items on our last building condition survey, provide enhancements to STEM programming spaces, renovate the Grimshaw Library Media Center, create an Academic Hall of Fame in the HS Auditorium Lobby, enhance indoor air quality and filtration, and add air conditioning in second floor classrooms and certain common areas at Grimshaw, the High School, and Big Picture. This project is projected to have no local impact to school taxes using available building aid and capital reserve funds.

We will continue to lobby New York State to make necessary improvements at the Onondaga Nation School, which is a state-owned facility. We were successful with a roof replacement project at ONS this past summer and we will continue to press NYS to make promised improvements to the fire alarm system, exterior doors, camera system, and other building improvements and facility enhancements.

As we head into 2021, we will be reaching out to families to ask for feedback through our annual school climate survey. This year we will be looking for feedback on our reopening efforts. We are asking students, families, and staff to share experiences with digital learning. We plan to use this information to enhance the school experience for our stakeholders and help inform future professional development for staff. Be on the lookout for the digital survey during the months of December and January.

Thank you to our Jr/Sr High and Big Picture students and staff for adjusting rather quickly during our two-day switch to remote learning back in November. Please continue to keep in touch throughout the coming months and be ready to switch gears quickly to remote learning as circumstances change. Please be mindful of public health guidelines by staying home when you are sick, limiting the size of indoor gatherings during the winter months, washing your hands, and wearing a face covering when you are in public. I hope that everyone stays healthy and safe as we head through the winter months.

## YOU ARE VIRTUALLY IRREPLACEABLE

### **MENTOR a student VIRTUAL MENTORING**

In normal times, students at LaFayette Big Picture are out of school at internship sites for two days each week. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, our students have less of an opportunity to be in the community learning from professionals.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

#### **1. MENTOR PRESENTATIONS**

A mentor presents their work and career, the skills and dispositions that help them in their job, their journey, and advice to the students who share similar interest.

#### **2. INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW**

Professionals meet with a student or students seeking information on their career, the industry, and the corporate culture of a potential future workplace.

#### **3. DISTANCE INTERNSHIP**

Mentors meet with students on set dates and times to complete work and develop a project that is beneficial to the site.

#### **4. MENTOR SUPPORTED PROJECT**

Mentor provides industry expertise and guidance for students to develop a project with real work learning connection.

### **USE YOUR POWER.....**

**BE A MENTOR  
CALL THE LAFAYETTE BIG  
PICTURE SCHOOL:  
315-504-1000**

## ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

*From the Desk of the*  
**PRINCIPAL**  
**Simone Gonyea**

### **Nya•wéñha Sgé•noñ'**

ONS distant learning is in full swing!

We are connecting with our students on our digital platform. Our students are learning and growing with tremendous support from our community and families. We greatly appreciate the efforts by our families to help each and every student connect, participate, and complete assignments.

To support our distance learning students ONS has begun a tutoring initiative. In conjunction with the Onondaga Nation Council and the Onondaga Nation School, we welcomed six recent graduates of LaFayette CSD who are currently enrolled in area colleges. The tutors assist students in a scheduled hour long session.

### **Canandaigua Treaty Day**

In November, all students, faculty and staff participated in a Canandaigua treaty day acknowledgement with a school wide focus. On November 11, 1794 the President of the United States having determined to hold a conference with the Six Nations of Indians, for the purpose of removing from their minds all causes of complaint, and establishing a firm and permanent friendship with them. All ONS students, parents and staff participated in the creation of a flipgrid, sharing wonderful and beautiful pieces of pride and goñnowéñkwa' around Haudenosaunee Culture. In addition ONS had a deep and extensive presentation from Mr. Powless about the Canandaigua Treaty.

### **Spirit Week**

The acknowledgement of the Canandaigua treaty was also the kick off to ONS Spirit week. Every day students, staff, and community members participated in exciting activities which included making corn bread, submitting activities around health and fitness, and celebrating ahdahgwa'óñ•weh (mocassin). At the end of the celebration week a drawing to honor the student and staff participation occurred... and the winners were: Evan Stevens, Riley VanAuken, Hunter McKee, Vayda Cronin and Faculty Winner Daphne Reyburn!

## ◆ Athletic News ◆

### **Congratulations to All the Following LaFayette Athletes**



#### **Channel 9 Athlete of the Week**

Congratulations to senior **Colin Morel**, who was selected as the Byrne Dairy Deli News Channel 9 Athlete of the Week.

Colin led the LaFayette Lancers this year as team captain. He had a great season, finishing with six goals and four assists.

Way to go Colin!



#### **Varsity Girls Soccer Senior Night**

Pictured left to right: Eveyln Ryan, Kendra Doupe, Jessica Lamson, Asyah Lyons, Hanna Pierce, and Rebekah Reyburn



#### **Cross Country Senior Night**

Pictured, left, is Luke Wanlas and his parents.

Pictured below is Kyle Crouse and his family.

(Not pictured)

#### **Varsity Boy Soccer**

**Seniors:** Jack Martorella, Brandon Benjamin, Colin Morel, Colton Keane, and Mason Shute



#### **Varsity Golf Seniors:**

Nelson Jones and Maria Polinsky

## ◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

*From the Desk of the*  
**PRINCIPAL**  
Jason Ryan

We have had an eventful start to the 2020-2021 school year and have much to celebrate. As we look forward to a new calendar year, let's review some of the accomplishments we have seen so far this school year...

### National Honor Society Induction



On November 4th, the National Honor Society inducted ten new members. Congratulations to the following students pictured left to right, Julia Zehner, Sarah Wells, Jenn Reese, Carolyn Redmore, Andrew Porter, Benjamin Haskins, Aidan Griffin, Tyler Fabend, Jonathan Dix, and Gabrielle Danyew. Thank you to Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Bang, and Mr. Miller for organizing and supporting this event!

### Commitment Signing



On Monday, November 16th, Grace Dow alongside her Mom and Dad signed a commitment letter with Roberts Wesleyan College. Grace will be playing basketball for the Redhawks next year.

Congratulations to Grace!

### Native American Club

The Native American Liaison, Shawna Booth and the My Brother's Keeper Site Coordinator Meagan Smith have



brought back the Native American Club to the Jr. Sr. High. The club is open to all students and they meet bi-weekly. They kicked off their first meeting with a great break-

fast. They have since organized a celebration/awareness week in honor of Native American Month.



### Fall Photography Winners

Congratulations to the Fall Photography Contest winners:

- 1) Amber Cooper,
- 2) Mya Gray and 3) Amie Shute.

### 7th Grade Orientation

Our 7th graders participated in orientation on their first day at the Jr. High. They started in the Auditorium meeting the 7th grade team of teachers and learning about schedules. The 7th grade team planned a full day of events including a school tour, learning how to open lockers, navigating google classroom, participating in social emotional learning activities and team building games.



◆ *Junior/Senior High School News* ◆

**HONOR ROLL ◆ 2020-2021 ◆ FIRST MARKING PERIOD**

**HIGH HONOR ROLL**

**Grade 7**

Darren Benjamin  
 Hudson Borchert  
 Amber Cooper  
 Amelia Evans  
 Katherine Fischer  
 Mya Gray  
 Gisele Greco  
 Leah Haas  
 Kylee Haskins  
 Logan Hazeltine  
 Iley Humphrey  
 Landon Kendall  
 Peyton Lazore-Crouse  
 Oliver Newell  
 Sophie Olrich  
 Paityn Sawkins  
 Caitlin Somerlot  
 Thomas Somerlot  
 Sye Stanton  
 Mya Talbot

**Grade 8**

Lillian Andrews  
 Jason Borte  
 Rayna Casler  
 Asha Christiana  
 Carlee Clemens  
 Caroline Davidson  
 Spencer Dix  
 Kalina Dockstader  
 Isabella Friedman  
 Alexis Jennings  
 Isabella Kremers  
 Kiera Reed  
 Kayla Tillinghast  
 Harlie Walker  
 Paul Wells  
 Gregory Wheeler  
 Claire Zehner

**Grade 9**

Madison Baker  
 Digby Collingbourne  
 Emmett Dix  
 Payton Kremers  
 Mackenzie Loughlin  
 Ellie McElhannon

**Grade 9 (cont.)**

Aidan Mott  
 Aiden Newkirk  
 Kayleigh Olrich  
 Daniel Porter  
 Benjamin Ryan  
 Benjamin Seemann  
 Amalie Shute  
 Madison Simmons  
 Eva Stivers  
 Dean Willson

**Grade 10**

Justine Borte  
 Evan Farewell  
 Andrew Kostiv  
 Emily McClary  
 Isabella Papworth  
 Isabella Shenandoah-Kurtz

**Grade 11**

Grace Caughey  
 Vernon Cooke, Jr.  
 Gabrielle Danyew  
 Jonathan Dix  
 Amanda Evans  
 Tyler Fabend  
 Benjamin Haskins  
 Cianna Papineau  
 John Poplawski, Jr.  
 Carolyn Redmore  
 Jenna Reese  
 Tala Rudd  
 Brianna Thrall  
 Sarah Wells  
 Julia Zehner

**Grade 12**

Lindsay Carroll  
 Kyle Farewell  
 Morgan Jachim  
 Hunter Martorella  
 Maria Polinsky  
 Evelyn Ryan  
 Emma Shute  
 Mason Shute  
 Luke Wanlass

**HONOR ROLL**

**Grade 7**

Devin Brennan  
 Sarah Cain  
 Ian Colburn  
 Beauden McElhannon  
 Owen Moltion  
 Mason Nelson  
 Hampton Papworth  
 Cayden Summerville  
 Walter Weil

**Grade 8**

Lily Amidon  
 Rylee Casler  
 Kenneth Clarke  
 Cash Homer  
 Cole Martorella  
 Ryan Ortlieb  
 Madison Quick  
 Owen Simmons  
 Gavin Slishevsky  
 Savannah Williams

**Grade 9**

Jesse Breed  
 Gabrielle Brown  
 Zoey Christoffel  
 Samuel Denué  
 Davin George  
 Thomas Oakes, Jr.  
 Joshua Pierce  
 Reed Warren

**Grade 10**

Ariel Clarke  
 Erik Cromley  
 Christian DeJoseph  
 Isabel Fontaine  
 Rachel Ganoe  
 Kara Humphrey  
 Adison McConnell

**Grade 11**

Christopher Bergamo  
 Paul Coon III  
 Jessica Hart  
 Scott Heath, Jr.  
 Mark Humphrey  
 Makiyah Lazore  
 Karina Magyar  
 Hannah Moltion  
 Andrew Porter  
 Jennifer Post  
 Toby Tummino  
 Sean Zajac

**Grade 12**

Brandon Benjamin  
 Kylee Breed  
 Kyle Crouse  
 Grace Dow  
 Harlee Farrar  
 Kyle Greczyn  
 Kaitlin Hart  
 Keely Jocko  
 Melanie McUmber  
 Colin Morel  
 Molly Rogers  
 Jorja Shaffer  
 Farrah Spratt  
 Cameron Walsh



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LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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**Announcements**

**Donation:** The LaFayette Community Council Board would like to thank the LaFayette Coed Softball League, which plays games on Friday evenings during the summer and Sundays in the Fall, for its very generous donation to LCC. These funds will help support the many youth and adult programs LCC offers.

**Community Council Board:** All current members of the Board of Directors will be stepping down as of December 31, 2020 and need to be replaced. **Please consider taking on one of these Board positions: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, or Secretary.** Ideally, these positions need to be filled as soon as possible to assure a smooth transition – current board members will be available to direct the new board members through the end of the year. In addition, the recreation clerk will be available to the new Board to assure continuity of programs. If you have any questions about any of these positions, e.g., responsibilities, please contact a board member.

New **members** are needed as well; LCC needs new members so that we can continue our current programs, and your ideas and input so that we can expand the array of programs we offer.

**Updates:** Information about all LCC programs can be found on the Town’s web site under the “Community Council” tab. Information is also posted on LCC’s Facebook page and the Town’s social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook). When possible, notices will also be provided through the LaFayette School District.

**Adult Programs**

Senior exercise, yoga and men’s basketball remain on hold for the time being.

**Youth Programs**

**Fall Sports:** The LCC youth soccer program was conducted in September and October. Due to COVID-19, the program was conducted following state guidelines for sports and recreation activities, and all activities were kept “in-house.” At the end of the season, the boys grades 5&6 and girls grades 5&6 teams played an intra-squad scrimmage.

Grades K-2 and grades 3&4 were coached by Kevin Morel and members of the LaFayette School District’s soccer teams, including: Amy Shute, Colin Morel, Mason Shute, Aidan Abbott, Mark Humphrey, and Jack Martorella.

Grades 5&6 girls were coached by Sabrina Harmatuk and Renee Clemens.

Grades 5&6 boys were coached by Mike White.

**Thank you to the coaches and everyone else that helped with these programs, including Aiden Griffin.**

**Winter Sports:** LCC will parallel the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and delay starting high-risk sports until at least January 4, 2021. NY state considers basketball, wrestling, and volleyball high-risk sports. Whether we will be able to conduct these programs beginning in January will depend on state mandates, as well as the school district policies.

If you are interested and able to help with the basketball, volleyball, or wrestling programs - **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** - please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

**Ski Program:** LCC’s chaperoned ski nights will begin Friday, January 8, 2021. Lessons that are included with respective passes will also begin on this date.

**LCC Contact Information**

Information about Community Council programs can be obtained through the following sources:

24/7 on the Town’s web site: [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) under the “Depts.” tab  
By calling 677-7272. Leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call.  
(Messages are retrieved at least twice a week.)  
E-mail: [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com)

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## LaFayette Public Library News

2577 US-II, Lafayette, NY 13084 • (315) 677-3782

Please go to our website – [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org) or our Facebook page for up to date information about any events, closings, etc.

As of this writing, The LaFayette Public Library continues to be open for limited in house use by appointment.

### RETURNING ITEMS:

Whether or not you plan on coming in the building, please place all returns in the outside book drop. As things come into the library via the book-drop, they will be quarantined before they are checked in. At that time, the check in date will be backdated to when they were put into the book-drop, so it looks they were returned on the drop off date. This way both the staff and the patrons can rest assured that the items that are being handled for check out or put into delivery to other libraries are safe from contamination. All notifications regarding overdues, etc. have been adjusted accordingly.

### \*PICKING UP ITEMS:

We continue to have visits at 15 minutes intervals for patrons to get items, except instead of curbside pickup, you will schedule a time to come into the library to pick up items and browse. This also includes other services like making copies, faxing, etc. For now, we'll do 3 patrons per 15 minutes to better insure social distancing.

\*Please note: to maintain health protocols during the pandemic, **no one will be allowed in the building without face covering.** We also ask that you sanitize your hands upon entering the library, with sanitizer we will provide.

Pick up schedule, 15 minute intervals:

Mon. & Tues	10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Computer use	in house and wireless

You can schedule a time to use a computer for 1 hour intervals. We have six slots/hour for in house computers and 5 slots/hour (places to sit) for inside laptop use (wireless is still available outside the building 24/7). If no one is waiting for either a computer or laptop spot, your time can be extended.

Computer use, one hour intervals:

Mon. & Tues	10:15-5:15 (last slot 5:15-6:15)
Wednesday	10:15-3:15 (last slot 3:15-4:15)
Thursday	12:15-5:15 (last slot 5:15-6:15)
Friday	10:15-3:15 (last slot 3:15-4:15)

### DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AT HOME?

Reminding you that we now circulate 7 Chrome Books with a Verizon hotspot. They go out for 3 weeks. You can place holds, but no renewals. They must be returned to the lending library and need to be checked in at the circulation desk. It must be verified that all parts are returned before the kit can be returned. Come take advantage of this. This is the courtesy of our county legislators (County Legislature Chair Dave Knapp and County Executive Ryan McMahon in particular). Please thank them if you get a chance!

Reminder: the library has **three Empire passes** that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. For the county passes, please call the facility you plan to visit beforehand to make sure they are accepting the passes at this time (for example, right now the zoo is not accepting the passes for financial reasons). The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. These passes are good throughout the year. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using **Amazon Smile** <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library!

**Story Times, Imagination Lab, and Tuesday Tea** are temporarily canceled until further notice. Although in house programs are not possible, we are working developing some virtual and/or take home projects. Stay tuned.

LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called "**Field Goods**," but this program is also on hold for the time being.

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## All Students Eat Free

Why worry about packing a lunch or struggling to feed your student breakfast in the morning? Let LaFayette Food Service take care of it for free!

For the duration of the school year all students, in-person and remote, are able to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of household income.

More information can be found on the food service page located on the District website, click the plate setting icon in the top right corner.

This opportunity provides much needed federal dollars to the Food Service program. We only receive those federal dollars if students are coming down to eat!

We also deliver, at no cost of course!

