

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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
- Embrace creativity and innovation

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



Junior/Senior High School News

December was a busy month in the Jr./Sr. High School. We saw the start of our winter sports along with our intramural basketball program. We honored the girls soccer team and both cross country teams for receiving the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award. This award recognizes teams that achieve academic excellence while actively participating in varsity level interscholastic athletics.



Our Senior class visited Onondaga Community College. As part of our partnership with the college, all qualifying seniors will have the opportunity to attend OCC at no charge. This opportunity is provided through the OCC Advantage program and we are excited to have our first year of eligible seniors to take advantage of this great opportunity.

The month of December also saw our first band and chorus concert of the 2021-2022 school year. It was exciting to be able to welcome families back into the school and we were extremely impressed with the turnout.



Lastly, the Jr./Sr High School held a holiday spirit week leading up to vacation. Students dressed in various holiday themed attire. Members of the band and chorus arrived at school early to be able to play and sing holiday music to the students and staff as they arrived at the building. It was a festive and fun filled week that helped everyone get into the holiday spirit.

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Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear LaFayette Central School District:

Welcome to 2022! I am excited about the possibilities that a new year offers and glad that 2021 is in the rear-view mirror. During the month of January, we look forward to celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Day and recognizing the accomplishments of this great civil rights leader. Dr. King worked to organize peaceful protests drawing attention to racial disparities happening in our country during the 1960s. Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and his speeches and writings, such as “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” helped to inspire a generation of advocates for racial equity in America. While we honor the memory of Dr. King on Monday January 17, 2022 with a federal holiday, please take some time to visit The King Center website - <https://thekingcenter.org/>

The month of January also marks the beginning of the New York State budget process. We have worked hard since the summer months to draw attention to significant facility needs at the Onondaga Nation School. ONS is a state-owned building on the Onondaga Nation and it, along with the two other Nation Schools, is in dire need of renovations and repairs. We have asked New York State to allocate \$60 million dollars to address the facility needs at Onondaga, Tuscarora, and St. Regis Mohawk. We have gained the support of several New York State Senators and Assembly Members. We are hopeful that our new Governor will allocate the necessary funds to make the improvements to these facilities. The Neighbors of Onondaga Nation and the Syracuse Peace Council have started a letter writing campaign to help draw awareness to this issue. You can help by submitting a letter of support via the following link - <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/support-funding-for-indigenous-schools> Thank you to those who have submitted a letter already and for advocating for our Indigenous students to have safe and modern school facilities.

Our capital project approved by the voters in December 2020 was submitted to the New York State Office of Facilities Planning and was approved. We anticipate awarding bids during the month of January and starting construction in the spring and summer months. This project will feature a complete renovation of the Grimshaw Library, Technology Suite at LaFayette High School, and the creation of a Hall of Excellence in the High School Auditorium. Our second floor classrooms at Grimshaw and the High School will also have improvements made to heating and ventilation, which will include the addition of air conditioning for these classrooms. The capital project will address the high and medium priority needs identified on our building condition survey completed in 2015. We will work with our construction team to update our building condition survey which is due to the New York State Education Department in 2022.

I would also like to invite community members, staff, and students to participate in our Community Budget Meeting which will be held on Wednesday February 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM in Big Picture Commons and via Google Meets. If you are interested in serving on the Community Budget Meeting, please RSVP to jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org or 315-529-9550.

Thank you for your continued support, flexibility and understanding while we continue to adapt and adjust during the ongoing pandemic. I hope that you and your family continue to remain safe and healthy.

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Teachers and Students Embrace New ELA Curriculum

Our district adopted a new ELA curriculum this year for grades K-8. With these new experiences, our district has come together, have collaborative conversations about student goals and implemented a rigorous and united approach to teaching the skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. Teachers are seeing students take ownership over their learning by getting to know their learning targets, apply new vocabulary in other parts of their day, and collaborate with classmates through discussions and hands-on tasks. Teachers and students in LaFayette are truly embodying the habits of character that the ELA curriculum teaches: respect, compassion, integrity, empathy, responsibility, initiative, perseverance and collaboration.

Students worked extremely hard throughout the first module of the year to learn and master the skills and standards for their grade level. At the end of the module, after three units of study, students took part in their first performance tasks and they had a blast! The performance tasks were a chance for the students to create and showcase the hard work that they have done throughout their units of study to show high quality work that demonstrates authenticity, complexity and craftsmanship. Below is a highlight of what the students in each grade level studied and celebrated at the culmination of their first module!

Grade	Topic	Performance Task
K	Toys and Play	Students interviewed a classmate to learn about his or her preferred toy, they drew and labeled the toy and added a sentence with teacher guidance and modeling.
1	Tools and Work	Students created a “magnificent thing” in a small group and then wrote independently a description of what they created. The purpose behind the item created was to fulfill a need or solve a problem within their classroom.
2	Schools and Community	Students created a book that compared and contrasted their own school with a school from <i>Off to Class: Incredible and Unusual Schools around the World</i> by Susan Hughes.
3	Overcoming Learning Challenges Near and Far	Students created an eye-catching book mark listing reading strategies they brainstormed that could be used to overcome reading challenges they may face.
4	Poetry, Poets & Becoming Writers	Students wrote a speech and included supported visuals to answer the question: What inspired you to write poetry, and where can you see evidence of this in your poem?
5	Stories of Human Rights	Students wrote monologues that they would perform for a live audience. They had to work together to create a program that included the order of their monologues, the cast, and a Directors’ Note.
6	Greek Mythology	Students created a multimedia presentation explaining their narrative choices in a new scene they wrote for the novel <i>The Lightning Thief</i> .
7	The Lost Children of Sudan	Students planned, wrote, revised and illustrated a narrative for third-grade, elementary school students telling the story of a Lost Boy or Girl of Sudan.
8	Folklore of Latin America	Each student created a webpage to showcase the writing they had accomplished throughout the units of study. The students had to write a narrative scene and a compare and contrast essay.

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SECOND MARKING PERIOD

High Honor Roll

Grade 7

Chapman, Chloe
Costello, Tristan
Gates, Grant
Johnson, Amanda
McClary, Caden
Newman, Cross
Olin, Teresa
Taylor, Jack
Vossler, Teagan

Grade 8

Benjamin, Darren
Borchert, Hudson
Cooper, Amber
Evans, Amelia
Fischer, Katherine
Gray, Mya
Greco, Gisele
Haas, Leah
Haskins, Kylee
Hazeltine, Logan
Jackson, Serenity
Kendall, Landon
Olrich, Sophie
Race, Maximus
Somerlot, Caitlin
Somerlot, Thomas
Stanton, Sye

Grade 9

Borte, Jason
Clemens, Carlee
Davidson, Caroline
Jennings, Alexis
Kremers, Isabella
Martorella, Cole
McElhannon, Lily
Reed, Kiera
Tillinghast, Kayla
Walker, Harlie
Wells, Paul
Zehner, Claire

Grade 10

Baker, Madison
Collinbourne, Digby
Dix, Emmett
Kremers, Payton
Loughlin, Mackenzie
Olrich, Kayleigh
Porter, Daniel
Ryan, Benjamin
Shute, Amalie

Grade 11

Borte, Justine
Bush, Natailya
Fellows, Alyssa
Ganoë, Rachel
Kostiv, Andrew
McClary, Emily

Grade 12

Caughey, Grace
Danyew, Gabrielle
Dix, Jonathan
Fabend, Tyler
Griffin, Aidan
Hart, Jessica
Haskins, Benjamin
Herron, Julie
Magyar, Karina
Redmore, Carolyn
Thrall, Brianna
Tumino, Toby
Wells, Sarah

Honor Roll

Grade 7

Albro, Dominick
Aldrich, Jeremy
Amidon, Madelynn
Armstrong, Kaci
Coppola, Olivia
Fischer, Claire
Griffin, Jeremiah
Heath, Samuel
Johnson, Delilah
Keefe, Garrett
Maroney, Stella
Ossevoort, Ileigh
Ousby V, Harold
Parry, Clara
Rugari, Brooke
Snyder, Alanna
Stanton, Cambria
Stivers, Colton
Tinder, Daniel

Grade 8

Colburn, Ian
Comins, Jeffrey
Jones, Lynn
Nelson, Mason
Newell, Oliver
Papworth, Hampton
Sawkins, Paityn
Talbot, Mya

Grade 9

Amidon, Lily
Andrews, Lillian
Booth II, Parker
Bucktooth, Schyler
Casler, Rayna
Casler, Rylee
Christiana, Asha
Elm, Shayla
Friedman, Isabella
Shute, Ava
Slishevsky, Gavin

Grade 10

Denuë, Samuel
Fellows, Austin
McElhannon, Ellie
Mott, Aidan
Newkirk, Aiden
Ortiz, Layla
Peios, Luke
Simmons, Madison
Stivers, Eva
Williams, Marquise

Grade 11

Bauer, Gabriel
Booth, Arrow
Bucktooth Jr., Brett
Farewell, Evan
McConnell, Adison
Papworth, Isabella
Shenandoah-Kurtz, Isabella

Grade 12

Cooke Jr., Vernon
Evans, Amanda
Homer, Gage
Humphrey, Mark
Ives, Rylie
Lazore, Makiyah
Paineau, Cianna
Pollack, Jada
Porter, Andrew
Post, Jennifer
Reese, Jenna
Rudd, Tala
Zajac, Sean
Zehner, Julia

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Simone Gonyea

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December at ONS had many exciting happenings, visits and ended with a welcomed vaccination clinic. Below are a few highlights.

Zoo To You: A special Nyaweñha to Ms. McDonald for securing special visitors from the Rosamond Gifford Zoo for students in 3rd and 4th grade.

Mr. Gramlich: Our favorite visiting scientist and environ-

mentalist had an opportunity to visit with students in the classroom, as well as get outside and observe our changing season.

Community Give: On December 14th several 8th grade students had an opportunity to visit with elders during the drive up luncheon with our annual Literary Journal, wooden figure, Donated pen from ONE scholarship, wonderful banana bread made by Firekeepers.

Book Over Break: Nyaweñha to Mrs. Powless for donating and gifting books to students over break! Each student had an opportunity to pick 2 brand NEW books to read over break.

New Yeah: On December 23rd all students enjoyed cookies and welcoming the New Year as a class! The tradition continued - with a few changes to maximize COVID safety protocols. SOOO many cookies and great memories.

Staff vs. Student

Badminton Tourna-

ment: On December 23rd students in grades 7th and 8th grade participated in a highly anticipated staff vs students

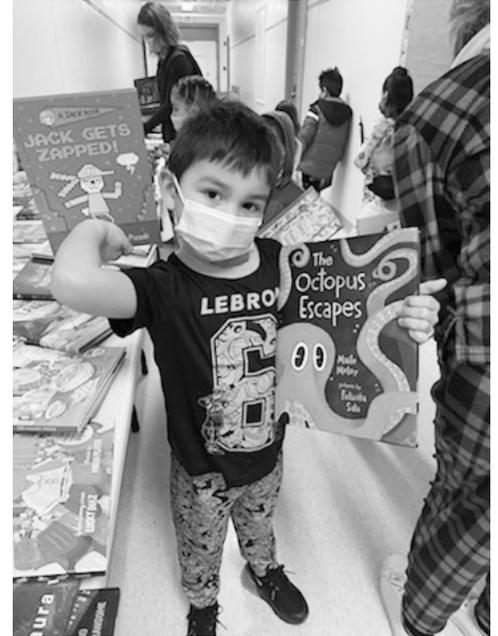
badminton tournament. Nyaweñha to 5th grade score keepers, line judges and cheerleaders! Final result... Staff Win!!! Looking forward to a volleyball staff vs student tournament.

Wegmans Vaccination Clinic: On December 23rd Wegmans provided a seamless vaccination/ booster clinic at the Nation School starting at 8:15am and ending around 11:30am! So many families and students participated in the event!

The second clinic is scheduled for January 13, 2022.

Upcoming Events:

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| January 2 | New Moon Disuh (Big, Long nights, Shorter days) |
| January 3 | Welcome back to ONS 2022 |
| January 13 | ONS 2nd Wegmans Vaccination Clinic |
| January 14 | Darryl Tonemah Visits ONS |
| January 17 | No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day |
| January 21 | Darryl Tonemah Visits ONS |



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LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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Youth Programs

WRESTLING

For boys and girls K-6, practice began on December 7th. Out of an abundance of caution and due to a recent wrestling participant Covid-19 exposure, wrestling was put on a pause for the last two weeks of December. We hope to have wrestling back in session soon after January 1, 2022.

SKI PROGRAM

LCC's chaperoned ski nights will begin Fridays in January 2022. Lessons that are included with respective passes will also begin on this date.

BASKETBALL and VOLLEYBALL

To be announced. Information will be available on the website.

Registration information for the above programs will be provided through the LaFayette School District messaging system.

If you are interested and able to help with the youth sports programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 315-677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Programs

MEN'S BASKETBALL

To be announced. Information will be available on the web site.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

It was fantastic to have the in-person Christmas Tree Lighting back. Thankful for all the community members that came together to enjoy the event. We would like to thank Miss Rodeo for her candy contribution and help at the LCC table handing out hot cocoa. We also thank Old Tyme Café for taking the time to make the delicious, beautiful cookies for the festivities again this year.

UPDATES

Updates on 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, additional information for the above programs will also be provided through the LaFayette School District messaging system.

LCC Contact Information

CONTACT

Call 315-677-7272 - 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

24/7 on the Town's web site: www.townoflafayette.com under the "Depts." (Departments) tab

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C. Grant Grimshaw School Big Picture School LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School

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January
17 **Martin Luther King Jr Day**
No School
25-28 Regents Exams
28 Half Day for Students,
Records Day

February
21-25 **Winter Recess**
No School
28 School Re-opens

March
21 Prof. Development Day
29-31 NYS ELA Exams

April
1-5 NYS ELA Exams
11-15 **Spring Recess**
No School
17 Easter
26-29 NYS Math Exams

May
2-4 NYS Math Exams
24-26 Science Performance Test
30 **Memorial Day**
No School

June
1-3 Science Performance Test
6 Grade 8 Science Written
14-23 Regents Exams
20 **Juneteenth**
No School
22-23 Half-Days for students GS
24 Rating Day/ Last day for staff

If more than (6) six snow/emergency days are used, instructional days will be added as needed.

May 27th will be no school for staff/students if less than 6 snow/emergency days are used

Mondays will be early dismissal for all students—1:45PM for Grimshaw and 2:00pm for High-school/BP

APPROVED: March 25, 2021

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January

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 17 **No School**
Martin Luther
King Jr Day
- 18 **BOE Meeting**
5:30pm
- 28 **Half Day**

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