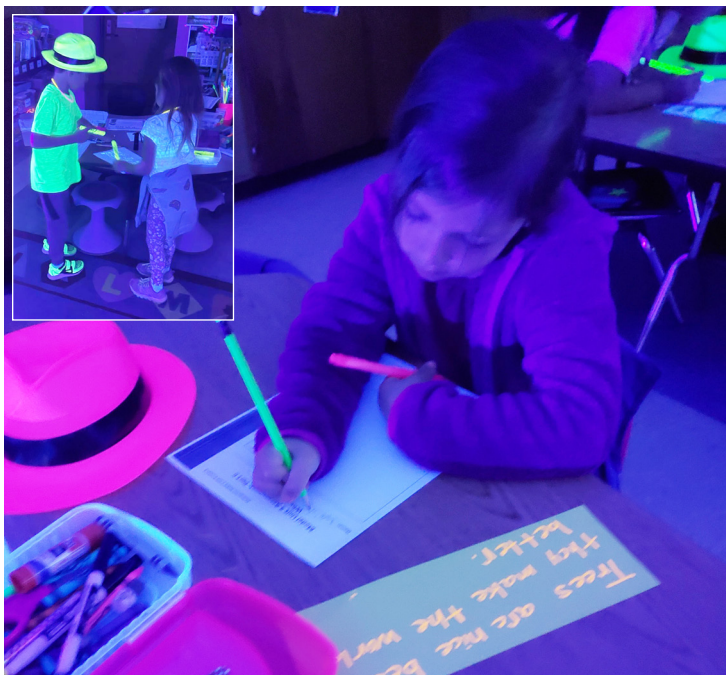


## Kindergarten Glow Day

The Grimshaw Kindergarteners celebrated 'Glow Day' on May 20th! Their excitement was unprecedented as they walked through their classroom doors. "This is the best day ever!", was expressed multiple times throughout each of the rooms. The students sported Glow in the Dark hats, and wrote with Glow in the Dark pencils. They were able to encode using glow in the dark markers, and read books using 'special spy flashlights'. Mr. Belfield even came over to join in on some of the fun! It was a memorable day as students glowed as they learned.



## National Medal Winners

Each year the Art department participates in the The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation's longest-running and most prestigious art and writing recognition program for students Grades 7 through 12. Students who have their work win at the National level of competition receive medals among other honors.

The Art department is excited to announce that ninth grade art student Michael Bestul and Mrs. Carr, his instructor, received their Silver and Gold medals from the 2022 National Scholastic Art Competition in May. Michael and Mrs. Carr were among twenty one other students and teachers from the Central New York Region to receive Medals at the National Level of competition this year.





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### Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

**Jeremy Belfield,**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
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315-529-9550 (cell)

Dear LaFayette Families and Staff Members:

The 2021-2022 school year is racing to a close. This year has been a memorable one for sure. We are grateful to all community members that turned out for our annual school district budget vote and board of education election. Our alumni continue to return with praise for the opportunities that LaFayette offered preparing them for future careers or college. Several of our alumni have been able to graduate from college early thanks to the college credits they earned during their time as a Lancer. Next year, all of our graduating seniors will have at least one college credit class on their transcript thanks to our ever expanding partnerships with local colleges and universities. We are incredibly proud of the class of 2022. Our graduates will be missed, but we know that they will continue to stay connected. Once a Lancer....Always a Lancer!

As we see the horrific tragedies that occurred in the recent shooting in a supermarket in Buffalo and an elementary school in Texas, we are making sure that we remain ever vigilant in prioritizing school safety. I have talked to a few parents who have expressed various concerns. As a father of two teenagers, a spouse of a teacher, and a school employee who is responsible for the safety of 800 students and 250 staff members, safety is always my number one goal. At LaFayette, we take a comprehensive approach to school safety. We are fortunate to have dedicated security personnel in each of our school buildings. We are currently conducting our annual review of our school safety plans and looking to refine our approaches to training ensuring that every staff member plays an active role in keeping our campus safe. We have always emphasized, "If you see something, say something." I would like to challenge our staff members not to just say something, but to do something. If you see a door propped open during school hours, close it. If you don't recognize someone in the hallway, stop and introduce yourself and ask them if they have checked in at the main office. We will continue to work with our students and staff to make sure that safety is at the forefront of everything we do. We know that students need to feel physically and emotionally safe in order for any real learning to occur.

As we head into next school year, we are grateful for the addition of a school social worker at Grimshaw elementary. Starting next school year, we will have a total of three social workers along with our team of counselors and school psychologists to help address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students. We know that the past two years have been tough for everyone, especially for our students. We know that the stress placed on families during this pandemic has a ripple effect that extends to our youngsters and we want to make sure that we provide our students with the skills they need to be successful both in school and life. If your family or your child is struggling, don't hesitate to reach out and ask for help. We want to partner with students and families to promote the success of the whole child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We have an incredible school community because we put our students first!



Photo from "8th Graders Explore Impacts on Local Watershed" article on page 4

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### Legend of Learning, May 2022: Patricia Unger



Congratulations to Ms. Patricia Unger, Food Service Helper at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School, who was selected as the May 2022 Legend of Learning!

The staff member who nominated Ms. Unger shared the following: "Ms. Unger has been a dedicated employee for the past 31 years and has been making sure that students receive nutritious meals served by a friendly face. Pat is kind, caring, and dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of our students. Throughout the pandemic, LaFayette CSD Food Service employees made sure that students had access to meals, and Ms. Unger played a vital role in making this happen for our students. Congratulations Pat!"

Pat, Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

#### **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 which is available on our website.

### News from the Nurse's Office

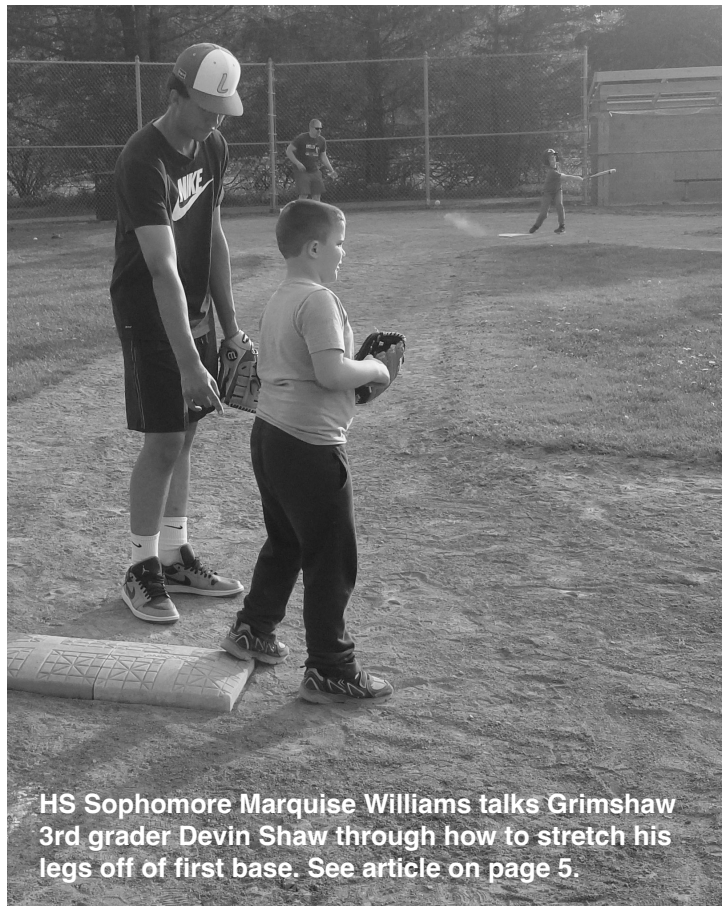
Hope everyone is ready for an amazing summer! Some things to keep in mind before the start of next school year:

Physical exams are due for all new students, as well as those students entering grades pre-K or K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th per state law, and must be dated no more than 12 months prior to the start of the school year in which they are required or the date of entrance of new students. In addition to this, any student applying for working papers or intending to play sports must have a valid physical dated no more than one year prior.

While at your doctor's office for a physical examination, use that opportunity to speak with your healthcare provider about any immunizations your child may need for the coming school year. Your building school nurse may get in touch with you via phone or letter at some point this summer, or early next school year, if there are any immunizations that your child is missing.

Your school nurse is also not permitted to administer any medication without an order from your child's doctor, as well as signed parental permission. Please get updated orders for any medications your child will require for the school year.

Any questions or concerns you may have can be directed to your building school nurse. We look forward to seeing you all this coming fall, and hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer!



HS Sophomore Marquise Williams talks Grimshaw 3rd grader Devin Shaw through how to stretch his legs off of first base. See article on page 5.



## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### 8th Graders Explore Impacts on Local Watershed



On May 24th, the 8th grade visited 3 locations on Onondaga Creek to examine how a stream's characteristics can change as it runs through our region. Mr. Amidon is working with the Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI) on a series of lessons to help students understand the ecosystems around us, which culminated in this event. OEI staff led our students through a series of activities, including macroinvertebrate cataloging, testing water quality, habitat analysis, and modeling how everyday events can impact the environment in a watershed. Students were able to get their feet wet at the Onondaga Creek fishing access on Tully Farms Road, explore the impact of mudboils at Otisco Road, picnic at Kelley Brothers Park and discuss how municipalities will manage waterways to minimize property damage. A lot of science happened on a very fun field trip!



### ECOS Celebrates Earth Day



Did you know the Jr/Sr High School uses more than 60,000 pieces of paper a year?

Our ECOS Environmental Club teamed up with Tree-Plenish to sell trees to offset this paper usage. Selling over 80 trees, we smashed our goal! Thank you to all community members who purchased trees to help in this effort, and the group of volunteers from National Grid who helped distribute and plant some of the trees.

ECOS also supported the annual Earth Day Clean Up at the Jr/Sr High School - after a weather delay, we completed this on Picnic Day. Thank you to everyone who supported this by bringing their classes outside, including Mr. Amidon, Mr. Derbyshire, and Mr. Baker.





## ♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### Varsity Baseball Helps LaFayette Community Council Rookies Team

When LaFayette Community Council coaches reached out to Varsity Baseball Coach Sean Kelly about visiting the 3rd and 4th grade Rookies youth team's practice with some of his players, they anticipated that with the business of the season they may not be available. Coach Kelly's immediate response? "We'll be there."

Coach Kelly and four of his Varsity Baseball players: Sophomores Ben Ryan (Capitan), Ben Seemann, Marquise Williams, and Senior Sean Zajac (Capitan), worked hard in the sun all afternoon at their own practice at the high school until 6:00pm. Without even changing out of their practice clothes, they came down over the hill to Fred Stafford Memorial Park to work with the youth players for over an hour. Coach Kelly and the players taught mechanics of throwing, pitching and batting, infield & outfield stances, and how to read the ball both coming off the bat as a fielder as well as into the plate as a batter.

The "Rookies" were absolutely thrilled to be hanging out with the "big boys" and playing some ball. There were many comments of: "I wish they could practice with us every time!!" Many of the Rookies players looked forward to attending the Varsity Baseball double header on Saturday May 14th as part of the Crossroads Cup Athletics event, where the 6-4 Lancers looked to improve their standing as they moved into Sectionals. If you see Coach Kelly or any of his players out and about the community, be sure to compliment them for their generous use of their time with the kids.



A group shot of the generous Varsity Baseball team, LCC Volunteer Coach Angela Enigk, and the Rookies.



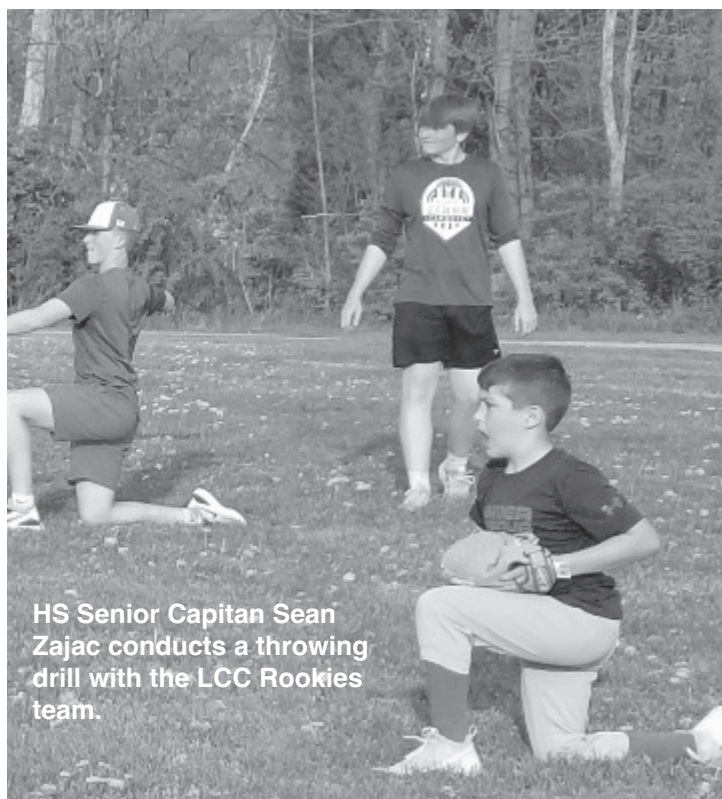
HS Sophomore Capitan Ben Ryan demonstrates proper throwing mechanics to Grimshaw 4th grader Jacob Baker.



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HS Senior Capitan Sean Zajac conducts a throwing drill with the LCC Rookies team.

1: HS Sophomore Ben Seemann demonstrates proper follow through to Grimshaw 3rd grader Harvey Enigk. 2: Varsity Baseball Coach Sean Kelly teaches infield ready position to Grimshaw 4th grader Mason Grey.

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### LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

• Web Site: [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) • Mailing Address: PO Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13078 • 315-677-7272 •

#### Youth Programs

**Lacrosse** – Based on registration numbers, three ULA teams have been established. There is one girls grades 4-6 team and two boys teams made up of grades 3 & 4 and grades 5 & 6. All programs begin June 13. Practices will be Monday and Wednesdays, 5:30pm-6:30pm at the LaFayette box at Vinegar Hill. The program will run for 6-7 weeks and will not have practice on Monday, July 4. Please use this link to register: <https://lafayettecommunitycouncil.sportngin.com/register/form/624746731>

**We cannot offer any of these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Please contact LCC at 315-677-7272.**

#### Thank You

LCC would like to thank all of the coaches, assistant coaches and helpers involved in baseball, softball, tee ball and lacrosse. Thanks to each of the individuals and businesses that have provided donations to LCC programs and events. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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

**LCC Contact Information:** Information about Community Council programs can be obtained through the following sources: Call 315-677-7272 - leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call. (Messages are retrieved at least four times a week). E-mail: [lcc@townoflafayette.com](mailto:lcc@townoflafayette.com). LCC Mailing Address: P.O. Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13084. 24/7 on the Town's web site: [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com). Facebook: LaFayette Community Council

#### Announcements

**Community Day – Saturday, June 4** at Stafford Park, LCC will be providing popcorn and popsicles, and conducting an adult/child baseball game and the Annual Duck Race. Stop by; enjoy some refreshments and GET YOUR DUCK!

**Youth Rrack** – if a child is interested in youth track, please contact LCC.

**Pickleball** – If anyone is interested in pickleball, please contact LCC.

**LCC Board Meeting** – scheduled for June 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM - Location will be at The LaFayette Inn and agenda will be posted on the Town's website under the "Community Council" tab and on LaFayette Community Council's Facebook Page. Board meetings are held monthly and all are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we cannot provide programs without your help.

## 2022 SOUTHERN HILLS STORM YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER FABIUS-POMPEY • LAFAYETTE • TULLY

Register online at: [www.storm1stand10.com](http://www.storm1stand10.com) -- Season begins in August --

**CHEER:** K-2 Flag Football Cheer; 3/4 C Cheer; 5/6 B Cheer; 7/8 A Cheer • **\$70 BEFORE JUNE 1/\$85 After**  
**FOOTBALL:** K-2 Flag Football \$30/\$40 • 3/4 C Football (Tackle) and 5/6 B Football (Tackle) \$90 **BEFORE JUNE 1/\$110 After**

\*There will be a \$40 fee added to the registration costs. Registrants are given an opportunity to earn back the \$40 by selling two raffle tickets given to you (\$20 each.) You may sell the 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 the prices above**

**For Scholarships and all other questions visit the website or call 315-575-0728**  
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# *LaFayette Community Peace Garden ~ Grand Opening ~ Wednesday June 8, 2022 6:30 pm*

*Location: South parking lot of LaFayette Jr. Sr. High school.  
Follow the sidewalk behind the Big Picture entrance, located below the football field.*

*(Map of Jr/Sr HS. Star is garden area)*



*All community members are welcome to use the garden!*

*The garden was designed and constructed by LaFayette Big Picture Senior Julien Lamson, as a space for all to find peace and comfort among nature's beauty.*

*Julien was able to construct the garden and patio area with the generous support of: Swimm Landscaping, and Faverolles Gardens of LaFayette.*

*We hope students, staff, and community members will find joy in visiting the Peace Garden for many years.*

**Please join us for the Grand Opening of the Peace Garden!**

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## June

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7 GS Kindergarten Olympics
- 8 JSHS Scholarship Night
- 9 GS Kindergarten Olympics Rain Date
- 14 GS Olympics
- 15 BOE Meeting
- 16 GS Olympics Rain Date
- 20 No School (Juneteenth)
- 21 GS Kindergarten Graduation  
GS 6th Grade Graduation
- 22 GS/ONS Half Day  
ONS Graduation  
Big Picture Graduation
- 23 GS/ONS Half Day
- 24 ONS Half Day  
HS Graduation

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