

Senior Art Students in the Edgewood Gallery Show



Each year the Central New York Art Guild invites high schools within a thirty-mile radius of Syracuse to submit four senior artworks to the Annual High School Senior Show and Competition at the Edgewood Gallery. This year's show is held at the gallery from April 22nd - May 6th. Anyone can stop in and see the wonderful exhibit. Senior artists: Gabrielle Danyew, John Poplawski, and Carolyn Redmore are representing LaFayette in this competitive show. A virtual awards ceremony was held on April 28th. The Art Guild announced that Carolyn's oil pastel still life won 2nd Place in Show, and Gabrielle's watercolor painting won the show's Aqua Media Award! This wonderful opportunity for these senior art students to exhibit their work in a professional setting and allow the public to recognize their accomplishments in the Visual Arts. Congratulations to Gabrielle, John, and Carolyn!

Legend of Learning: Sue Soares

Congratulations to Ms. Sue Soares, Bus Driver at LaFayette Central Schools, who was selected as the April 2022 Legend of Learning!

The staff member who nominated Ms. Soares shared the following: "Sue goes above and beyond to serve the transportation needs of students on her bus run. Students on Sue's bus know that she not only wants them to get to and from school safely, but she also cares about their success in school and life."



Sue, 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.

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LEARNING**

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HOUSE**

PARENTS AND STUDENTS
ARE INVITED

VISIT WITH LAFAYETTE
BIG PICTURE STAFF

LEARN ABOUT US

**BIG PICTURE STAFF WILL
BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
AND SHARE ABOUT OUR
SCHOOL!**

WEDNESDAY

MAY 25

6:00-7:30PM

**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.**

GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARADE OF BASKETS

May 6, 2022

4 TO 7 P.M.

GRIMSHAW CAFETERIA



See page 3 for more information

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The 2021-2022 school year is racing to the finish line. We are fortunate to have had students, staff members, and supportive families that have made this school year a great success. The past two years have certainly been challenging for everyone, but LaFayette has worked to keep schools fully open for in person learning. We have worked with Onondaga Nation leaders for a safe return to in person learning, and I am proud of our ONS students and families for keeping one another safe throughout this school year.

During the month of May, voters will weigh in on our spending plan for the upcoming school year. The 2022-2023 annual school district budget vote will take place on Tuesday May 17, 2022 from 1:00-9:00 PM at the LaFayette Jr/Sr High School. The budget for next school year maintains all existing programming for students, including college credit courses at the high school, small class sizes, a social worker at Grimshaw Elementary school, and programming for the visual and performing arts. The state budget also included additional funding for our universal pre-kindergarten program at Grimshaw Elementary. We are still waiting on details from the New York State Education Department; however, we anticipate that we will have two full-day pre-kindergarten classes for four year olds in lieu of the two half-day classes that we have had in the past. Once we receive additional information, we will be sure to inform families.

We have also maximized additional federal funding to offset one-time expenditures that will help us to respond to the many challenges faced over the past two years. Each classroom and cafeteria has been outfitted with a HEPA air filtration system similar to the systems that you may see in hospitals or medical offices. We have also purchased improved HEPA air filters for our air handling units and classroom unit ventilators. Our principals and business office are in the process of ordering new classroom furniture and we are hopeful that this new furniture will arrive during the summer months. Given the issues with the supply chain, if our new furniture does not arrive during the summer, we will try to time delivery and set up during a school break. Federal funds have also been used to provide additional tutoring for our students to help close academic gaps caused by interruptions to learning over the past two years.

Our construction teams are gearing up to make the improvements approved by the voters in December 2020. Construction this summer will focus on preparing for new HVAC units on the second floor, gymnasiums, and the Grimshaw cafeteria, which will include air conditioning for these spaces. The Grimshaw Elementary School library will receive a full renovation along with the creation of a maker-space area so that our elementary students can explore and create a variety of projects. The auditorium lobby at the high school will see a full renovation and will include the LaFayette Hall of Excellence. We are looking to use this space to honor community members, alumni, and retired staff and board members who have made a positive contribution to our school district.

We advocated for the state to make necessary improvements to the Onondaga Nation School, which is a state owned building. The final state budget included \$6.1 million to replace the slate roof, improve the classroom unit ventilators (including air conditioning), replace windows and window shades, and install a back-up generator system for the facility. We will begin working with state engineers and architects to plan out these improvements. Throughout the next school year, the Onondaga Nation School will also have a new fire alarm system installed, new exterior doors, improvements to the main entrance, and new security cameras. I am grateful to everyone who sent a letter or called state representatives to help advocate for these much needed repairs and renovations. Be on the lookout during the next year as we continue to ask the Governor and state officials to provide a classroom addition and new gymnasium for the Onondaga Nation School to better meet the programming needs for our ONS students.

Thank you for your continued support. It is truly a great time to be a Lancer and I am excited to celebrate all of our end of the year traditions, especially with the class of 2022. I look forward to seeing you at our sporting events, concerts, or Rock Fest.

◆ The BIG PICTURE LEARNING News ◆

BIG PICTURE LEARNING



On The Dot Coffee Shop

What does it take for an idea to turn into a successful business that teaches students real skills and makes dozens of people happy? A single motivated individual, mentors and drive. Roughly four years ago, a BP student named Dawsun was brainstorming internship and project ideas. Staff at our school, including Kym and Susan, mentioned how great it would be to have a coffee shop in our school. Dawsun took action and with help from David began an internship at Coffee Mania. She learned all she could and started making coffee and espresso using Walt's espresso machine in our school kitchen. Over the next couple of years Dawsun desired more space and needed a coffee cart. So she learned how to weld and with another student built a coffee cart. With more space and mobility, more students got involved.



The coffee shop, which we call *On The Dot Coffee*, has come a long way over the past four years. The students who run On The Dot have developed new products, found new ways to advertise and leverage social media, expanded their customer base to the high school, and developed better methods of hiring and training student employees. Dawsun graduated last year which left space for new leadership. Olivia, who has worked with On The Dot for a couple years now, took the reins. Griffin, On The Dots co-manager, based his STP on reducing the shop's environmental impact.

The coffee shop has and is creating new opportunities each day. A couple of students including Carson and Kat are interested in making sweets like pastries and cookies. On The Dot will also be providing refreshments to a large group of visitors to our school later next month. Every Tuesday and Thursday On The Dot provides opportunities for students, delicious high quality products and a source of pride for our school. Thanks to the hard work of our students, we hope it will for years to come.

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Youth Programs

Lacrosse: Boys and girls K-6. Program directors/coaches will be in contact with registered lacrosse participants with program details.

Swim Lessons (boys and girls all ages): Lessons are offered in conjunction with the Town of Pompey and are conducted at Cazenovia College. There are two separate 3-week sessions: June 27-July 15 (no lessons on July 4) and July 18-August 5. Lessons are conducted daily, Monday-Friday, with 45-minute time slots beginning at 8am. There is no cost for residents of the Town of LaFayette; however, participants must provide their own transportation. Registration forms are available at the LaFayette Town Hall or online at the Town's LCC website. The registration deadline is May 19, 2022.

LCC Contact Information

★ 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

★ LCC Mailing Address: P.O. Box 98 LaFayette, NY 13084

★ Facebook

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

Announcements

Memorial Day Parade: All LCC participants are invited to march with LCC in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30, 9:00 AM. Meet at LaFayette Alliance Church, 6069 US Route 20, at 8:15 AM.

Community Day: Saturday, June 4 at Stafford Park, LCC will be providing popcorn and snowcones, and conducting other activities, including the Annual Duck Race. Stop by our table; enjoy some refreshments and GET YOUR DUCK!

Pickle Ball: If anyone is interested in starting a pickle ball league, please contact LCC.

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

National Junior Honor Society Induction

On April 6th, twenty-seven students from the LaFayette Junior/Senior High School were inducted into the LaFayette chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. This was our first in-person induction in two years. Our new Athletic Director and Vice Principal, Mr. James McKenna, served as the guest speaker for the event. Chapter president Kierra Reed shared an inspiring speech highlighting the 5 Pillars of the Society to welcome the inductees. A reception hosted by current NJHS members followed the event.



Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a junior high school student. The National Junior Honor Society has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and community.

Following are the names of the newest members of the LaFayette chapter of the National Junior Honor Society: Jeremy Aldrich, Madelynn Amidon, Kaci Armstrong, Tyler Armstrong, Darren Benjamin, Logan Booher, Chloe Chapman, Asha Christiana, Amber Cooper, Tristan Costello, Josephine Davidson, Grant Gates, Iley Humphrey, Amanda Johnson, Caden McClary, Cross Newman, Teresa Olin, Ileigh Ossevoort, Harold Ousby V, Hampton Papworth, Aubrey Reynolds, Camille Reynolds, Alanna Snyder, Cambria Stanton, Jack Taylor, Teagan Vossler, and Gregory Wheeler

4th Marking Period: High Honor Roll and Honor Roll

High Honor

Grade 7

Aldrich, Jeremy
Amidon, Madelynn
Booher, Logan
Coppola, Olivia
Costello, Tristan
Davidson, Josephine
Fischer, Claire
Gates, Grant
McClary, Caden
Newman, Cross
Olin, Teresa
Ossevoort, Ileigh
Reynolds, Camille
Stanton, Cambria
Vossler, Teagan

Grade 8

Borchert, Hudson
Cooper, Amber
Evans, Amelia
Fischer, Katherine
Gray, Mya
Greco, Gisele
Haas, Leah
Haskins, Kylee
Hazeltime, Logan
Kendall, Landon
Olrich, Sophie
Somerlot, Caitlin
Somerlot, Thomas
Stanton, Sye

Grade 9

Borte, Jason
Christiana, Asha
Clemens, Carlee
Davidson, Caroline
Dix, Spencer
Dockstader, Kalina
Fabend, Kaitlyn
Jennings, Alexis
Kremers, Isabella
McElhannon, Lily
Reed, Kiera
Shute, Ava
Tillinghast, Kayla
Wells, Paul
Zehner, Claire

Grade 10

Baker, Madison
Collingbourne, Digby
Dix, Emmett
Kremers, Payton
Olrich, Kayleigh
Porter, Daniel
Ryan, Benjamin
Shute, Amalie
Stivers, Eva

Grade 11

Bucktooth, Brett
Bush, Natailya
Fellows, Alyssa
Gano, Rachel
McClary, Emily
Potak, Malaina

Grade 12

Caughey, Grace
Danyew, Gabrielle
Dix, Jonathan
Fabend, Tyler
Hart, Jessica
Haskins, Benjamin
Herron, Julie
Humphrey, Mark
Magyar, Karina
Redmore, Carolyn
Rudd, Tala
Thrall, Brianna
Wells, Sarah
Zehner, Julia

Honor Roll

Grade 7

Armstrong, Kaci
Brown, Silas
Carrier, Ashtin
Chapman, Chloe
Griffin, Jeremiah
Heath, Samuel
Johnson, Delilah
Keefe, Garrett
Kinsella, Elias
Ousby, Harold
Parry, Clara
Rugari, Brooke
Stevenson, Bryce
Taylor, Jack
Tinder, Daniel

Grade 8

Benjamin, Darren
Colburn, Ian
Jones, Lynn
Newell, Oliver
Papworth, Hampton
Race, Maximus
Sawkins, Paityn
Shenandoah, Laila
Talbot, Mya

Grade 9

Amidon, Lily
Andrews, Lillian
Bestul, Mark Anthony
Casler, Rayna
Casler, Rylee
Clarke, Kenneth
Elm, Shayla
Friedman, Isabella
Homer, Cash
Jones, Aubrie
Martorella, Cole
Reynolds, Aubrey
Thompson, Ellyse
Wheeler, Gregory

Grade 10

Denu, Samuel
Fellows, Austin
Kadlubowski, Tayler
Keefe, Aiden
Loughlin, Mackenzie
McElhannon, Ellie

Mott, Aidan

Newkirk, Aiden
Seemann, Benjamin
Simmons, Madison
Vossler, Jake
Williams, Marquise

Grade 11

Borte, Justine
Farewell, Evan
FitzPatrick, Evan
Kostiv, Andrew
Papworth, Isabella
Sawkins, Jordyn
Shenandoah-Kurtz, Isabella

Grade 12

Bush, Alexander
Coon, Paul
Evans, Amanda
Griffin, Aidan
Homer, Gage
Ives, Rylie
Moltion, Hannah
Pollack, Jada
Poplawski, John
Porter, Andrew
Post, Jennifer
Tummino, Toby
Zajac, Sean

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LAFAYETTE ROCK FEST

"ROCK THE LOT"

HUMAN FOOSEBALL!

CRAFTS + STUDENT ART

FRIED DOUGH

APPLE PIE POPCORN

**CELEBRITY RAFFLES
(CARDBOARD)**

**CLUCK-N- BURGER
FOOD TRUCK**

COFFEE SHOP

T-SHIRT TOSS



6 - 10 pm
\$5 Donation

LIVE MUSIC ALL NIGHT

MAY 13TH

HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH LOT

Matt Nastri
Memorial Scholarship Fund



The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club cordially invites everyone to

THE CROSSROADS CUP

LAFAYETTE VERSUS TULLY

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Please join us for our STIX IT TO CANCER event
at the LaFayette High School.

Cheer on
the
student
athletes!

Help us
raise funds
for a
great
cause!

Questions, call
315-415-7932



Varsity BASEBALL Double Header
Begins at 11am vs Mater Dei

Visit our **FACEBOOK** page for
more info: **LaFayette Athletic
Booster Club**



Varsity GIRLS LACROSSE
Begins at 11am vs Tully
(10:45 t-shirt dedication introduction)

Varsity BOYS LACROSSE
Begins at 1pm vs Tully
(12:45 t-shirt dedication introduction)



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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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News from the LaFayette Public Library

Hello, and Happy Spring! Here are some of the new resources the library has to offer. Since you need a computer to access some of these, just a reminder that the library has laptops with hotspots (to get the internet) available for you to borrow.

FREE Homework Help with Brainfuse



Brainfuse offers free live, online help for students and adults from 2 PM to 11 PM seven days a week. It also provides other study aids such as virtual meeting rooms, FAFSA help for adults, practice tests, chess tutors, skills building, test preparation, and a writing lab.

Because the live tutor access is personalized, both the student and the tutor can access quiz questions to do an intensive test prep which may include loading lessons on the whiteboard. All live sessions are saved and can be replayed as well as shared with friends and teachers by email.

Test Preparation includes practice tests and study guides for the GED SAT, PSAT, HiSET, ACT, AP classes, TOEFL, TOEIC, CLEP, THEA, TEAS, common core skills building, ESL, college application assistance, and a parent corner.

Adults can access High School Equivalency prep, US Citizenship test prep, resume assistance, Microsoft Office support, and Career Resources. The Writing Lab, Send Question, and Skills Building are also included in the Adult Learning Center suite.

To get Brainfuse, go to the library's website at <https://www.lafayettelibrary.org/>. You will need a library card and PIN number. (Both are free at the library!) Scroll down the main page for instructions.

Hiking and More!

Did you know you can borrow state and county park passes at your library? With your library card, you can access outdoor activities such as swimming and hiking at beautiful locations around the state. Visit the zoo, go to the beach, learn about nature, and more! Passes go out for three days.

Wowbrary is a free weekly newsletter from the library letting you know what is newly available. By the way, did you know the library subscribes to more than 3,800 magazines? Check our website at <https://www.lafayettelibrary.org/> – signing up for Wowbrary is very easy.



DaybyDayNY is a family literacy website that features 2 free e-books daily, along with songs, arts & crafts, ideas for traveling in New York State, health tips, and videos all geared towards parents and young learners getting ready for kindergarten. It's an interactive calendar that you can visit every day to find something new! Click on the tab "News and Events" on our website at <https://www.lafayettelibrary.org/>

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Last but not least, the **Summer Reading Club** is coming up. The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibility." Children, teens, and adults are all invited to participate. We will have fun events featuring animals, bubbles, and singing. (Okay, not all at once.) The 2022 Summer Reading Club will run from June 29th to August 10th.

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

Register online at: www.storm1stand10.com -- Season begins in August --

CHEER: K-2 Flag Cheer; 3/4 Cheer; 5/6 B Cheer; 7/8 C Cheer • \$70/\$85

FOOTBALL: K-2 Flag Football \$30/\$40 • 3/4 C Football (Tackle) and 5/6 B Football (Tackle) \$90/\$110

*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 more information visit the website or call 315-575-0728

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May

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 BOE Meeting 5pm
- 6 GS Parade of Baskets 4pm
- 13 Rockfest 6pm
- 17 Budget Vote & BOE Meeting
Jr High Spring Concert 7pm
- 19 Sr High Spring Concert 7pm
- 20 GS Grandparent's Day
- 25 Grimshaw Spring Concert 7pm
- 26-27 No School
- 30 No School - Memorial Day

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