

NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!

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Many wonderful activities are happening at ONS this November!!
Not only are we observing our Haudenosaunee amazingness, we are welcoming guests to help us celebrate our Indigenous Spirit week.

- ♦ **Tuesday 9:** Kick off with Darryl Tonemah. School-wide assembly with music.
- ♦ **Wednesday 10:** *FlipGrid* officially opens. Students and staff can upload video's and pictures to *FlipGrid*. "I am proud to be oñgwehoñweh because _____." or "By going to school, or working, at ONS, I have learned _____ about the Haudenosaunee culture."
- ♦ **Thursday 11:** No School/Canandaigua Treaty Day/Veteran's Day
- ♦ **Friday 12:** Wear Your Native Sports Jersey/Shirt Day
- ♦ **Monday 15:** Rock Your Moc's Day
- ♦ **Tuesday 16:** Strawberry-themed Day. Wear Red or Strawberry Designs.
- ♦ **Wednesday 17:** Ribbon Shirt/Skirt Dress Day
- ♦ **Thursday 18:** Native Designed Hat and Wear Your Bling Day
- ♦ **Friday 19:** Half Day
Purple and White Day
9:30-11:30 am, Run/Walk activities.
Purple and White bead work activity.



Legend of Learning: Mr. Matthew Priest



Congratulations to Mr. Matthew Priest, sixth grade teacher at Grimshaw Elementary and Business Office intern, for being selected as the October 2021 Legend of Learning.

The student who nominated Matt shared the following: "Mr. Priest is always super happy, and he found ways to make learning fun! I have shockingly never met anyone that didn't like Mr. Priest!"

Co-workers at Grimshaw Elementary find Mr. Priest to be a positive and caring role model for students. Matt always looks for ways to help support our students and our team at Grimshaw.

Superintendent Belfield shared the following: "Our team in the business office has welcomed Mr. Priest while he completes his internship for his school business leader certification. Mr. Priest has jumped in to learning how school finance plays an important role in supporting the overall functioning of our school district and played an active role in assisting with filing our state aid documents."

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

◆ LaFayette District News ◆



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As we head into the month of November, we look forward to spending time with loved ones and friends. We have much to be grateful for in LaFayette. I am grateful for our students and families. I am especially grateful for our dedicated school staff members who give their all each day on behalf of our students and school community. As we look ahead to the coming months, we will welcome the return of snow, cold weather, and the great outdoor activities that take place during the winter months. Be sure to check out our website, Facebook page, and the local news channels in the morning in case we have a weather-related delay or cancellation. We have six emergency closing days in our school calendar and we will continue to observe traditional snow days. This means that, when school is closed due to inclement weather or other circumstances, students and staff members can use the day to catch their breath, take a break, get caught up on a good book, or just enjoy some time to themselves. In the unlikely event that we exceed six emergency closing days, we may need to adjust our school calendar or ask students to participate in remote learning. Again, we will do this only if it looks like we will use more than the six emergency closing days reserved in our school calendar.

The month of November is Native American Heritage month. Our liaisons and Native American student club are planning activities to help celebrate Native American culture. While the pandemic makes it more challenging to gather for things like Harvest ceremonies or Harvest dinner, we can still find creative ways to celebrate and give thanks. Our staff members will have the opportunity to participate in an online training after school. This will be sponsored by the Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation, "Witness to Injustice." The training helps provide a perspective on the negative impact that colonization had on Native American communities. We have hosted this session in the past at the Onondaga Nation School and it is definitely an eye-opening experience.

The month of November also holds promise that we are turning a corner in the pandemic. With the COVID vaccine now available to children ages 5-11, if enough families express interest, we will work with Onondaga County and local pharmacies to host vaccination clinics for students. The vaccine is not currently required for students; however, I strongly encourage parents and caregivers to talk to their child's doctor and consider getting their children vaccinated. As a parent of two twelve-year-olds, I understand how difficult the pandemic has been on children with disruptions to learning due to quarantines after exposure. After spending several weeks in quarantine last winter, my wife and I made the decision, after talking to our pediatrician and medical providers, to get our daughters vaccinated. While the Belfield twins have been exposed and in close contact with COVID positive cases in school or on their sports teams, they have been fortunate to avoid quarantines after exposure and have thankfully remained healthy. Again, talk to your doctor and consider getting vaccinated. COVID testing is also available at each of our schools, and we routinely test around 75-100 students on a weekly basis. Please reach out to our school nurses to talk about COVID testing.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this challenging time. Thank you for keeping our students first and helping to keep them safely in school five days a week.

Nominations for 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 through an online survey which is available on our website.

Attention 7th Grade Parents

The 7th grade team of teachers have just launched a website to increase communication between the teachers, parents, and students. It can be found in the left-hand margin of the Jr/Sr. High School website. It is called "7th Grade Communication." This website includes a weekly update of what your child is learning in each of their core classes, important dates to remember, the weekly homework calendar, links to the chorus and band schedules, as well as contact information. Please bookmark this page!



♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Jason Ryan

We had an outstanding Homecoming weekend. As is tradition, students took part in our Spirit Week which leads into the Homecoming weekend festivities. Students competed as a class by dressing up each day in a variety of different themes. We finished the week off with our Color Wars day. This is where each class wears a different

color to show their school spirit. The week concluded with our 1st LaFayette Homecoming Parade.

The various classes and their advisors put together some amazing floats and paraded down the front circle as the rest of the school cheered for their favorite floats. You can view the parade in its entirety by accessing the district's Facebook page.

The excitement of Homecoming was accentuated with a big win from our combined Southern Hills Football team. The Homecoming festivities concluded on Saturday night with a Homecoming dance held right here at the Jr./Sr. High School. Overall, it was a great event and we were excited for our students to have these opportunities.



← Homecoming 2021

As a reminder, to stay current on the events and happenings of the high school, please follow the Jr./Sr. High School on our Facebook page.

♦ Grimshaw School News ♦

Principals Message from Mrs. Blossey

Grimshaw had a very busy month of October. Thank you for making our Walk-A-Thon an amazing success. All of the funds raised go directly to support your children in PE, Art, Music, Library and Instrumental Music. This year our Walk-A-Thon raised over \$5,500 for Grimshaw Elementary.

We have been celebrating many school spirit Fridays. Please check out the website for the updates.

Please DRESS WARM... The weather is changing day to day. Make sure that your child is dressed appropriately to come to school. Please encourage them to wear warm clothes and coats.

If you have not signed up yet for parent/teacher conferences, please contact your child's teacher to do so. Parent/teacher conferences will be held 11/15 (starting at 2 p.m.) and 11/19 (beginning at 11:30 a.m.).

Upcoming Events at Grimshaw

Nov 5: Dress Like a Teacher Day

Nov 12: Red, White and Blue Day

Nov 19: Sports/Jersey Day

Dec 3: Disney® Day

Dec 10: PJ Day

Dec 17: Animal Day (wear animal print or bring your favorite stuffed animal)

◆ The BIG PICTURE LEARNING News ◆

BIG PICTURE LEARNING

Growing Agricultural Program at Big Picture

At the LaFayette Big Picture School, we have many initiatives that we pursue as individuals, small groups, advisories and at times as a school. One mission that has always been central to our goals is growing food. We endeavour to grow our own food, know where our food comes from and understand the benefits of local, chemical free, whole foods for our minds and bodies.

Our school has been involved in many agricultural projects, initiatives and collaborations over the years. We have raised chickens and enjoyed their eggs, we have tapped sugar maple trees to produce syrup and we have grown garlic for years.

This year we have more agricultural initiatives underway than ever before. We continue to grow garlic on a plot located on the Apple Festival grounds. Each fall we clean what was harvested in late July, reserve some for seed, weigh some for sale and make garlic infused olive oil. Then in late October we plant our seed and by May we cut scapes to enjoy. This project has provided great opportunities for students to work in the soil and connect with the larger community.

We also have a garden and greenhouse on school property where we have grown tomatoes, bell peppers, hot peppers, zucchini, eggplant, parsley, basil, and of course garlic. The garden and the greenhouse are paths to get students involved in



growing and consuming fresh food and this has been central to many student projects.

We are taking lessons learned from our first go at producing syrup and reviving the initiative. We built a sugar shack last spring and have been splitting and stacking wood this fall to prepare for spring sap boiling. There are a number of students interested in participating in multiple facets of this project from actual syrup production to the label design and marketing components.

Finally, we are in the early stages of our indoor growing project. The goal for this project is to grow edible plants to be consumed by our students and in particular to be used by our culinary students for their dishes. A secondary goal for indoor growing is to be as efficient with our resources as possible regardless of the medium we are growing in. For this project especially, we are very fortunate to have two SUNY Morrisville Agricultural students assisting. Miriam and Cuyler bring a wealth of knowledge and

experience to our school. Miriam and Cuyler joined students and staff for a brainstorming session to gather input and decide on a few specific initiatives. We jumped right in and have already begun two. The first is to grow microgreens hydroponically for a quick turnover from seed to plate. The other is to grow cilantro, onion, tomato, and peppers using both soil and hydroponics in what we call the Salsa Garden. This salsa will one day accompany quesadillas for a student project.

These many initiatives make up the foundation for our agricultural program. As a project based school it is critical to provide the opportunities to spark and cultivate student interests and leverage the learning opportunities across a range of disciplines. So far, our projects have many elements necessary for success. We have student interest, hands on relevant work, and skilled caring mentors. I am excited to see our vision realized.

Help Wanted

Big Picture is looking for mentors in welding, woodworking, robotics, electrical engineering, illustration, animal care, and culinary for our Big Picture students.

Any interest/contacts can be forwarded to David Stablein at dstablein@lafayetteschools.org or call 315-504-1000.

◆ LaFayette Athletic News ◆

Successful Season for Youth Football and Cheer Teams

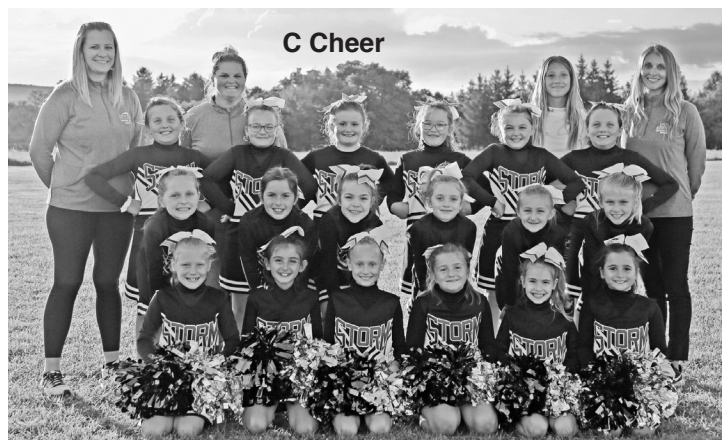
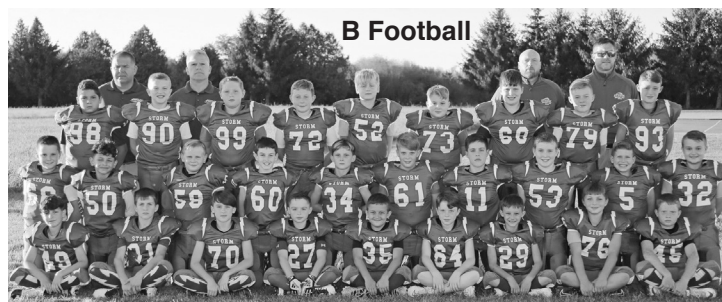
Congratulations to the Southern Hills Storm Youth Football and Cheer Program!

On October 24, the Southern Hills STORM Youth Program wrapped up their 2021 Season. Over 140 PreK-6th graders from Fabius-Pompey, LaFayette and Tully school districts registered and competed this season. This was by far the largest turnout in the 8 years of the program. The football players and cheerleaders competed with teams across the Finger Lakes in the Finger Lakes Youth Football and Cheer League (FLYFCL).

Thank you to all the parents, players, and coaches for an extremely successful, safe and fun season!

Team Records: Flag Football (PreK - 2nd grade): records not recorded, but our largest turnout yet with 35 players; C Football (3rd and 4th grade): 7 Wins / 1 Loss; Division Champions; B Football (5th and 6th grade): 6 Wins / 2 Losses.

Cheer Competition (held October 24, 2021 at RIT College): Flag Football Cheer (PreK - 2nd grade): 1st Place in Division and Grand Champions of all 16 Flag cheer squads that competed; C Cheer (3rd and 4th grade): 5th Place; B Cheer (5th and 6th grade): 3rd Place.



Flag Football



THANK YOU! from the LaFayette Athletic Booster Club

The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club had a great weekend and spent some time feeling back to "normal" at the Apple Festival 2021.

We would like to thank the following: Jamie and Patsy McElhannon, Bob Storrier, Jen Jackowski, Rich Dix and Boys, Jen and Cole Blosssey, Sean Kelly, Lisa Chapman, Christine Cromley, Jimmy Davidson, Heather Dennis, Jordan Fleischman, Karrie Haumann, Jake O'Donnell, Bill O'Leary, Christine Quick, Cheryl Polinsky, James McKenna, Tim Miller, Rick Storrier, Julio and Cas-sandra Ortiz, Jurnee Shenandoah-Kurtz and Jeff Fetty. As well as all the Athletes who showed up and helped us sell out. **Thank you!**

◆ LaFayette Community News ◆

LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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Announcements

Apple Festival

A big thanks to all the wonderful volunteers at the LCC booth. The kids and adults enjoyed the two days of making and selling pizzas, knots, popcorn and drinks. Our sincere gratitude to all customers that purchased from LCC. It was a fundraising success and an enjoyable time!



Other Programs

Ski Program

LCC's Friday night skiing will begin in January 2022. We will hold two information and registration sign-up nights: Thursdays, November 4 and 11, 6-8 p.m. at the LaFayette Town Commons Community Room (please note the change from prior location). DEADLINE FOR FORMS AND PAYMENTS IS NOVEMBER 15. Pricing information and forms are available on the Town's web site under the Community Council skiing tab.

Adult Programs

Men's basketball

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

Youth Programs

Fall Sports

A fun, sometimes soggy soccer season! LCC would like to thank the following individuals who coached or helped out with the soccer program: Kevin Morel, Colin Morel, Amy Shute and members of the LaFayette School District's Varsity Soccer Team; Tom Schwartz and Gail Ruterman; Arif Karicic, and Kurt Shafer. Much appreciation to Dave Prince for refereeing. Thanks to all the kids and families for their participation.

Winter Sports

To be announced. Information will be sent home from school and available on the web site.

A flyer with specific information and registration form for the above programs will be sent home from school.

Coaches

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.

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, notices will also be provided through the LaFayette School District.

LCC Contact Information

Facebook

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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

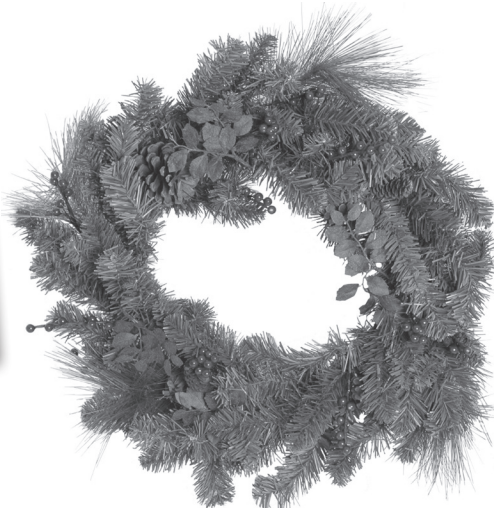
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LAFAYETTE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Holiday Wreath Sale 2021

24" Balsam Fir Wreath



Wreath pick up is December 5th from 3-5:00 p.m. (same day as town tree lighting)
Please pick up at the LaFayette Community Center – Door to car door delivery!

ORDER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 21, 2021 (at the latest)

Please make all checks payable to: LaFayette Athletic Booster Club

If you would like to mail in your order, please mail your check and order form to:
LaFayette Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 294, LaFayette NY 13084

Payment can also be made via:
Venmo – LaFayetteAthletic-BoosterClub (preferred) – In memo line put “wreath and qty”

Please reach out to a member if you have any questions:

Heather Castleman ◆ Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz ◆ Peggy Fleischmann ◆ Mackenzie McElhannon
If you need to contact us, please email LaFayetteABC1@gmail.com or call Heather at 315-420-4886.

WREATH ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Number of Wreaths: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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November IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9 Bus Safety Drill
National Honor Society
Induction 7 p.m.
- 10 ONS Picture Retake Day
- 11 No School - Veteran's Day**
- 12 HS Picture Retake Day
- 15 GS Parent/Teacher Conference 2 p.m.
- 17 BOE Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Half Day GS/ONS Only
- 24-26 Thanksgiving - Recess No School**

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to like us on
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Athletic Booster Club, photo taken at the 2021 Apple Festival