

## Capital Project Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing safe, modern, and up to date school facilities for our students and community, the LaFayette Central School District will be presenting an \$8.6 million dollar Capital Project to our community for consideration on Thursday December 10, 2020 from 1-9pm at the Jr/Sr High School or via absentee ballot.

**It is projected that this project will have no local tax impact based on available state building aid and use of capital reserves.**

One of the main project goals is to improve air quality to create healthier learning environments, making up 40% of the project. Another is to upgrade facility infrastructure to ensure safe, healthy, and secure learning environments for our students and staff, being 15% of the capital project. The remaining funds will be used to enhance educational programs we have in place.

At the Jr/Sr High School, we hope to replace the auxiliary gym roof, the library carpet, and water heaters. There will be infrastructure improvements to the sewage treatment plant as well as masonry restoration to the building. We will improve airflow/filtration and add air conditioning to the Wellness Center, Big Picture wing, main gym, music/choral rooms and 2nd floor classrooms. There will also be improvements made to the STEAM/trades lab and we will add an Academic Hall of Fame area.

At Grimshaw the gym divider and the septic tanks need to be replaced. Repairs would be made to the kitchen floors and pavement to the fields, as well as ceiling abatement. The airflow/filtration and air conditioning of the cafeteria, gym and 2nd floor classrooms would undergo improvements, and the library media center would be renovated.

## Capital Project Timeline

Many in the district community may be asking “Why now?” Our District began the capital project planning process in February 2020. The goals of the project are to improve air quality to create healthier learning environments, upgrade facility infrastructure, and provide educational program enhancements. Despite all that we have withstood since March with COVID-19, we must move forward with the education of tomorrow for our students while preserving the community’s previous investments in our facilities. This project furthers our commitment to our district’s core beliefs of safe and secure learning environments, supportive and rigorous learning environment, an institution of learning for all, and embracing creativity and innovation.

With a December capital project vote, our district can take advantage of New York State building aid, and use capital reserves to present a project with no local tax impact.



*Architect renderings of Grimshaw library renovations*





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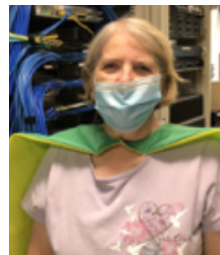
## Holiday Wreath Sale 2020

Pick up December 4 from 4 to 7pm, at the LaFayette Community Center. No contact delivery!

**ORDER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20**

More information and order form on page 5

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## Legend of Learning

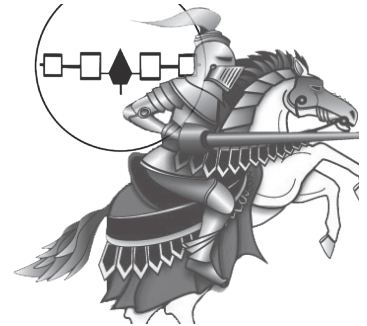
Congratulations to Ms. Patricia (Pat) Sandusky. Pat is our Network Administrator for LaFayette Central School District.

The individuals who nominated Ms. Sandusky shared: Pat has worked very hard to prioritize projects that directly impact student learning during this unprecedented time. Pat has worked to ensure that the district has enough bandwidth to accommodate distance learners. Additionally, Pat oversaw the installation of the new campus wide notification system. Without these efforts, we surely would not have the ability to effectively navigate these very unique and challenging times. We are fortunate to have someone as dedicated as Pat working to make sure these critical systems are in place for the students, faculty and staff.

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**Jeremy Belfield**  
*Superintendent of Schools*



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

Thank you for a great start to the 2020-2021 school year! Our school district administrators, staff members, students and families have been actively preparing for the reopening of our schools following our school closure on March 17th due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our school reopening plan is posted on our school website, [www.lafayette-schools.org](http://www.lafayette-schools.org)- click on School Reopening Plan under Quick Links. Thank you to our Board of Education, Reopen LaFayette CSD Task Force and all our parents who participated in the informational sessions during the month of August.

For the 2020-2021 school year, we are pleased to offer a digital learning option for students who are not yet able to return to in person instruction. Our digital learners will be following the school schedule, logging in from home, and participating in live learning opportunities. In accordance with the decision of the Onondaga Nation Council of Chiefs, Clanmothers, and Faithkeepers, the Onondaga Nation School will remain closed through the second marking period. Onondaga Nation School students will continue to participate in digital instruction for the first and second marking period. LaFayette educators went above and beyond last spring to continue learning through digital means when schools were closed. Thank you to our teachers for their continued efforts to make digital learning a positive experience for our students.

LaFayette CSD is also pleased to offer a return for PK-12 students to in person instruction five days a week. We are fortunate to have small class sizes and large classrooms that can accommodate the requirement of spacing building occupants six feet apart. We are also requiring our students to wear face coverings to help prevent the spread of disease. Students will be provided with mask breaks throughout the day. NYSED guidelines currently allow students to remove their mask when they are seated for instruction, six feet away from others. We will continue to revisit our face mask policy based on feedback from staff and our reopening task force. As circumstances change, we may need to shift to requiring students and staff to wear masks at all times. We are also asking families to assist with completing a daily health screening and requiring students and staff to stay home when they are sick. Students will also participate in a variety of training sessions to help familiarize themselves with procedures involving screening, mask wearing, handwashing, and respiratory hygiene. Thank you in advance to our students and families for working with us to provide a safe learning environment for everyone who is returning to in person instruction.

As we progress throughout the school year, we will keep our school community updated on our efforts to continue learning while also keeping everyone safe during these challenging and uncertain times. As long as everyone does their part to follow the safety precautions, we can have a safe and productive learning environment for both our digital and in-person learners. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school reopening plan, please feel free to reach out to your child's building principal or to me - [jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org) or 315-529-9550 (cell).

## ◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

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

The entire Junior Senior High School staff worked diligently to prepare for the start of the school year. Our non-instructional staff did an outstanding job preparing the physical space to accommodate the new guidelines in our reopening plans.

All classrooms were reorganized to allow staff and students the ability to appropriately social distance. Additionally, several new signs have been posted throughout the building as reminders for social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing.

With the preparation of the physical space, the instructional staff also prepared for the return of students. On Tuesday, September 1st the staff was able to come together again for the first time since March. Staff spent three days, in addition to many professional development hours over the summer devoted to safety training and preparing their curriculum to meet both in-person and digital learning needs this year.

To prepare our students for the upcoming school year, all students received important information at the end of August. A confirmation of commitment letter was sent that included a 2020-2021 Transition Plan. The commitment letter confirmed the selected learning option and transportation needs for each student. The Transition Plan outlined both the in-person and digital learning options and what students can expect this year.

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## ◆ The BIG PICTURE LEARNING News ◆

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. This is going to be a very interesting year. Our hopes for the year are to minimize all of the distractions to maximize the amount of time we can be learning, exploring and growing. Our first step in doing this is for everyone to know and follow the new safety procedures we have implemented. These procedures will hopefully allow us to continue to learn together.

New to the school supply list are face coverings. Please be sure to have clean face coverings that adequately cover your mouth and nose. Face coverings must be worn on buses, in hallways and in classrooms when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Due to the need to socially distance, Big Picture students and staff will be using classrooms outside of the Big Picture wing. We will be moving in and out of the High School space and Big Picture space. As a reminder, the school rules apply in the space you are in. It is very important to be respectful of and follow the rules and expectations for the spaces we are in.

Obviously, students cannot be wearing a mask when they are eating lunch. For this reason, we will ensure that students are seated and maintaining social distancing requirements during lunch. For our virtual learners, we expect you to follow your daily schedule and join your classes utilizing Google Meet. Be sure to keep track of time and log into your advisory and workshops at the start of each scheduled time. It won't be long for these new procedures will become habit and our focus can be on being curious and learning, exploring and growing.

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## How to Distinguish the Difference: COVID-19 vs. Allergies vs. Flu

These are the official definitions of the following:

**Coronavirus:** A large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe respiratory diseases. The viruses are transmitted between animals and people.

**COVID-19:** A mutated version of the coronavirus, called novel. It was first detected in Wuhan, China in November 2019. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

Here are the differences seen between the following:

	COVID-19	ALLERGIES	FLU
SPREAD/ SYMPTOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spread person-to-person</li> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Shortness of breath</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not spread</li> <li>• Itchy, runny nose, sneezing, coughing</li> <li>• Itchy, red, watery eyes</li> <li>• Itchy, sensitive skin, swelling, rash or hives</li> <li>• Shortness of breath, cough, wheeze, chest tightness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spread person-to-person</li> <li>• Fever/chills</li> <li>• Cough, sore throat</li> <li>• Runny or stuffy nose</li> <li>• Muscle or body aches</li> <li>• Headaches</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> </ul>
PREVENTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid exposure if possible</li> <li>• Avoid close contact with others</li> <li>• Wash your hands frequently</li> <li>• Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol as needed</li> <li>• Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid your allergy triggers</li> <li>• If you're not sure what your triggers are, ask about testing</li> <li>• Medicate for allergies before pollen season or exposure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get the flu vaccine</li> <li>• Avoid close contact with others</li> <li>• Wash your hands frequently</li> <li>• Stay home when you are sick</li> <li>• Cover your nose &amp; mouth</li> <li>• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth</li> </ul>
TREATMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call ahead before going to the doctor; contact your doctor if you think you have been exposed</li> <li>• Stay home except to get medical care</li> <li>• Stay away from others</li> <li>• Limit contact with pets</li> <li>• Wear a facemask</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take prescribed or over-the-counter allergy medications</li> <li>• Antihistamines</li> <li>• Nasal sprays</li> <li>• Immunotherapy as prescribed</li> <li>• Allergy shots</li> <li>• Allergy tablets</li> <li>• Nasal wash/rinse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antiviral drugs may be an option for people at high risk for complications and people with lung conditions</li> <li>• Stay home and rest</li> <li>• Contact your doctor early if you're at high risk</li> <li>• Most people don't need to go to the emergency room</li> </ul>

### What to do if you are sick?

First, Call your doctor and discuss your symptoms and potential exposure. Your doctor will decide if you should be tested for coronavirus.

You should stay home and self-quarantine yourself. Separate yourself from other people in your home, and wear a facemask when around other people. Cover your cough and sneezes, or cough into your elbow and wash your hands frequently.

Always follow evidence-based guidance from the CDC and other credible sources.

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Pick up December 4 **DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20.**

Please send check and mail order form to:

**LaFayette Athletic Booster Club,**  
**PO Box 294, LaFayette NY 13084.** Make checks payable to: LaFayette Athletic Booster Club  
 Payments can also be made via:  
 Venmo - LaFayetteAthletic-BoosterClub or  
 PayPal - LaFayetteAMC1@gmail.com

Questions? Contact a member or send an email to LaFayetteABC1@gmail.com or call Heather at 315-420-4886.



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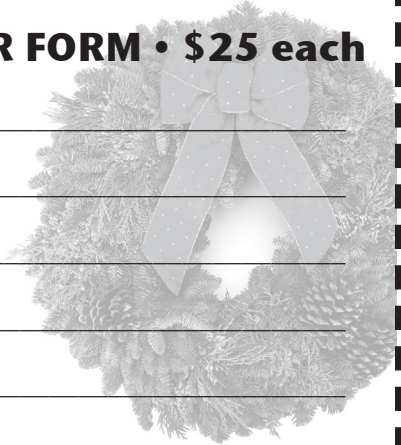
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**Pesticide Notification**

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

Initial notification to persons in parental relation and staff pursuant to Section 409-h of the State Education Law.\*

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The LaFayette Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- ♦ a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- ♦ anti-microbial products;
- ♦ nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- ♦ nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- ♦ silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- ♦ boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- ♦ the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- ♦ the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- ♦ the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the School. For further information on these requirements the School pesticide representative is: Ron Cooper and may be reached at: 5955 Route 20 West LaFayette, NY 13084 Ph: 315-677-9700 or fax 315-677-3372

**LaFayette Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Building Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Youth programs resumed on July 6 and were conducted following state guidelines for sports and recreation activities.

LCC offered the following sports in July and August:

**Tee Ball** for boys and girls in grades K&1 : Coached by Chris Baker and Angel Enigk

**Baseball/softball** for boys/girls grades 2 & 3 : Coached by Missy Hogan and DJ Mahar

**Baseball/softball** for boys/girls in grades 4-6 : Coached by Mike White, Travis Homer, and Wayne Brennan

**Lacrosse** for girls in grades K-6 : Coached by Julie Clarke and Terri Clarke

**Lacrosse** for boys in grades K-6 : Coached by Todd Briggs, Nate Loughlin, and Pat Dwyer

**Thank you** to the coaches and everyone else that helped with these programs, including Glenn Christoffel and Kate Jugan.

**Fall Sports** – soccer is underway and will conclude mid-October

**Winter Sports** – We hope to be able to conduct our winter programs, including grades 2-4 basketball, girls' volleyball, grades 5 & 6 basketball (boys and girls) and wrestling. The ability to conduct these programs is dependent on state mandates, as well as whether and when we will be able to use school buildings.

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:** Information regarding this program is forthcoming and will likely be dependent on state restrictions.

#### Adult Programs

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

#### Announcements

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).

**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.

In addition, **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.

#### 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.)

By speaking to an LCC representative during the new "Open for Business - Town Hall Tuesday Nights" at the Town Offices every Tuesday from 6-6:30 p.m.

E-mail: [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.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.

This has been an interesting Spring and Summer! We have all had to adjust to a different lifestyle. We managed to provide some of the summer reading program, and are very grateful for the people who were able to provide programs virtually. It is our hope that by next summer we'll be able to do live programming!

The LaFayette Public Library is now **open for limited visits**. Curbside pickup has been discontinued, except by special request. 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 provide.

**Visiting the library:** We will schedule three patrons at a time for 15 minute intervals to come inside, check out items and browse. This also includes other services like making copies, faxing, etc. You can schedule your 15 minute visit during these days/hours:

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.

**Returning items:** this process is the same as when we were closed. We will continue to leave the book drop unlocked for drop off, and to quarantine the items for 4 days. This way both the staff and the patrons can be rest assured that the items that are being handled for check out or put into delivery to other libraries are safe from contamination.

Please return items in the book drop rather than handing them to staff or placing them on the counter. Thank you!

You are still able to **download materials and access our databases:**

Databases: [www.onlib.org](http://www.onlib.org) > learn > online databases

Downloadables: [www.onlib.org](http://www.onlib.org) >find > ebooks & more. There is also information on our website – [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org) with the above links, and more!

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**. 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.

**Computer use:** You can schedule a time to use a computer at 1 hour intervals. We have six slots for in house computers and 5 slots (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.

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)

If you haven't already, **please fill out the 2020 Census**. For more detailed info on different ways to do the Census, please go to this address: <https://www.onlib.org/census-2020>.

We lend seven **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 library and need to be checked in at the circulation desk. It must be verified that all parts are 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!

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 – with no extra charge to you!

**All Story times, Imagination Lab and Tuesday Tea are temporarily canceled, until further notice.**

# LaFayette CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Jeremy Belfield, Title IX Compliance Officer, LaFayette Central School, 5955 Route 20, West, LaFayette, New York 13084

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