

Onondaga Nation School

Our school year is off to a great start. In September ONS hosted a



SCHOOL PICNIC/LONG BALL GAME

community/school picnic and long ball game. Kids, parents and teachers enjoyed the games, food and each others' company. We had a great turn out! Many thanks to the ONE scholarship for providing the hotdogs, buns

and waters. Mr. Capella graciously cooked hotdogs on the charcoal grill provided by Ron Cooper. We also had a delicious green corn soup made

from corn grown in our ONS Garden. The soup was assembled by Lacey Cook, one of our language teachers, with cornbread wheels provided by Rick Lazore. The day started with a quick Longball game with students



OPEN HOUSE

in grades PreK-3rd grade. The game was explained by Mr. Brad Powless. We all enjoyed seeing the younger students laugh and run.

Open House was a tremendous success. We had more parents and families in the building than in recent memory. FireKeepers provided a wonderful supper and dessert. Parents and family members had the opportunity to see their children's classrooms, get a sense of expectations and learn more about the teachers at ONS, as well as meet new faces and friends.

ONS also hosted the LaFayette Central Schools Board of Education Meeting on September 12. Food was provided by PTS. Highlights of the meeting included Mr. Lenny Oppedisano's National Big Picture Advisor of the Year Award, and the official welcome to our new librarian, Ms. Allison Keough. We extend our congratulations to Lenny and welcome to Allison.



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CNY Central Athlete of the Week

Congratulations to Grace Dow who was selected as the CNY Central Athlete of the Week!





Dear LaFayette School Community:

Thank you for a great start to the 2019-2020 school year! Our students at the LaFayette Jr/Sr High have expressed their appreciation for the recently renovated high school cafeteria and serving area. Our food service staff at Grimshaw are also appreciative of their new kitchen equipment. Our team from Ashley McGraw Architects did an outstanding job making sure that student voices were included in the design phase of the construction project. Our construction management team from Turner Construction did a phenomenal job making sure that spaces under construction were ready for students and staff. We have also received several compliments on the new student drop off in the south parking lot at the high school. Construction will continue, throughout the fall months, in the high school cafeteria, athletic lobby and basement area. We are putting the finishing touches on these upgraded spaces. Also, the district was notified at the end of August that the New York State Education Department approved the designs for security upgrades, approved by the voters in January 2019. We will begin work on upgrades to the public address system in the upcoming months. Improvements to doors, door hardware, and other items will continue through the summer of 2020. Thank you to our voters for approving these renovations!

The district is working with the New York State Education Department and the New York State Office of Governmental Services to conduct a study looking at replacing the fire alarm at the Onondaga Nation School. Our architects are also working with NYSED and OGS to coordinate repairing the roof of the 1996 addition at the Nation School, replacing exterior doors, and performing several security enhancements at the school. We are hopeful that these improvements will take place during the summer of 2020.

Our instructional staff members have been actively participating in professional learning communities to establish team norms, analyze student data, and set SMART goals improving student academic outcomes (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Related). Each of our schools is rolling out a multi-tiered system of supports to focus on the behavioral, social, and emotional needs of our students. This year, we are focusing on defining school-wide behaviors, acknowledging students who exhibit appropriate behavior, and building a system that identifies students in need of intervention and support. Our schools are also working on improving the quality of our communication by focusing more on the great things that our students are doing at school. Specifically, we are looking to increase the number of positive contacts that teachers have with parents. Don't be shocked when you get a phone call from your child's teacher letting you know all the great things your child is doing in class.

One challenge that we are facing is an overwhelming shortage of substitute teachers, substitute bus drivers, and substitute non-instructional staff. If you know of anyone who loves working with kids and has an interest in helping in our classrooms, driving students to school, serving food in our cafeterias, or cleaning our schools, please encourage them to consider applying to our school district. Information regarding substitute opportunities is posted on our webpage, www.lafayetteschools.org, under the district office page.

Again, thank you for a great start to the 2019-2020 school year. Always feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas, or thoughts on how we can make our school a great place for our students. You can reach me via phone at 315-677-9728 (office), 315-529-9550 (cell), or via email - jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org.

Sincerely, Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *from the desk of Mrs. Blosssey*

Happy Fall...As we prepare for the change in the seasons, there are also changes with the marking periods this school year. We now have three marking periods instead of four. The new report card dates are the following:

End of 1st Trimester November 26th

Report Cards sent home with students - 12/5

End of 2nd Trimester March 13th

Report Cards sent home with students - 3/20

End of 3rd Trimester June 19th

Report Cards sent home with students - 6/25

All grade-level report cards will be sent with the students this year. Please make sure to check your child's backpack for them.

Grimshaw hosted their 2nd annual walk-a-thon to support the encore classes in Grimshaw. This school-wide fundraiser is where students got pledges and walked laps on a marked course. The Walk-a-thon took place at Grimshaw on a good weather day during school hours between October 3rd and 4th. Participation was free and all students walked with their classmates during their assigned special time. This fund-

raiser is 100% profit to Grimshaw Elementary students and teachers. Thank you to all who supported our school.

Grimshaw will have special presentations this month around safety. The safety of our students is our first priority, so we will be taking some time to introduce the students to several different professionals helping in our community, to run safety drills within our building, and to remind students of general safety practices. The month will have three spectacular events where students will have the chance to learn from and interact with helping professionals. Students will have the opportunity to learn what Police Officers and their K-9 companions do for our community and how important they are to keeping us all safe. The month will wrap up with our annual fire prevention day, teaching students the importance of fire safety, the great work that Firefighters do, and their contributions to keeping our community safe. We are looking forward to introducing students to the great First Responders and helping professionals within our community.

A few important dates to remember:

October 7 -

GAPS Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

October 9-10 -

Grimshaw Picture Days

October 11 -

No School for Students/Conf. Day

October 14 -

No School for Students and Staff

October 31 -

Halloween Parade starting at the Cafeteria Doors at 1:15 p.m.

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BIG PICTURE LEARNING

We have had a great first few weeks of the school year. It has been a very busy start. We welcomed our students and families back with our September Potluck dinner. We had nearly 50% of our students and their families represented at the dinner. We shared amazing food, great stories and our hopes for a successful school year. We have also held our annual Overnight Camping Trip.

Fifty-seven of our sixty-one students attended this event. The weather was more than we could have hoped for. It was

the perfect temperature for all of our activities.

We participated in advisory versus advisory relay races. Two students, with arms tied together, had to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Additionally, students competed in a hula hoop pass and a cup collecting and moving strategy game called countries. After the relays, students participated in a physics challenge and a fashion show. We ended our night with an epic lip sync battle and talent show. It is an important culture building activity where students need to collaborate, listen, trust and take risks in a supportive environment. Lenny Oppedisano and Susan Osborn had a bit of fun playing Randy Rhoads and Ozzy Osbourne.

Looking ahead in the next few weeks, our seniors will be delivering their Senior Thesis Project Proposals. Seniors will present their ideas for a year long project to guest evaluators who will ask questions and provide feedback on the proposals. Students will then adjust their projects accordingly and get started on this community based project. Our juniors will be taking their PSAT on Wednesday, October 16th.



Annual Notification Regarding the Emergency Response Plan

The LaFayette Central School District has an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in place to address student and staff safety issues. The ERP would be activated in the event of a local disaster or school emergency. Statistics show that schools are still among the safest places to be on a day-to-day basis, due to the strong commitment of educators, parents, and the community toward their children. Nevertheless, disasters do happen, and as such, no district can be complacent in its efforts to make its schools even safer.

Per the district's S.A.V.E. Plan, the designated chief emergency officer will be responsible for coordinating communication between staff, law enforcement, and first responders to ensure understanding of the district-level safety plan. The chief emergency officer will also be responsible for communicating details to staff during an emergency.

Also in the event of an emergency, the school's public information specialist will be responsible for disseminating information to the public by communicating with local media and the community.

The district's mass communication system, School Messenger, utilizes the student/parent/guardian information stored in SchoolTool. Therefore, it is imperative that parents/guardians ensure that their contact information is current and accurate in SchoolTool. Whenever your contact information changes, please reach out to your child's school immediately to update your information to ensure that you'll be able to receive emergency communications from the district.

Parents/guardians should also be aware that the district will conduct unannounced emergency and lockdown drills at each school throughout the year. Law enforcement and emergency personnel may be included in these drills, when possible. Visitors to school building will be notified of emergency drills/situations such as shelter-in-place, hold-in-place, evacuation, or lockdown.

To view the district's ERP, please visit our website.

Resources for Parents: Videos on Strengthening the Connection Between Home and School

Public television station WNET has produced a series of videos to help strengthen the connection between home and school. The videos, available in English and Spanish, provide strategies to help families set their children up for success in and out of the classroom.

For example, routines can reduce stress around transitions from one activity to the next. Following a routine at home is great practice for following a routine at school. Regular family routines also help ensure that children will arrive at school on time, well-rested, and ready to learn. Readiness Check is a free interactive tool to help parents understand their children's strengths and to identify what support they may need with grade-level skills. Watch the video, then visit Become a Learning Hero for the Readiness Check in both English and Spanish.

Annual Fire Inspection

State Education Law requires that fire inspections as well as visual inspections are to be conducted in District owned or leased buildings annually. These inspections were conducted on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 by Ronald Cooper, Maintenance Supervisor at LaFayette Schools and Dave Daignault, Safety Officer at OCM BOCES. There were a few minor violations that were mostly corrected at the time of the inspection. All appropriate reporting will be sent to New York State Education Department as well as local fire departments. Should you have any further questions regarding the fire inspection, please feel free to contact Ron Cooper at (315) 677-7725 or by email at rcooper@lafayetteschools.org.

Notice of Availability: Asbestos Management Plans

As provided under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, (AHERA - EPA 40 CFR 763), LaFayette Central School District hereby makes known the steps it has undertaken to comply with AHERA and the availability of asbestos management plans.

231071544. Beginning in 1989, all district owned facilities were inspected for asbestos and management plans were developed for each building according to the requirements of AHERA. Triennial reinspections are conducted every three years. Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES of Syracuse, NY completed the 2016 AHERA Triennial inspection and update to the asbestos management plans.

1. Periodic Surveillance of asbestos containing building materials is conducted every six months.
2. All custodial and maintenance staff have undergone 2hour Asbestos Awareness Training.
3. All response actions taken are within federal and state guidelines.

Management Plans may be viewed during office hours from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, please contact the following individual: James E. Kesler, L.E.A. Asbestos Designee at 315.671.4141

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**LAFAYETTE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
Holiday Wreath Sale 2019**

\$25 each. Pick up December 1st from 8:30-11:30am, at the LaFayette Community Center – Door to car door delivery! **ORDER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17.**

You can mail in your order, please send check and order form to: LaFayette Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 294, LaFayette NY 13084. Make checks payable to: LaFayette Athletic Booster Club

Please contact a member if you have any questions: Heather Castleman, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, Peggy Fleischmann or Mackenzie McElhannon.

If you need to make arrangements for delivery please contact LaFayetteABC1@gmail.com or call Heather at 315-420-4886.

WREATH ORDER FORM • \$25 each

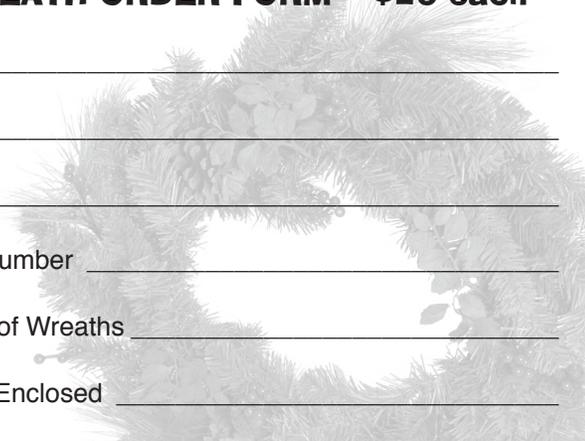
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Phone Number _____

Number of Wreaths _____

Amount Enclosed _____



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

Pesticide Use

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

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: Ronald Cooper and may be reached at: 5955 Route 20 LaFayette, NY 13084. Phone: 315-677-7725 or fax 315-677-3372 or email rcooper@lafayetteschools.org

LaFayette Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

Name _____

School Building Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

• Web Site: www.townoflafayette.com • Mailing Address: PO Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13078 • 315-677-7272 •

Apple Festival: We need your help running the pizza booth at the Apple Festival; please consider putting in an hour or two selling pizza to support our youth programs. Kids are welcome to help too.



Trunk-Or-Treat: LCC will be participating in Trunk-Or-Treat at the Columbia Presbyterian Church on Halloween, October 31.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Soccer: The Fall season is under way and runs through mid October. Thank you to Rhett Harmatuk and Harmatuk Construction and Concrete Services for their sponsorship of the soccer teams and help underwriting the cost of the soccer jerseys.

Basketball*: Grades 5 & 6, boys and girls practices will begin Saturdays in November; games will begin in January. The grades 2-4 basketball program for boys and girls will begin in February 2020.

Wrestling*: For girls and boys in grades K-6. Practices will begin in November.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP - If you are able to help out with the **basketball or wrestling programs** please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Ski Program: Information/registration for ski program: October 24, 6-8 p.m., at the Town Offices. Bring a picture (close up head shot, e.g., school picture) to be submitted with your form, otherwise you will need to go to the ski area to have your picture taken. Pricing and forms are available on line at www.townoflafayette.com under the LCC tab. Registration Deadline is November 15.

THANK YOU

LCC would also like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to help LCC provide our community with positive and quality sports experiences; you have our sincere gratitude for all you do.

Lacrosse: Todd Briggs; Tyler Gale; Ben Ternosky; Paige Skinner; Patrick Dwyer; DJ Mahar, and Sam Carlton

Please consider following the example of these fine people and volunteer to help out – we need your participation for LCC to continue to thrive.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Daytime/Senior Exercise Class: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the LaFayette VFW. Sessions run for 6 weeks. The cost for an entire session is \$36, and cannot be pro-rated. Walk-in fee is \$5/per class. The current session runs September to October 17. The subsequent session will run October 22 to November 27, and be followed by a mini-session, December 3-19 (\$18).

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School cafeteria. The Fall Session begins September 9 and will run through December 18. The cost for attending class one night per week is \$40*, and \$80* for two nights per week (approximately \$3 per class). *Fees cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

Aerobics: At this time, LCC will not be offering an aerobics program as we do not have an instructor available. We are actively working on locating an instructor to run these classes. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact LCC and provide contact information in order for us to notify you once an instructor is found.

Tai Chi: Beginner and advanced classes are offered. For additional information, contact instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114.

Men's Basketball: Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium, September 2019 – April 2020. Fee is \$20.

LaFayette Public Library News

2577 US-II, Lafayette, NY 13084 • (315) 677-3782 • www.lafayettelibrary.org

For any questions regarding closing due to weather, event schedules and other information, please go to our website or our Facebook page for up to date information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Step up to stop falling: Wednesdays, at 10 a.m. in the library community room through mid December.

Michael Czarnecki gives a Multimedia presentation about Route 20
on Saturday, October 19, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Census 2020 – Informational program about the 2020 Census.
Time and date TBD

October Imagination Lab:

- ◆ October 2nd – Snap Circuits
- ◆ October 9th – DIY Monster Wreaths
- ◆ October 16th – Candy Corn Flowers
- ◆ October 23rd – Autumn tree art
- ◆ October 30th – Halloween Party!
Dress up, eat snacks, and hangout!

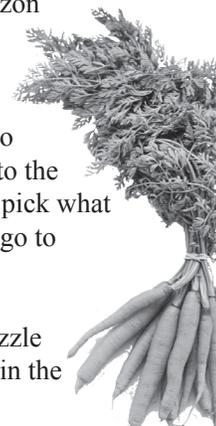


Come take a look at the **art display** from the students in the Junior/Senior High School. They range from photography to paintings and some 3 dimensional art. They are hung primarily in the teen section in the library.

Reminder: 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. Enjoy!

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! Thanks!

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called “**Field Goods**”. They deliver fresh foods from small farms. The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the food. This is a “local supports local” effort. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy. It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.field-goods.com>.



We have an ongoing **jigsaw puzzle exchange** in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. It’s very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here! Also we have a puzzle set up in the library so come in and fit a piece or two (or three).

The library system has a number of databases, but due to the shut down in July we have not completely restored access to them. Thanks for your patience!

A reminder that we have a **children’s computer** that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it. We also have two ipads in the children’s area with lots of fun and education apps on them

We continue to offer **computer training** for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

Story times: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

LaFayette CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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October

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 JSHS Picture Day
JSHS Open House
- 7 GAPS 6:00pm
- 9 GS Picture Day
- 10 GS Picture Day
BOE Meeting, 5:30pm
- 11 **No School**
Superintendent's Conference Day
- 14 **No School**
GS, BP, JSHS
- 15 JSHS Blood Drive
- 22 ONS School Picture Day
- 24 BOE Meeting 5:30pm
- 31 GS Halloween Parade, 1:15pm



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