

Thank You from the LaFayette Transportation Department



Thank you for a great opening to the new school year.

Please make sure that if your child goes to an alternate location in the morning or afternoon that you fill out the form on the district website and return it to either your child's school or the transportation office.

We did the first of 3 school bus drills on Wednesday, September 14th. For this drill, all students exited out the back door of the bus. Children were taught the importance of school bus safety, loading/unloading, crossing, and emergency exits. We encourage all parents and guardians to speak to your children about the importance of school bus safety regularly. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

Please remember, as active citizens in our community, that the buses are out picking up and dropping off our future. Be prepared to stop for buses with their lights activated. STOP means STOP!

Legend of Learning: Walt Nowey



Congratulations to Mr. Walter Nowey, Big Picture Advisor and English Teacher, who was selected as the September 2022 Legend of Learning!

The student who nominated Walt shared the following: "Walt has been one of my biggest supporters. He never fails to make me laugh, and he always speaks the truth and pushes me to be my best. I always give a little

push back to him, but he will continue to make me a better person. Walt doesn't make people feel stupid, or not heard. He cares for others and shows respect even if it's a little sarcastic. Walt embraces every aspect of Big Picture, and encourages students to explore their interests, especially in culinary. Walt spends lots of time cooking at school and home, he loves sharing his recipes with students and staff. He enjoys making mistakes and never thinks things are perfect."

Walt - 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.

Universal Free Meals Have Ended

Free meals for all students have come to an end. Free meals are still available to those households that qualify financially. To qualify for free meals, you must have an approved meal benefits application on file with Food Service or have been directly certified by the State.

Meal benefit applications are available on the school website, September Green Sheet, main office or by contacting Food Service, (315) 677-9510 and requesting one. Households will receive a letter from LaFayette CSD Food Service indicating they have been directly certified by the State. Letters will begin to go out the last week of August and throughout the year as households are directly certified by the State.

Please do not hesitate to contact Food Service with any and all questions. We're here to help!

◆ LaFayette District News ◆



Message from the
SUPERINTENDENT

Jeremy Belfield
Superintendent of Schools
jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org
315-529-9550 (cell)

Dear Families:

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start! It is wonderful having students back in our school buildings!

We were very pleased with all the positive feedback on our family orientation day, held on Tuesday September 6th. It was great to see so many parents, caregivers, and students stop by to say hello to their teacher(s), find their locker, and figure out how to navigate their school schedule. We are hopeful that this new tradition helped students, families, and staff members to start the school year on a positive note.

It was also great to hear the feedback from families as they toured recently renovated spaces in our schools. Our construction teams have been making steady progress. One area that is almost complete is the new Hall of Excellence outside of the high school auditorium. I am reaching out to our school community to form a Hall of Excellence planning committee. Like the Hall of Fame for Athletics, the Hall of Excellence will help celebrate all the great LaFayette alumni, community members, and staff members that have provided a positive and lasting contribution to our school community. If you are interested in serving on the Hall of Fame planning committee, please reach out to me at 315-677-9728 or jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org

Also, our district is looking to update our Code of Conduct, which details school rules and expectations. I am looking for students, staff members, and parents/caregivers to serve on our Code of Conduct committee. Our first meeting will take place on October 5, 2022 at 3:30 PM in the district office conference room. Please contact me at 315-677-9728 or jbelfield@lafayette-schools.org if you are interested in serving on the Code of Conduct Committee.

Be sure to check out our school calendars for all the upcoming events. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Support the Football and Cheer Program!

The Southern Hills Storm Youth Football and Cheer season is well underway, with the varsity and modified teams not far behind! Southern Hills includes students from Fabius-Pompey, LaFayette and Tully school districts, in grades Pre-K thru 12th, playing together on combined teams for both football and cheer. Schedules subject to change.

Please come out to support this fantastic program!



October Games:

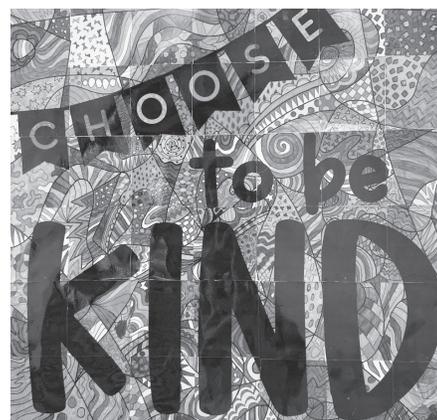
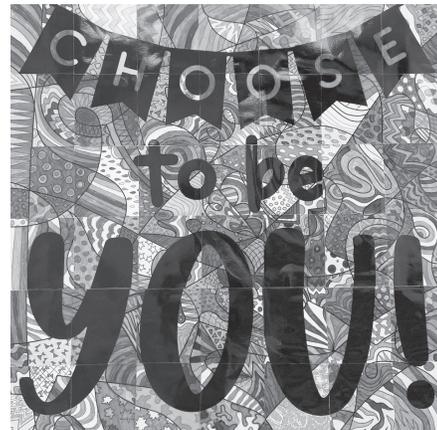
- 1 Varsity Football at Holland Patent, 6 p.m.
- 1 Youth Cheer Competition at Penn-Yan, TBD
- 4 Modified Football at OCS, 4:30 p.m.
- 7 Varsity Football at Tully HS, 7 p.m.
- 8 Youth Football at Tully HS, 3:15 p.m.
- 11 Modified Football at Lafayette HS, 5 p.m.
- 15 Varsity Football at Lafayette HS, 12 p.m.
- 16 Youth Football at 4TCC, 8:45 a.m.
- 18 Modified Football at Cato-Meridian, 4:30 p.m.

Grimshaw Walk a Thon 2021



◆ *Junior/Senior High School News* ◆

Students Collaborate to Build Communication, Teamwork, and Spread Positive Messages



For the first week of school, 7th and 8th grade students in Mrs. Robinson's, Mrs. Charpentier's and Mrs. Nicholson's classes collaborated to work on communication, teamwork and demonstrating kindness and respect. Activities included collaborative posters, a nature scavenger hunt with a design challenge, as well as creating kind messages and images for others. You can view the 7th grade "Choose to be You" poster and 8th grade "Choose to be Kind" poster in the hallways at the JSHS.

FOR ALL SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE LAFAYETTE DISTRICT!

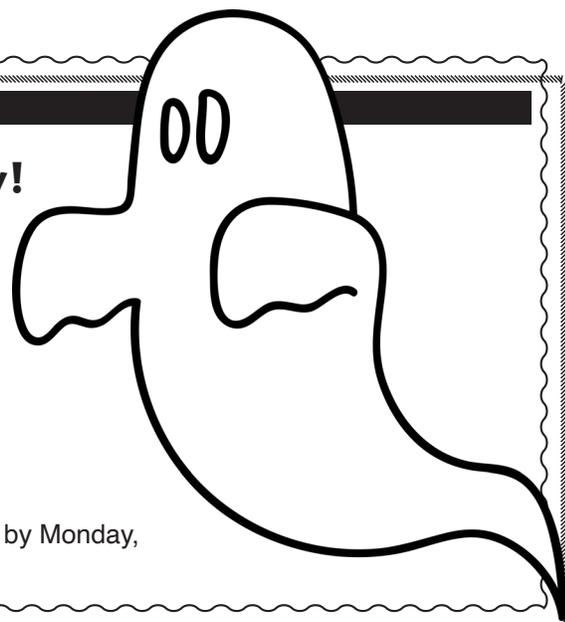
Order your SCARY GRAMS today!

Interested in letting your student know you are thinking of them on Halloween? Support the 7th and 8th grade classes and send them a "Scary Gram" to brighten (or frighten) their day!

Scary Grams are goodie bags of candy with a Halloween greeting card delivered to your student on Halloween day

If you would like to place an order, send an email to esopchak@lafayetteschool.org to have the link sent to you.

Scary Grams are \$2 each or \$3 for 2. Orders and money must be in by Monday, October 24th.



◆ The BIG PICTURE LEARNING News ◆

BIG PICTURE LEARNING

And We're Off!

September has flown by. The Big Picture School has welcomed 20 new students and 5 new staff members. We are so excited to have Brandy, Vickie, Alex, Amy and Rob join our team!

Please welcome our new staff:

Brandy Tremblay - Big Picture's new secretary. I have enjoyed wearing many

hats in the West Genesee School District the past 8 years and am excited to now be a part of The Big Picture! Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my husband Matthew and our sons; Nate(23), Luke(15) and Adam(13).

Vickie Gernhardt - They say you can't go home again, but that's not true. I grew up in LaFayette, attended school here, and, now, have returned to teach here for the third time. I have over 20 years of teaching experience in a variety of school settings. Many of my positions have been in atypical educational venues. I am very excited to be back and look forward to the opportunity to be involved in Big Picture.

Alex Barr - is the new social studies teacher at Big Picture. I started my teaching career on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska before moving to the Washington, DC, area where I've been teaching for the past six years. I am thrilled to be a part of Big Picture LaFayette! I was immediately drawn to the school's vision of putting students at the center of their education, by fostering learning both in and out of the classroom. Outside of school, I enjoy gardening, watching basketball, hiking, and cooking. I can't wait to meet everybody and have a great school year!

Amy Denkenberger - I am excited to be at Big Picture as a Teaching Assistant. I have been an educator for 26 years, I have taught and supported students in many different areas, all of which I have really enjoyed. I look forward to expanding my horizons with the Big Picture School because I really believe in their positive, influential mission!

Rob Moore - Another day, another chance to grow. Hi there, I am a new fellow Teaching Assistant here at Big Picture. I am an alumni of Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School and have had several years of time in my studies of science, social justice, and education. I enjoy my days wearing my usual Hawaiian shirts and helping students explore interests and possible avenues in their academic experiences. My own personal interests include a variety of games, watching films, hiking, and drawing art. I am enthusiastic to be part of the community and look forward to the possibilities of a great school year!



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Nicole Petranchuk



Introductions at Grimshaw

My name is Nicole Petranchuk, and I am both honored and excited to introduce myself as the new Principal of Grimshaw Elementary! As an experienced educational professional, I bring a variety of experiences to Grimshaw to support Lafayette's vision to inspire, empower, and prepare all students to achieve excellence. I believe all students can learn at high levels and appreciate and understand the importance of developing the whole child. I'm looking forward to working alongside students, staff, families, and community members to support our students' academic and social emotional needs.

The 2022-2023 school year marks the seventeenth year of my educational career. I began my career as a middle school English Language Arts and AIS teacher in the Jordan-Elbridge School District. A short time later, I moved to Pine Grove Middle School in the East Syracuse Minoa School District, where I've spent the last fifteen years. While at Pine Grove, I taught eighth grade English Language Arts and Content Literacy. The last two years I have been fortunate to serve Pine Grove as their Assistant and the Associate Principal.

In addition to having a great love and belief in education, I also enjoy reading and spending time with our three dogs and my horse.

Communication is very important to me. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, ideas or concerns you would like to discuss. I am looking forward to having the best school year!

Help Support Grimshaw Elementary's

WALK a-thon

What is the Walk-a-thon?

A GAPS school-wide fundraiser where students walk laps on a marked course to raise money for Grimshaw Elementary.

Our Goals:

- Promote a healthy and active lifestyle to our students
- Raise money to support our school on items that will benefit ALL students

Please visit our school website for more information on how you can support our Walk-a-thon

Get those SMILES ready!

Picture Day

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

PRE-ORDER ONLINE*

Best Pricing & Product Offerings
Simply Scan the QR Code or go to bjkphotos.com



Pre-Order Offers expire 1 week after picture day!



*If you are unable to order online a limited supply of paper order forms are available in the main office of your school.

www.bjkphotos.com

BJK Photos 181 Kenwood Ave Oneida NY 13421

Grimshaw Elementary

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Simone Gonyea

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With a full month of September completed, ONS teachers, students and families are so excited to be present everyday! We have had several grade levels that have PERFECT ATTENDANCE every week! Special recognition to Mr. Seitz 7th grade section as well as honorable mentions to Mr. McCoy's 3rd grade class, Ms. Lyon's Kindergarten class, Mrs. Murray's 1st grade class and Mrs. Seitz 8th grade section is coming so very close!! Keep up the morning routine and the family effort to catch the bus and arrive at school on time!

Open House Highlights: ONS conducted an Open House tent night on Thursday September 29th. Nyawenha for the tasty treat provided by Firekeepers, the informative conversation with teachers and connections made between staff and families!

Every Child Matters: On Friday September 30th ONS acknowledged "Every Child Matters" by wearing orange! "We recognized this day to remember those who went to residential schools, and those who lost their lives to residential schooling. We wear Orange on this day to bring awareness of the thousands of Native students taken from their homes and had to experience being placed in residential schools." Activities for the day were organized by ONS PTS.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

September 28: METS Education day w/ grades 3–6

September 28: Commissioner Betty Rosa Visits ONS

October 5: ONS Picture Day,

October 10: Indigenous Peoples Day



◆ LaFayette Community News ◆

The LaFayette Apple Festival



Bringing Community, Non-profit Organizations, Friends, Artists, and Crafters together to promote apples, small town America, and obtain monies for future endeavors.

49th Annual Festival October 8th & 9th, 2022
Saturday 9 am – 6 pm Sunday 9 am – 5 pm

Apple pancake breakfast starting at 7am on both Saturday and Sunday.

In celebration of our 50th year of existence and 49th festival, please join us Saturday evening October 8, 2022 for a firework display after the Apple Festival. We will be starting at dark, approximately 6:30pm.



◆ LaFayette Community News ◆

LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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APPLE FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to help run the pizza booth at the Apple Festival (October 8 & 9). Please consider putting in an hour or two or more to support our youth programs. Kids are welcome to participate and enjoy their time volunteering there!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

FALL SPORTS

Soccer: The season is underway and will end on Saturday, October 22.

WINTER SPORTS

Wrestling: Practices will begin early December. Registration and program information will be announced soon. Registration and program information will be provided through LCC Facebook page, the Town's web site under "Community Council" tab and school message.

Basketball: To be announced. Information will be provided from the school messaging system. It will also be available on the LaFayette Community Council Facebook page and the Town web site under Community Council.

Volleyball: To be announced. Information will be provided from the school messaging system. It will also be available on the LaFayette Community Council Facebook page and the Town web site under Community Council.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Men's Basketball: Mondays 7:00-9:00 at Grimshaw Elementary, currently in session and will run through Monday, June 11, 2023.

Co-Ed Volleyball: Begins Friday, November 4, 7:30-9:30 at Grimshaw Elementary and will run through Friday, June 16, 2023.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Ski Program: LCC's Friday night skiing. We will hold two information and registration sign-up nights: Thursday, October 27 and Thursday, November 3, both 6:00-7:30 PM at the Community Room in the Town Hall. Documents will be available for individuals/families to complete on those evenings. There will be no transportation provided for Friday night skiing. Participants under the age of 18 will need to have an adult responsible for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCC and Wrestling Apparel Store: We have opened an apparel store that will currently run through the end of day October 3, 2022. Items ordered may be picked up at Stafford Park Concession Stand on Saturday, October 22. The link to the store is: https://urbaneearthgraphics.tuosystems.com/stores/lcc?fbclid=IwAR1Va1Eaq41cv08BBEy0SRyjt7c_Qf_gLPZOrTsMkmiNHkZ2IWLSb2Mtl-8 The link may also be found on the Town's web site under the "Community Council" tab and on LaFayette Community Council Facebook page. There will be future apparel store times and seasonal options.

If you are able to help with any of the LCC programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 315-677-7272 or via email: lcc@townoflafayette.com. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers. Thank you.

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 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

CONTACT

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@cnyemail.com

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

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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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October IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3** GAPS Meeting 6:00pm
- 4** Grimshaw Picture Day
High School Picture day
- 5** ONS Picture Day
- 10** No School
- 12** PSATs
BOE Meeting 5:30pm
- 21** JSHS End of 1st Marking Period
- 31** Grimshaw Halloween Parade 1:00pm

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