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CENTRAL SCHOOLS

September 2023





# **Dear Families and Staff Members:**Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! As I begin my seventh school year as a

Lancer, I continue to be amazed at how our small community comes together to support one another. We celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff while keeping our focus on continuous improvement.

Our students will be welcomed back with clean classrooms thanks to the efforts of our district custodial and maintenance staff and our summer cleaning help. I routinely receive compliments from community members on the cleanliness of our school buildings and appearance of our school grounds.

Our construction project approved by the voters in December 2020 is nearing completion. During the summer months, contractors finalized HVAC installations at LaFayette Big Picture School, LaFayette Jr/Sr High School, and Grimshaw Elementary. Classrooms on the second floor, the main gymnasiums at both schools, the music wing, the Big Picture Wing, and the Grimshaw Elementary cafeteria will have the welcome addition of air conditioning. Contractors also renovated the Technology Suite at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School. Once the punch list items are completed, we will host a public event to highlight the recent renovations in the Technology Suite. Thank you to the voters for approving these improvements to our schools!

We are excited to work with our partners at the New York State Education Department and New York State Office of General Services to develop renovation plans for the Onondaga Nation School. Thanks to the advocacy efforts of our Board of Education, Onondaga Nation Leaders, our school community, and elected officials we secured another \$11 million in funds to address the facility needs at ONS.

Our district will continue to focus on improving academic outcomes for students, addressing the social/emotional and mental health needs of students, and improving the overall experience of our students through improved attendance and engagement. Thank you for sending your children to us every day they can attend school. I look forward to working with our students, families, and staff members to make this coming school year another great year! Always feel free to contact me or our building principals with any questions, comments, or feedback.

### Welcome Back!



## **LEGEND OF LEARNING:**

### Karen Ocque

Congratulations to Ms. Karen Ocque who was selected as the June 2023 Legend of Learning! Ms. Ocque is the Director of Instruction and Pupil Services for our district.

The individual who nominated Karen shared the following: "Karen has served as the Director of Instruction and Pupil Services for LaFayette Central School District. Karen works with staff, students, and families to make sure that services are in place for students with



individualized education programs or accommodation plans. Karen has supported staff members by facilitating professional learning requests, working with curriculum review committees, and helping to connect staff with resources to support students. Karen has announced that she is retiring from the district to spend more time with family and focus on pursuing her own professional growth and learning."

Karen, thank you for supporting our students and staff for the past eight years!

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 available on our website.

# **♦ TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION ◆**

Buses will leave the Bus Garage between 6:30 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. each morning to pick up all students in the La-Fayette School District. Adjustments to the bus routes will be made during the first couple weeks of school. Students will arrive at the Onondaga Nation School by 7:45 a.m. The students that attend the Jr./Sr. High School will arrive by 7:30 a.m. The buses will then proceed to the Grimshaw Elementary School and students who participate in the breakfast program will be released beginning at 7:40 a.m. while the remaining students will be released off the bus no earlier than 7:50 a.m.

All Onondaga Nation School students will have their own busing again this school year. There are 2 buses designated for students who attend the Onondaga Nation School only and 2 buses for students residing on the Onondaga Nation who attend LaFayette HS and Grimshaw Elementary schools. The 2 buses that are designated for the Onondaga Nation School (ONS) will have a sign in the window of the bus to distinguish them from the buses going to LaFayette HS and Grimshaw Elementary.

All private and parochial students will be picked up by their respective buses for the school they are attending. In the afternoon, students will ride their respective bus home.

All Thompson Road Boces students will ride into the high school where they will transfer to their shuttle bus. Be sure to carefully check to see which route and bus your child(ren) have been assigned to. If you have any questions on any of the routes, or if it is not clear what bus your child should ride, please contact the Transportation Office at (315) 677-9700. You are welcome to call this number whenever you have a concern, comment or suggestion. The following pages list the morning bus routes for the upcoming school year.

BUS #149 A.M. (ONS STUDENTS ONLY) From Bus Garage proceed North on Route 11. Bear Right onto McClary Rd. Left on Kennedy Rd. Left on Kennedy Rd Spur. Right on Route 11 to the Nation Line. From the Nation Line heading south on Route11 and turn onto Quarry Rd and Right onto Frontage Rd continuing to Duggetts Hill Rd. The bus will continue to go up Maybee Rd, Hemlock Rd, Webster Rd and Martins Ln including Upper Martins. The bus will Turn Left onto Route 11A and right into ONS. The bus will return to the bus garage from there.

BUS #177 A.M. (ONS STUDENTS ONLY) From Bus Garage turn Right onto Route 20 to Cardiff. Left onto Ortloff and Left onto Route 11A turn around and turn Left to Rowland Rd and Left onto Route 20. Right onto Everingham Rd and Buffalo Hill Rd. Turn around and turn Left onto Route 20. Left onto Tully Farms Rd. Left onto Route 11A heading North. Start picking up students at the Nation Line. Left on Gibson Rd. Right onto Route 80. Left onto Commissary Rd to turn around. Right onto Route 80. Left onto Gibson Rd. Left onto 11A, pick up students on 11A north of ONS. Turn around before the Nation Line and turn Right into ONS. Return to the Bus Garage.

BUS #167 A.M. (STUDENTS RESIDING ON THE NATION WHO ATTEND LAFAYETTE HS OR GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY) From Bus Garage, the bus will proceed right on Route 20 to Everingham Rd, continuing to turn around on Buffalo Hill Rd. Left, back on Everingham Rd. Left on Route 20 heading east. Left on Tully Farms Rd Ext. Left on Route 11A beginning pickups at the Onondaga Nation Line. Continue on Route 11A to Gibson Rd. Turn left on Gibson Rd. Right on Route 80. Left on Commissary Rd and continue up to the turnaround point. Return on Commissary Rd to Route 80 to Gibson Rd to Route 11A. Turn left onto Route 11A. Right onto Martins Lane including Upper Martins. Left onto Hemlock Rd and then proceed to Grimshaw.

BUS #176 A.M. (STUDENTS RESIDING ON THE NATION WHO ATTEND LAFAYETTE HS OR GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY) From Bus Garage, Left on Route 20. Left on Route 11 heading North and picking up students who reside on the Nation toward the Nation Line. Turn around and pick up at the Nation Line. Turn Right back on Route 11 South. Turn Right onto Quarry Rd. Turn Left onto Frontage Rd and continue onto Duggetts Hill Rd. Turn Left to go over the bridge and pick up Maybee Rd. Turn around and turn Left turn onto Hemlock Rd. Turn around at the end of Hemlock and head turn left onto Webster Rd. Go to the top of Webster and turn around. Come down Hemlock to Route 11A. Turn Left onto 11A and pick up students on 11A up to ONS School. Turn around and ONS and turn Left on Route 11A. Pick up along 11A North until Route 11. Turn Right on Route 11 to LaFayette HS and then to Grimshaw.

BUS #163 A.M. (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, the bus will turn right on Route 20 picking up students along Route 20. Turn Left onto Ortloff Rd. From Ortloff Rd, the bus will turn left onto Route 11A. Turn Right onto Nichols Rd. then right onto Tully Farms Rd and then Left onto Bear Mountain Rd to the turnaround point. Turn Right off of Bear Mountain onto Tully Farms Rd and Left onto Webster Rd. Turn Left onto 11A and Left onto Rowland Rd. Turn Left onto Route 20 West and Right onto Tully Farms Extension. Turn Left onto 11A and pick up 11A until you get to the Nation line. Turn around Route 11A South and pick up students to Ortloff Rd. Turn Left on Ortloff and Right on Route 20. Head east on Route 20 and turn Right onto Markland Rd. Turn around on Markland and Turn Right onto Route 20 East. Turn Left onto Route 11 and proceed to LaFayette High School and then to Grimshaw.

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BUS #172 A.M. (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route 11 to Kennedy Rd. picking up students on Route 11, north of McClary Rd.. Turn right from Route 11 to Kennedy Rd, then to Sentinel Heights. Turn right on Sentinel Heights to Graham Rd. Left on Graham to LaFayette Rd. Left on LaFayette Rd. to Forestry turnaround. Back on LaFayette Rd. Continue on LaFayette Rd to Coye Rd turnaround. Right on LaFayette Rd then right onto Barker Hill Rd to turn around. Continue on Barker Hill Rd back to LaFayette Rd. Turn right and proceed to High School and then to Grimshaw.

BUS #173 A.M. Route - (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) - From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd and work their way to Eager Rd. Bus will turn Right onto Eager Rd from Reidy Hill Rd where they will start picking up students from Reidy Hill Rd to Apulia Rd. Turn Left on Apulia Rd North and pick up students until Bush Rd. Turn Right onto Bush Rd to turn around. Head back toward Apulia Rd and Turn Right onto Apulia Rd North again to Wallburger Rd and turn around. Turn Left off Wallburger back onto Apulia Rd and turn Left onto Colton Rd then Right onto O'Connell Rd. Turn Right onto Route 20 and Right on Dodge Rd to Route 20 proceeding to LaFayette High School and then Grimshaw.

BUS #166 A.M. (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route 11 beginning pickups just north of the High School. Continue on Route 11 to McClary Rd. Proceed onto McClary, then Kennedy Rd, and then to Sentinel Heights. Continue on Sentinel Heights to Mercun Dr. Turn right on Mercun Dr to the turn around point. Back to Sentinel Heights and turn right. Continue on Sentinel Heights to Route 11. Turn left onto Route 11, pick up students on the West side of Route 11 to the Dollar General Store, turn around and then pick up students on the East side of Route 11. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

**Bus #178 A.M.** (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, bus will go left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd. beginning pickups on both sides of LaFayette Rd. from Rte. 20 to Coye Rd. Turnaround at Coye and Old Coye Rd. and continue on LaFayette Rd to Bull Hill Rd. Turn Right on Bull Hill Rd picking up students on Bull Hill as the bus proceeds to McClary Rd. Left on McClary to Route 11. Left on Route 11 then left on Norman Dr. Pick up students on Norman Dr., Pioneer Rd., and then Bella Vista Dr. Continue to Mondore and turn Right then left on Route 11 and Left onto Winacre Dr. Turn Right onto Sentinel Heights Rd and then proceed to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

**BUS #158** A.M. (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd. and Right on Reidy Hill Rd where the bus will start to pick up students.

Turn Left on Eager Rd to turn around. Continue down Eager Rd and turn Right onto Coye Rd to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Road heading south to Commane Rd (Bus does not pick up students on Coye or Lafayette Rd). Turn right on Commane Rd and pick up students and head to Route 11. Turn Left onto Route 11 and Right into Apple Ridge apartments. Turn Left onto Route 11 and pick up at Apple Ridge Apartments on the East side of street. Continue to Willow Wood Apartments and pick up students. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

**BUS #159** A.M. (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 picking up students on the south side of Route 20 to Apulia Rd. Right on Apulia Rd (south) to turn around. Head back north on Apulia Rd to Cascade Rd. Right on Cascade to Clark Hollow. Right on Clark Hollow to Downing Rd. Turnaround. Continue on Clark Hollow to Newell Hill Rd. Right on Newell Hill to turn around and then back to Clark Hollow. Right on Clark Hollow Rd to Route 20. Left off Route 20 Left onto Palmer Rd. Turn around at the Feed store and turn Left on Route 20 and then left on Applewood. Turnaround and back to Route 20 to Festival Gardens. Continue on Route 20 to Route 11, picking up students on the north side of Route 20. Turn right onto Route 11 and proceed to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

BUS #160 A.M. (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, the bus will proceed south on Route 11 to Feather Dr and Sturgeon, then back to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to Meeker Hill Rd. Turn left on Meeker up to turnaround. Back on Meeker Hill Rd, turning right onto Sky High Rd. to turn around. Back to Meeker to Route 11. Left on Route 11, continuing onto North Rd to the AT&T Towers. Turn around and turn Left onto Maple Grove Dr. to Sugar Bush Dr. Turn Left on Sugar Bush and turn around at the end. Continue back down Sugar Bush to North Rd, Turn Left on North Rd, turn left on Scammell Rd to Route 11. Left on Route 11 to turn around. Continue back north on Route 11 to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

BUS # 154 A.M. (Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS) From Bus Garage, the bus will turn West on Route 20 and turn Right on Webb Rd until Amidon Rd. Left on Amidon Rd, Right on Naomi Rd and turn around at the end. Head back toward Amidon Rd and cross over to Porter Ln. Turn around at the end of Porter Ln to Amidon Rd. Turn Left on Amidon Rd and continue on to Summer Ridge Rd to Thunder Rd. Turn Left on Thunder Rd and turn around at the end. Continue back down Summer Ridge and Amidon Rd back to Webb Rd. Turn Left on Webb Rd. Continue straight onto Naughton Rd. Left on Still meadow Rd and Left on Still Meadow Rd. Turn around at the end and head back toward Naughton Rd. Right on Naughton, Right on Webb Rd, Left on Shute Rd to Mobile Home Park. Turn around and head back to Webb Rd. Turn Left on Webb Rd and Right on Route 11 to LaFayette High School and then to Grimshaw.

# **♦** Junior/Senior High School News **♦**

### **Welcome Back Lancer Families**

As the school year approaches, we are in need of your assistance. At this point, you should have received a Student Data Verification Form. Please take a moment to review and make any necessary changes so that we may update our records accordingly. All forms can be returned to the Main Office on the first day of school.

What you can expect this school year:

**Parent Square Application** – This year the district will be using the application known as "Parent Square" to communicate with our families. Parent Square is a communication tool that keeps families informed about events occurring within the school.

By downloading the Parent Square application, you will have the ability to communicate directly with a variety of different staff members through the Parent Square application. Regardless of whether you download the application, you will still receive parent square notifications to your email or phone as long as your information is listed correctly within Schooltool.

If you have any questions about this new communication tool, please feel free to contact me directly via email at jpryan@lafayetteschools.org or via phone at 315-677-3131.

Orientation Day – On Wednesday, September 6th the District will be holding a student orientation day for all students in grades Pk-9 and Big Picture. As a building, we are excited to welcome all of our students in grades 7th, 8th, and 9th. The day will start at 7:55am with a large group assembly in the auditorium. We have a full day of activities planned for our students which will conclude at our traditional dismissal time of 2:38pm. For this year's orientation day, the district will be providing transportation to and from school. If you have questions about your child's pickup time, please contact transportation at 315-677-9700

District Implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PCL) – All schools will dismiss early on Mondays to allow teachers to participate in collaborative team meetings focused on improving teaching and learning throughout our school. These collaborative team meetings are called Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). The Jr./Sr. High School will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays throughout the school year.

Student Drop-Off Procedures – Starting at 7:30 am, families can drop their child off at the Jr./Sr. High School using the "student drop-off area" located in the South Parking Lot. Students will be able to enter the school using the Auditorium Entrance (Door # 26) or the Main Entrance (Door #1).

**Enrichment Night** – On Thursday, March 14th from 5:30 to 7:00, the Jr./Sr. High School will be holding an enrichment night for our students and their families. All grade levels are encouraged to attend this event. The night will be focused on highlighting our students' achievements while providing engaging activities for all involved. Please mark your calendars for this interactive celebration.

**Jr. High School Open House Night** – This year's open house will be targeted to our 7th and 8th grade families. On Thursday, September 21st starting at 6pm, we are inviting all of our 7th and 8th grade students and their families to join us at the Jr./Sr.

High School for an informational open house. This event is a great opportunity for our Jr. High families to experience a traditional student schedule and converse with faculty and staff. We encourage all students and their families to attend.

Free Breakfast/Lunch – <u>This year, all students will</u> be receiving free lunch and breakfast regardless of their families income.

This initiative is made possible by a Community Eligibility Provision through New York State. We are still encouraging eligible families to complete the Household Income Eligibility Form included in this newsletter, page 7. Completing this form will help to ensure the continuation of this program in future years.

We look forward to seeing our students and their families in the near future. With that being said, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the Jr./Sr. High School main office by phone at 315-677-3131



# + Grimshaw School News +





### What a Great Time: The Grimshaw Summer Program

We started our Grimshaw Summer Program off on July 10th and enjoyed our last day celebration on August 3rd. We incorporated 4 different themes to keep students engaged which included: Beach week, Camping week, Pirate week and Summer fun Luau week. The students spent a majority of the day completing activities that worked on math level skills and reading skills. Then, in between working on skills we took time to add in activities that involved PE, Art, Music, Cooking and STEM.

For Beach week the students did activities using beach balls, made a beach plate for their snack, made tye dye beach towels and sun catcher fish.

During Camping week tents were set up, flash lights were used, hotdogs and s'mores were roasted for snack, and tents were created using gum drops, foil and toothpicks.

Pirate week students had the opportunity to wear their own pirate hat and eyepatch. For activities, students made their own playdough, they had to make a boat and see how many gems their boat could hold before sinking, make their own parrots and follow a treasure map to find a treasure chest with chocolate gold coins and beads.

Our wrap up week was a summer luau where students had their own grass skirt to wear, made fruit kabobs for snack, made volcanoes and watched them erupt, tried to hula hoop, and had fun playing with the big parachute.

A big surprise was a visit by Wade Live the magician. He performed many amazing tricks and kept us all engaged.

A big shout out of appreciation goes out to the staff and students that came in over the summer to work together. Learning took place and fun was had by all.







# ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



Summer has been exciting and busy at the Onondaga Nation School. Much of the downstairs area,

tech room, art room, storage area,

cafeteria space, and custodial area-have all been revitalized with new tile flooring. The alarm system updates have been completed and checked and are ready to go.

The custodial staff has done an absolutely fantastic job in getting ONS ready for staff, students, and community. Classrooms have been emptied and cleaned. A few classrooms have been switched to honor teacher requests. Some classrooms have been painted. New furniture and classroom materials have been assembled and put into classrooms. And, of course, the yearly cleaning and refurbishing of the building, in general, have been completed in record time.

A huge Nyawenha goes out to Ricky Neu, Brendan MaCasland, James Thomas, Kelly Nemire, Ben Shenandoah, Karrie Haumann, Ellie McElhannon, Isabella Kurtz-Shenandoah and Chris Elliot.

Summer school was so much fun for our students. Our enrollment was outstanding. There were fifty three students signed up. Students rotated through STEM, art, woodwork and language. There was a great exchange program between ONS and students from the Brady Faith Center on South Avenue in Syracuse. Thirty students from the Brady Faith Center came to ONS and enjoyed time with ONS students playing games. The highlight of the day's visit was a trip to the Buffalo Field-a great time was had. Thanks to George Thomas for making that visit possible. Nyawenha for a great summer program to; Mrs. McElhannon, Alyssa Franklin, Madison Lyon, Allison Keough, Pat McCoy, Margaret Gerbsch, Pat Wilson, Audrey Shenandoah, Evelyn Powless, Darrin White, Jeff Capella, Mary Mercurio, Leah Chawgo, Kayla Cornelius, Alex Campbell, Sharon Cook, and Sheen Shenandoah.

ONS would like to welcome the following staff members to our ONS Community:

Deborah Kelly - Kindergarten teacher Amanda Spicer - 2nd Grade teacher Jerry Kelly - Teaching Assistant

Some dates in September to remember:

**9/13** Onondaga Pottery Maker, Peter Jones visits and works with 8th graders;

**9/15** 8th graders visit SU for Mr. Jones's Exhibit and **9/28** ONS Open House at 5:00 pm.





PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS/MILK ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Althought Breakfast/Lunch will be free this year, completing this form will help to ensure the continuation of this program in future years.

#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)/Provision 2 non-base year Household Income Eligibility Form

<u>LaFayette Central School District</u> is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). All children in the school will receive meals at no charge regardless of household income or completion of this form. This form is to determine eligibility for additional State and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. Read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the school named above. Call <u>315-677-9510</u> if you need help.

<ul> <li>List all children in your household who attend school:</li> </ul>	:			
Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
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<ol><li>SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits: If anyone in your household receives eil Name:</li></ol>	ther SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefit	s, list their name and CASE # h	ere. Skip to Part 5, and sign the a	pplication.			
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<sup>4.</sup> Signature: An adult household member must sign this application.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school may receive federal funds. The school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature:	Date:	DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY					
Email Address:		Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple inco Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Tv					
Home Phone		SNAP/TANF/Foster					
Work Phone		Income Total Household Income/How Often:	Household Size:				
Home Address		Free Eligibility Reduced Eligibility Signature of Reviewing Official	Denied Eligibility				

CEP/Provision 2 Non-Base Year Household Income Form INSTRUCTIONS

#### PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE FORM FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one form.
- List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.

#### PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the form in PART 4. SKIP PART 3 Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number.

#### PARTS 3 & 4 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF PARTS 3 AND 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are completing the form for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people living in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.

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## **Fire Inspection Notice 2023**

State Education Law requires that Fire Inspections along with Visual Inspections be conducted in District owned or leased buildings annually. These Inspections were conducted on Thursday, June 1, 2023 by Ron Cooper, Maintenance Supervisor at LaFayette Central School District and Michael Bonvell, Safety Officer at OCM BOCES.

There were a few minor violations that were mostly corrected at the time of the inspection. The rest were corrected shortly after. All appropriate reporting has been sent to the 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 the district at (315)677-7725 or at rcooper@lafayetteschools. org.

### **Water Reporting**

As required by County & State Health Department regulations, water samples are taken from District wells for analysis periodically. The samples are then sent to Microbac Laboratories in Cortland.

The reports indicate that the water supplies are of a satisfactory and sanitary quality for all locations however, C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School water supplies tested higher than 20mg/l of sodium.

Although there is not a set maximum level for sodium, it is recommended by the county that people on severely restricted sodium diets should be made aware. Therefore, for those that may be on severely restricted sodium diet, it is recommended that caution be used when consuming the water from the Grimshaw Elementary School.

### **School Tax Payment Change**

IMPORTANT. PLease note that payments will only be accepted as follows: to pay via check send to the new mailing address below, and make check payable to School Tax Collector: LaFayette CSD. Address: LaFayette Central School District, 5955 US Route 20, LaFayette, NY 13084.

**In-Person Payments** will be accepted at the District Office, 5955 US Route 20, LaFayette, NY on Tuesday between 7:30am to 11:30am, and Thursday from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, **only**.

Payments may also be dropped off in the drop box outside the district office door.

Payment may also be submitted **online**: Go to www.ongov.net/RPTS .

Note the Following **due dates for tax collection** which begin September 5, 2023:

Sept 5 – Oct 4 (No Penalty) October 5 – 31 (2% Penalty) November 1 – 15 (5% Penalty)

Remit to Onondaga County Finance Dept Chief Fiscal Officer PO Box 1004, Syracuse, NY 13201-1004 315-435-2426

For more information contact Wendy Horner - School Tax Collector 315-677-5503 whorner@lafayetteschools.org or Kim Reppi – School Tax Collector 315-677-3144 kreppi@lafayetteschools.org

### **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.

- 1. 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. Reinspection's are conducted every three years. Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES of Syracuse, NY completed the 2022 AHERA Triennial inspection and update to the asbestos management plans.
- 2. Periodic Surveillance of asbestos containing building materials is conducted every six months.
- 3. All custodial and maintenance staff have undergone 2 hour Asbestos Awareness Training.
- 4. All response actions taken are within federal and state guidelines.

Management Plans may be viewed during office hours from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information, please contact Ron Cooper, L.E.A. Asbestos Designee at (315)677-7725 or rcooper@lafayette-schools.org

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#### **Pesticide Notification**

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

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 octa borate 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, Transportation & Facilities Supervisor, 5955 Route 20 West, LaFayette, NY 13084. Phone: (315)677-7725 or email rcooper@lafayetteschools.org

LaFayette (	Central School District Request for PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION	
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# C. Grant Grimshaw, LaFayette Jr/Sr High School, Big Picture School

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If more than six (6) snow/	emergency days are used, instructional days
will be added as needed.	

Mondays will be early dismissal for all students - 1:45pm for Grimshaw and 2:00pm for HS/BP/ONS.

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1	22	Superintendent Conference Day
В	29	Holiday
		Half Day Student Day

Sep 01	Superintendent Conference Day		
Sep 04	Labor Day - No School		
Sep 05	Superintendent Conference Day		
Sep 06	Orientation Day Grades PK-9 and Big Picture		
Sep 07	First Full Day of School for PK-12 Students		
Oct 09	Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day		
Nov 09	Superintendent Conference Day		
Nov 10	Veteran's Day - No School		
Nov 13	GS/ONS Parent Teacher Conferences - 2:00		
Nov 17	GS/ONS Half Day - Parent Teacher Conferences		
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Recess - No School		
Dec 22 - Jan 1	Holiday Recess		
Jan 02	School Reopens		
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School		
Jan 23-26	Regents Exams		
Jan 26	1/2 day for students - Department Business		
Feb 19-23	Winter Recess		
Feb 26	School Reopens		

Mar 11 - Jun 7	NYSAA
Mar 15	Superintendent Conference Day
Mar 29	Good Friday - No School
Apr 8 - May 1	7 NYS Math, ELA, Science Comp Based Exams
Apr 22-26	Spring Break
**May 24	If less than 6 snow/emergency days used, will be no school
May 27	Memorial Day
Jun 04	New Algebra I Regents Exam
Jun 14-26	Regents Exams
Jun 17	Rating Day - No Regents Exams
Jun 19	Juneteenth - No School
Jun 24-25	Half Days for students @ GS/ONS
Jun 25	Last Days for students @ GS/ONS
Jun 26	Rating Day - Last Day for Staff
	Teacher Days = 187
	Student Days = $182$

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# LaFayette Community Council

#### APPLE FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to help run the pizza booth at the Apple Festival (October 7 & 8). Please consider putting in an hour or two to support our youth programs. Kids are welcome to help too.

#### Thank You

LCC would like to thank all of the coaches, assistants and helpers for their time and efforts in the spring and summer sports programs. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the organizations and individuals for their donations and volunteer work benefiting the various programs and events. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated.

#### Youth Programs

#### **FALL SPORTS**

Soccer: Games for Grades 3 through Grades 6 will begin on Saturday, September 9. Prek-2 will begin their instructional sessions on Saturday, September 9. All home games, practices and instructional sessions are being held at Apple Festival Fields.

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 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:

Information about Community Council programs can be obtained through the following sources:

- Call 315-677-7272 leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call. (Messages are retrieved at least three times a week)
- E-mail: lcc@townoflafayette.com
- LCC Mailing Address: P.O. Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13084
- 24/7 on the Town's web site: www.townoflafaytte.com under the "Depts." (Departments) tab
- Facebook page "LaFayette Community Council"





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