CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025 CALENDAR

Four Schools, Three Buildings, Two Nations, One Goal: **EXCELLENCE!**

Mission:

At LaFayette, we put students first. Our mission is to educate, honor, and develop students to have self-respect, a commitment to the community, and a passion for excellence.

Vision:

Inspire, empower, and prepare all students to achieve excellence.

Core Beliefs

- ♦ We believe in a safe and secure learning environment.
- We believe in a supportive and rigorous + learning environment.
- We are an institution of learning for all.
- All students are known and are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion.
- We embrace creativity and innovation.





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Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education (B.O.E) meetings are typically held Wednesday, at least once each month, at the The Big Picture School Commons Area, unless otherwise noted. The meetings begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. with the adoption of the agenda and approval of meeting minutes. Time is set aside for the public to address the Board. An agenda is posted on the Monday prior to the Board of Education meeting at the District Office, each School Building, the Post Office, and on the District Website. The agenda and materials are posted on the District Website before the meeting is to be held. Information regarding public participation is posted on the board agenda website.



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Term: 2024-2027

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Tax Code

When filing your State Income Tax form, please be certain to fill in the LaFayette Central School District Tax Code number (325) in the appropriate space provided. School Aid will be affected if the school district or code number is incorrect or is missing. You must enter the name and code number of the public school district located in the county where you were a resident on December 31, 2024.

This information applies even if you were:

- ✦ Absent temporarily.
- If the school your child attended was not in your school district.
- ✤ If you had no children attending school.

Where To Go

MAIN OFFICE:

Visitor's Pass, Locker Problems, Lost and Found, P.A. Announcements, Student Activities, Bus/ Transportation, Suspension Assignments

GUIDANCE OFFICE:

Academic, Career, Behavior & Personal Guidance, College Information, Transfers, Student Records/Grades, Working Papers, Transcripts

HEALTH OFFICE:

Sick in School, Accident Report, Late Arrival, Early Dismissal, Return from Absence

Do You Have A Concern?

If you wish to see school personnel, please make an appointment before going to school. Concerns should be discussed first with:

Teacher, Coach, or other school employee; If unresolved, discuss with Building Principal; If unresolved, discuss with Superintendent; If unresolved, discuss with Board of Education.

Visitors To The Schools

We welcome families and community members to visit our buildings. Our expectation is that all visitors be mindful of our schools as places of learning and that the policies and procedures for each building be respected. Administrators are responsible for all visitors and the following rules apply:

- A visitor is anyone who is not a student or regular staff member.
- Visitors must report to the Main Office upon arrival, register and display name taGrimshaw when requested. These identification tags must be worn for the duration of the visit.
- Classroom visitations require advance notification to minimize class disruption. Teachers will be unable to
 engage in individual discussion during class time.
- Unauthorized visitors will be reported to the administration and will be asked to leave. Law enforcement may be notified, if necessary.

All visitors must abide by the rules for public conduct contained in the Code of Conduct.

Visits By Parents/Guardians

If you would like to visit a classroom, we ask that you contact the teacher at least 24 hours in advance and please sign in at the Main Office upon arrival. We encourage parents/guardians to attend Open House and all extra-curricular events in which their son/daughter participates. We also encourage parents/guardians to become active in the Parents' Group. Please check the School District events calendar for meeting dates and times.

HS LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School 3122 US Route 11 North LaFayette, New York 13084

GS C. Grant Grimshaw - Elementary 5957 US Route 20 LaFayette, New York 13084 BP The Big Picture School 3122 US Route 11 North LaFayette, New York 13084 ONS Onondaga Nation School 3285 State Route 11A Nedrow, New York 13120



8	9 School Bus Drill Gaps Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10	11 BOE Meeting 5:30 p.m. at Grimshaw Library	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Grimshaw Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m.	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 ONS Curriculum Night 5:00 pm	27 Grimshaw Walk-a-thon	288 Homecoming Dance 7:00 p.m.
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29	30	1 Grimshaw School Picture Day	2	3	4 Rain DateGrimshaw Walk-a-thon	5 SAT Exam

6	Z Gaps Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 ONS Picture Day Jr. Sr. HS Picture Day	9 BOE Meeting at Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m.	10 ONS Three Fires Cooking Exhibition, 8:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	111 ONS Three Fires Cooking Exhibition, 8:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. End of Jr./Sr. High School Marking Period 1	12
13	14 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day NO SCHOOL	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 ONS Family Night, 5:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Grimshaw Halloween Parade 1:00 pm	1	2
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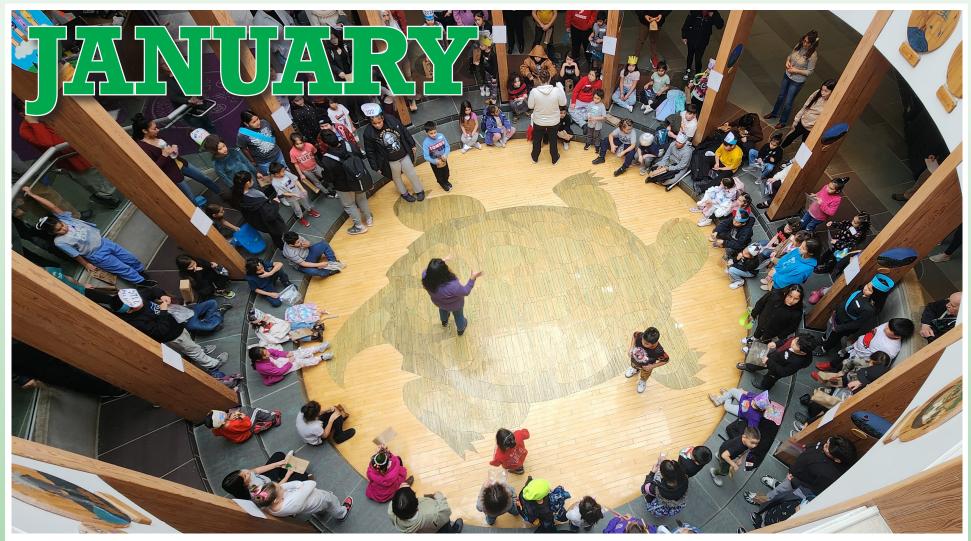
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 American Red Cross Blood Drive	2 SAT Exam

3	4 GAPS 6:00 p.m. School Bus Drill	5 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	6	Z National Honor Society Inductions Grade 11 & 12 7:00 pm	8 Grimshaw School Picture Retake Day	9
10	Yeterans Day NO SCHOOL ONS Observes Canandaigua Treaty Day	12	13 ONS Picture Retake BOE Meeting @ ONS Library 5:30 p.m.	14	15 Jr. Sr. High Picture Retake Day	16
17	18	19	20	21	222 HALF DAY Grimshaw/ONS 11:30 a.m. Dismissal	23
24	25	266 ONS Harvest Dinner, 11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. End of Jr. Sr. High Marking Period 2	27 NO SCHOOL (GS/HS/BP/ONS) Thanksgiving Recess —	28	29	30
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1	2	3	4	5	6 Grimshaw Winter Musical 7:00pm	Z SAT Exam

8	9	10	111 BOE Meeting 5:30 p.m. at Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m. ONS Family Night, 5 - 8 p.m.	12 Jr. & Sr. High Band/Chorus Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17	18 ONS Winter Concert, 6 p.m. Grimshaw Winter Concert, 7 p.m. SNOW Date Jr. & Sr. High Band/Chorus Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess (All Students)	24	25	26	27	28
29 31	30 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess (All Students)	31	1	2	3	4
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5	6 School Reopens	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	21 Regents Exams	222 Regents Exams	23 Regents Exams	24 Regents Exams End of Jr. Sr. High School Marking Period 3 HALF DAY GS/ONS/HS/BP 11:30 a.m. Dismissal	25
26	27	28	29 Asian Lunar New Year NO SCHOOL	30	31	1
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9	10 Blood Drive	11	12 BOE Meeting at Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17 Winter Recess NO SCHOOL (BP/HS/Grimshaw/ONS)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ONS Family Night, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	27	28	
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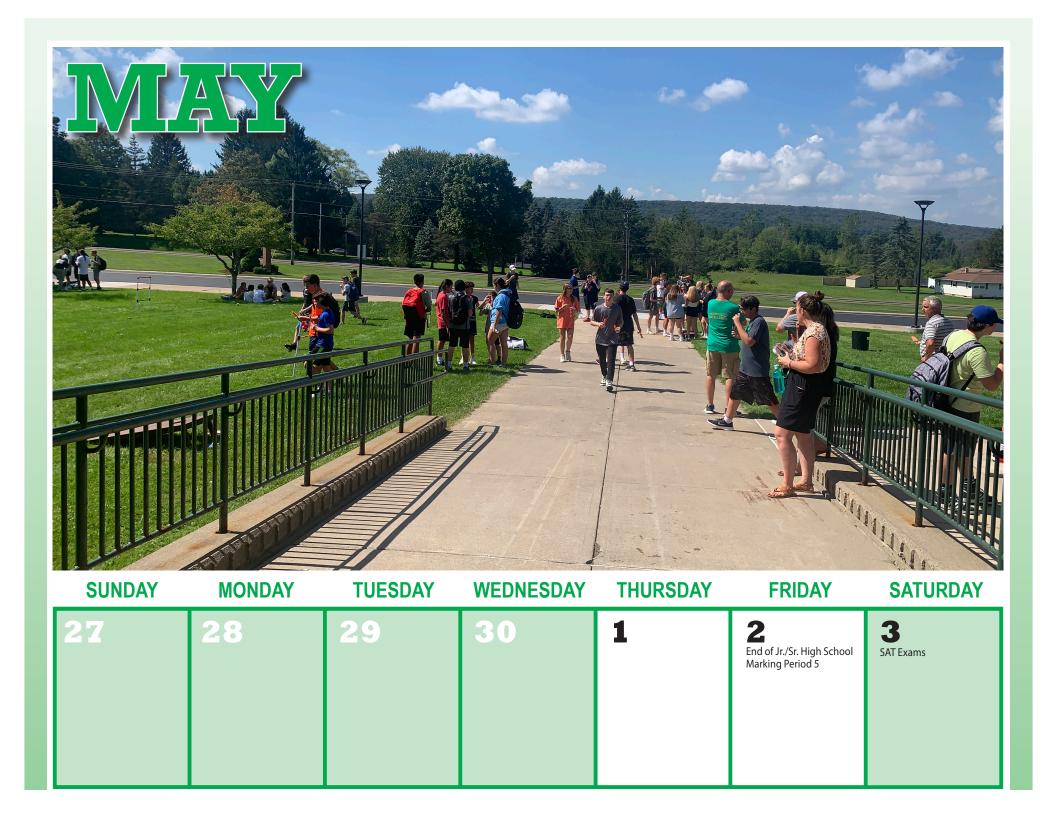
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2	3 GAPS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8 SAT Exams
			Dr. Seuss Week			
9	10	11	12 Academic Galleria, 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. BOE Meeting at Big Picture Commons, 5:30 p.m.	13	14 High School Musical 7:00 p.m. End of Jr./Sr. High School Marking Period 4	15 High School Musical 7:00 p.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 BOE Meeting at Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m.	27	288 Community Give, 9 a.m 3:00 p.m. RockFest 6:00 p.m.	29
30	31 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS					
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30	31 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	1	2	3	4	5

6	Z Gaps Meeting 6:00 p.m. NYS Math, ELA, Science Comp. Based Exams (April 7 – May 16)	8	9	10	111 ONS Spring Dinner, 11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	12
13	14 Spring Recess NO SCHOOL	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 BOE Meeting at Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 School Bus Drill	29	30	1	2	3
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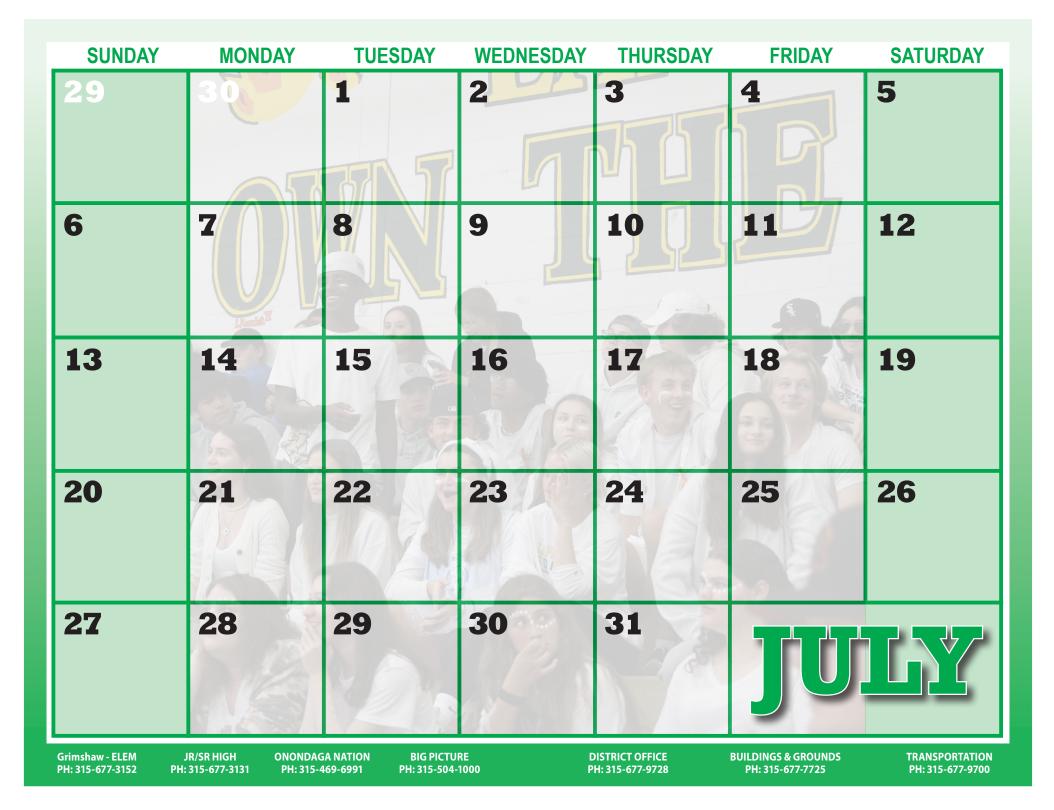


4	5 GAPS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	6	Z BOE Meeting @ Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m.	8 Grimshaw Kindergarten Cap and Gown Pictures	9	10
11	12	13	14 ONS Family Night, 5:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	15 Junior High Spring Concert Chorus and Band 7:00 pm	16	17
18	19	20 BUDGET VOTE High School Main Foyer 1:00 p.m 9:00 p.m. BOE Meeting at Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m. Senior High Spring Concert Chorus and Band 7:00 p.m.	21 Big Picture Open House/ Senior Showcase 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL (All Students)	27	28	29 ONS Spring Concert 6:00 p.m.	30 Prom	31
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1	2 GAPS Meeting 6:00 p.m.	3 Grimshaw Kindergarten Olympics, Stafford Park, 9:30 a.m.	4 Grimshaw Spring Concert, 7 p.m.	5 Rain DateGrimshaw Kindergarten Olympics	6	Z SAT Exam

8	9	1.0 Grimshaw Olympics Grades 1–3, 8:15 a.m 10:30 a.m. Grade 4–6, 11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m. First Administration of Regents Life Science: Biology & Earth	11 BOE Meeting at Big Picture Commons 5:30 p.m. First Administration of Regents Geometry	12 Rain Date Grimshaw Olympics Grades, 1–3 8:15 a.m 10:15 a.m. Grade 4–6, 11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16 End of Jr./Sr. High School Marking Period 6 Grimshaw 6th Grade Graduation 6:00 p.m.	1.7 Grimshaw Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 p.m. Regents Exams (June 17-27)	18 ONS Pre-K Graduation at 9:00 am	19 Juneteenth NO SCHOOL	200 Grimshaw Pre-K End of the Year Celebration 9:00 a.m. High School Graduation 6:00 p.m.	21
22	23	24 HALF DAY Grimshaw/ONS 11:30 a.m. Dismissal	25 HALF DAY Grimshaw/ONS 11:30 a.m. Dismissal	26 HALF DAY Grimshaw/ONS 11:30 a.m. Dismissal Last Day for Students at Grimshaw/ONS	2:7 Rating Day Last Day for Staff	28
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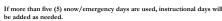


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2024-2025 LaFayette Central School C. Grant Grimshaw School

Big Picture School LaFayette Jr/Sr High School

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Notes

Aug 29	Superintendent Conference Day	Mar 31	Superintendent Conference Day
Sep 02	Labor Day - No School	Apr 7 - May 16	NYS Math, ELA, Science Comp Based Exams
Sep 03	Superintendent Conference Day	Apr 14-18	Spring Break
Sep 04	First Full Day of School for Students	**May 23	If less than 5 snow/emergency days used, will be no school
Oct 11	Yom Kippur	May 26	Memorial Day
Oct 14	Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day	Jun 03	First Administration of Regents in life Science
Nov 05	Superintendent Conference Day	Jun 04	First Administration of Regents in Geometry
Nov 11	Veteran's Day - No School	Jun 18-26	Regents Exams
Nov 22	GS/ONS Half Day - Parent Teacher Conferences	Jun 19	Juneteenth - No School
Nov 27-29	Thanksgiving Recess - No School	Jun 24-26	Half Days for students @ GS/ONS
Dec 23 - Jan 3	Holiday Recess	Jun 26	Half Day Last Day for students @ GS/ONS
Jan 06	School Reopens	Jun 27	Rating Day - Last Day for Staff
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School		
Jan 21-24	Regents Exams		
Jan 24	1/2 day for students - Department Business		
Jan 29	Asian Lunar New Year / No School		
Feb 17-21	Winter Recess		



Above: Sophia Townsend, Grade 12 Right: Cambria Stanton, Grade 9 Below: Sarah Ganoe, Grade 8





Instructional APPR Request

Pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d, parents and legal guardians of students may request the final quality rating and composite effectiveness score for each of the teachers and for the principal of the school building to which your child is assigned for the current school year (i.e. the 2024-25 school year). Please be advised that the law does not allow and prohibits the release of any additional information about the individual teacher or principal beyond the final rating and composite score. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of this right and the process by which you may request such information.

Only parents and legal guardians may have access to the final quality rating and composite score of the student's teacher(s) and principal. The School District is required by the law to take reasonable steps to insure that the person requesting the information is a parent or legal guardian of the student to whom the teacher(s) or principal is assigned. Therefore, any request must be in writing on the form provided with this notice. No oral requests will be honored. The School District may request additional verification such as licenses or other photo identification to verify that the person requesting the information is the parent or legal guardian of the student. In the case of legal guardians, the School District will require proof of guardianship (e.g. court orders, etc.). The status of the requesting person will be verified against other information concerning the student in the possession of the School District (e.g. information or documents submitted at the time of registration) and the requesting person will be notified once his/her request has been verified and approved.

Once the request is approved, an appointment with the administrator, or designated individual authorized to release such information, will be arranged. At the meeting the rating and score will be verbally provided. At this same meeting, the parent or guardian will also receive the required explanation regarding the rating and score to best understand them in the context of teacher evaluation and student performance. In the event a parent or guardian is unable to meet in person, they may receive the information verbally by phone. Since all of the information needed to establish final teacher and principal ratings and composite scores is not provided until the beginning of school (i.e., final information is often provided by the State Education Department to school districts on or around September 1st), the availability to receive the final rating and composite scores for a student's teacher(s) and principal for the school year shall not be accessible by parents/legal guardians until September 15th each school year. Requests for the information may be made anytime on or after that date.

Please be advised that a teacher or principal may appeal their final rating and composite score. This may impact the timing of when such information can be provided to a parent or guardian since, if an appeal is filed by the teacher or principal to the APPR rating, the rating and composite score will not be available until that appeal process has concluded. If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact the Superintendent, Jeremy Belfield, at 315-677-9728.

If you would like to request composite scores on your child's teacher(s) and/or principal please visit our website, district plans page, to download the request form. Once you complete the form please turn it in to the appropriate office for processing.

- If you are requesting a teacher's score, return the form to the principal of your child's building.
- If you are requesting the score of the building principal, please send the form to the district office.

McKinney-Vento

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that discusses the public education of children and youth in temporary housing. Under McKinney-Vento and state law, students are considered to be in temporary housing if their nighttime residence is not fixed, regular, and adequate.

Are you currently living with relatives, friends, or others because you lost your housing or because of economic hardship? In a shelter? In a motel or hotel because you have nowhere else to go? In inadequate housing?

You may be protected under the McKinney-Vento Act! Children and youth in temporary housing have the right to:

- stay in same school, including pre-k, and get free transportation even if it is across district lines;
- immediately enroll in school without records (school records, medical records, vaccination records, proof of residency);
- Get special education services immediately if the student has a current Individualized Education Program (IEP);
- Participate fully in any school activities, including before-or-after school activities;
- Get support services and help with things like school supplies through Title I;
- Get free school meals without filling out an application;
- Get help enrolling in Pre-K, Head Start, other preschool programs, and Early Intervention; and
- Get help preparing and applying for college.

Ask your McKinney-Vento Liaison for help!

Laurie Holtsbery, School Business Official (315) 677-5504

Use of School Facilities

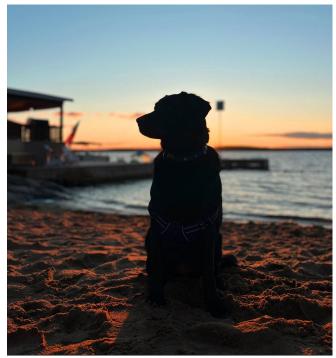
The school and its facilities exist primarily for our students and their pursuit of an education.

The Board of Education's policy is that all facilities be used to their fullest extent by community groups providing it does not interfere with the educational program or create additional costs to the District.

Facility use applications may be obtained from the Main Office of each school building. The principal will provide you with the information and application forms which are required to be completed and submitted with a certificate of insurance for approval.

The application forms list in detail the stipulations which must be met in order to gain approval for the use of a school building or facility by a community group.

The school district requests at least one week notice prior to the scheduled event.



Taylor Thorpe, Grade 8

Food Service Program

LaFayette Schools offers a breakfast and lunch program. For the 2024-2025 school year, Breakfast and Lunch are free for all students.

It is the District's goal to provide students with access to nutritious meals each school day.

Menus are available each month on the LaFayette Central School website at www.lafayetteschools.org.

Please contact your child's school if you have not received an application.

If there are any questions please contact Rob Kennedy, School Lunch Manager at 315-677-9510

Transportation Department

Pupil transportation is a support system for our students' education. Special emphasis must be placed on safety while meeting the District's transportation needs. The following are major objectives to serve as a guide in the management of our pupil transportation program:

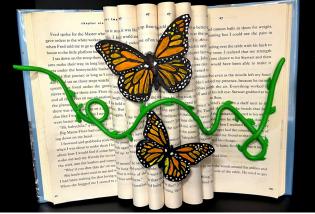
- 1. To provide safe transportation that includes maintaining appropriate school bus behavior by all students.
- 2. To operate the transportation program efficiently and economically.
- 3. To ensure that transportation meets the requirements of the instructional program, as well as the health and welfare of the students.
- 4. To promote school district community awareness of the entire transportation program, including safety, adequacy, efficiency, and standards of service.
- 5. Any questions or concern about transportation, please call Christine Finch 315-677-9700 or email her at cfinch@lafayetteschools.org.

Thank you to the LaFayette Community for their continued support of the LaFayette Central School Transportation Department.

School Bus Drill 2024-2025 Dates: Monday, September 9, 2024; Monday, November 4, 2024; and Friday, April 28, 2025.



Logan Stark-Brown, Grade 8



Brooke Branch, Grade 12

New York State Regents Diploma Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements for the Class of 2024 are summarized as follows:

Regents Diploma:

TOTAL:	22 credits
Electives:	3-5 credits
Physical Education:	2 credits
Health:	1/2 credit
Art/Music:	1 credit
Science:	3 credits
Math:	3 credits
Social Studies:	4 credits
English:	4 credits

New York State Advanced Regents Diploma

In addition to the Regents Diploma requirements, students must earn three credits in second language or five credits in art, music, or occupational education. Students must also pass Regents examinations in Global History, U.S. History, English, Second Language, Math (must have all 3) and Science (a minimum of 2).

College Entrance Exams

SAT - A three hour exam typically taken by Juniors and Seniors. The SAT consists of three tests: (1) the Reading Test, (2) the Writing and Language Test, and (3) the Math Test.

ACT - A four-part, approximately three hour test. The full ACT consists of four multiple-choice sections in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science with an optional Writing section.

Registration Forms - Registration is to be completed on the respective websites www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org.

Recommended Testing - Students should test in April, May or June of their Junior year, and possibly again their Senior year (depending on student satisfaction with scores). Please note: SAT also has SAT II subject tests. Many competitive colleges require these exams. Students should take the SAT II test no later than January of their Senior year.

College Application Process - In early September, Seniors will receive detailed instructions on how to apply to college(s). The application process will now be completed online. Contact the School Counseling office at 315-677-7849 should you have any questions.

College Visitations - College visitations are considered a legal absence from school. Please submit a permission slip, signed by a parent, to the Nurse's Office before the visit. College representatives regularly visit the high school in the spring and fall. Dates and times are posted for student convenience, as well as announced in the morning on the day of the visit. Students must have pre-signed pass from their counselor to attend.



David Kostiv, Grade 8







Sophia Townsend, Grade 12

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. It is a nationally recognized program for junior high school students. Students are chosen for membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) on the basis of scholarship, leadership and character. All students have a fair and equal opportunity to be considered for membership. The selection process must be fair and non-discriminatory.

The LaFayette chapter uses the following selection process:

- All students will be notified by letter of the application procedure.
- Cumulative grade point averages for all 7th, 8th and 9th grade students are calculated. Eligible students must have an average of 88 or above.
- Notifications will be hand delivered to all eligible students and a letter will be sent home to parents. Application materials will be available in a written and electronic form.
- Each eligible and interested student must complete and return the application by the stated deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Each student will deliver a recommendation form to 3 current or past teachers. The entire Junior High faculty may be asked for assessment of the applicants, using a 1-5 point scale.
- A confidential faculty council, consisting of 5 volunteers, is chosen by the school administration. The members of this council are given copies of the student's activity information, applications, and teacher recommendations in order to rate the students on the qualities of service, leadership, and character.
- All rating forms are tallied by the advisor(s) and given to the faculty council. The council meets to discuss each candidate's credentials. After due consideration, the council votes on each candidate. A simple majority qualifies the student membership.
- Candidates and parents are notified as to whether the application was accepted or rejected for the current semester. Those students not selected for admission are encouraged to apply again the following year.

Senior High National Honor Society

The Senior High National Honor Society is an organization for students in 11th and 12th grade. Admission to the society is based on the following criteria: service, character, leadership, and citizenship. In order to qualify for consideration, students must have a weighted average of 90% or above with no quarter or final grade lower than a 70 during the previous year, and no loss of course credit due to non-compliance with the attendance policy. Throughout the school year the membership, under the direction of the faculty advisor, provides a variety of services to the school and community, the most notable being sponsorship of the American Red Cross Blood Drive.

- REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS

Access to Student Records - FERPA

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents/guardians and students over 18 years of age must be notified of their rights to inspect and review the student's records or request the amendment of records if they believe them to be incorrect. They also must be advised that they can withhold consent on disclosure of personally identifiable information, except in those cases where the law allows for disclosure without consent.

Asbestos Management Plan

Federal regulations require that schools be inspected for the presence of asbestos, a toxic material that has been used in the construction industry for a number of years. The District's schools have been inspected for asbestos containing materials and the results of the inspections are contained in the Asbestos Management Plan. This plan has been sent to the state authority in charge of Asbestos Abatement.

Athletic Program - Safety

The District will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program shall be kept at a minimum by:

- 1. Requiring medical examinations of participants.
- 2. Obtaining certificated personnel to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games.
- 3. Ensuring that equipment is both safe and operative within approved guidelines.



Attendance Policy

It is the belief of the faculty and administration of LaFayette Central School that there is a direct correlation between academic success and school attendance. We feel it is the responsibility of parents/ guardians and students to ensure that students attend school and classes on a regular basis. Our philosophy for attendance is that regular class attendance and participation is needed for optimal mastery of each and every course. Also, regular attendance is essential in preparation for the "real world" where promptness and responsibility are important ingredients for career success. We believe that the school and the home must work together to promote these essential values.

The attendance policy of LaFayette Central Schools is designed to not only encourage all students to attend school on a regular basis but also to encourage their diligence in making up work missed during an absence. This policy is one, which hopefully will cause students to prioritize and to be selective in choosing activities, which take them out of their classes. The teacher, regardless of the reason, legal or illegal, will record a class absence.

When a student is absent, the student is expected to contact the teacher(s) to determine what is required to make up the class work or time missed.

Students are expected to be in school except in cases of emergency and/or for reasons listed:

- ✦ Illness
- ✤ Sickness/Death in Family
- ✦ Court Appearance
- ♦ Road Test
- ✦ Bus Tardy
- ✦ Inclement Weather
- Religious Observation
- ✦ Medical Appointment
- Educational Field Trip
- ✦ College Visitation

Poor attendance and tardiness negatively impact Co-Curricular activities, senior privileges and driving privileges. Please refer to the Student Handbook for further information.

When students are absent or tardy, a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian is required when they return to school. If it is necessary to be excused before the end of the school day, the parent or guardian is expected to sign the student out in the Health Office. For specifics regarding the attendance policies, please consult the Student/Parent Handbook or call the respective building principal.

Directory Information

The LaFayette CSD has designated certain categories of student information as "directory information." Directory information includes a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major course of study, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent school attended, class schedule, photograph, email address, and class roster. If you object to the release of any or all of the directory information listed above, you must do so in writing to the building principal.

Health Guidelines

The health of your child and the community is very important to us. In order to promote health and wellness and decrease the spread of infectious disease, please follow guidelines of public health officials. When sending your child to school, as a safety precaution, please be aware of minor symptoms such as fever and repeated coughing or sneezing. Other safety precautions to take include:

- 1) Wash and dry your hands regularly and well
- 2) Practicing appropriate respiratory hygiene (Cover coughs and sneezes)

In addition to the safety precautions, please stress the importance of a good night's sleep for maximum performance in the classroom and encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast and lunch. School breakfast is available at no cost to students. If your child is sick, your child should stay home from school and seek diagnosis and treatment from their physician.

Limited English Proficiency Students

Within 30 days of the start of the school year, parents of limited English proficient students must be notified if their child is participating in or eligible for a language instruction program for LEP students. After the beginning of the school year, this notification must occur within two weeks. Parents must also be informed of their right to decline their child's enrollment in language instruction programs.

Absences can be reported to:

Jennifer Gates, Jr./Sr. High School: jgates@lafayetteschools.org Ashley Brown, C. Grant Grimshaw : ambrown@lafayetteschools.org Brandy Tremblay, Big Picture, btremblay@lafaytteschools.org Mackenzie Cook, Onondaga Nation School: mcook@lafayetteschools.org

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Non-Discrimination Policy

The LaFayette CSD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, marital status or sexual orientation in the employment and educational opportunities it offers, including vocational educational opportunities. The District is committed to adhering to the non-discrimination provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the New York Human Rights Law.

The LaFayette CSD also does not discriminate on the basis of sex with respect to employment or in the educational programs and activities it provides including vocational programs, the appointment of employees, employment pay, benefits and opportunities, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings , textbooks and student activities, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The LaFayette CSD does not discriminate on the basis of disability in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the New York Human Rights Law. Furthermore, the District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs. No person shall be denied employment or employment advancement solely because of any physical, mental or medical impairment, provided the individual is capable of performing, with or without reasonable accommodation, the essential functions of the job applied for or held.

Inquiries regarding the District's Non-Discrimination Policy should be directed to:

- 1. Title IX Coordinator Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools
- 2. Section 504 Coordinator James McKenna, Director of Student Services and Athletics
- 3. District Records Access Officer Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools
- 4. Records Management Officer: Laurie Holtsbery, School Business Official

New York State Dignity for All Students Act DASA

Students should never feel that it is not safe to come to school and participate in all school activities. They should never be prevented from concentrating on school work because another student or a school staff member is teasing them, making fun of them, pushing them around, or threatening them in some way, because of race, color, weight, national origin (where a family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex, or for any other reason. HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION IS **PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL.**

A student may not act toward another student in a way that reasonably might make that other student feel threatened or unsafe, or that might reasonably make that other student unable to concentrate on their school work, because of the other student's race, color, weight, national origin (where their family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex, or for any other reason. It is against school rules for any student or school staff member to do this by physical actions or by verbal statements, including electronic messages. This kind of conduct is prohibited on school property, on school buses, and at all school-sponsored events.

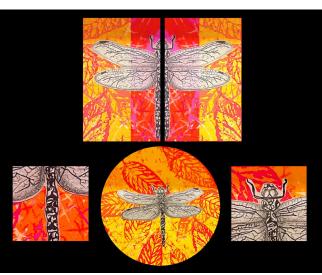
If you know of a situation that involves harassment or discrimination, please complete the complaint form and contact the appropriate dignity act coordinator(s):

LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School Jason Ryan, Principal 315-677-3131

C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School Nicole Petranchuk, Principal 315-677-3152 Onondaga Nation School John Gizzi, Interim Principal 315-469-6991

The Big Picture School Susan Hart, Principal 315-504-1000





Kennedy Harmatuk, Grade 8



Kayla Tillinghast, Grade 11

Pesticide Usage Notification

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.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please contact Ron Cooper at 315-677-7725 to complete the form and return it to the school.

Physical Exam Policy

School Children in New York State are required to have physical examinations in grades Pre-K, or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. All students participating in interscholastic sports must also receive an exam. These exams must be performed after June 1st for the following school year. In addition, all new students are required to have an exam on file within 30 days of entering school. An exam done within one year prior to entrance will be accepted. A physical may also be required for a student being evaluated by the Committee of Special Education.

Each building nurse may schedule their own physicals directly with the health provider as needed. During physical exams one Registered Nurse and 1 assistant (aide or another nurse) must be present.

Required physicals will be done according to grade level even when repeating a grade. If this presents a financial problem, physicals may be done at school for free.

Any student not in compliance with a required physical by the end of the school year will be referred to the building principal and should NOT be re-admitted in September unless their physical is on file in the Health Office.

Release of Information to Another Educational Institution/ Military Disclosure

The District may disclose any and all educational records, including disciplinary records, and records that were created as a result of a student receiving special education services under Part B of IDEA, to another school or postsecondary institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll, or after the student has enrolled or transferred, so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.

Pursuant to federal law, the LaFayette CSD must disclose to military recruiters or institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone number of high school students. The District must also notify parents of their right and the right of their child to request that the District not release such information without prior written parental consent.

Parents wishing to exercise the option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters or institutions of higher learning must do so in writing to the building principal.

S.A.V.E. Legislation

The Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E) legislation became effective July 1, 2001. S.A.V.E. is divided into 5 major sections which include:

- 1. A Code of Conduct
- 2. A School Safety Plan
- 3. Violent Incident Reporting
- 4. Character Education
- 5. Fingerprinting of New Employees

The following discipline guidelines apply district wide: Pride and Respect: Having a sense of pride in, and respect for, oneself is essential for a happy and successful life. A person who has neither often finds it difficult to have respect for anyone else. Within a school setting or the work place, having respect for others and their belongings is critical. If you expect to be treated with respect, you must treat others in the same fashion.

In the classroom, respect is lost or earned by the way the student responds to the teacher as well



Mary Wellman, Grade 8

as to classmates. The student who seldom comes to class prepared, and who is intent on class disruption, will not only risk involvement with the discipline policy but will also lose a most valuable possession...respect.

The disciplinary policy is a guide for disposition of standard discipline cases and indicates what can be expected when a student breaks a rule. Discipline cases with extenuating circumstances will be subject to administrative discretion.

Student Conduct Considered Unacceptable and Requiring Disciplinary Action:

- Use of obscene language, apparel with obscene language, possession of obscene literature (including audio and video recordings).
- Disrespect to a staff member or student.
 Harassment of a staff member or student.
 Theft or vandalism of school property.
- ♦ Gambling.
- ✦ Fighting.
- ♦ Cheating.
- Skipping class or leaving school without permission.
- Reckless driving on school property.
- Assault of a staff member or student.
- Possession of alcohol, narcotics or weapons on school property. Smoking in the building or on school grounds.
- Endangering the safety and welfare of others in the building.
- Displays of affection involving inappropriate physical conduct.
- Threats against students, staff or building (verbal or physical).
- Any violation of local, state and/or federal law not previously mentioned.

Student Health Records

The district shall keep a convenient, accurate, and up--to--date health record of every student. Insofar as the health records include confidential disclosures or findings, they shall be kept confidential.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of students' "education records." For Pre-K through grade 12 students, health records maintained by the School District, including immunization records, and school nurse records, are generally considered "education records" subject to FERPA. In addition, records that the District or school maintains on special education students, including records on services provided to students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are considered "education records" under FERPA. Since student health and medical information in education records is protected by FERPA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) Privacy Rule excludes such information from its coverage.

Generally, these records may not be shared with third parties without written parental consent unless the disclosure meets one of the exceptions to FERPA's general consent requirement. One exception permits the disclosure of education records, without parental consent, to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency, if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals.

Parents have a right under FERPA to inspect and review those health and medical records that are considered "education records" under FERPA. Individual records may be interpreted by the school's registered professional nurse to administrators, teachers, and other school officials, consistent with law.

Student Photographs and Work

Photographs/videotapes of students and/or student work may be used occasionally in district and community publications. If you object to your child(ren)'s photograph or work being used in these publications, you must do so in writing to the building principal.



Student Privacy

Parents must be notified of the District's privacy policy. It must offer them the opportunity to excuse their child from any survey that reveals information on personal behavior or political beliefs. Parents must also be notified and offered the chance to exclude their child from activities that include the gathering of personal information about students that could be used for marketing purposes.

Teacher Qualifications

In accordance with federal law, parents and guardians have the right to request specific information about the professional gualifications of their children's classroom teachers.

As a parent/guardian of a student in the LaFayette CSD, you have the right to request the following information for whether:

- 1. The teacher has met NYS qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he/she teaches;
- 2. The teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- 3. The teacher's college major, earned advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees;
- 4. The qualifications of any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals who provide services to your child.

Requests for information about the gualifications of your child's teacher(s) should be directed to the building principal. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

District Offices (DO):

(315) 677-9728	
(315) 677-9728	
(315) 677-5504	
(315) 677-3144	
(315) 677-5503	
(315) 677-3143	

Superintendent Secretary to the Superintendent School Business Official Accounts Payable/School Tax Collector Treasurer/School Tax Collector Personnel/Payroll

Jeremy Belfield Paula Hibbert Laurie Holtsbery Kim Reppi Wendy Horner Stephanie Benner

Jr./Sr. High School (1	HS):	
(315) 677-3131	7-12 Principal	
(315) 677-3131	Dean of Schools	
(315) 677-7849	Guidance	Rebecca
(315) 677-5507	School Nurse	
(315) 677-3131	School Social Worker	

Jason Ryan Sean Zehner a Brown/Kristeen Cool Jennifer Gates **Tiffany Devendorf**

LaFayette Big Picture (BP):

(315) 504-1000 (315) 504-1000

Principal School Social Worker

Susan Hart **Crystal Butler**

C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School (Grimshaw):

(315) 677-3152	Principal	Nicole Petranchuk
(315) 677-5501	School Nurse	Ashley Brown
(315) 677-3152	School Counselor	Bill O'Leary
	GAPS President	TBD
(315) 677-3152	School Social Worker	Renee Pierce

Onondaga Nation School (ONS):				
(315) 469-6991	Principal	John Gizzi		
(315) 469-0994	School Nurse	Mackenzie Cook		
(315) 469-6991	Community Liaison	Edward Shenandoah		
	PTS President	Verna Jones		
(315) 469-6991	School Social Worker	Danielle Smith		

Department Directors & Supervisors:

(315) 677-9510	Food Service Manager	
(315) 677-7725	Director of Facilities	
(315) 677-5506	Student Services & Athletics	Ja
(315) 677-3131	Curriculum/Instruction/Reporting	Je
(315) 677-9700	Transportation Supervisor	C

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