

# THE LANCER GLANCER

## *Newsletter*



June 2021

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, June 11**  
Jr. High Concert

**Monday, June 14**  
2:00pm Dismissal (Jr. Sr. HS)  
Last Full Day of School

**Tuesday, June 15th**  
Sr. High Concert  
Half Day

Wednesday, June 16th  
Half Day

**Thursday, June 17th**  
No School ~ ELA Regents

**Friday, June 18th**  
Half Day

Monday, June 21st  
No School ~ Spanish Checkpoint A

Tuesday, June 22nd  
No School ~ Regents

Wednesday June 23rd  
No School ~ Regents

Thursday June 24th  
No School ~ Regents

## Principal's Corner

*From the desk of Jason Ryan*

Dear Families,

I want to take this opportunity and say thank you to all of our outstanding retirees at the Jr./Sr. High School. I greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication throughout the years. While we will miss seeing you on a daily basis, know that you will always be a Lancer!!!

To our seniors, I'm proud of what you have accomplished especially through this challenging school year. I'm grateful for the opportunity to get to know you all better and wish you the best in your future endeavors. Thank you for being leaders during this time of uncertainty. You are a class that will be remembered!!!

Lastly, I want to thank our community for approving the school budget for next year. Your support allows us to continue to do great things for the students of LaFayette. I wish everyone a successful end to the 20-21 school year. I hope that you have a restful and well deserved summer. Thank you for your continued support throughout the school year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via phone at 315-677-3131 or by email at [jpryan@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:jpryan@lafayetteschools.org).



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## Honoring our Retirees



Nan Terry - Retiring Earth Science Teacher

Mrs. Terry started her career at LaFayette Jr/Sr high school in 1995, after a few years teaching in Liverpool. She was a geologist before turning to the classroom, and she says her favorite unit to teach was the ones that had to do with rocks and minerals. To her, the idea that a rock in her backyard could be billions of years old is awe-inspiring, and it connects her to the earth that she lives and depends on.

Mrs. Terry prepared her Earth Science students for the NYS Regents exam with skill and precision. Her favorite memories of teaching at LaFayette was seeing students fit together complex theories of our earth and its systems towards the end of the year, when the weather was warm and the sun was shining earlier and earlier in the morning. She also coached a Science Olympiad team that made it all the way to a state level competition!

Mrs. Terry's iconic ESRT photo project was inspired by her own love of nature photography, something that she plans to pursue in her retirement. She also wants to catch up on reading, gardening, hiking, cooking, and spending time with her family.

If there is one thing Mrs. Terry could tell the future students of LaFayette schools, it would be to cherish each and every day on this earth. She reminds us to balance our goals with time to relax, and she stresses the importance of enjoying the simple things in life, like sunsets, beetles, moonlight and thunderstorms.

Mrs. Terry, from all of us here at LaFayette, thank you for all your years of teaching and we hope you have a wonderful, relaxing and fulfilling retirement!

Written by Evy Ryan

## Sally Case - Retiring teaching assistant

With just over 30 years of classroom experience, teaching assistant Mrs. Sally Case announced that the 2021 school year would be her last as a member of our staff. Mrs. Case first joined our district as a teaching assistant at Grimshaw elementary, and was later called to the high school where she has spent nearly sixteen years as a highly regarded and respected colleague. It's worth noting that Mrs. Case and her family's experiences go much further than her time as a teaching assistant. Mrs. Case and her husband John are both graduates of LaFayette, in addition to their daughters Mallory ('01) and Dawn ('90).

Mrs. Case will be thought of as a "soft spoken", "thoughtful" and "reflective" colleague. Whether you are looking for a friend to chat with, or simply a calming fruitful conversation, then Mrs. Case would be your choice. At the high school Mrs. Case has used these personal qualities to assist teachers in many grade levels, and helped countless students achieve their academic goals. Over the past few years she has overseen the *testing center*, offering a calm, inviting and supportive environment.

Outside of the classroom Mrs. Case plans on enjoying her retirement with close friends and family. She has indicated that she and her husband hope to travel (perhaps by train) and visit with others. In addition to those plans, Sally also will continue to spend time in LaFayette, often outdoors, where she tends to her flowers and creates a beautiful environment around her home.

On a final note, someone once said that "*teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results*" Sally case is and will always be part of the LaFayette team that looks to provide an uncommon educational experience for all our students and staff.

### Things you might not know about Mrs. Sally Case

- She enjoys watching sports, especially hockey (she admitted - for the fights!)
- She has been complimented on her baked ziti
- She enjoys the classics of film especially what she can find on TCM (Turner Classic Movies)
- Travel among other activities are important to Mrs. Case, some of her favorite locations include South Carolina and Maine.



Written by Joe Fox

## Jerry Kelly - Retiring Athletic Coordinator and Teaching Assistant

Mr. Kelly's story at LaFayette exemplifies the advice he gives to his student athletes: always reach for the stars because you can achieve any goal with hard work. Prior to working at the Jr/Sr High School, Mr. Kelly was in sales, but his dream was to be a coach. With the encouragement and support of his wife, Mary Jo Kelly, he accomplished that dream 28 years ago. A career that started as the varsity baseball coach at LaFayette led to a teaching assistant position in 1996 and halfway through his first year, he was hired to be our athletic director. Many of our student athletes look up to Mr. Kelly, not only because he is a great coach, but also because he is able to form strong connections with our students (the candy doesn't hurt either!). He is always willing to lend an ear, give advice when needed and be a supportive adult in each kid's life.

The LaFayette community is near and dear to Mr. Kelly's heart as he has lived here for 35 years. He is proud to be working at his wife's alma mater (Class of 1974) and all five of his kids have graduated from here: Katie (1997), Heather (1998), Kristie Jo (2000), Miah (2003), Sean (2007). The last few years at LaFayette he has been fortunate to work side by side with his son Sean, and even have three of his eight grandchildren within the district. Throughout his time as athletic coordinator, teaching assistant, basketball & baseball coach, Mr. Kelly has learned patience, understanding and that every kid has good within them.

When inquiring about his retirement, Mr. Kelly said that he isn't sure where life will take him next. He feels that he still has a lot to offer and could be beneficial as a teaching assistant and/or a coach. Although he may not be fully ready to move on from working with kids, he will always remember the students. Of course, winning is exciting too! In his time spent at LaFayette there have been three lacrosse championships, two basketball championships and numerous volleyball championships won. However, the most important memory to Mr. Kelly will be his student athletes because they were the most important part of his job.

Written by Maria Edwards



# Special Recognition



Congratulations to Maria Polinsky!

To her surprise, Maria was presented with the retired flag from the Towne Center Retirement Community.

This honor is usually present to the oldest veteran resident but this year they decided to “honor those going forward.”

Maria will start her journey in Goose Creek, South Carolina, in the Nuclear Engineering Program.

Link to article: [Here](#)

## Athletics

Congratulations to the following scholar athlete teams and the team members who accomplished a 90 or above average. Great job!

[Varsity Boys Basketball](#), [Varsity Girls Basketball](#), [Varsity Girls Volleyball](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR TEAMS! AFTER A ONE YEAR HIATUS EVERY SPRING TEAM IS IN SECTIONALS!**

**Monday OCS/ Lafayette Softball at Mount Markham 5pm**

**Monday Lafayette Golf Sectionals Nelson Jones**

**Tuesday LaFayette/Faith Heritage Baseball at West Canada 5pm**

**Tuesday LaFayette/OCS Men's Lacrosse home vs Marcellus 5pm**

**Tuesday LaFayette/OCS Women's Lacrosse at Skaneateles 5pm**

**Tennis TBA**

**Congratulations to the Senior Softball Players!**

Carlee Lewis  
Madison Homer



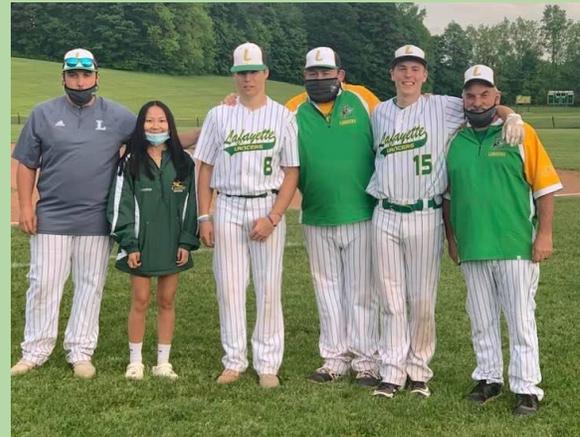


**Congratulations to the Senior Lacrosse Players!**

31 Carter Gentile  
11 Bryce Piron  
9 Colton Strand  
6 Nelson Jones  
21 Colton Keane  
1 Rioux Johnson  
17 Wyatt Jacobs

**Congratulations to the Senior Baseball Players and Score Keeper!**

Colin Morel  
Cameron Walsh  
Jessica Lamson



**Congratulations to the Senior Lacrosse Players!**

Kendra Doupe  
Rebekah Reburn  
Evy Ryan



**Congratulations to the Senior Tennis Players!**

# Student Celebrations & Recognition!

Congratulations to our Oratorical Contest Winners and Participants!



**1st Place:** Ryan Ortlieb  
**2nd Place:** Caroline Davidson  
**3rd Place:** Ian Northrup

**Participants**

Katie Fischer  
 Amelia Evans  
 Okwaho Hall  
 Rayna Casler  
 Amber Cooper  
 Hailey Santiago  
 Logan Hazeltine  
 Sye Stanton  
 Sophie Olrich  
 Mya Gray

The Optimist Club collaborated with Mrs. Edwards to bring the annual Oratorical Contest to the junior high this year. Despite COVID restrictions and our students learning in different fashions, virtual and in person learners were both able to participate in this opportunity. 7th and 8th grade students wrote and performed a speech addressing the question: All students were recorded through a Google Meet and were only given one chance to perform! Congratulations to all participants and winners!

## April 7th Grader - Katie Fischer

Katie's teachers have stated that she...



...is very creative and a critical thinker!  
 ...is a willing participant in her education!  
 ...is very self-motivated!  
 ...is responsible for her work and demonstrates leadership by being a model student!

## April 8th Grader - Cash Homer

Cash's teachers have reported that he...



...has a very good sense of humor!  
 ...comes to class ready to learn!  
 ...thinks outside the box!  
 ...has a very positive attitude!

## May 7th Grader - Hampton Papworth

Hampton's teachers have reported that he...



...is respectful of staff and students!  
 ...is always willing to work with others!  
 ...demonstrates responsibility by staying on task and turning in his work on time!  
 ...is self motivated and has a great sense of humor!

## May 8th Grader - Caroline Davidson

Caroline's teachers have stated that she:



...is willing to advocate for herself!  
 ...is a confident leader!  
 ...is a hard worker who takes pride in her work!  
 ...is responsible for her work by taking initiative and responsibility!

## News from the Art Department

The Art Department would like to recognize three senior art students: Lindsay Carroll, Keeley Jocko, and Evelyn Ryan who had their artwork chosen for the CNY Art Guild 2021 Annual High School Senior Show & Competition. This year's show took place from April 27th, 2021 through May 7th, 2021, at the Edgewood Gallery, 216 Tecumseh Road, Syracuse. Their works were exhibited in the gallery's professional setting that was open to the public. A virtual awards ceremony was held on Thursday, April 29th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in which all parents and student artists could attend. Adjudicators from the CNY Art Guild awarded Lindsay Carroll's artwork with 2nd place: \$100 and Evelyn Ryan the Colored Pencil award: \$50.



**Lindsay Carroll**  
*Nature's Guidance*  
Watercolor stained Block Print



**Keely Jocko**  
*Summer at the Lake*  
Felted Wool



**Evelyn Ryan**  
*What Have You Done?*  
Colored pencil

Congratulations, we are very proud of you!

Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Robinson

## ★ Faculty Kudos ★

A huge staff shout out to Lori Martorella who has been covering for me in the main office while I'm on leave. It's not an easy spot for one person to do. She definitely deserves a huge shout out and thank you for filling in for me.

Thank you to the morning dream team, screening our students every morning with a smile on their faces to start our students day with a positive connection!

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