

High School Drama Presentation

On **March 10th & 11th**, the LaFayette Players will be presenting ***A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder*** at 7:00 pm in the JSHS Auditorium.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder is a hilarious (yet murderous) romp through England with unforgettable music and non-stop laughs. Our musical follows the low-born Monty Navarro after he discovers that he's eighth in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family. He figures his chances of outliving his predecessors are slight and sets off down a far more ghoulish path. Can he knock off his unsuspecting relatives without being caught and become the ninth Earl of Highhurst? Join us on March 10th & 11th to find out!

Books Are Fun!



The last week of February, the "Book Blast" program (brought to you by Books are Fun) took place at Grimshaw. The Book Blast aims to put new, age-appropriate books into the hands of every student.

Through the program, students follow assignments on their "treasure maps" to try to earn books, with all students in grades PreK-6 receiving at least one book. Additionally, four lucky treasure hunters who were able to identify 10 or more "library-builders" will be selected at random to receive "treasure chests" containing cash and prizes. One lucky student will even win an iPad at the conclusion of the event!

Congratulations go out to the winner of the first treasure chest: Grace! Stay tuned for more winners throughout the week. And if you're not registered, it's not too late! You can do so by clicking on the link below. Through the program, 100% of all contributions go toward new books and classroom supplies. <https://bookblast.booksarefun.com/GrimshawSchool13084/>

Nominate a Legend of Learning

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; and Embrace creativity and innovation.**

Nominate a staff member today through an online survey which is available on our website.

Legend of Learning



Congratulations to **Ms. Bobbi Jo Buck**, who was selected as the February 2023 Legend of Learning! Bobbi Jo is a school bus driver, cafeteria aide, and messenger for our school district.

Individuals who nominated Bobbi Jo shared the following: "Ms. Bobbi loves and adores all students PreK-12 as if they were her own. She greets them every day, not just with a simple "hello", but also asks them specific questions about topics that are important to them; she cares about what is going on in their lives. Bobbi goes above and beyond to help kids in any way she can. She is upbeat, positive and supportive. Also, I believe the many hats that Bobbi wears for the district make her an excellent example for our students of what hard work and dedication looks like."

"Bobbi Jo started in the LaFayette School District on September 1, 2009 as a Cafeteria Aide. Since the start of her career in our district, she has taken on many hats. On November 2, 2009, she added the role of Substitute Bus Aide. She became a driver for Big Picture School on December 1, 2009 and then went on to become a contracted Bus Aide on October 30, 2018. On August 17, 2020, she decided she wanted just a little more. She took over as the Mail and Food Delivery driver and began the journey of getting her Class B CDL License to become a school bus driver. She became a contracted School Bus Driver on November 8, 2020. Bobbi Jo gives 100% to every job she has. She is always willing to do whatever is necessary to help out. She shuttles the sports kids from ONS to the High School and then to Grimshaw and signs up for many sports trips to ensure the kids are able to play. She is kind and helpful to her fellow co-workers and always has a smile on her face. We are not only lucky to have Bobbi Jo as an employee here at Transportation, but in our district as a whole."

Bobbi Jo - Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

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Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Lancer Community:

The month of February flew by! Congratulations to our winter athletes and coaches on another successful season. On February 10th Christian DeJoseph scored his 1,000th career basketball point and Jameson Bucktooth scored his 100th career hockey goal on February 8th. Congratulations Christian and Jameson! It is always great to see our community come out to celebrate these career milestones and our student athletes. Thank you for your ongoing support!

During the month of February, Laurie Holtsbery, School Business Official for LaFayette CSD, rolled out the development of our 2023-2024 school district budget. We held our Community Budget meeting on February 8th, and we will continue to showcase highlights of our budget during regular board of education meetings in the months of March, April, and May. Thanks to the ongoing support from New York State and our local community we plan to continue to offer small class sizes, provide several college credit courses, expand programming for the performing arts at Grimshaw Elementary, and add a social worker at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School.

We look forward to showcasing the new Grimshaw Elementary library to the community. Once contractors have finished the items from the construction punch list and the new bookcases have arrived, we will announce the date for a community celebration of our recently renovated library. Stay tuned for more information as we plan to celebrate this beautifully renovated learning space. In other capital news, the construction project will continue through the summer months as we install air conditioning in second floor classrooms and several common areas in the schools, renovate the technology classrooms at the high school, repave the south parking lot at the high school, and address several other building needs.

We were also pleased to see that Governor Hochul included \$17M, over two years, in the New York State executive budget proposal for capital needs at the Onondaga Nation School. Thanks to the advocacy efforts of Onondaga Nation leaders, the community and the LaFayette Board of Education, we were able to secure much needed funding to address critical building needs at ONS. Thank you to all that wrote letters, called elected officials, or cheered us on as we drew attention to this important issue. All of our students deserve school facilities that are safe, modern, and meet their learning needs.

Be sure to check out our school calendars for important events in the month of March! We look forward to seeing you at these events!



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Notice of Board of Education Positions Available

On May 16th, LaFayette Central School District voters will choose three district residents to serve on the Board of Education.

Candidates may be nominated only by petition and must collect at least 25 signatures from qualified school district voters to be placed on the ballot. Petitions, which are available now, must be filed by 4:30 p.m. April 17th with the District Clerk, LaFayette Central School District Office, 5955 US Route 20, LaFayette, NY 13084. Contact District Clerk Paula Hibbert at 315-677-9728 or by email phibbert@lafayetteschools.org for a nominating petition.

Comprised of seven school district residents elected by voters, the LaFayette Board of Education is the official policy-making body of the school district and is responsible for carrying out the laws and regulations pertaining to the education of children living within the district. The board adopts district policy, curriculum, programs of study, and approves the hiring of all personnel, as well as establishing the conditions of employment. The board is also responsible for maintaining district facilities, establishing an annual budget and setting a tax levy.

Three terms of office will expire on June 30, 2023. In May, three candidates will be elected for three-year terms (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026). Board members are not financially compensated.

Individuals who are interested in learning more about serving on the board are invited to schedule an appointment with LaFayette CSD Superintendent Jeremy Belfield at jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org or 315-677-9728.



Important Information About Your Drinking Water

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. We recently received notice from the Onondaga County Health Department that some of the water testing requirements were not met for Grimshaw Elementary and the LaFayette Jr/Sr High School.

Testing was not completed during the required sampling period for Distribution Byproducts and Secondary Inorganic Chemicals over the past year. Even though this is not an emergency, as our consumers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

Distribution Byproducts and Secondary Inorganic Chemicals will be sampled in 2023 to make up for the samples in 2022. For more information, please visit the district's website or contact Ron Cooper, Facilities Supervisor, at rcooper@lafayetteschools.org or (315) 677-7725.

Did You Know?



An estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses everyday.

THE LAW SAYS: It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing.

Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.

You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.

You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.

The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.

Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life.

◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - THIRD MARKING PERIOD

High Honor Roll

Grade 7

Rylee Anderson
Sarah Ganoe
Kennedy Harmatuk
Leah Heath
Presley Homer
Coen Kinsella
David Kostiv
Jackson Loughlin
Graham Olin
Gianna Papworth
Lillian Peios
Ayson Ryan
Hailey Schrader
Taheton Sullivan
Mary Wellman

Grade 8

Jeremy Aldrich
Madelynn Amidon
Logan Booher
Chloe Chapman
Olivia Coppola
Tristan Costello
Claire Fischer
Grant Gates
Delilah Johnson
Caden McClary
Cross Newman
Camille Reynolds
Teagan Vossler

Grade 9

Hudson Borchert
Amelia Evans
Katherine Fischer
Gisele Greco
Leah Haas
Logan Hazeltine
Landon Kendall
Sophie Olrich
Sye Stanton

Grade 10

Lillian Andrews
Jason Borte
Asha Christiana
Carlee Clemens
Caroline Davidson
Kal^:na Dockstader
Shayla Elm
Kaitlyn Fabend
Isabella Friedman
Isabella Kremers
Kiera Reed
Kayla Tillinghast
Paul Wells
Claire Zehner

Grade 11

Madison Baker
Brooke Branch
Zoey Christoffel
Digby Collingbourne
Emmett Dix
Austin Fellows
Payton Kremers
Mackenzie Loughlin
Aiden Newkirk
Daniel Porter
Benjamin Ryan
Amalie Shute
Eva Stivers
Sophia Townsend

Grade 12

Justine Borte
Brett Bucktooth, Jr.
Ariel Clarke
Christian DeJoseph
Carson Dockstader
Evan Farewell
Evan FitzPatrick
Rachel Ganoe
Elizabeth Guzman
Andrew Kostiv
Emily McClary
Isabella Papworth

Honor Roll

Grade 7

Braylon Amidon
Schuyler Bice
Marissa Bridgette
Landon Clemens
Carter Cool
Chevelle Cronin
James Herron, Jr.
Leonard Hickey
Jerod Olrich
Levi Seemann
Madison Shute
Alanna Stanton
Taylor Thorpe
Alexis Wagner
Caleb Young

Grade 8

Tyler Armstrong
Josephine Davidson
Jeremiah Griffin
Samuel Heath
Amanda Johnson
Garrett Keefe
Elias Kinsella
Devon Munnell
Ileigh Ossevoort
Harold Ousby, V
Clara Parry
Brooke Rugari
Caleb Seemann
Cambria Stanton
Jack Taylor

Grade 9

Darren Benjamin
Ian Colburn
Amber Cooper
Kylee Haskins
Lynn Jones
Peyton Lazore-Crouse
Owen Moltion
Paityn Sawkins
Caitlin Somerlot
Thomas Somerlot

Grade 10

Lily Amidon
Rylee Casler
Spencer Dix
Alexis Jennings
Cole Martorella
Lily McElhannon
Ryan Ortlieb
Gavin Slishevsky

Grade 11

Davin George
Kesington Keane
Aiden Keefe
Ellie McElhannon
Aiden Moltion
Aidan Mott
Kayleigh Olrich
Benjamin Seemann
Madison Simmons

Grade 12

Gabriel Bauer
Alyssa Fellows
Brandy Gibson
Kara Humphrey
Carlie Jones
Grace McCarthy
Adison McConnell
Malaina Potak
Isabella Shenandoah-Kurtz

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
 Simone Gonyea

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On Tuesday February 14th students in Kindergarten traveled to the Firebarn to celebrate the day with our Elders. The Elders luncheon had been paused since the pandemic due to an abundance of caution. With thoughtful diligence the Fire Barn was beautifully decorated and a wonderful lunch of chili, cornbread, hotdogs, chips and plenty of cookies and cakes was served! The Kindergarten students, with the guidance of our music teacher Katie Downs and classroom teacher Madison Lyon, performed a winter song. In addition, we had a musical performance by Evan Stevens singing “You Are My Sunshine.” The event also included two Kindergarten students sharing their Meteorological journal with the crowd- which was very well received. Nyawenha to Ju’danih Cogan and Wiishkobay Crouse! We look forward to the Elders luncheon in March, our hope is to make this a monthly luncheon with ONS student performances and sharing of talents and awesomeness!!

Our 5th Grade field trip to the waterworks station in Marcellus was very educational and exciting. So many steps had been taken to get our eager 5th grade scholars up close and connected to our water system that supplies clean water from our lakes to families in their homes! Great questions and insightful answers galore! Super awesome trip that will become a staple for our students in 5th grade!

Beginning Wednesday March 1st students and staff at ONS will participate in a celebration of MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOL! What is MIOSM??

For more than 30 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation.

The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the benefits that school music brings to students of all ages. *Source: <https://nafme.org/programs/miosm/music-in-our-schools-month-miosm/>*

We look forward to a school assembly and performance to celebrate the end of MIOSM on Wednesday March 29th!!

Upcoming Events at ONS

March 6: 8th grade HS Presentation with Families

March 17: Extending Our Roots

March 22-23: Planetarium Visits ONS

TBA: Family Night, details to come

March 30: “Our Words Are Seeds” performance Syracuse State



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Grimshaw's Busy Week Leading Up to Break

We celebrated Valentine's Day and the 100th Day of School. Our sixth graders from Grimshaw Elementary and the Onondaga Nation School traveled to the Skaneateles Community Center to go ice skating for their physical education class.

This trip came after our students at Grimshaw participated in the Grimshaw Health Club unit that focused on building lifelong fitness habits.



◆ Athletic News ◆

Congratulations Student Athletes



It is hard to believe, but the Winter Season is quickly coming to a close for our basketball teams and wrestling programs.

Our boys and girls varsity basketball teams have concluded their regular season games and are focused on making a late season push in the playoffs! During this season, there was a milestone achievement by Senior Christian DeJoseph as he became the fourth person at LaFayette and first male basketball player to reach the 1,000 point mark in his career. He did this by scoring 28 points against rivals Onondaga Central School. The regular season concluded on February 13th with a Senior Night victory over Morrisville-Eaton.

The varsity wrestling program saw two LaFayette wrestlers qualify for the Section 3 tournament at the SRC Arena. The wrestlers were Tanner Clemens and Aiden Moltion. Our modified wrestling and girls basketball teams continue to work hard as they approach the last few weeks of their season.

As always, you can check out the LaFayette Jr/Sr High School Facebook page for continuous updates on what is going on within the building! Be Proud, Be Loud and Go Lancers!

Spring Sports Update: ALL sports are available to register for via FamilyID which can be located on our athletic website. We will also be offering sports physicals on Friday March 10th during school hours. If you would like to sign up for a physical, please contact Mr. McKenna via email or phone at your earliest convenience. **Spring Sports Offerings and Start Dates:** JV/Varsity - Starts March 16th; JV/Varsity Softball @ OCS; Varsity Boys Lacrosse; JV/Varsity Southern Hills Girls Lacrosse; Varsity Tennis; Outdoor Track @ OCS; Varsity Baseball. **Modified - April 12th:** Softball, Baseball, Outdoor Track @ OCS, Boys Lacrosse and Southern Hills Girls Lacrosse.

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LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

PO Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13078

Ongoing Youth Programs

WRESTLING

The wrestling team will finish the season with a league championship tournament at the LaFayette High School on March 4.

BASKETBALL

Youth Basketball will complete the season with the 6th grade boys playing at DeRuyter on March 4.

VOLLEYBALL

Girls and Boys youth volleyball will begin the week of March 13 and end the week of April 24.

Upcoming Youth Sports

TEE BALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL and LACROSSE

Registration for Tee Ball, Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse programs will begin in March. Please register participant(s) prior to the open registration ending. Teams, coaches, scheduling, and shirt orders will be established based on registration numbers completed during the open registration time frame.

Registration information for the programs will be provided through the LaFayette School District messaging system, Facebook and the Town of LaFayette web site.

COACHES ARE NEEDED

As spring approaches, LCC is in the process of planning the Tee Ball, Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse seasons. Coaches are needed at all levels. If you are interested and able to help with the youth sports programs, please contact LCC at 315-677-7272 or email lcc@townoflafayette.com

Community Council Board Meetings

Meetings are held monthly. Meeting dates, times and locations are posted on LaFayette Community Council Facebook page and on the Town of LaFayette website. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. We cannot provide our programs without volunteers.

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).

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 twice 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.townoflafayette.com under the "Depts." (Departments) tab

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March IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



- 7 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 10-11 HS Musical 7:00pm
- 13 No School - Professional Development Day
- 15 BOE Meeting 5:30pm
- 17 End of MP4
- 29 BOE Meeting 5:30pm

Don't forget to like us on Facebook.

