

Welcome Back to School

The first Day of Class is
September 4th for ONS students
and September 5th for students
attending GS/BP/HS .



School Bus Routes 2019-20, see pages 3-4

New Staff Spotlight - TRISHA FOGARTY

Ms. Fogarty will be working at the Onondaga Nation School as an Administrative Intern.

Why did you choose this career path? Through different opportunities during my eleven years as an educator, I have developed a passion for curriculum and instruction which led to my path in Educational Leadership at SUNY Oswego. I saw this as an opportunity to share that passion with others and support schools in a different capacity.

What is your educational background/specialized training? Most recently, this summer I received an advanced degree in Educational Leadership through SUNY Oswego. In 2012, I earned my Masters in Mathematics Education from Western Governors University and I graduated from SUNY Cortland with my Bachelors in Early Childhood/Childhood Education in 2007.

Where did you work prior to this position? Prior to joining the LaFayette community, I taught for five years with Hannibal Central School District as a sixth grade English and Science teacher.

What are some professional goals that you have for this school year and beyond? I am so excited to be joining the ONS and LaFayette community. My goal for this year is to listen, learn and support the school and district in reaching their goals.

What hobbies/leisure activities do you enjoy? What do you do for fun? Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family. We love being outdoors; camping, hiking, fishing, golfing or simply exploring new places. We are also big sports fans - either playing or watching!



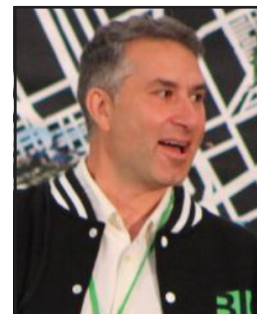
Big Picture ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Leonardo Oppedisano, LaFayette Big Picture Advisor and Science Teacher, was awarded the Big Picture Learning Advisor of the Year Award on July 24, 2019.

Lenny received the award at the annual Big Picture Learning International Conference on Student Centered Learning in Detroit, Michigan. He is the founding advisor of the LaFayette Big Picture School and has shepherded two cohorts to graduation and is currently supporting his 3rd cohort into their senior year.

A staff member described Lenny as the heart and soul of our school. Lenny approaches every day as a new day and approaches every student with care and kindness. Lenny plans interesting, hands on, interactive lessons to engage all students. He prioritizes individually talking with each student everyday, working to understand their passions and interests. Lenny is a leader in our school for students and staff. You can read an excerpt from his speech on page 6.

We are so fortunate to have him in LaFayette.



ONS Summer Learning Program



Summer has flown by, but not before great things happened at ONS. Our garden has grown and matured and will soon be ready for harvest.

Children flourished in our Summer School Program through the combined efforts of ONS teachers and Onondaga Language Immersion Program teachers. Teachers and students explored and experienced hands on activities, integrated language based lessons and an awesome field trip to the "Wild" in Chittenango. Thank you to all the teachers and staff that made summer school a good experience for the kids.

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Message from the SUPERINTENDENT



Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and staff to another exciting school year in the LaFayette Central School District. We are grateful to our voters for approving renovations back in 2017 and construction teams have renovated kitchens at Grimshaw Elementary and LaFayette Jr/ Sr High School. The High School is also receiving updates to the cafeteria, wellness center and new team rooms. Construction will continue through the fall and winter months on the capital project approved by voters in May 2017. We also anticipate approval from the New York State Education Department for renovations approved by the voters in January 2019. These will provide a variety of improvements to the public address system, doors, and other security improvements. Work on the security project will start this fall and continue through the summer of 2020. Thank you to everyone for your patience while contractors put the finishing touches on these renovated spaces.

In preparation for our new school year, teachers and instructional staff members have been hard at work preparing for the return of students. Our custodians and maintenance staff members have been working around construction crews while preparing our school buildings and grounds. Our transportation employees have been reviewing bus routes and preparing our fleet to transport students. Our food service staff have been preparing new kitchens to serve meals and our clerical staff members have been sorting through supply orders, updating class lists and schedules, and registering students. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to prepare for this school year. We are excited and ready for another great school year in the LaFayette Central School District.

Throughout the summer months, our teachers participated in a variety of professional development opportunities aligned to our district and school improvement plans. Our Board of Education and district administrative team have been busy refining our district strategic plan and district goals for the 2019-2020 school year. Here are the major district goal areas for this school year:

- 100% Graduation Rate;
- Improve student attendance and reduce chronic absenteeism;
- Improve the academic performance of our students through Professional Learning Communities and feedback to teachers during classroom visits;
- Improve positive communication with parents;
- Focus on addressing the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students through a multi-tiered system of supports

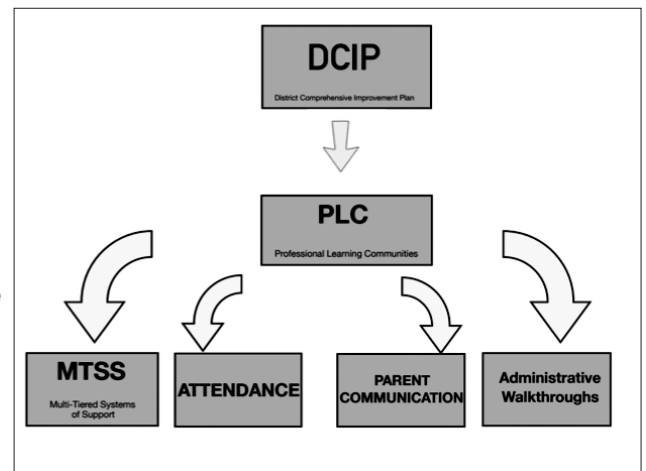
In order to accomplish these goals, we have set aside Monday afternoons as a time for staff members to come together in collaborative teams called Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). PLCs will work together to establish specific goals linked to improving student academic outcomes. Students will dismiss early on Mondays (1:45 PM for Grimshaw and ONS; 2:00 PM for HS and BP) to allow staff time to focus on the following four questions:

- What do we want students to learn? (essential standards)
- How will we know if they have learned? (team-developed common assessments)
- What will we do if they don't learn? (systematic interventions)
- What will we do if they already know it? (extended learning)

Additionally, we would like to welcome parents to learn more about our comprehensive improvement plan. I have planned a brief presentation and opportunity for parents to ask questions about our improvement efforts for the following dates:

- Onondaga Nation School - Family Dinner - Tuesday August 20, 2019 5:00 PM - ONS Cafeteria
- Grimshaw Elementary Curriculum Night, Wednesday September 18, 2019 5:30 PM - Grimshaw Cafeteria
- Junior Senior High Open House, Thursday October 3, 2019 6:00 PM - High School Library

We are committed to the success of every student who walks through our doors. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers or principal regarding any concerns that you might have. We are confident that by working together with our entire school community that we can "Inspire, empower, and prepare all students to achieve excellence (LaFayette CSD School Vision Statement)."



Sincerely, Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools

◆ TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION & BUS ROUTES ◆

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 LaFayette 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 7:20 a.m. The students that attend the Jr./Sr. High School will arrive no earlier than 7:25 a.m. The buses will then proceed to the Grimshaw 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 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 or meet an activity run bus at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School, depending on the time.

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. Route

(ONS & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS)

From Bus Garage proceed north on Route 11 to Quarry Rd. turning right onto Old Route 11. Proceed to Frontage Rd. continuing on Duggetts Hill Rd. Left onto Maybee Lane. Return to bridge then left on Hemlock up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock to Webster turning left on Webster up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock proceeding to Martins Lane then continue to upper Martins Lane and turn around. Continue back down Martins Lane to Route 11A to the Onondaga Nation School. Return on Route 11A north to Route 11 shuttling students to High School. Return to Bus Garage.

Bus #148 A.M. Route

(ONS & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS)

From Bus Garage proceed north on Route 11 to the line in Nedrow. Turn left and head south on Route 11A. Turn left onto Hemlock, turn around at the Longhouse, and then back to 11A. Continue south and turn right into the Onondaga Nation School. Return on Route 11A north to Route 11 shuttling students to High School. Return to Bus Garage.



Bus #163 A.M. Route

(Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS)

From Bus Garage, bus will turn right on Route 20 then onto Ortloff Rd. From Ortloff Rd, bus will turn left onto Route 11A continuing to Nichols Rd. Turn Right onto Nichols Rd. then right onto Tully Farms Rd, and then right onto Webster Rd. to turnaround point. Return to Tully Farms Rd and then left onto Bear Mountain Rd to turnaround point. Turn left off of Bear Mountain onto Tully Farms Rd and then left onto Route 20 west to turnaround. Return to Route 20, turning left onto Tully Farms Extension to Route 11A north. Turnaround Route 11A, head to Rowland Rd, and then back to Route 20. Head east on Route 20 to Webb Rd. Turn left onto Webb Rd and then left onto Amidon Rd. Continue on Summer Ridge, turn around and continue back to Webb Rd. Left on Webb Rd. Left onto Shute Rd. Turn around, then left onto Webb rd. Proceed to LaFayette High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #138 A.M. Route

(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. Turn left onto Barker Hill Rd. to turnaround. Continue on Barker Hill Rd to LaFayette Rd and turn left. Continue on LaFayette Rd to Coye Rd turnaround. Right on LaFayette Rd and proceed to High School and then to Grimshaw.

◆ TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION & BUS ROUTES ◆

Bus #139 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. to Reidy Hill Rd and turn right. Continue on Reidy Hill Rd and then right onto Eager Rd to Apulia Rd. Turn left on Apulia Rd to Bush Rd. Right on Bush Rd to turnaround. Continue back on Bush Rd to Apulia Rd, turning right. Apulia rd north to turn around, then back south on Apulia Rd to Route 20. Left on Route 20, then left on Dodge Rd to Apulia Rd and turn right. Continue to Colton Rd. Turn right on Colton to O'Connell Rd. Turn right on O'Connell and then right on Route 20 west. Proceed to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #145 A.M. Route

(ONS & Grimshaw)

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed right on Route 20 to Everingham Rd, continuing to turn around. Return back to Route 20, turning left. Route 20 east to Tully Farms Rd Ext. Continue to Route 11A and turn left. Turn left on Route 11A beginning pickups at the Onondaga Nation Line. Continue on Route 11A to Gibson Rd. Turn left on Gibson to Route 80. Continue right onto Route 80 to Commissary Rd. Turn left on Commissary and continue up to turnaround point. Return on Commissary to Route 80 to Gibson Rd to Route 11A. Turn left onto Route 11A north and go to the Onondaga Nation School. Then proceed to Grimshaw.

Bus #166 A.M. Route

(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 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 East side of Route 11. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #167 A.M. Route

(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 bus proceeds to McClary Rd. Left on McClary to Route 11. Left on Route 11. Left onto Webb Rd and then

right onto Groth Rd. Head down Groth Rd, turn around and return to Webb Rd. Right 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 left then left on Sentinel Heights. Continue to Winacre Dr turning right, and then proceed to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #158 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 to Reidy Hill Rd. Turn right on Reidy Hill and then right on Persse Rd to turnaround. Head back to Eager Rd and turn left. Continue on Eager Rd, to Coye Rd, and then to turnaround. Proceed back on Coye Rd to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Road heading south to Commane Rd. Turn right on Commane Rd and head to Route 11. Turn right onto Route 11 and pick up at Willow Wood apartments and AppleRidge apartments. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #159 A.M. Route

(Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS)

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 picking up students on south side of Route 20 to Apulia Rd. Right on Apulia Rd (south) to turnaround. Head back north on Apulia Rd to Cascade Rd. Right on Cascade to Clark Hollow. Right on Clark Hollow to turn around. 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 onto Palmer Rd. Return on Route 20 and then left on Applewood. Turnaround and back to Route 20 to Festival Gardens. Continue on Route 20 to Webb Rd. Right on Webb, then right on Naughton. Return to Route 20. Continue to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #160 A.M. Route

(Grimshaw & LaFayette Jr/Sr HS)

From Bus Garage, bus will proceed south on Route 11 to Feather Dr and Sturgen, 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 turnaround. Back to Meeker to Holcomb to Meadowlark Circle; back to Holcomb turning left to Deer Run. Right on Deer Run to turnaround and back on Deer Run to opposite end and return to Holcomb to Meeker Hill to Route 11. Left on Route 11, continuing onto North Rd to the AT&T Towers. Then proceed to Maple Grove Dr. to Sugar Bush Dr then back to North Rd, turning 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.

◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Jason Ryan

I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back. We are excited about the start of the 2019-2020 school year. We have spent the summer months working diligently to ensure that we are providing high-quality instruction and making data-informed decisions.

The faculty and staff at LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School have been diligently working and making adjustments to ensure that all students achieve their maximum potential.

Some of the changes you will see this year are:

- **6 Marking Period Structure** - This will provide students with a more timely academic performance review. Each marking period's grades will still be figured into your child's overall cumulative average. This year's marking period dates may be found in the Jr./Sr. High School Family/Student Handbook posted on the LaFayette Jr. Sr. High School website homepage.
- **Student Drop Off Procedures** - As a result of our capital improvement project, the south parking lot will now include a newly designated student drop-off/pick-up area. Details regarding the new procedures (a detailed description and video link) can be found on the LaFayette Jr. Sr. High School website.
- **District Implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLC)** - This year, 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. Students who participate in athletic programs in grades 7-12 at the Jr/Sr High School will have the availability of a sports study hall.

While we have gone to great lengths to create a positive learning environment here at the LaFayette Jr. /Sr. High School, these efforts go unfulfilled unless we have regular daily attendance from our student population. It is for this reason, we are again placing a heightened focus and emphasis on the importance of student attendance this year. There is ample research supporting the positive relationship between attendance and a student's overall academic success. We are asking the families of our students to help in this very important initiative. Please continue to remind your child that attendance at school is vital, and important to overall success.

At this point, we have mailed out a Student Data Verification Form to all of our families. This form plays a critical role in ensuring that we have the most up-to-date information about your child and helps us to collaborate in regards to our district's policies and procedures. Please review this form, make any necessary changes and return the form to the high school's main office. If you did not receive this form or need an additional one, please contact the high school's main office at 315-677-3131.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we work together to make the LaFayette Jr. Sr. High School a place where we "inspire, empower, and prepare all students to achieve excellence." If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-677-3131 or jryan@lafayetteschools.org.

District Traffic Safety Reminders

Speed and carelessness injure kids! Are you aware that the speed limit in front of the Grimshaw School on Route 20 is 20mph while school is in session? Please adhere to the speed limit to protect our elementary students...besides, it's the law, and you will be ticketed if caught driving beyond the posted speed in any School Zone. The School Zone in front of the Jr./Sr. High School is 35 mph. Again, it's the law that this speed be enforced. Also, it is law that vehicles not pass school buses in ANY school driveways or parking areas when school buses have their red lights flashing. Vehicles are to remain stopped while buses have red lights flashing regardless of where the buses are stopped, as red lights are indicators that students are boarding or discharging from the bus. If you are behind or approaching any school bus with red flashing lights you must STOP. That means you cannot go around any bus on any side either! You must remain stopped until the bus driver turns out the red signal lights, or a law enforcement officer signals you that it is okay for you to proceed.

Thanks for your help and cooperation in keeping our students safe!

School Lunch Menu Notification

Please refer to the LaFayette School website: www.lafayetteschools.org to find out what the menu is for your child's school. There are changes that are made after the Menu is printed in the school's newsletter, and it was decided that it would be more accurate and up-to-date to post the menus on the website.

If you do not have internet access, please call your child's main office and a menu will be sent home with your child.



◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desks of

**JOHN GIZZI &
SIMONE GONYEA**

Jaime, Steve, and Jack, for all of their hard work. The building is in great shape and looks wonderful.

We would like to welcome our new administrative intern Trisha Fogarty, School Nurse Cynthia DuMond, and Onondaga Language teacher Lacey Cook. We are also welcoming three teacher assistants: Regis Cook, Kenneth Cook and Carlos Rodriguez.

A very special thank you to our ONS custodial staff; Ricky, Randy,

In August a community dinner and discussion forum was held to kick off our year long improvement plan - our SCEP (School wide Comprehensive Education Plan). Mr Belfield presented the development and essential elements of the DCIP (District Comprehensive Improvement Plan). Mr. Gizzi and Ms. Gonyea provided a comparable overview of the SCEP while giving community members the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas on how we can work together as a school community on our SCEP goals. The discussion and sharing focused on behavioral expectations and on the integration of Onondaga language and culture into all classrooms. The discussion and meeting, based on positive feedback, was well received and the evening was a good start on the path to a collaborative community effort. Our next community dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the ONS cafeteria.

The 2019-2020 school year is here. We welcome it. We embrace the change.

◆ The BIG PICTURE LEARNING News ◆

BIG PICTURE LEARNING

Welcome Back! We are so excited to see all of our returning and new students enter our Big Picture doors. We have spent the summer reflecting on our progress and our areas of need. We have developed new plans and strategies to strengthen our school culture. We can't wait to share all of our ideas with our students.

We have been working on developing our Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) plan. Part of this plan focuses on how we can help all of our students understand expectations for their actions and behaviors. Our plan is summarized with: **Be Here. Be Ready. Participate Positively. Leave a Legacy.**

We will be sharing this information on the first day with our students and more details with our parents. *We are ready.*

Leonardo Oppesidano was honored with our annual Advisor of Excellence Award. Below is an excerpt from Lenny's acceptance speech.

I used to tell the story of the moment I knew that I needed Big Picture, before I ever knew Big Picture existed. I was teaching 7th grade science in the traditional school, and the students were dissecting owl pellets. We were approaching the end of the period when one young man was just getting his technique down, meticulously picking the tiny bones and teeth from the tightly packed fur. He was so into it that he didn't hear my cues to clean up. I was watching him when the bell rang and there was a wave of disappointment and frustration that washed over his face. He wasn't done learning. He was just getting started.

I hated those bells because we all know that is not how the human brain works. That moment frustrated me as a teacher and it wasn't long after that, I visited a Big Picture school in the Bronx. That fall Susan Osborn started the Lafayette Big Picture High School with me, an LTI coordinator, 15 students, and two rooms borrowed from the elementary school.

Big Picture has helped me grow in so many ways in the

past 11 years. I did the math and I have enjoyed over 500 student exhibitions and have learned something new from each one. I've also learned from hundreds of internship site visits. Big Picture students are out at internships, engaged in real work in their field of interest. Advisors conduct visits to check in, develop LTI projects and at times work through obstacles. But every visit is a learning experience for me because my students are training and caring for animals, building structures, welding, restoring, and renovating.

I am grateful for every one of those opportunities. But what's most important is the benefit to students. Big Picture has been so many things to our students: a refuge, a family, a path to opportunity, proof that someone cares unconditionally, a place to take risks, a place to fail safely, and a reason to invest in themselves. BP has been a place where all students have a voice. Not just an opinion, but a culture that honors different perspectives.

That is really what we need after all, isn't it? Now there are many things happening in the educational system that make me optimistic. We need an environment where differences can be worked out through rational dialogue, instead of conflict. Advisory provides that space.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *from the desk of Mrs. Blosssey*

Welcome to the 2019- 2020 school year. Grimshaw is looking forward to another exciting year. Our Grimshaw family is excited to welcome four new classroom teachers to the building: Mrs. Dawn Pulverenti as a kindergarten teacher; Mrs. Crystal Morel as a first grade teacher, Mrs. Bridget Hart as a third grade teacher and Mr. Kyle McCarthy as a fifth and sixth

grade teacher. Along with teachers, we would also like to welcome, Mrs. Mary Adam as a teaching assistant in our building. If you see any of these folks, please give them a warm Grimshaw welcome.

As a reminder, the entire district has set aside Monday afternoons as a time for staff members to come together in collaborative teams called Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). PLCs will work together to establish specific goals linked to improving student academic outcomes. Students will dismiss early on Mondays at 1:45 p.m. to allow the entire district staff time to focus on the following four questions:

- What do we want students to learn? (essential standards)
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- What will we do if they don't learn? (systematic interventions)
- What will we do if they already know it? (extended learning)

As one of our goals Grimshaw continues to work on increasing the number of students in our building that achieve PERFECT ATTENDANCE. We will be working on identifying students that are present at school every day during each month. Being in school every day means that your child will not miss out on any learning opportunities. Please try to promote the idea that being absent from school is only for when your child is sick or if there is a family emergency. If your child asks to stay home "just because", remind them of what they will miss, such as their reading group or other special events.

A few important dates for planning purposes as we start the month of September:

- ALL students will be starting on Wednesday, September 6th, this includes Kindergarten and Pre-K students.
- Our first parent group meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- Grimshaw Curriculum Night and Band Information Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th, a schedule will be sent once school begins.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

School Tax Collection 2019

Payments may be made:

By Mail:

Kim Reppi, School Tax Collector
LaFayette Central Schools
P.O. Box 1745
Buffalo, NY 14240

In Person:

Checks for Full Tax Amount at:
M&T Bank, LaFayette Branch only
Corner of Route 11 & Route 20
9-4pm

Cash & Partial Payments only:

LaFayette District Office
5955 US Route 20
9-2pm

Online:

www.ongov.net/RPTS

Tax Collection Dates:

- September 4 - October 3, 2019
0.0% Penalty
- October 4 - October 31, 2019
2.0% Penalty
- November 1 - November 15, 2019
5.0% Penalty

Please Note:

From November 1-15 all checks are paid to:
Onondaga County Chief Officer
P.O. Box 1004
Syracuse, NY 13201-1004

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Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise an emergency situation when school may close, or be delayed, or dismiss early, i.e., weather emergencies. Please listen to the following stations for school related information: 95X Radio (95.7 FM) 93Q Radio (93.1 FM) Y94 FM Radio (94.5FM) WSTM TV (Channel 3) WTVH TV (Channel 5) WSYR TV (Channel 9) Your News Now: (Time Warner Channel 10) WSEN Radio (92 FM) WHEN Radio (620 AM) WSYR Radio (570 AM). Closing information can also be found on the District's website and Facebook page.

The GREEN SHEET – Your School District News – LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Date Withdrew _____

2019-2020 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

F ____ R ____ D ____

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call (315)677-9510 if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to:
LaFayette CSD Food Service
5957 US RT 20
LaFayette, NY 13084

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-__ __ __ __

I do not have a SS# <input type="checkbox"/>
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*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

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 will get 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: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

2019-2020 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK
REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,107	\$ 1,926	\$ 963	\$ 889	\$ 445
2	\$ 31,284	\$ 2,607	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,204	\$ 602
3	\$ 39,461	\$ 3,289	\$ 1,645	\$ 1,518	\$ 759
4	\$ 47,638	\$ 3,970	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,833	\$ 917
5	\$ 55,815	\$ 4,652	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,147	\$ 1,074
6	\$ 63,992	\$ 5,333	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,462	\$ 1,231
7	\$ 72,169	\$ 6,015	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,388
8	\$ 80,346	\$ 6,696	\$ 3,348	\$ 3,091	\$ 1,546
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,177	\$ 682	\$ 341	\$ 315	\$ 158

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number.

An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: 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 Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely, Robert Kennedy

LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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

- 24/7 on the Town's web site: www.townoflafayette.com under the "Depts." (Departments) tab •
- 677-7272 - leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call •
- Open for Business - Town Hall Tuesday Nights at the Town Offices every Tuesday from 6:00-6:30 p.m. •
- E-mail: lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com • LCC Mailing Address: P.O. Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13078 •

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Soccer: The Fall season is under way and runs through mid-October.

Basketball: Grades 5 & 6, boys and girls. Practices will begin Saturdays in November; games will begin in January. The second grade instructional and Grades 3 & 4 basketball programs will begin in February 2020.

Wrestling: For girls and boys in grades K-6. Practices will begin in November. A flyer with specific information and registration form will be sent home from school.

Volleyball: For girls in grades 3-6. Program will begin after January 1, 2019; dates and times are TBD.

A flyer with specific information and registration form for the above programs will be sent home from school.

If you are interested and able to help out with the basketball, volleyball or wrestling programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Apple Festival: We need your help running the pizza booth at the Apple Festival; please consider putting in an hour or two selling pizza to support our youth programs. Kids are welcome to help too.

Trunk-Or-Treat: LCC will be participating in Trunk-Or-Treat at the Columbia Presbyterian Church on Halloween, October 31.

Ski Program: Information and registration night to be scheduled in November. Additional details will be provided in next month's Green Sheet and on LCC's web site.

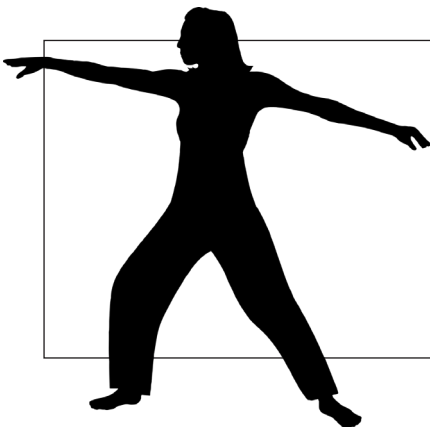
Walking: The recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk. Once the weather turns cold, arrangements will be made for hall walking at Grimshaw Elementary School winter evenings.

Community Council Board Meetings: Are held monthly. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Tai Chi: Beginner and advanced classes are offered. For additional information, contact instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114.

Daytime/Senior Exercise Class; Yoga; Aerobics; Men's basketball: Specifics for these programs are not available at this time. Call LCC, 315-677-7272 for an update.



LaFayette Public Library News

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For any questions regarding closing due to weather, event schedules and other information, please go to our website or our Facebook page for up to date information.

As many of you know, the library system was shut down July 12 by some outside group. It took quite a while for us to get back to reasonable functionality. As of this writing, we were most of the way back. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience!

Upcoming events:

Step Up to Stop Falling

September 11, Wednesday @10 a.m. in the library community room.

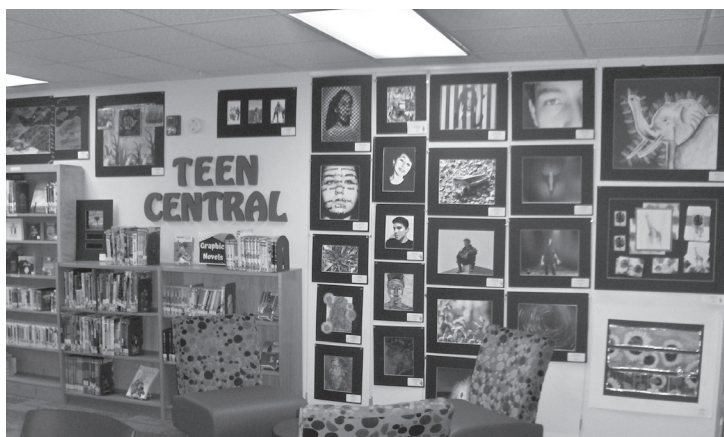
Michael Czarnecki

Saturday, October 19, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Multimedia presentation about Route 20.

Census 2020

Informational program about the 2020 Census. Time and date TBD.

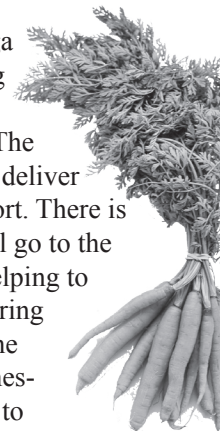
We have a **new art display** from the students in the Junior/Senior High School. They range from photography to paintings and some 3 dimensional art. They are hung primarily in the teen section in the library. Come take a look (pictures below).



Reminder: the library has three **Empire passes** that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga County parks. The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called “**Field Goods**”. They deliver fresh foods from small farms. The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the food. This is a “local supports local” effort. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy. It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.field-goods.com>.



We have an **ongoing jigsaw puzzle exchange** in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. It's very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here! We have a puzzle set up in the library so come in and fit a piece or two (or three).

The library system has a number of **databases** available that range from full courses to Newspaper archives to genealogy. Many of these databases are available on any device that can access the internet using your library card and pin number. Others are in-library use only. Ancestry.com is one that is accessible for in library use.

A reminder that we have a **children's computer** that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it. We also have two ipads in the children's area with lots of fun and education apps on them

We continue to offer **computer training** for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

Story times: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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September IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 **No School - Labor Day**
- 3 Superintendent's Conference Day
- 4 **First Day of School - ONS**
Superintendent's Conference Day - BP/HS/GS
- 5 **First Day of School - BP/HS/GS**
- 9 GAPS meeting 6pm
- 10 Bus Safety Drill
- 12 BOE Meeting 5:30pm
- 17 ONS Welcome Back Dinner and Open House
- 18 GS Curriculum Night/Band Info 6pm
- 25 JSHS Financial Aid Night
- 26 BOE Meeting 5:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: On Mondays, Grimshaw and Onondaga Nation School will dismiss at 1:45pm. The Jr/Sr High School and Big Picture will dismiss at 2pm.

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