



# LaFargeville Central School Newsletter

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Hello LCS Community,

It is already February and our staff and students have started the second half of the academic year. We are also approaching the end of winter which has many of our students excited. For many in our District, it also means we are deep into planning for the 2023-24 school year. This is such a busy time of year in the District.

We want to thank our community members for voting to approve the much needed infrastructure based building project last December. We are continuing to work with our architectural firm to finalize the details of the plan so we can submit to the NYS Education Department for approval. Once NYS approves the plan, which will most likely take until next Fall/Winter, we will put out bids to contractors to find out exactly how much the work in the proposed project will cost. Hopefully, all items in our plan will come in at a cost at or less than the \$10.3 million dollars the taxpayers approved to spend, so we can get all the work completed within the proposed project. We are on track to begin construction in the Summer of 2024 as planned and will keep you updated on the progress.

In other news, the Carthage Area Hospital School Based Clinic continues to be a huge asset to families in our District. Unfortunately, the clinic has gone through a number of staff changes over the past few months which has interrupted service. A new PA, Nurse and Counselor will be joining us soon. Until Carthage Area Hospital is able to fill these positions permanently, various Carthage Area Hospital employees have been assigned to be at LaFargeville certain days of the week. CAH asks that we pass along their apologies for the inconvenience as they fill these open positions. I am sure we can all understand and have heard how difficult it has been lately to fill positions in the medical field and these same issues are affecting our clinic. The clinic staff have been communicating directly with clinic users regarding schedules and appointments.

Lastly, I want to once again express my appreciation to the staff, students, parents, Board of Education members and the community of the LaFargeville School District. This is truly a wonderful place to work and learn for both adults and students. Together we continue to make progress academically and socially offering more and more opportunities each year to students while keeping taxes well below the norm (3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in the region).

**KEEP IT UP LCS...OUR STUDENTS DEPEND ON US!!!**

As always I am available by phone (315-658-2241 ext. 311) or by email ([thoover@lafargevillecsd.org](mailto:thoover@lafargevillecsd.org)) and I look forward to helping all students reach their potential.

Respectfully,

Mr. Travis Hoover

## Winter 2023

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### Important Dates:

#### **February 20-24**

NO SCHOOL  
Winter Recess

#### **March 16**

Parent Conferences 6 - 7pm

#### **April 7-14**

NO SCHOOL  
Good Friday/Spring Recess

#### **May 15**

NO SCHOOL  
Superintendent's Conference  
Day

#### **May 29**

NO SCHOOL  
Memorial Day

## Puberty Presentations

LCS partners with North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council to provide our fourth through sixth graders with a safe space to talk about puberty and the changes to our bodies and brains. Look for information to be sent home with your child. If you would prefer to have this conversation with your child, send the opt-out form back to your child's teacher.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Are you concerned about your student's academics?

Do you understand the number of credits your student needs to graduate?

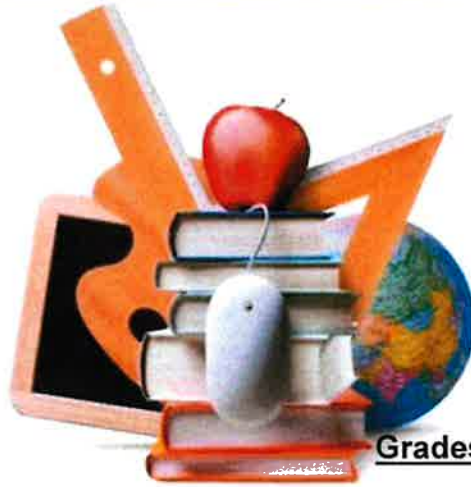
**Don't hesitate to reach out for questions or clarification!**

## Mrs. Jaycee Welsh

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#### Grades 3-8 Exams

ELA – Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21  
Math – Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4

#### Regents Exams

US History	Thursday, June 1	AM
ELA	Wednesday, June 14	AM
Living Environment	Wednesday, June 14	PM
Global	Thursday, June 15	AM
Algebra 1	Thursday, June 15	PM
Earth Science	Friday, June 16	AM
Chemistry	Friday, June 16	PM
Geometry	Tuesday, June 20	AM
Algebra II	Wednesday, June 21	AM
Physics	Thursday, June 22	AM

How many hours of Z's are enough?

4-12 hours	<b>12-16*</b>
1-2 hours	<b>11-14*</b>
3-5 hours	<b>10-13*</b>
6-12 hours	<b>9-12</b>
13-18 hours	<b>8-10</b>



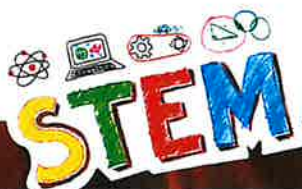
**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
Thursday, March 16

"Don't forget to go outside and play."

*Coming Soon!*

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Headed to Starbase Academy in March**

March 13 through March 17, 5<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in exciting learning experiences, explore STEM careers and witness first hand military personnel. Look for your child's permission slip to come home soon!



Hello to the LaFargeville community and thank you for welcoming me into your school family.

My first two months have been a whirlwind of activity as I have begun to get to know the 600 or so students and staff members that make up the LaFargeville School. I have visited classrooms to watch our dynamic teachers engage eager learners and been privileged to be present as our basketball teams left it all on the floor in every game.

Soon after my arrival, I was privileged to be present for a rite of passage - LCS sixth graders' first school dance, and my first school activity as a Principal here. They very patiently showed me how to "get sturdy," and I'm pretty sure my knees will soon be fully recovered from the experience. Some upperclassmen are now encouraging me to work on my "Griddy," which is easier on the knees, but I am no more skilled at it.

That spectacle was soon followed by the even more impressive primary grades' "Holiday Hallway," an event that was met with wide eyes and smiles as the littlest Red Knights entered the building to find it transformed into a winter wonderhall decorated with trees and ribbons and snowflakes. As one eager elf said, "You guys really outdid yourselves for Christmas this year."

January and February brought a more complete transition to a new normal for all of us, and I was pleased to take part in an effort to align some of LCS' efforts to support students in their journey toward self-awareness, resiliency, and college and career readiness. Youth Advocacy of Jefferson County began to meet with a group of enthusiastic middle and high school students to empower them to think big and work for the betterment of their community through youth designed and led events. Pixar animation artist Jeff Pidgeon Zoomed in to talk about his career with art classes, and a group of students visited Clarkson University for the "StartScience" event where they explored careers related to science and talked with area alumni who have advanced to successful careers in science-related fields.

Staff and students showed up in full force for January's Red Knight Rally, an event filled with good-natured competition, cheers, athlete and performer recognition, and a tribute to River Hospital. (You can support the LCS Virtual Polar Bear Dip for River Hospital by visiting [this site](#) or following the directions below. Very special thanks to the first and second grade teachers and students!)

**Go to the website: [www.riverhospital.org](http://www.riverhospital.org)**

**Click News and Events Tab Click Events**

**Click Please register for the Polar Bear Dip....**

**Click the See Who's Dipping tab and Click on LaFargeville Central**

As the year progresses, I will certainly be looking forward to more "firsts." But more than that, I am excited for the opportunity to spend more time with Red Knights of all ages, encouraging them in the classrooms and on the fields. I encourage you to reach out to ask questions or say hello, and I look forward to meeting you.

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# Counselor's CORNER

## FEBRUARY 2023

### Mrs. CAITLYN SCORDO

#### Counseling Monthly Focus:

I hope your new year is off to a great start. We have surpassed the 20 week mark and that means we are half way through the school year. Encourage your students to continue their hard work.

The social-emotional learning theme for February is healthy relationships. I will be pushing into every classroom PK-5 to educate students on being a good friend, treating others with kindness, and recognizing the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship.

#### Dates:

- ☐ February Break: 20-24
- ☐ Annie: March 17 & 18
- ☐ 3rd Quarter Ends: April 6
- ☐ Spring Break: April 7-14
- ☐ ELA State Test: April 20 & 21
- ☐ Math State Test: May 3 & 4

#### Let's CONNECT!



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#### Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

Research suggests that 20 minutes of uninterrupted, quality time with your child is more valuable than hours spent together multi-tasking. This short burst of focused time together builds your connection and makes your child feel valued, important, and loved.



### DMV Permit Testing By Deanna Henry

LaFargeville Central School is still enrolled in the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles On-Line Knowledge Testing Application Program (OKTA). Students who are 16 years of age or older may take their permit test online here at the school. Please see Mrs. Henry in the library to schedule a test time. Driving manuals and DMV paperwork are also available in the library. Once the student has passed the online permit test, they take all forms to a DMV office. The Watertown DMV office is open on Thursday nights until 7:00 p.m. Please see Mrs. Henry in the library or email her at [dhenry@lafargevillecsd.org](mailto:dhenry@lafargevillecsd.org) to schedule a test time.



### **Parent Portal**

*To access Parent Portal:*

- 1) Get the form online or from the LCS Office
- 2) Fill out the form for a request for Parent Access to School Tool
- 3) Turn form into Mrs. Switzer in the Office

## **Santa's Secret Shop**

Thanks to your generosity, over \$750 was donated from our Santa's Secret Shop. We appreciate your support in making Christmas a little brighter for children in the Town of Orleans.

# The yearbook: The story of your year. Now and always.

Yearbooks are now on sale! Personalized orders must be received by February 28th.

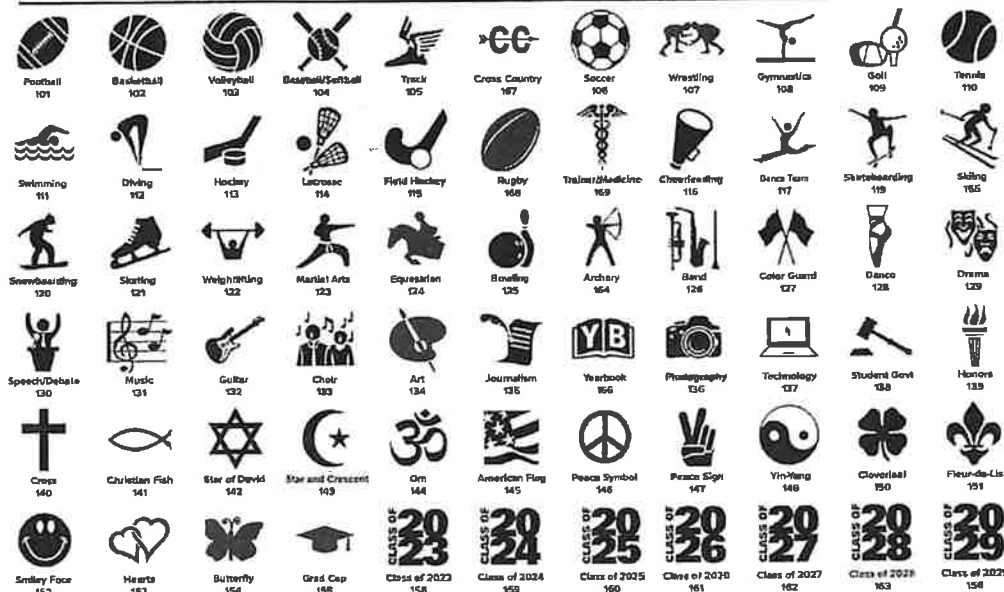
Checks can be made payable to LCS Yearbook. Submit orders to Mrs. Perretta.



Order online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)

## Available Name Stamp Icons

Up to 4 activity icons available with personalization. Actual icon size is approximately 1/2 square



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Visit [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)  
select our school and follow  
the ordering instructions

A \$10 fee is applied to all canceled orders. Your check payment may be converted to an electronic payment if so your account may be debited as soon as the same day payment is received, and your original check will not be returned.

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Qty	Item	Price	
_____	RED KNIGHT PERSONALIZATION PACKAGE	\$46.00	_____
_____	Yearbook Only Package	\$40.00	_____
_____	2022 - 2023 YearZine Size 8	\$4.00	_____
_____	Keepsake Sleeves	\$3.50	_____
_____	Protective Cover, Clear, in Book Size 8	\$3.00	_____
_____	Autograph Section Size 8	\$2.00	_____
_____	Name Stamping (up to 3)	\$6.00	_____
_____	Icons (up to 4)	\$5.00 each	_____

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information 2022-23

Respond by: **02/28/2023**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address for order confirmation purposes only (Order ID #)

Personalizations (25 characters per line max.)

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**THE OPENING KNIGHTS PRESENT**



**Friday, March 17**

**Saturday, March 18**

**7:00 PM**

**LaFargeville Central School**

**General Admission \$6**

**Tickets are available from any cast member, the  
LCS Main Office, and at the door.**

**ANNIE is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).**

**All authorized performance materials are supplied by MTI.**

**[www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)**

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## POSTAL PATRON

### **Nurse Notes**

*NYSED requires a physical exam for new entrants and students in Grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11; annually for interscholastic sports; and working papers as needed; or as required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE).*

*Reminder for required immunizations for 2023-2024:*

- \*Grade 6 - Required Vaccine - T-dap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis)
- \*Grade 7 - Required Vaccine - Meningococcal (Menactra, MCV4)
- \*Grade 12-Required Vaccine - Meningococcal (Menactra, MCV4)

Your child's immunization record will be updated upon receiving proof they have received the required vaccine from Jefferson County Public Health or your family physician's office.

Physicals will be offered in early March, to those children who do not have a current physical on file. If your child has had a physical done privately, please provide a copy to the Nurse so that it may be added to the student's school health record. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Nurse's Office at (315) 658-2241 X301.