



Lyme Central School Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO LCS!!!

Finally, the long, cold, and dreary days of winter are behind us and we are enjoying the warmer days of spring! As the birds begin to sing and the flowers begin to bloom, spring activities at LCS are also beginning to come to life. Spring concerts, sports, drama production, and field trips are all beginning to take place once again. Activities that are very much welcomed, especially during the aftermath of the unprecedented and lengthy pandemic of the past two years.

Students and staff, along with our community members are anxious to participate in, or be a spectator and guest at our district activities, as they serve as an example of a long awaited return to a "normal lifestyle". What a morale booster for LCS faculty and staff to once again see the shining smiles of our students, as the mask mandate in public schools was lifted by NYS Governor Hochul! As such, being able to invite visitors back into our school to attend performances and sporting events, or to use our district fitness center, has also been a pleasure.

It has certainly been a long and trying time for all of us during the pandemic. However, the strength and resiliency of our district and community was proven once again as we worked collaboratively to navigate the many challenges that we faced, often on a daily basis.

That being said, the Lyme Central School Board of Education, Administration, Faculty and Staff, would like to thank our families and community for your understanding, assistance, and most importantly your patience over the past two years. With determination and will power, we were able to provide our students with continued and consistent support while meeting their educational needs.

Together, we truly are....LYME STRONG!

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

Cammy J. Morrison



Dear Residents and Stakeholders of the Lyme Central School District,

As we contemplate the last few months of the current school year, and eagerly plan for the year ahead, beginning 2022-2023, we do so with an abundance of pride and optimism for the future of our District! At the Lyme Central School District we take great pride in our unwavering pursuit of attaining our mission, *“Preparing Today’s Students to be Tomorrow’s Citizens”*, along with our families and community stakeholders in order to ensure we continue to offer the best educational experiences possible for all students. Our efforts continue to be rewarded as the majority of our students consistently demonstrate outstanding academic, athletic and extracurricular ability, healthy decision making and respectable behavior. We remain proud of the work we do, *together*, and the opportunities we provide on behalf of our district’s children!

On behalf of the Board of Education, Administrative Team, and the entire LCS Staff, I’m pleased to share the proposed 2022-2023 Lyme Central School District Spending Plan. As such, the district once again approached the budget season with some very specific **goals** in mind: **(1) Expand and/or maintain as many of the academic and extracurricular opportunities for students as financially possible.** **(2) Consider necessary facility updates and staffing needs as part of our obligation to provide our District’s stakeholders with a safe, well-maintained, student-centered learning environment.** **(3) Respond to our financial requirements and responsibilities in ways which create the least amount of impact on our taxpayers.** We are optimistic that our community will appreciate and fully support the direction we are taking in order to meet these important goals and with *only a minimal increase of 1.66%* in the overall spending plan.

Beyond the district’s success in meeting high academic and athletic standards of performance, I’m pleased to share that we have continued with our priority of identifying and applying efficiency strategies, and implementing cost-saving measures such as participating in shared services with neighboring districts, BOCES and local municipalities. We have successfully utilized all available resources and the Board of Education’s long range strategic planning and conservative budgeting practices have been beneficial in supporting our academic and extracurricular offerings for students, in addition to updating and improving many areas throughout our facilities. The Board of Education continues to evaluate all areas of the budget *regularly* as the long-term sustainability of the Lyme Central School District, for our students and their families, remains a steadfast priority.

Budget Facts:

- Public Schools operate primarily on money (revenue) they receive from **two sources: State Aid and Tax Dollars.**
- The **2022-2023 Spending Plan** consists of a minimal overall spending increase of 1.66%.
- The Board of Education is projecting a 1.11% increase in the tax levy. This **modest increase**, (\$100,000 home = approx. **\$11.20** increase for the year), is primarily due to increases in required student services, general operating costs, and contractual obligations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS, (continued)

Continuing Cost-Saving Measures: During the 2021-2022 school year, the Board of Education, Administration, and Staff have continued their intentional focus of ensuring that LCS operates in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner. The following measures have been implemented and/or continued:

- **Cafeteria Manager Share with Sackets—BOCES Service**
- **Shared Fuel Facility with Town of Lyme, Village of Chaumont, Three Mile Bay Fire Department, Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department**
- **Identification and utilization of grant funds to pay for staff development opportunities, materials, and staffing as possible**
- **Staffing adjusted for enrollment**
- **Automatic shut-down of all district computers at 6:30 p.m. nightly**
- **Monitoring of *day to day* operating expenses**

Utilization of district vehicle for transportation eliminating mileage reimbursements

We remain grateful for the many community partnerships we have formed over the years and are excited to once again be able to open our facility for community use as we partner with local agencies, businesses, instructors, and so on. We look forward to building upon and enhancing those opportunities as we head into the 2022-2023 school year, without the restrictions of COVID!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS—some of the ways our Community Members utilize our School:

North Country Family Health School-based Dental Services for Students

Fully Equipped FITNESS/EXERCISE Room with morning, evening and weekend hours

Lyme Youth Commission—Athletic Practices/Events

Summer Theater Camp

Sports Clinics (throughout the year)

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Author Visits

Soccer Camp

Veteran's Day Celebration

Fort Drum Holiday Concert

Drama Club

Tri-Board Meetings (Village, Town and School District)

Before/After School Child Care (*Hopefully returning for the 2022-2023*)

The 2022-2023 Budget Notice will be mailed to residents following the annual **Budget Hearing**, which will be held on **May 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.** The Budget Newsletter, available after April 28th, provides a detailed look at the specifics of the proposed spending plan and the funding priorities of the Board of Education. This document is available at the following locations:

- **District Website under the Board of Education Tab/ Budget Information**
- **District Facebook Page**
- **District's Welcome Center**
- **Chaumont Post Office; Citizen's Bank of Cape Vincent; Watertown Savings Bank; Town of Lyme Library**

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS, (in conclusion)

At LCS we remain committed to our mission of *“Preparing Today’s Students to Be Tomorrow’s Citizens”*. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge *and thank* the entire LCS Community for your unwavering support which saw us through a global pandemic to brighter days ahead for our students and District. We are optimistic that Lyme’s tradition of strong community support for our district’s academic excellence and a safe, student-centered environment will continue into the year ahead and for many, many years to follow. With your continued support, we will work diligently serving our taxpayers, our students, and staff, ensuring we are able to recognize sustainable growth both in the short term and also for years to come!

Please feel free to reach out to me at your earliest convenience should you have questions prior to our **Budget Vote on May 17, 2022**.

Best wishes for a positive and productive end to the school year! I look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmest Regards,
Cammy

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 2022



NHS Member Vivian Williams, Class of 2022



2022 NHS Induction Ceremony

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LCS!!

LCSTA ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PLANT SALE

The Lyme Central School Teachers Association is proud to announce that this year's annual plant sale is under way!

Order forms can be found on the district website. Please complete the order form and have orders turned in to school no later than April 29th, with an expected delivery on May 13th. Please make checks payable to the LCSTA; care of Irene Sullivan.

Proceeds for the Plant Sale go towards scholarships for seniors.

Thank you, for your continued support!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Some important upcoming events:

- ❖ Class of 2022, Senior Trip – May 1-5, 2022
- ❖ Kindergarten Screening – May 6, 2022
- ❖ Annual Budget Vote and BOE Member Election – May 17, 2022
- ❖ Memorial Day Holiday – May 30, 2022
- ❖ Regents Exams – June 15-23, 2022
- ❖ Juneteenth Day – June 20, 2022
- ❖ Last Day of School for Students – June 23, 2022
- ❖ Class of 2022 Graduation – June 24, 2022

Be sure to also check the LCS website for school wide functions and activities....

Wellness Fair

You are invited to attend the LCS Wellness Fair, hosted by the LCS Health and Wellness Class



When: May 17, 2022
Where: LCS Gymnasium
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Please plan to join us for fun and fitness!!



**Notes from the desk of Assistant Superintendent,
Patricia Gibbons**

Greetings!

We are headed toward the final stretch of the school year. NYS will be giving all Regents examinations this coming June. Please refer to the Regents Exam Schedule below. Please note that the only administration of the US History 11 Regents will be held in early June. This is the first administration of the new test in US History. All students in grade 11 will take this assessment. Our middle and high school teachers have been working to create a finals schedule as well as dates for regents review preparation. Please continue to check in with our secondary teachers regarding when those dates and classes will be held.

JUNE 2022 REGENTS EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 1 st	Wednesday, June 15 th	Thursday, June 16 th	Friday, June 17 th
AM: US History & Government	AM: English Language Arts PM: Living Environment	AM: Algebra I PM: Chemistry	AM: Global History II PM: Earth Science
Monday, June 20 th	Tuesday, June 21 st	Wednesday, June 22 nd	Thursday, June 23 rd
Observance of Juneteenth	AM: Geometry And Spanish I (Checkpoint A) PM: Spanish III (Checkpoint B)	AM: Algebra II	AM: Physics

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Remaining assessments at the elementary and middle school level are as follows:

- Math 3-8 Computer Based Testing: April 26th through May 4th, 2022
- Science 4 and 8 Testing: Performance Testing: May 25th Written: June 6th

Sincerely,

Pat Gibbons
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction



LCS KINDERGARTEN SCREENING And PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Parents/Guardians of Incoming Kindergarten Students, Mark Your Calendars!

LCS will hold a **Parent Informational Session** on **April 29, 2022** in the kindergarten classrooms, from 2:15-3:00 PM. The purpose of this session is to share information with parents pertaining to their child starting kindergarten.

Kindergarten Screening will be held on **May 6, 2022** at LCS between the hours of 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, by appointment.

In addition, there are a limited number of seats remaining for the **2022-2023 Pre-Kindergarten** classroom.

To make an appointment to register for any of these events, please contact Mrs. Tina Kimmis, Registrar, at 315-649-2417, ext. 216 or via email at tkimmis@lymecsd.org

The Parent Square App is available to all district parents/guardians, students and staff. In order to use the app, accurate phone numbers and email addresses are required (*please update this information with the district as needed*). For more information on the Parent Square App, including how to receive and send school messages; receive district information contact, Mrs. Tammy McIntosh at 315-649-2417, ext. 0, or via email at tmcintosh@lymecsd.org.

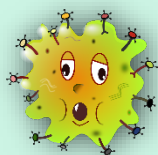
Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your child's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



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Notes from the Nurse Mrs. Justine Dowe, RN

Cold, Flu, COVID, or Allergies?

Treatment depends on which you have. A health professional can help you choose the best therapy. See below as a quick reference.

Common Cold

- Symptoms last up to 2 weeks
- Stuffy, runny nose; sore throat; cough
- Treated with rest; fluids; over-the-counter (OTC) medicines to ease symptoms

Seasonal Flu or COVID

- Symptoms usually last 1-2 weeks
- High fever (100-102 °F, higher in youngsters), headache, aches and pains, weakness, exhaustion, cough, chest discomfort, sore throat, dizziness
- Treated with rest, fluids, over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, prescription antiviral drugs (flu)

Airborne Allergy

- Lasts as long as allergens are present (pollen, pet dander, etc.)
- Stuffy, runny nose; itchy, watery eyes
- Treated with antihistamines, decongestants, nasal steroids

If you are still unsure, or if symptoms persist longer than expected, please contact your health care provider.

Stay safe and healthy!
Mrs. Dowe, RN
School Nurse

LCS Fitness Center Re-Opens!!

We are pleased to announce that our Fitness Center is once again open to the community. If you are interested in utilizing our nicely equipped Fitness Center, located just inside the gymnasium—first double doors on the left—getting approval to do so is easy, just by following the steps below:

Please stop by the District Office, where you will be asked to sign a liability waiver. Once the waiver is signed and you have received *and initialed* a copy of the Fitness Center Rules, adult community members will be given an access card for the Welcome Center Door during the following times:

MORNING HOURS:

(M-F) 6:30 A.M. – 7:30 A.M. ONLY

(SAT.) 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

EVENING HOURS:

(M-F) 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. ONLY

(For your personal safety, we **highly recommend** that guests use the **“buddy system”** when utilizing our fitness center equipment. Please be aware that security cameras are being utilized in hallways, the gymnasium and in the Fitness Center. Cameras will be viewed as deemed necessary by District Staff.)

LCS FITNESS CENTER



STUDENT NEWS and CONGRATULATIONS!



LCS Senior, Callie LaFontaine, became Lyme Central's all-time leading scorer with 66 career goals at a home game on Friday, 9/17/21, against LaFargeville CSD. The record setting goal was scored following a 5 goal performance by Callie, in a 7-0 victory.

The previous record holder was Briana Fulmer, a 2003 graduate. Ironically, Coach Mary Guyette, coached her as well.

CONGRATULATIONS, CALLIE!!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOOD DRIVE

In March, the National Honor Society held their annual Food Drive to support the local food pantry. In grades PK-8, we continued the tradition of honoring the homeroom with the most donations, by receiving a trophy to display in their classroom, filled with a sweet treat for the class. This year's winner was Mrs. McClusky's Second Grade Class, with Mrs. Malone's First Grade Class coming in second place! The NHS Officers wanted to provide an extra incentive for high school students to donate items, so members of the senior class volunteered to get a pie in the face if a 9th, 10th, or 11th grade class donated more items than the senior class. The plan worked, as the junior class brought in the most donations and were able to pie the seniors!

As a school, we collected 1,700 items!

A huge thank you to all who participated in this great service project to benefit our community!



Members of the Senior Class who delivered donations to the food pantry.



Members of the Senior Class who volunteered to get a pie in the face

Jefferson-Lewis School Library Systems 36th Annual Bookmark Contest

Lyme students in grades 3 - 9 participated in the 36th Annual Bookmark contest sponsored by the Jefferson-Lewis School Library Systems. Mrs. Hyde and Ms. Doolittle are pleased to announce our building level winners, Rosamond Hunt, Drew Eassa, Daphney Avery, Jocelyn Widrick, Stevie Hunt, Mary Goutremout, Emma Simard, and Audrey Daggatt. Those entries were then judged against entries from other area schools. Lyme Central had two winners: Rosamond Hunt (9th grade) won first place in the 9-12 division, and Daphney Avery (8th grade) took third place in the 6-8 division. There were 3,262 entrants representing 8 school districts and 20 schools.

We are very proud of talented artists!



First place winner, Rosamond Hunt, Gr. 9 and third place winner Daphney Avery, Gr. 8

The Third Grade Postal System

By Amelia Skipper, 8 years old

When you were in school, did you like to pass notes? Well we do! We pass notes all over the school.

Our class made a mailbox. It is made from cardboard, duct tape, and blue paint. And both of the third grade classes share a mail uniform. How do we decide the mailman, we go in ABC order.

Anyone in the school can take one piece of paper from the side of the mailbox and write a note. Then they put it in our mailbox. Then we deliver everyone's letters to people all over the school.

If you are in our building, you can use our mailbox too! Just come on over to the third grade and you can pass notes all over school just like us.



Eva Steele, Third Grade Postal Worker

Cafeteria News



Hi Everyone!

My name is Maureen, Benz, NDTR and I will be your 2022-2023 Food Service Director at Lyme Central School. I will be replacing Mr. Craig Orvis, who will be retiring in June.

I graduated from Thousand Islands High School and later received a scholarship from the New York State Dietetic Association. I graduated from Morrisville State College with a degree in Dietetics. I have been a Registered Dietetic Technician since 2012. I have experience working as a nutrition and healthcare professional at Canton Potsdam Hospital, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, River Hospital and the Clipper Inn, as well as a few other local restaurants along the way.

I am very excited for this opportunity to work in school nutrition because I have always wanted a career that combined my passion to provide healthy meals that actually taste really good!



I look forward to serving the students and staff at LCS!!

EDUCATE OUR YOUTH, SECURE OUR FUTURE



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