

# Lyme Central School Newsletter

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# Autumn News!

We are happy to report that our students and staff have had a very successful start to the 2021-22 school year, with full in-person instruction for all students! As we strive to maintain a safe and healthy environment for the students and staff at Lyme Central in the midst of the continuing pandemic, we are confident that school is where our students belong!!

Many decisions were made as we prepared for the reopening of school for the 2021-22 school year. Among those decisions were making preparations for COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated students and staff, participation in sports seasons and extracurricular activities, and maintaining a closed door protocol for visitors in the building. As always, the district's utmost priority is for the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. Thus these difficult decisions are made very carefully, and often times take some time to reach a comparable and equitable solution for all. While doing so, the district greatly appreciates the patience and understanding of our stakeholders as we continue to navigate the ever raging waters of the ongoing pandemic.

We encourage everyone to continue practicing COVID-19 safe protocols such as mask wearing, social distancing, and handwashing. Please continue educating yourself regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster. We are stronger together and we will, hopefully in the near future, be able to resume a normal way of life!

Please, Stay Healthy and Safe!



# LCS Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

Lyme Central is pleased to welcome some new faces to our Lyme family!

Mrs. Leah Martineau MS/HS English
Mrs. Paige Yousey HS English
Miss Karly Sherman PK -12 PE
Mr. Kyle Bronson PK -12 PE
Miss Tessa Winkler Elementary Teacher
Miss Colleen Patenaude Elementary Teacher

Mrs. Sara Pond Teacher Assistant
Mrs. Celina Ostrander Speech Pathologist
Mr. Jacob Phelps Transportation

Mrs. Bethany Rogers Cleaner Mrs. Mary Patch Cafeteria

Please join us in welcoming these individuals to our district and community. We hope you will take the opportunity to meet them as soon as possible.

We Are LCS STRONG!

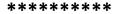
# LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTITORIAN CLASS OF 2021



Camille Stevenson, daughter of Rob and Donna Stevenson, is the Lyme Central School Class of 2021's Academic Valedictorian, maintaining a cumulative four-year GPA of 96.93%. She was the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior class treasurer. Camille was inducted into the National Honor Society in her junior year. She was named as a Channel 7 News Academic All-Star in March of 2021 and was nominated for Section 3 Female Scholar-Athlete in May 2021. Camille played soccer and golf from seventh through twelfth grade, and basketball tenth and eleventh grade. Throughout the years she earned Frontier League All-Star and Defensive Player Award in soccer, a Leadership Award in golf, and was team captain for both sports in grades ten through twelve. Being such a young athlete herself, Camille volunteered many hours helping the Lyme Youth Commission and the school organized youth golf and soccer clinics.

She has dedicated a great deal of time working with the young athletes to set an example and give back to the incoming athletes. Outside of school, Camille is an avid telemark skier and overall outdoor enthusiast. She played club soccer for Black River Valley Soccer Academy in grades nine through twelve. In the summer of Camille's junior year, she managed her time with the responsibilities that come with three jobs. She continued to work two jobs throughout her senior year while still keeping her grades up and enjoying the outdoors.

In the fall, Camille will be continuing her education at Jefferson Community College, majoring in Environmental Engineering with the Jefferson-Can Scholarship.





Aniyah Henderson, daughter of Kenneth Pitcher and Deborah Pitcher is Lyme Central school Class of 2021's Academic Salutatorian, graduating with a cumulative four-year GPA of 96.27%. Aniyah was inducted into the National Honor Society in her junior year where she served as secretary. She was also a part of the junior varsity and varsity soccer teams throughout her high school career. For soccer, she earned the Indian Award in 9th grade and 11th grade, along with the Beerman Offensive MVP Award in 9th grade. In her senior year, Aniyah attended the New Vision Health Program through Bohlen Tech where she was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society and gained knowledge regarding healthcare. Aniyah volunteered through the National Honor Society for Wrapping for Relay for Life and the Chaumont Food Pantry, along with creating volunteer opportunities during the global

pandemic with her fellow National Honor Society members. Aniyah was also a part of Operation Christmas Child through her church's youth group where she helped prepare gifts for the less fortunate. She received the Clarkson University Leadership Award (\$60,000 over four years of study), the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award (\$40,000 over four years of study), and the St. Lawrence University Augsbury North Country Scholarship Award (\$27,000 annual merit to SLU). In the fall, Aniyah will be attending the Nursing A.A.S program through Jefferson Community College in hopes of becoming a nurse practitioner.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS ......

Cammy J. Morrison



Dear LCS Staff and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well, and enthusiastically anticipating the upcoming holiday season with family and friends! Celebrations will undoubtedly look different *again* this year, but as we approach the holiday seasons it is our opportunity to demonstrate by word and deed that *even during this challenging time*, we continue to have much to be thankful for in our LCS community.

With the help of our faculty and staff we continue to work diligently reinforcing, monitoring and as necessary modifying our day to day operations, safety procedures and communication efforts in order to ensure we are all striving to do the very best we possibly can to provide on-going service to our students and their families. I would like to share that we are very appreciative of the patience, understanding and support being shown by our families as we continue to consider various circumstances, situations and options and then make decisions that we believe are best for the entire LCS family. All such decisions are typically multifaceted and almost never are easy to make. We understand "school" looks and feels different in many ways, but rest assured, we also recognize that providing a quality, collaborative and nurturing educational experience, is perhaps even more important this year than it has been any other. Your partnership remains a very important part of those efforts!

As such, please remember that our goal is to ensure that ALL students and staff remain safe. Therefore, it is vital that our families continue to notify us <u>immediately</u> if/when a student or family member tests positive for COVID, regardless of whether or not the test is administered at home, or by a medical provider at a health care facility. As we are all aware, the Department of Health continues to be short-handed and notifications from them are not always as timely as we would hope. Therefore, your prompt notification to Mrs. Dowe at 315-649-2417, ext. 3 as soon as you are aware of a positive diagnosis, is much appreciated!

Just as I remain thankful to serve the LCS community I, too, am grateful that I have had the opportunity to work closely with so many wonderful students and families; a very dedicated and compassionate Board of Education; Administrative/Management Team; and of course, our dedicated Teachers and Staff members! It is our collective efforts and collaboration that make Lyme Central a great place to learn and work and is essential to the District's overall success! Your efforts on behalf of our District's students is recognized and very much appreciated!

Wishing you all health and happiness over the weeks and months ahead!

Warmest Regards, Cammy



Mrs. Stumpf's and Miss Winkler's Kindergarten Classes, along with Mrs. Aubertine's Health Classes, would like to thank everyone who donated to our food drive. It was a huge success! Most importantly, the children learned to "Think of Others!"

Lyme Central School's Kindergarten and Health Classes
Support Local Food Pantry

# GREAT NEWS!!! ~ Les has a new playground ~

In early October, the new playground was unveiled with a ribbon cutting and a dedication ceremony recognizing Superintendent Cammy J. Morrison for her commitment to education and her foresight in realizing the completion of this project.

Many months of planning and coordinating went into this project. The playground area grounds were prepared over the summer months and the new playground equipment was installed in early September, *just in time for the start of school!!* Our new playground replaces the one which had been at the district since the early '80's. Unfortunately, many of the old playground apparatus had broken parts which were no longer available for replacement or repair. As with many large projects, this project could not have been made possible without the support of our community and the collaborative efforts from both the Town of Lyme and Village of Chaumont personnel. *Much appreciation and thanks, for your assistance throughout our renovation process!* 

During times of inclement weather, for safety reasons the playground will be closed from time to time to the public. However, we look forward to seeing everyone having fun on this awesome playground anytime weather safely allows.

We anticipate that our students, and the community will enjoy this playground for many years to come!







# LCS 2021 VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Soccer Team for an incredible 2021 season! The team finished with an impressive overall record of 17-2 and went undefeated in the Frontier League with a record of 14-0. This teams hard work, dedication, and love for the game helped them accomplish so much this season.

During the regular season, Callie LaFontaine broke two school records, which were previously held by Briana (Fulmer) West. Callie now holds the school's all-time scoring record with 84 goals and 33 assists and the all-time point record, scoring 201 goals. Other highlights included five come-from-behind wins against some tough competition in our league and winning both games against our rival, Copenhagen.

Seeded #4 in the Section 3 Tournament, we made a great post season run defeating #5 Oriskany 6-0 at home and #1 Bishop Ludden 1-0 in the semifinals. We faced a tough Poland team in the sectional finals at SUNY Cortland and after a tough battle lost a heartbreaker 3-1. Callie LaFontaine was named the team MVP and the Most Outstanding Goalkeeper of the game. Karyssa Parker also received the team sportsmanship award.

What a fun and memorable season!

Frontier League "D Division" All Stars:

Callie LaFontaine, Miranda Bearup, Karyssa Parker, Malena Stevenson, and Natalia Ososkalo.

Honorable Mention: Jillian Alberry

Section 3 All Stars: Callie LaFontaine, Miranda Bearup, and Malena Stevenson

Times All-North First Team: Callie LaFontaine and Malena Stevenson

Times All-North Second Team: Miranda Bearup

Times All-North Honorable Mention: Natalia Ososkalo

All State Second Team Class D: Callie LaFontaine



You make us Proud, CONGRATULATIONS!

## Notes from the Nurse Justine Dowe, RN



# COVID-19

Guideline Reminders

- 1. Wear Masks
- 2. Social Distance 3-6 ft. spacing
- 3. Wash hands
- 4. Cough or sneeze in your elbow
- 5. (Ise hand sanitizer frequently
- 6. Gatherings of 10 people or less, is best
- 7. Monitor for symptoms
- 8. If you're sick STAY HOME!
- 9. Be mindful of those around you if they are showing symptoms, refrain from being around them until asymptomatic

We are all in this together, **PLEASE** keep each other safe!

Stay well, Mrs. Justine Dowe, RN

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

## Some important upcoming events:

- Christmas and New Year Holiday: Dec. 24, 2021 - Jan. 2, 2022
- **❖** Martin Luther King Day: Jan. 18, 2022
- President's Day/Winter Recess: February 21-25, 2022

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

# <u>QUEEN FOR A DAY</u>

On October 8, 2021, the students and staff honored Lyme Central's School Nurse, Mrs. Justine Dowe for her constant commitment and care during the school year, and especially during the pandemic.

Mrs. Dowe spends countless hours, throughout the school day, and after hours in the evenings and on the weekends, taking phone calls from parents, monitoring COVID cases, and conducting contact tracing protocols. This is all in addition to her regular duties as a school nurse!! However, she has remained steady and confident throughout the ever changing CDC and NYS DOH mandates and requirements, in an effort to keep our students, staff, and families safe and well.

# Continued thanks to Nurse Dowe, We LOVE our Nurse!!





# Congratulations Coach Leo Wilson



Lyme Central's long time Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, Leo D. Wilson, has made the difficult decision to retire after more than 20 years at LCS.

Coach Wilson served the students of Lyme for a combined 24 years. He coached JV Boys' Basketball for 4 seasons, before becoming the varsity coach for the past 20 years. In addition, during this time Coach Wilson also coordinated and coached the youth 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball program for 18 years.

Coach Wilson is a firm believer that a successful program begins at an early age as students are developing the fundamentals of the game and forming the correct "habits" in regard to shooting form, ball handling, passing, etc. This belief was the foundation during his career, which led to his teams' participation in numerous summer camps, summer leagues, and summer open gyms sessions in an effort to promote continuity of team chemistry and skill building.

Coach Wilson has had many memorable moments both on and off the court during his years. He was fortunate to have coached one brother, two nephews, and all three of his sons. Over the years his teams have earned many Frontier League and Play-off Championships and have had several runs at Sectional titles. Perhaps the most memorable event for Coach Wilson was at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 season, when the team played at the Syracuse Dome and secured the Section III Class D Sectional title. The first Sectional win for LCS Boys' Basketball in 41 yrs., since the 1978 team, when Coach Wilson was an LCS Indian!

Former players of Coach Wilson will still often refer to him as "Coach". Many expressing the impact he had on them as their coach and mentor. One such player, Victor Longano, Class of 2007 sent a message after learning of Coach Wilson's retirement which read in part — "Let him know I said thank you for being an amazing coach and a great 2nd dad. He is definitely one of the people that helped shape who I am today." A true testament to Coach Wilson's coaching style, philosophy, and commitment to his players — it's more than a game, it's a life lesson, in SO many ways!

Thank you Coach Wilson, for your many years of dedication to the District and the student athletes at Lyme Central School.

You will be missed!



Coach Wilson and son share an Unforgettable moment after winning the 2018-19 Section III Class D Championship Title.

# Lyme Central School - January 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Cereal / Nutri-Grain Bar	Cinni Minni	Muffin Tops	Ultimate Breakfast Round	Poptarts
French Toast Sticks & Sausage	Chicken Parm Sandwich	Homemade WW Pizza	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce	LCS Sampler Platter
C-iT-tT-t-	on WW Roll Buttered Carrots	Fresh Caesar Salad	Warm Garlic Dinner Roll	Boneless Wings-Mozzarella Sticks-Bosco Stick
Crispy Tater Tots		Canned and Fresh Fruit	1000 March 100 M	Homestyle Baked Beans
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	Mini Bagles filled with Cinnamon			
Cereal / Cereal Bar	Cream Cheese	Breakfast Breads	Mini Pancakes	Poptarts
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Baby Carrots w/ Ranch	Steamed Rice	Homestyle Baked Beans	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Crispy French Fries
Canned and Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Florets	Canned and Fresh Fruit	Stuffing, Corn	Canned and Fresh Fruit
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Martin Luther King Jr.	Sweet Potato Fries	Homestyle Baked Beans	Creamy Tomato Soup	Rice Pilaf
Day	Canned And Fresh Fruit	Canned and Fresh Fruit	Buttered Corn	Fresh Celery Sticks
			Canned and Fresh Fruit	Canned and Fresh Fruit
17	18	19	20	21
BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Cereal / Cereal Bar	Cinni Minni	Breakfast Breads	Mini Pancakes	Poptarts
Cheese Stuffed Shells	Popcorn Chicken with WW Roll	Homemade WW Pizza	Chicken Drumstick	French Toast Sticks & Sausage
Warm Garlic Dinner Roll	Homestyle Baked Beans	Fresh Broccoli Salad	Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet Potato Fries
Fresh Cucumber Slices	Canned and Fresh Fruit	Canned and Fresh Fruit	Buttered Corn	Canned and Fresh Fruit
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BREAKFAST				
Cereal / Nutri-Grain Bar				
Ham and Cheese Croissant Melt				
Roasted Broccoli				l
Canned And Fresh Fruit				l
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M OND AY'S ALTERNATIVES	TUESDAY'S ALTERNATIVES	WEDNESDAY'S ALTERNATIVES	THURSDAY'S ALTERNATIVES	FRIDAYS ALTERNATIVES
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich	Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich	Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich	Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich	Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich
Meat Sandwich	Meat Sandwich	Meat Sandwich	Meat Sandwich	Meat Sandwich
Chicken Nuggets with WW Roll	Taco's with Lettuce and Cheese	Chef Salad with WW Roll	Chicken Burger on WW Roll	Baked Haddock Sandwich
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## Prices:

#### BREAKFAST

Pre-K - 12th: NO CHARGE

Includes: Choice of Cereal or Other Breakfast Item Luice Eresh Eruit & Milk

#### LUNCH

Pre-K - 5th: NO CHARGE 6th - 12th: NO CHARGE

Daily Milk Choices

Fat Free White, 1% White, or Fat Free Chocolate

NOTE:

If purchasing a la carte items such as: 2nd slice of pizza or other Entree

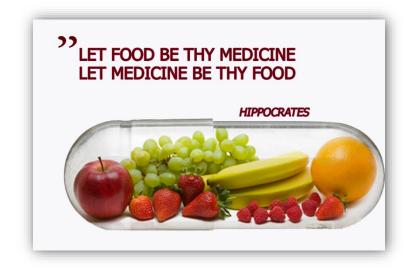
students MUST have money with them or on their account

### Questions/Comments?

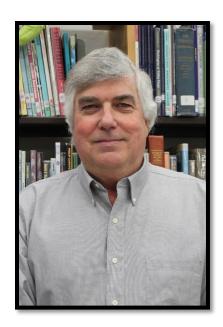
Contact Mr. Orvis at 315-649-2417 ext. 144 or corvis@lymecsd.org

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# CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. COUNTRYMAN!



Mr. Terry Countryman

The Lyme Central School District's Administration and Board of Education would like to acknowledge Mr. Terry Countryman for his years of service to the district as a Board of Education Member.

Mr. Countryman has resigned from the LCS Board of Education, effective December 31, 2021. He will begin serving as the Town of Lyme Supervisor in January, 2022.

LCS wishes him the best in his new role!



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