



Lyme Central School Newsletter

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Back to School News!

LCS is happy to welcome back our students and staff for the 2022-23 school year!

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have our students and staff returning this fall without the need for mask wearing or social distancing. Our students are seen chatting and laughing with their friends and classmates as they move through the halls between classes. In addition, our building is once again open to the public for all extracurricular activities and special events within the district.

A very long awaited and welcomed sight to behold!!

A much deserved thank you to the custodial staff for all of their hard work over the summer months cleaning and preparing the school and grounds for the new school year. Although we have been able to relax such strict COVID mandates, it is still VERY important to maintain thorough cleaning regimens on a daily basis to ensure the continued health and wellbeing of all who enter LCS.

We continue to encourage healthy habits of frequent handwashing, covering of nose & mouth when coughing or sneezing, and if you are sick, please --- **STAY HOME** until you are feeling better and/or symptom free!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL SOON

Please, Stay Healthy and Safe!



LCS Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

Lyme Central is pleased to welcome some new, and familiar faces in new positions, to our Lyme family!

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| Mr. Christopher Marshall | Building Principal/AD |
| Mrs. Deborah Wilkinson | Curriculum & Data Coordinator |
| Miss Tiffany LaVancha | School Counselor |
| Miss Alexandria Patnode | Elementary Teacher |
| Miss Mackenzi Goutremout | Teacher Assistant |
| Miss Emily Johnson | Music Teacher |
| Mr. Troy Darrah | LT Sub Science Teacher |
| Miss Tabitha Viera | Typist |
| Mrs. Jaime Bancroft | Cafeteria |
| Mr. Scott Brozzo | Cleaner |
| Mr. Kevin Moore | Cleaner |

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 Lyme STRONG!

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

Cammy J. Morrison



Dear friends of LCS,

I hope this message finds you well, and enthusiastically anticipating the upcoming holiday season with family and friends! Although we have experienced some rather chilly temperatures over the past several weeks, you have hopefully found time to enjoy some time outside on those sunny days, relishing the beautiful foliage around our school community and throughout our region. There is nothing quite like the sights *and smells* of autumn in the North Country!

Yes, the 2022-2023 school year is well underway, and has started in a very positive and productive manner. If, following COVID, it is possible to *get back to normal*, from our perspective at LCS, we are *almost* there! Following a couple long years of maneuvering through the many social distancing restrictions, it has been very refreshing to see our students *without masks* and *finally* open up our building to our community once again. We have missed the activity, hustle and bustle! Our in-person Open House, *the first in quite some time*, was well attended and started our year off with the excited anticipation that we so enjoy in our school! Field trips, educational presentations and extra-curricular activities are scheduled and in many cases underway. We look forward to a fantastic holiday season filled with concerts, musicals and very exciting sporting events! Please visit our District website and Facebook page often, as we try to keep it updated, frequently, with new information and pictures!

With the help of our staff and community, the new administrative team has also had a productive start to their year! The District's Strategic Plan, available on our website, has been updated and will continue serving as a roadmap for the many academic, social and behavioral goals we have for our school, students and staff for the next five years. In addition, the District's Safety Plans, Student and Staff Handbooks, Grant Applications, mandatory Trainings and Drills have been scheduled, and some have already been conducted. We have been working with new employees getting them acclimated to LCS, as well as working on filling the vacant positions we still have in a few of our departments. All in all, it has been a great start!

As I'm typing this, temperatures are nearing 55 degrees and the sun is shining, yet the tell-tale signs that winter is just around the corner are more and more clear each day. Very noisy geese have begun gathering on the lakes and waterways, the trees are losing their colorful leaves and as they typically begin doing this time of year, weather reports are threatening the possibility of snow in the near future! This year *like every year* student safety is our priority. Therefore, I would like to remind parents and caregivers that, other than during normal operating hours, students should only be in or at our facility, before or after school when adult supervision has been previously arranged. Please do not drop students off at the building during inclement weather prior to 8:10 AM, as they will not be permitted inside due to a lack of supervision prior to that time. We thank you for your help and support, and for recognizing that we have the care and wellbeing of your child/children at heart.

As this will be my last newsletter message as the Superintendent at Lyme, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our LCS Board of Education as well as all of our District stakeholders for allowing me to serve the children, families, staff and taxpayers of this wonderful community for the past 8 ½ years.

Superintendent's News *(continued)*

It has truly been the highlight of my 30+ year career in public education. Just as I remain thankful to serve the LCSD community I, too, am grateful that I have had the opportunity to work closely with many wonderful students and families; a very dedicated and compassionate Board of Education; a very capable Administrative/Management Team; and of course, our caring and devoted Teachers and Staff members at LCS! Our united efforts, both at *home and school*, make Lyme Central a great place to learn and work. That collaboration is essential to the District's ongoing success. Best wishes and many thanks to you all!

On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire LCS staff, please allow me to say how much we are looking forward to spending this year with all of you! Enjoy the upcoming holiday season and the rest of the 2022-2023 school year!

Warmest Regards,
Cammy

LEARN from the past... *LIVE* in the present...
BELIEVE in the future



~ EXCITING NEWS ~

Announcing the **LAKERS!**

Lyme Central School proudly rebrands the District as....the **LYME LAKERS!**

During the past year the district began work on changing and replacing the district logo/mascot. The decision to make a change was indeed a difficult one, albeit an unfavorable one by some. However, given the facts regarding the need to incorporate a more suitable branding for the district based on much information received from NYSED Commissioner of Education, and several Native American entities, the choice was clear. It was time for a change.

The community was invited to participate in public informational meetings, BOE meetings, and a survey to offer suggestions for a new logo/mascot. Information was posted to the district website, including videos from the Native American Council detailing their views on being seen as a mascot. After compiling the many suggestions received from the survey, our LCS stakeholders voted to select a new logo – the *Lyme Lakers*.

From that point, an art contest was held for anyone interested in submitting a drawing to depict the new logo. Many talented people, young and old, submitted their art projects. The submissions were narrowed down by a logo selection committee, and another public survey was launched to vote for the new district logo. The winner of the contest was, LCS 10th Grade student, Henry Brennen! Henry submitted a golden anchor draped with a green banner with the word **Lyme** on the banner, and the word **Laker** under the bottom of the anchor. The logo will be sent to a graphic designer to create it as a graphic which will be used on district letterhead, clothing/merchandise, etc. A mascot design will be selected in the near future.

Congratulations Henry, well done!!! LCS will proudly display your winning artwork as the new District logo.

NEWS from the PRINCIPAL/ AD

Mr. Christopher Marshall



The 2022-23 school year is off to a fast and furious, yet great start. LCS has been a very busy place since the doors first opened for Open House. It was very evident by all the smiles on our students and families faces that the community was happy to see LCS open for business and without restrictions.

The end of September kicked off a fantastic homecoming weekend. The students were able to participate in and I quote, “the best pep rally in over 10 years” where they had the chance to partake in games and compete, class vs class, for the overall championship. In a shocking turn of events the 9th grade class upset everyone and won it all. That weekend we saw outstanding soccer games, and it concluded with a fabulous glow in the dark / neon themed dance in the gymnasium. Special thanks to Mrs. Kari Aubertine and student council for all their hard work in the pep rally, and lastly to Mrs. Tammy McIntosh and Varsity Club for creating such a nice experience for our students in grades 6-12 at the dances.

The week of October 10th was Fire Prevention Week, and with the help of the Chaumont and 3 Mile Bay fire departments, along with Guilfoyle Ambulance Service our students in grades UPK-5 were able to spend time learning about fire prevention and various other aspects of staying safe and healthy.

Some other programs that came to LCS were “Hang up Drive” which is a true story about the traumatic effects of texting and driving for our high school students. This is a powerful presentation not only about the dangers of texting and driving, but also overcoming adversity. Many of our students reported that they found it very inspiring and life changing. Our students in grades 3-5 were treated to the Hills Brother Bully Show in our gymnasium on 10/26, which left our students with a very positive message about bullying and also was very entertaining and fun.

October culminated with a Halloween parade through the streets of Chaumont and back down Main St to LCS. Huge thank you to all the local businesses and organizations who helped make this so enjoyable for our students and families by handing out candy. It was nice to see so many parents and grandparents able to come along on our parade through town.

Lastly I would like to congratulate all of our athletes and coaches on a fantastic soccer season! Looking forward to seeing everyone pack Kenneth Towne Gymnasium for the season openers for basketball on 11/29 and 11/30.

Sincerely,

Chris Marshall
Principal / Athletic Director

Notes from the Nurse Justine Dowe, RN



Parents and Guardians,

It is sometimes difficult deciding whether or not to send your child to school or keep them home due to illness. The following are a few suggestions to consider when determining to keep your student home, and possibly contacting your health care provider.

- ♣ Persistent fever greater than 100.4° including a fever that requires control with medication, like Tylenol
- ♣ Child is too sleepy or ill from an illness, like vomiting and/or diarrhea, to benefit from sitting in class all day
- ♣ Significant cough that makes a child feel uncomfortable or disrupts the class
- ♣ Sore throat that is severe, accompanied by fever and/or feeling ill, that persists longer than 48 hours, OR after known exposure to a confirmed case of Strep throat
- ♣ Rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as fever
- ♣ Red, runny eyes that distract the child from learning
- ♣ Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially if accompanied by facial pain or headache
- ♣ Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear
- ♣ Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever
- ♣ Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others

Stay well,
Mrs. Dowe, RN

UPCOMING LCS HOLIDAY EVENTS

Lyme Central School is pleased to once again be hosting Holiday Concerts, we welcome family and friends to enjoy the festivities!

- ❖ December 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Elementary Winter Concert
- ❖ December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Jr. /Sr. High Winter Concert
- ❖ December 26, 2022-January 2, 2023
Christmas/New Year Recess
- ❖ Angel Tree – There are a few “*angels*” left on our angel tree available for anyone interested in donating gifts for district students. You may stop by the district welcome center to select an angel.
Gifts must be returned to the welcome center no later than Dec. 12th. Please return gifts ***unwrapped*** and ***labeled with the angel tree tag***.

Thank you for your continued support to help give all children a ***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

*Happy
Holidays*



Curriculum & Data Coordinator's News

Mrs. Deborah Wilkinson



Lyme Central School is pleased to welcome Mrs. Deborah Wilkinson to the Administrative Team. Many students and parents know Mrs. Wilkinson as a high school science teacher, a position she held at LCS for many years. However, she now serves the students and staff as the Curriculum & Data Coordinator. A new and exciting approach to education for Mrs. Wilkinson.

Among her new duties, she is responsible for grant writing, curriculum development and implementation, coordinating professional development opportunities for our teaching staff, school based data collection and reporting to NYSED, as well as supporting the district Principal and Superintendent in the daily operations of the district whenever needed.

Mrs. Wilkinson's role carries many responsibilities, but she has competently met the challenges of her new dutiesthe district is in very capable hands! That being said, make no mistake, Mrs. Wilkinson can still be seen in the hallways, or in the cafeteria during lunches, touching base with our students and staff on a daily basis.

CONGRATULATIONS, MRS. WILKINSON!

LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL 2022 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On November 10th, eleven juniors and seniors were inducted into the Lyme Chapter of the National Honor Society, joining fourteen returning members. We were excited to again be able to have all students in grades 7-12 in attendance. In addition, we were honored to have recent retiree Mr. Barry Davis return as our guest speaker for the ceremony. The four pillars of NHS - scholarship, character, leadership, and service - are exemplified by these students who are eager to serve their school and community. *Pictured - Front Row: Jessica Middlestate, Evan Froelich, Jillian Alberry, Katrina Sanford, and Kirsten Widrick. Second Row: Harper Brown, Derek Radley, Ethan O'Brien, Kenneth Timmerman, Natalya Seery, and Johanna Sherman. Third Row: Natalia Ososkalo, Reagan Cole, Elaina Kamprich, Aidan Linkroum, and Deliah Collins. Back Row: Gretta Maitag, Courtney Kerley, Megan Brudnicki, Antonia Bruno, Carter Docteur, Malena Stevenson, Rebekah Molnar, and Trey Zehr.*

Congratulations NHS Students!



Honoring Our Local Veterans

Lyme Central School proudly held a Veteran's Day Celebration on November 10, 2022, to honor local veterans. As in years past, the celebration included our students in the elementary grades presenting tokens to the veterans, music, and artwork depicting our veteran's sacrifices to uphold the freedoms and privileges which make our country what it is today. The ceremony was well attended with over 40 veterans, along with their families and friends. A long standing tradition at LCS, being restored for our student, staff, and community following a 2 year pause due to the global pandemic of 2020 – 2022. A tradition we hope to continue for many years to come!

We, at Lyme Central School are honored to be able to have the opportunity to thank the many men and women in our district, for their service to our country! ***WE SALUTE YOU!***





LCS SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES

Lyme Central School Superintendent, Cammy J. Morrison is retiring after over 30 years in education. During this time, Mrs. Morrison has held various positions in education at several districts which included, a first grade classroom teacher, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Principal, Assist Superintendent, and currently as our respected leader and District Superintendent.

Mrs. Morrison began her career at Lyme Central School as a shared Superintendent with a neighboring district. Operating two districts simultaneously is *not at all an easy task!* However, Mrs. Morrison embraced the challenge and successfully managed daily operations at both districts with confidence and proficiency.

Mrs. Morrison has enjoyed a very rewarding career and has led our district with compassion, understanding, and poise. She had an open door policy, and her door was *always open* for students, staff, families, community members, and taxpayers alike. Mrs. Morrison was known for meeting the challenges of operating a district with a “matter of fact” approach, taking the time to accurately assess all situations and ultimately making decisions based on the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, as her *utmost priority*. Her fairness, in all situations, was her trademark as a knowledgeable leader. She beamed with pride, at the many achievements of our students, both past and present.

Mrs. Morrison’s guidance, kind heart, and cheery smile will be deeply missed. Please join us in acknowledging her extraordinary career and wishing her a wonderful and well-deserved retirement!

CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERINTENDENT MORRISON!

 **WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON,
FROM THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT LCS!**

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