Superintendent’s Message February 2019

The month of February is known for many things. #1 of course being Valentine’s Day! A day to share kind thoughts and words with those we cherish and love. And, for eating a lot of chocolate! During the month of February we celebrate the 100th day of school which means the school year is more than half over. We are all starting to get cabin fever staying inside in an effort to stay warm, but here at LCS a lot is going on! So you will want to brave the cold and get out to a school event! Please note:

• We have completed the entire first semester, and will soon celebrate the 100th day of school. Elementary teachers will be sharing information about that with their students.
• Our basketball teams have been exciting and the season will soon be coming to a close. Be sure to get out to a game!
• The Annual Contrast of Colors colorguard home show will be held on February 9. Always a great event!
• Report Cards for grades 7-12 will be sent home on Monday, January 28. Report cards for grades K-6 will be sent home on January 31. Parent/Teacher conferences for all grades will be held on February 6 in the afternoon. Be sure to schedule an appointment.

Of course, February is also the time when schools begin to learn about the Governor’s plans for our state and our educational system. Governor Cuomo continues to have strong opinions and high goals for our schools, teachers and students. While we know the governor’s budget will not come anywhere near the amounts requested by the Department of Education/SED, it will be the dynamics between the Governor, our legislators and SED that will once again be taking the forefront of media coverage in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information to come!

COACHES VS. CANCER

A very special thanks to everyone for their support and generous donations received for our fourth annual Coaches vs Cancer Fund Raiser. $4,016.00 was raised through donations and raffles. The LCS Athletic Booster Club will also be contributing. Congratulations to our Basketball teams and Booster Club for sponsoring this event. And a special thanks to our community for your support!

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Another thank you goes out to Mrs. Francisco and the students participating in Key Club. Key Club is a service activity and our students take that charge seriously. Key Club members serve at many of our school functions. For example, they helped to serve at the Annual Alumni Dinner in the summer and breakfast to our Veterans in November.

These activities are in addition to the annual blood drives, food drives and holiday gift giving project in which our students, faculty and staff actively participate. Several families were supported during the holidays as a result and the Food Bank at St. Mathew’s Lutheran Church was replenished. We are now on to other service projects. Caring for and supporting others in our community is alive and well at LCS.

—Romona Wenck, Superintendent

And, Laurens . . . Where Community and School Create Success!
(And it has happened again, and again, and again!)
Mrs. Corena Martin, School Nurse, Colleague and Friend

As many are aware, Mrs. Corena Martin, our School Nurse, was diagnosed with Catastrophic Anti-Phospholipid Syndrome earlier this school year. On Saturday, January 5, 2019, Mrs. Martin passed peacefully from this life to the next, surrounded by her husband and family.

Mrs. Martin began her teaching career at Edmeston Central School as a middle and high school science teacher. She also taught science in the Oneonta City School District and in Laurens before deciding to return to college to become a Registered Nurse. Mrs. Martin began working as our School Nurse in September 2008 and continued to this school year. In addition to her work as a school nurse some of her volunteer efforts included serving as an EMT for the Laurens Emergency Squad as well as serving as a nurse at the Oneonta Community Health Center.

As shared by her family, Corena was a devoted mother, a loving wife, and a loyal friend. In her spare time she enjoyed activities such as hiking, kayaking, cross country skiing, crocheting, and gardening.

Mrs. Martin will be greatly missed by our faculty and staff, by our community and by the many lives she touched over the years.

Goodbye Corena, our colleague and friend, gone from our lives now, but forever in our hearts.

—The Faculty, Staff and Administration of the Laurens Central School District

This spring we hope to create a beautiful living tribute to school nurse Mrs. Martin in the school garden that everyone can enjoy. In this way we will honor her and recognize the special role she played in the LCS community.

On May 29, 2019 there will be assemblies to highlight our school garden and the role that Mrs. Martin played in its creation. Until the end of February there will be a “Seed Money” collection jar at the receptionist desk for anyone to contribute their pocket change for spring plantings in the garden.

Mrs. Martin was instrumental in starting the school garden and played an active role in helping to maintain it. Fostering and enhancing this special area of our school is a way to show our appreciation for how Mrs. Martin cared for everyone in the LCS community during her many years here.
News From the Nurse

At this time of year, it is a good idea to talk with children about cold weather safety. Extra care is needed, especially in younger children, to be sure that frostbite does not occur.

It is important to check your children’s, even teens’, outerwear everyday during extreme weather conditions. Warm jackets, hats, scarves, boots, and an extra pair of dry gloves in their pockets will protect them during extremely cold temperatures.

Develop an emergency plan and teach your children your emergency plan in case you are not home before the bus comes to pick them up. If a bus is delayed, they need to know where, when, and how to get help if they think they are waiting outside for a bus longer than they should or if they sense danger. Tell your child that, if you are not home while they are waiting outside for the bus, how long they may wait outside, where to go in the event the bus is delayed, and what the dangers and risks of extreme weather are.

DANGER SIGNS

Explain danger signs and risks of when to seek help:
• the child gets cold or wet, especially boots or gloves
• the child feels pain or numbness anywhere especially hands, feet, ears, or nose
• the child senses they have waited longer than five minutes when you have alerted them temperatures have dipped into the teens, especially on a windy day
• the child thinks they may have frostbite which behaves like a burn and requires medical attention.

COLD WEATHER PLAN

Teach your child about your cold weather plan even if you are not there to help them. Be sure they know
• when to ask for help,
• where to find safe shelter in an emergency, and
• how to protect themselves with proper winter clothing and an understanding of danger signs

Stay warm and safe. Happy winter!

Guidance News

Juniors and Scheduling for Senior Year

Mrs. Sider will see juniors in class sometime in February and then individually to discuss their senior year schedules and college/career/military plans. Please discuss these possibilities with your child if you have not already done so.

TO DO

Here is a to do list to keep you organized for the next few months:
• Make a file to manage your college search, testing and application data.
• Visit college websites and request materials.
• Find out about college-prep summer programs or enrichment programs. Check www.summeroncampus.com.
• Look into SAT subject tests (information online or in the guidance office), in addition to registering for spring SATs and ACTs.
• Develop a list of 10 to 15 colleges that attract you and that you may wish to visit—then visit!
• Sign up to attend Junior Visit Days offered by many colleges in the spring and summer. Many are during vacations.
• Create a resume of extracurricular activities, athletics and other honors and experiences you have received or participated in while in high school.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Guidance Office has a variety of information on financial aid and scholarships. Parents and students are encouraged to visit and utilize these helpful resources. Check out these websites for scholarship and financial aid information:
• www.hesc.ny.gov
• www.studentaid.ed.gov
• www.finaid.org
• www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard
• www.suny.edu/smarttrack/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships
• www.studentsscholarships.org
• www.goodcall.com/scholarships

TDV Awareness Month

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. In Otsego County 12% of females and 5% of males in high school report to being victims of physical and sexual dating violence according to the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Tuesday, February 12 is Wear Orange Day! If you would like to spread awareness about teen dating violence you can participate by wearing orange.
Laurens Central School Athletic Booster Club
Spring Craft Fair
Saturday March 9, 2019
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Set up time: can be as early as 8:30 a.m. if needed.
Vendor contact info:
Stacy Aldrich 607-437-6350
I will contact vendor to confirm receipt of application and spot
if available, I will also contact vendor a week before event.

Vendor Registration Form 2019
Vendor Information
Please Print:

| Name: | ____________________________ |
| Address: | ____________________________ |
| | ____________________________ |
| Email: | ____________________________ |
| Phone: | ____________________________ |

6 foot table provided at the cost of $25 each
or
you may bring your own table at the cost of $20

___ # of tables requested _______
Electricity is available on a limited, first come/first serve basis. Electrical power will be
provided to those booths paying an additional $5 electrical fee. Vendors must provide their
own electrical cords and lights if needed.

Electricity needed: Y or N (please circle)
Please list items you plan to sell:

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Applications and Checks are due by
March 1, 2019
Vendor fees are non-refundable
Make checks payable to:
Laurens Central School, Booster Club
Mail to: Laurens Central School, Attn: Booster Club, PO Box 301, Laurens, NY 13796
2019 Senior College Acceptances

- **Lucas Oblinski**—SUNY Alfred, *Heavy Equipment Operations, and attending!*
- **Ali Bookhout**—SUNY Delhi, Accounting, Info Systems Auditing; *SUNY Oneonta, Accounting, and attending!*
- **Connor Kane**—SUNY Alfred, Welding Tech.
- **Kary Barra**—SUNY Plattsburgh; St. John’s Fisher w/ $14,500/yr. Presidential Scholarship; *Le Moyne College w/scholarship; *Daemen College w/scholarship, Physician Assistant (BS/MS).
- **Hayley Martin**—Wells College w/ $18,000/yr. scholarship, Business, and attending!; *SUNY University at Albany; *SUNY Oneonta; *SUNY Oswego
- **Bella Armenti**—SUNY Morrisville, Nursing, and attending!; *SUNY Delhi, Nursing
- **Lindsey Carrigan**—Keystone College w/ $15,000/yr. Academic Distinction Scholarship, Accounting; Holy Names University, Accounting; *Johnson & Wales Univ w/ $17,000/yr. scholarship, Accounting.
- **Sam Morrell**—SUNY Alfred State, Business Administration (ASOP)
- **Hannah Mathieson**—SUNY Geneseo, Biology, and attending!
- **Sierra Johnson**—Cazenovia College, Human Services; *Keuka College, Social Work.
- **Anna Bell**—Herkimer CCC, P.T. Assistant, and attending!
- **Jenna Bordinger**—Massachusetts College of Art & Design (Mass Art) w/ $10,000/yr. Design Merit Scholarship, Illustration, and attending!
- **Caleb Rogers**—SUNY Univ. at Buffalo, Marist College w/ $12,500/yr. Presidential Scholarship

* new additions 1/7/19, newest!

CASSC Small Schools Upstate Academic Competition

**JANUARY 8, 2019**

On Tuesday, January 8, LCS competed in the CASSC Small Schools Upstate Academic Competition, and our Team A was the overall winner against a field of 10 other schools and 16 teams. LCS had four teams competing, one of which was a team of 9th graders who did an amazing job on their first competition. It was an exhausting day for all the participants because of the amount of mental energy that is expended.

Senior **Jacob Lyons**, captain of Team A, said “The overall experience was mentally tiring. By the end, I felt like I had run a marathon.”

The final match was very close, Team A won it 135 to 130. Jacob shared, “There were many nerve-wracking moments when we were neck and neck. We got some lucky breaks, but there were many moments that had me sweating!”

Senior **Ally Bookhout** shared her thoughts about participation in the Quizzards Club: “Being part of LCS’s Academic Quiz Bowl team, the Quizzards, is such a unique experience! The Quizzards compete in a variety of competitions ranging from local competitions to even making an appearance on television for the WCNY Double Down show. Being part of the Quizzards for the past four years has been an exciting experience for me, and it has helped to strengthen my knowledge in different topics. Personally, I enjoy the opportunity to interact with other schools and test how much I know. Most of the questions that are asked are relevant to our everyday lives, which I find interesting in itself.”

Jacob Lyons says that one of the reasons he enjoys quiz bowl competitions is also because of the wide array of questions. “To do well, you need a whole team that is competent in history, geography, math, art, music, classic literature, current events and even video games!”

Congratulations to our winning group of Team A students: **Jacob Lyons, Hannah Mathieson, Kaleb Sonnenberg** and **Elias Barnes**, and good luck at the upcoming competition on February 9 at Geneva High School!

—Naomi Graham, Advisor
The Laurens Jaguars

Annual Winterguard Show
will be held
On February 9, 2019
Starts at 5:00 p.m.
Laurens Central School Gymnasium
Mark Your Calendars

Colorguard TV RAFFLE
Tickets on Sale!
50 inch SHARP 4K Ultra HD Smart LED TV!
$5 Per Ticket – you do not need
to be present to win!
Winner will be drawn on 2/9/19
at the end of the home show.
See Carol Louden or any Colorguard member!

Valentine Grams

Send a Valentine gram to your special someone!
Grams make great gifts for classroom teachers,
friends, and classmates.

Carnation only : $3
Carnation with candy : $5

To: __________________________ From: __________________________

Please write a personalized message:

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Carnations will be delivered February 14th.
Sponsored by Yearbook Club.

Please return forms to Mrs. Rokhvadze or a member of yearbook staff.

Cut along the dotted line
WE WANT TO THANK MIRABITO FOR DONATING POP TARTS TO THE CROP PROGRAM!

News From Share and Shine

The character focus for the K-6 classes during February is Compassion. Compassion is treating others as you want to be treated, being sensitive to other people’s feelings, and encouraging others to be their best. The 2nd grade will be presenting on February 15, at 1:45 p.m. in the MPR.

At this assembly awards will also be handed out to students and classes who display this character trait on a regular basis within the school building. You will receive a notice if your child will be receiving an award; however, all are welcome to attend! Parking in the bus loop is not advised as buses arrive after 2:30 p.m. and you will be unable to leave while the buses are in the loop.

—Heather Boyce
2nd Grade Teacher
Art Club Chocolate Covered Valentine Pretzel Sale

$2.50 a bag!

Dark Chocolate w/mini chips or nuts
Milk Chocolate w/sprinkles or mini chips
White Chocolate w/sprinkles or nuts

2 Decorated Pretzels in a Valentine Bag

Pre orders will be taken through Monday, February 11. Delivery Wednesday, February 13.
Additional pretzels will be sold Wednesday, February 13 in the Trophy Hallway during lunchtime.

Make Checks Payable to LCS Art Club

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Coffee With Jody

Coffee with Jody Fundraiser has been running for eight years! We serve specialty coffee, hot chocolate and Italian soda. Every Friday afternoon from 1:30-3:00 p.m. you will see the doors open in the Trophy Hallway. All the money raised goes towards our student needs, to off-set field trips, school supplies, etc. We served many hot chocolates while this event was happening! Stop over and see us on Friday!
The LCS Music Department would like to congratulate five students who were accepted into the OCMEA All-County Music Festival I. After auditioning in November, these students were chosen to be part of a select group of music students from all over Otsego County. On January 31 and February 2, they will travel to Edmeston Central School to rehearse and perform.

Accepted students are:
Senior High Chorus
Anna Bell, Jazmin LaPilusa,
Hannah Mathieson, Carson Shulgay
Jazz Ensemble
Jacob Lyons

A public concert will take place at:
Edmeston Central School
11 North Street, Edmeston, NY
February 2, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Families: $10; Adults: $4; Students: $1

Patrons Of Music People

POMP would like to thank those who have generously donated to the Laurens Central School Music Program. Donors who have contributed $100 or more have been recognized with a name plate on the Music Note found in the LCS Multi-Purpose Room. If you would like to make a donation, please complete and mail the form below.

Donor Levels
Benefactor—$250 and up; Patron—$100-$249

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________

Detach and send with check payable to: POMP,
c/o Michael Banewicz, 55 Main St., Laurens, NY 13796

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2018 Laurens Sports Hall of Fame Induction
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Laurens, New York 13796

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Calendar of Events

1  Girls’ BB Playoffs #1
2  All-County Festival, Edmeston
   Boys BB Playoffs #1
   BMBB vs Morris
   GMBB @ Morris
3  Community Basketball, 6:30 p.m.
4  BBB vs Unatego
   Colorguard Advocate mtg., 6:00 p.m.
5  Girls’ BB Playoffs #2
   Village Mtg, 7:00 p.m.
   Zumba, 6:00 p.m.
6 ½ Day of School—P/T Conferences K-12
   NO CROP
   Boys’ BB Playoffs #2
   YFC, 6:30 p.m.
7  Zumba, 6:00 p.m.
   BVBB vs. Bainbridge-Guilford, 5:30 p.m.
9  Tri-Valley Championships
   COLORGUARD HOMESHOW
   BMBB @ Milford
   GMBB vs Milford
   Zumba, 9:30 a.m.
   Quizzards to Geneva
10 Community Basketball, 6:30 p.m.
12 POMP, 7:00 p.m.
   Zumba, 6:00 p.m.
13 Girl Scouts, 6:00 p.m.
   YFC, 6:30 p.m.
14  Zumba, 6:00 p.m.
15  Share & Shine, MPR, 1:45 p.m.
   Indoor Track Sectionals Ithaca, 5:00 p.m.
16  Jr/Sr Colorguard to Vestal
   Zumba, 9:30 a.m.
17  Community Basketball, 6:30 p.m.
18  NO SCHOOL—PRESIDENT’S DAY
   Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
19-22  NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK
19  Girls’ Sectionals Round 1
   Zumba, 6:00 p.m.
20  BOE Workshop/Mtg., 6:30/7:30 p.m.
   Boys’ Sectionals Round 1
21  Zumba, 6:00 p.m.
22  Girls’ Sectionals Round 2
23  Boys’ Sectionals Round 2
   Indoor Track State Qual., Cornell, 9:00 a.m.
   Jr./Sr. Colorguard to Mohonasen
   Zumba, 9:30 a.m.
24  Community Basketball, 6:30 p.m.
25  Classes Resume
26  Girls’ Sectional Semis
   Zumba, 6:00 p.m.
27  Boys’ Sectional Semis
   Girl Scouts, 6:00 p.m.
   YFC, 6:30 p.m.
28  All-County #1, Unatego
   Zumba, 6:00 p.m.