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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Residents of the Laurens Central School District:

The primary focus of this newsletter is, and has always been, to provide you with accurate information about the proposed budget for the upcoming school year and the other items upon which we will soon be voting. Schools across New York State have been anxiously awaiting the results of negotiations between the Governor and both houses of the State Legislature as they attempt to come to an agreement on a final state budget.

The Board of Education and I are cognizant of the uncertain nature of our local economy and have certainly taken that into account when preparing the 2025-2026 budget. The future of New York State education funding over the next three to five years is very uncertain and we feel that we are taking appropriate steps to weather those difficult times while still providing the highest quality educational experience for our students as possible.

DATE AND TIME OF VOTE

The annual budget vote and school board election has been scheduled for May 20, 2025 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Laurens Central School, Room 115.

REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING

The required public hearing on this year's proposed budget will be held on May 6, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots for qualified voters may be requested by contacting the District Clerk by email at pweir@laurencs.org or by calling the District Clerk at 607-432-2050. Absentee ballots can be requested up to seven (7) days before the vote if they are to be returned by mail or by 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the vote if they are going to be returned in person. To be counted, all properly completed absentee ballots must be properly filled out and received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025. The names of all individuals requesting an absentee ballot will be posted on the District web site for voter review.

MILITARY BALLOTS

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (607) 432-2050, or pweir@laurencs.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 25, 2025. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

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Budget Development Process

As a school district that relies heavily on state aid, planning a budget that meets the educational needs of our students while at the same time being sensitive to the needs of our tax payers and residents can be a challenge.

The Board of Education and I have looked at every aspect of the budget with a commitment to reducing or containing costs in as many areas as possible. We are confident that the budget being presented will accomplish three important goals: 1) Provide sound educational programs for our students; 2) be affordable to the community; and 3) continue to plan for the long-term financial stability of the District.

We are proposing a budget that will require a tax levy increase of 2.99%. At this time we anticipate using \$445,000 of undesignated fund balance and are anticipating the use of \$103,000 of reserve funding to balance the budget. While the

use of fund balance and reserve funds could change based on new information that we receive about state aid and the new state budget, the proposed tax levy increase will remain at 2.99%.

We feel that you will be voting on a budget that reflects the needs of our students, our staff and the community and that you will be supporting a school that has a history of providing an excellent education for our students. Thank you for your continued commitment to the children of our district.



— William F. Dorritie

2024-2025 School Budget and Propositions

- In person voting will take place at Laurens Central School, Room 115, on May 20, 2025 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025.
- Residents will have the opportunity to vote on five propositions, those being:

PROPOSITION #1 — BASIC BUDGET

At the time this newsletter is being written we are asking that the Board be authorized to expend the sum of \$11,948,203 for the 2025-2026 school year budget.

This will require a tax levy increase of 2.99%.

The total budget number could change based on additional information that comes out about the pending State budget.

PROPOSITION #2 — BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To elect one member of the Board for a five year term commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2030, Incumbent Margaret Wikoff.

PROPOSITION #3 — SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Laurens Central School District undertake the acquisition of one (1) 65 passenger school bus. The bus will be used for the transportation of students to both regular and special education programs, field trips and extracurricular activities. **The bus will be paid for in full by funds from the Bus Reserve; there will be no impact on the tax levy from this purchase.**

PROPOSITION #4- CREATION OF CAPITAL RESERVE

The purpose of this proposition is to create a new 10-year capital reserve fund not to exceed \$3.0 million and to transfer any remaining funds from the 2009 capital reserve into the new reserve.

See more information on this proposition on the next page.

PROPOSITION #5- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The District is proposing a Capital Improvements Project for voter approval. See additional information about the project below. The total cost of the project would not exceed \$11,515,000. Through state aid and the use of \$950,000 of capital reserve funds **THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE TAX LEVY.**

Bus Purchase

We are asking for voter approval to purchase one 65 passenger bus. The bus will be paid for through the Bus Reserve. There will be no impact on the Tax Levy or budget.

The new bus will replace bus 84. Bus 84 is 8 years old with over 87,000 miles on it. The purchase of the new bus will help us maintain a 7-8 year replacement cycle for our bus fleet. As buses age the DOT required body work will cost more to repair the bus than to purchase the bus new. As with all vehicles, as the bus ages it will have increased maintenance costs.

The new bus will be used to transport regular and special education students and has the capacity to hold three wheelchairs if necessary. It will also be used for field trips, athletic and other extracurricular activities. We anticipate receiving \$9,000 for the trade-in of Bus 84.

FINANCES FOR THE BUS PURCHASE

Cost	\$178,658
Total Trade-in	\$9,000
Total Cost of Bus	\$169,658
Less State Aid (86.1%)	\$139,629
Cost to District	\$30,029

The bus will be paid for entirely out of the bus reserve. There will be no tax impact as a result of this purchase.

Creation of Capital Reserve

The District created a ten-year capital reserve with a limit of \$1.5 million in 2009 in an attempt to offset costs of capital improvements projects. That reserve has since expired.

We are asking voters to approve the creation of a new ten-year capital reserve that can be funded up to \$3,000,000. This includes the transfer of remaining funds from the 2009 capital reserve into the new reserve. This reserve, combined with state aid, will allow us to offset costs for future capital improvements projects so that they do not create any additional tax burden on District residents.

LAURENS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cynthia Struckle, President
Thomas Francisco, Vice President
Gerard Murello, Member
Margaret Wikoff, Member
Peggy Bush-Allen, Member

Capital Improvements Project

Based on our New York State Building Condition Survey and our own needs assessment the following items will be part of the proposal:

EDUCATIONAL AND BUILDING NEEDS:

- Replacement of Fire Alarm System
- Replacement of three rooftop air handling units
- Airflow upgrades in Room 100 (Pre-kindergarten room)
- Replacement of main parking lot
- Replacement of elementary playground
- Replacement of eight classroom SMART boards with interactive flat panels
- Upgrade PA system in the 2007 wing of the building
- Renovation of Room 213 to create an elementary science room
- Widening of loading dock driveway to accommodate fuel oil deliveries
- Replacement of designated kitchen equipment in the cafeteria
- Replacement of fire suppression system in kitchen area
- Repair of parging on front side of main building
- Removal of leaking skylights
- Repair of EIFS on outside of building
- Renovation of flooring in lower 1929 hallway
- Replacement of hot water storage tank
- Exterior door repairs
- ADA locker upgrades
- Installation of additional control joints in gymnasium walls

ATHLETIC PROGRAM NEEDS:

- Replacement of scoreboards in gymnasium and at Factory Grounds Soccer Field
- Installation of higher fencing along the creek at Factory Grounds Soccer Field
- Installation of fencing/backstop behind Town Barn-side goal at the Factory Grounds Soccer Field

BUS GARAGE NEEDS:

- Replacement of current heating system
- Repair of curb apron along Route 11

WHAT WILL BE THE COST OF THE PROJECT?

The total cost of the project will not exceed \$11,515,000. We will receive approximately \$9,154,525 of the total cost in the form of state aid. The District has been setting aside funds in our Capital Reserve every year and plans to use approximately \$950,000 in reserve funds to offset the remaining costs.

There will be NO impact on the tax levy as a result of this project.

As a matter of fact, by putting the debt service from this project on our books it would actually INCREASE the amount of state aid that the District is eligible for, which would in turn help stabilize our budget and keep our potential tax levy lower over the coming years.

The Tax Levy is the specific dollar amount needed to be raised by taxes to cover the School District budget. The Tax Levy is set after the budget has been developed, approval has been granted by the Board of Education and the budget has been voted on and passed by the residents. By timing this project as outlined above, there will be no impact or increase to the amount of taxes needed because of this Capital Project being included in the budget. **The overall budget and tax levy could increase, but none of that increase would be due to the passage of this project.**

Open Seat on the Board of Education

THERE IS ONE OPEN SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**One Five Year Term:*

This seat is presently held by Board Member, Ms. Margaret Wikoff.

MS. WIKOFF WILL BE RUNNING FOR THE SEAT AGAIN.

Hello, my name is Margaret Wikoff and I am running for a third term as a member of the Laurens Central School Board of Education.

I was born in Oneonta and graduated from the Oneonta High School in 1980. I attended and graduated from SUNY Delhi with my Associates Degree in Nursing and then attended and graduated from Hartwick College with my Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Nursing. I worked as a Registered Nurse at Bassett Hospital for just over a year before transferring to Fox Hospital in 1987 where I continue to be employed.

I have two children, Joshua and Ashely, who both attended grades K-12 and graduated from Laurens Central School. I am so grateful for all the opportunities, education, guidance and support they received while at Laurens.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their past and present support during my time on the LCS Board of Education. I have learned so much and continue to learn as we work together. It would be an honor for me to continue to serve the school and community as a school board member.

Sincerely,
Margaret M. Wikoff

Budget Components

ADMINISTRATIVE • PROGRAM • CAPITAL

The laws relating to the budget vote require the budget to be presented to the residents for their review divided into three sections: Administrative, Program and Capital components.

Although presented in three components for informational purposes, the vote cast will be on the total budget. Listed below are the individual items included under each of the budget components.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Expenses for the following:

- Board of Education
- District Clerk
- District Meeting
- School Administrative Costs
- Auditing
- Treasurer
- Tax Collector
- Purchasing
- Fiscal Agent
- Legal Services
- Personnel Services
- Public Information Services
- Curriculum Development and Supervision
- Research, Planning and Evaluation
- Supervision—Regular School
- Central Data Processing
- Central Printing and Mailing
- Employee Benefits
- BOCES Administrative Costs

PROGRAM

Expenses for the following:

- Inservice Training—Instruction
- Teaching—Regular School
- Programs for Students with Disabilities
- Occupational Education
- Teaching—Special Schools
- School Library and Audio Visual
- Educational Television
- Computer Assisted Instruction
- Attendance
- Guidance
- Health Services
- Psychological Services
- Social Work Services
- Pupil Personnel Services
- Co-Curricular Activities
- Interscholastic Athletics
- District Transportation
- Recreation, Youth Programs
- Local Services
- Employee Benefits

CAPITAL

Expenses for the following:

- Operation of Plant
- Maintenance of Plant
- Debt Service
- Transfers to Capital and Debt Service Fund
- Employee Benefits

The Contingency Budget

As in years past the State provides a formula that Districts must use to calculate their Contingency Budget. Districts must report a Contingency Budget in the event that the proposed budget is defeated twice. Should we need to adopt a contingency budget our tax levy must remain the same as the previous year.

Closing Thoughts

I want to take the opportunity to thank each and every District resident for their continued support of our students and our school. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding Board of Education and a very supportive community. You continue to place your confidence and trust in us as we attempt to provide the best education possible for our students. We hope for your participation in the vote on May 20!

Administrative Component Details

NAME OF ACCOUNT	2024-25	2025-26
BOARD OF EDUCATION		
Board of Education	\$20,300	\$11,300
District Meeting	\$2,150	\$1,450
District Clerk	\$3,298	\$3,194
School Association Dues	\$5,700	\$5,500
Total Board of Education	\$31,448	\$21,444
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION		
School Administrative Costs	\$183,001	\$190,722
BOCES Administrative Costs	\$151,000	\$160,000
Total Central Administration	\$334,001	\$350,722
FINANCE		
Treasurers Office	\$115,800	\$129,380
Auditing	\$23,400	\$25,448
Tax Collector	\$4,300	\$3,355
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$7,000	\$7,000
Purchasing	\$2,800	\$3,300
Tax Refund	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total Finance	\$156,300	\$171,483
STAFF		
Appraisal	\$11,000	\$11,600
Personnel	\$35,330	\$33,955
Public Information and Service	\$1,300	\$300
Records Management	\$1,182	\$1,225
Total Staff	\$48,812	\$47,080
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Central Printing and Mailing	\$12,860	\$12,860
Central Data Processing	\$95,000	\$105,000
Insurance	\$2,000	\$1,500
Total Central Services	\$109,860	\$119,360
ADMINISTRATION AND IMPROVEMENT		
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$211,800	\$218,819
In-Service Training	\$500	\$0
Research, Planning & Evaluation	\$37,885	\$28,388
Total Administration & Improvements	\$250,185	\$247,207
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Total Employee Benefits	\$147,783	\$207,063
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$1,078,389	\$1,164,359

Program Component Details

NAME OF ACCOUNT	2024-25	2025-26
INSTRUCTION		
Teaching—Regular School	\$2,091,281	\$2,146,430
Programs for Students with Disabilities	\$1,729,482	\$1,715,647
Occupational Education	\$248,200	\$267,161
Teaching—Special Schools	\$59,100	\$0
Total Instruction	\$4,128,063	\$4,129,238
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA		
School Library & Audio Visual	\$145,296	\$148,805
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$143,800	\$144,041
Total Instructional Media	\$289,096	\$292,846
PUPIL SERVICES		
Attendance	\$13,800	\$13,071
Guidance	\$139,778	\$154,179
Health Services	\$56,400	\$56,830
Social Work	\$0	\$0
Psychological Services	\$100,000	\$109,160
Co-Curricular Activities	\$43,536	\$44,200
Interscholastic Athletics	\$147,465	\$152,431
Pupil Personnel	\$0	\$0
Total Pupil Service	\$500,979	\$529,871
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION		
District Transportation Services	\$562,000	\$595,650
Total Pupil Transportation	\$562,000	\$595,650
CIVIC ACTIVITIES		
Civic	\$6,316	\$6,565
Census Taker	\$0	\$0
Total Civic	\$6,316	\$6,565
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Total Employee Benefits	\$1,822,663	\$1,863,564
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$7,309,117	\$7,417,734

Capital Component Details

NAME OF ACCOUNT	2024-25	2025-26
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Operation of Plant	\$1,098,000	\$1,166,125
Maintenance of Plant	\$60,000	\$78,022
Equipment	\$0	\$0
Total Central Services	\$1,158,000	\$1,244,147
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Total Employee Benefits	\$172,414	\$266,223
DEBT SERVICES		
Total Debt Services	\$1,910,726	\$1,855,740
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$3,241,140	\$3,366,110

Total General Fund Budget

	2024-25	2025-26
Administrative Component	\$1,078,389	\$1,164,359
Program Component	\$7,309,117	\$7,417,734
Capital Component	\$3,241,140	\$3,366,110
TOTAL BUDGET	\$11,628,646	\$11,948,203

Estimated General Fund Revenues

	2024-25	2025-26
State Aid	\$7,571,479	\$7,841,890
Real Property Taxes	\$3,037,833	\$3,135,664
Charges for Services	\$2,000	\$80,000
Use of Money and Property	\$2,000	\$230,649
Miscellaneous	\$413,500	\$112,000
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$601,834	\$548,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$11,628,646	\$11,948,203

Three-Part Expenditure Breakdown Percentage of Total Budget

	2024-25	2025-26
Administrative Component	9.27%	9.74%
Program Component	62.85%	62.08%
Capital Component	27.87%	28.18%
TOTAL BUDGET	100%	100%

Property Tax Report Card for Laurens Central School

	2024-25	2025-26	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR
AMOUNT OF BUDGET	\$11,628,646	\$11,948,203	2.75%
ESTIMATED STATE AID	\$7,571,479	\$7,841,890	3.57%
ESTIMATED TAX LEVY	\$3,037,833	\$3,128,664	2.99%
PROJECTED GROWTH ENROLLMENT	340	293	-1.38%
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	4.12%	2.95%	-28.40%





In Memoriam



On Friday, April 4 we tragically and unexpectedly lost one of our LCS family. Ms. Heather Boyce, second grade teacher, passed away suddenly at home. She was an excellent teacher, dedicated employee, and a wonderful colleague and friend. Our entire school community mourns Heather's passing and sends our condolences, thoughts and prayers to her family and friends.

May 2025 School Counseling News

IMPORTANT DATES

5/196th Grade Parent Night

5/288th Grade Parent Night

6TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

This year, 6th grade parent night will be Monday, May 19th at 6 p.m. in the MPR. Mr. Gardner will be discussing what your children can expect during their middle school years. This will include a list of course requirements, a look at parts of the counseling department handbook, an overview of extra-curricular activities, and more. Please join us so that we can help prepare you and your student for this important transition! There will be refreshments!

8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

This year, 8th Grade Parent Night will be held May 28th at 6 p.m. Reminders will be sent via Parent Square with all pertinent information. Topics to be addressed include NYS and LCS graduation requirements for High School Students, diploma types, and student class scheduling information. Teachers will also be invited to share their course requirements and expectations. We hope to see you there!



Hartwick College VITA Program at LCS

On Friday, March 28, LCS and Hartwick College offered Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) to community members. Income-eligible families, senior citizens and veterans had the opportunity to have their income taxes prepared for free by IRS-certified and approved college students. Students from our Key Club went through training and assisted with greeting and directing participants where they needed to go.

We want to send out a great, big THANK YOU to Dr. Li Luo, a Hartwick College Accounting Professor, and her Accounting students for allowing us to provide this program at Laurens

Awards Banquets

Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
for Grades 7-12th in the Gym

All parents are invited to attend.

More information will be provided via ParentSquare and the school website.



Safety Patrol Trip

The L.C.S. 6th Grade Safety Patrol will be going on a field trip to Philadelphia, PA and Hershey Park as a culmination of their hard work and dedication during the school year. If you wish to donate money to help offset the cost of the trip you can send donations to the L.C.S. Safety Patrol at P.O. Box 301, Laurens, NY 13796, by May 12, 2025. If you have any questions please contact Scott Bolton at sbolton@laurencs.org or call the school at 607-432-2050.

Thank you for all of your support.
Advisor,
Scott Bolton



Made of Matter!

The second grade classes are Matter Masters! Students learned about matter, its properties, and how matter is used. Inspired by the book *Ada's Violin* by Susan Hood, students discovered Ada and her friends who have made instruments out of pieces of trash. This story is based upon real-life Ada and her landfill-based community near Asuncion, Paraguay. Each lesson built their understanding of solids, liquids, and how the materials we use every day have properties that allow them to be used for a variety of purposes. We completed our unit with an engineering activity in which the students used various recyclable materials to create their own instruments.

—Ms. Boyce and Ms. Angell

Laurens Jaguars Colorguard

On March 29, the junior and varsity colorguards went to Cicero North Syracuse for the Mid-York Colorguard Circuit Championships. The junior guard performed their show, "A Sprinkle of Pixie Dust". After competing against seven other guards, the girls completed their season with a 1st place victory. The varsity guard performed their show, "Fanta-Sea". They had an amazing season. They were promoted up to a higher class after their first show and still went undefeated. They finished with a 1st place victory at Championships. Congratulations to all of the girls! They worked hard all season and have a lot to be proud of.



The LCS Music Department presents the Final Concerts:

- Secondary - Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Chamber Singers
- Elementary - Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. PreK-6 music classes, Elementary Chorus, Junior Band



Share and Shine News

Attention K-6 Parents and Guardians!

On Friday, May 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPR we will hold our final assembly for the school year.

****If you plan to sign your child/children out after the assembly, PLEASE send in a note or call the main office by that morning. This greatly helps us with dismissal time.**

March Award Winners for Honesty



Grand Parents DAY

On Friday, May 2, 2025 we will be hosting the 36th Annual Grandparent's Day for grades K-6. Each child may invite his or her grandparent(s) or a grandparent substitute (an older member of the family or a friend) to come to school on that day. Visitors should park in the main parking lot and use the side handicap entrance.

Upon arrival, grandparents will go directly to the multi-purpose room for a musical program involving grades K-6. The program will begin at 1:00. Following the musical program, which should end at approximately 1:45, grandparents will be invited to visit their grandchildren in the cafeteria, atrium and/or classroom from 1:45-2:15. Refreshments will be served.

All grandparents are asked to leave the building by 2:30 to avoid traffic problems with the buses. If any children will be leaving with grandparents, parents are **required** to send a note in with your child that morning requesting this arrangement.



St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event

On Wednesday, March 12 LCS held a head shaving event to benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation, which is a charity for childhood cancer research. This event was spearheaded by Patrick Dugan in our maintenance department. Patrick Dugan, Bill Dorritie, John Mushtare, Sam "Bucky" Weitzel, Omar Nelson, and student *Mason Bronson* all had their heads shaved. Money was raised by participants and students in the district. In total \$4,961 was raised.

Thank you to Patrick Dugan for organizing this great event, the head shaving participants, and all that donated.



Pre-Kindergarten

If you have a child that will be turning four years old on or before December 1, 2025, please contact Lindsey Gifford at 607-432-2050 ext. 2100 so that we may place your child on the Pre-Kindergarten list for the 2025-2026 school year.

Kindergarten

If you have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 1, 2025, please contact Lindsey Gifford at 607-432-2050 ext. 2100 so that we may place your child on the Pre-Kindergarten list for the 2025-2026 school year.



CONGRATULATIONS!

**Laurens/Milford Tri-Valley
Basketball All Stars!**

GIRLS

Kyrah Andrades—1st Team

Brooke Mann—2nd Team

Bella Garlick—Honorable Mention

BOYS

Tanner Greiner—Honorable Mention

MAY 2025

Laurens Central School

Breakfast Elementary \$2.05
Breakfast H.S. \$2.20
Lunch Elementary \$2.30
Lunch H.S. \$2.55

Monday



5
French Toast Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Carrots
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

12
Scrambled Eggs w/Cheese
& Home Fries
Chicken Stir Fry
Egg Roll
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas
or Sandwich

19
Waffles w/Bacon
Grilled Ham & Cheese on a Pretzel Roll
Tomato Soup
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

26
NO SCHOOL
MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday



6
Breakfast Pizza
Soft or Hard Shelled Tacos
Refried Beans
Corn
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

13
Blueberry Pancakes
Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Tater Tots
Green Beans
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas
or Sandwich

20
Pancakes w/Sausage
Pasta w/ Alfredo or Marinara Sauce
Breadsticks
Cauliflower
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

27
Scrambled Eggs
w/ Ham & Cheese
Soft or Hard Shelled Tacos
Refried Beans
Corn
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Wednesday



7
Pancakes w/Bacon
Chicken Patty
French Fries
Broccoli
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas
or Sandwich

14
Oatmeal w/ Brown Sugar
& Raisins
Baked Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

21
Breakfast Pizza
Fish Nuggets
Sweet Potato Fries
WRAP DAY
Assorted Wraps
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas

28
Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich
Chicken Bacon Ranch Bake
Garlic Bread
Broccoli
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Thursday



1
Egg Hash Brown Bake
Chicken Quesadillas
Corn
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

8
Breakfast Burrito
Cocktail Meatballs
Rice Pilaf
Green Beans
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas
or Sandwich

15
French Toast Bake
w/Strawberries
Chicken Tenders
French Fries
Cauliflower
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

22
Scrambled Eggs
w/ Cheese & Homefries
Chicken & Biscuits
Peas
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

29
Pancakes w/Bacon
Chili
Corn Muffin
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Friday

2
Breakfast Sandwich
Assorted Strombolis
Spinach and Romaine Salad
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

9
Chocolate Chip Pancakes
Assorted Pizza
Spinach and Romaine Salad
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

16
Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
Assorted Strombolis
Spinach and Romaine Salad
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas
or Sandwich

23
**POSSIBLE UNUSED
EMERGENCY DAY**
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Pizza
Spinach and Romaine Salad
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

30
Breakfast Burrito
Assorted Strombolis
Spinach and Romaine Salad
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

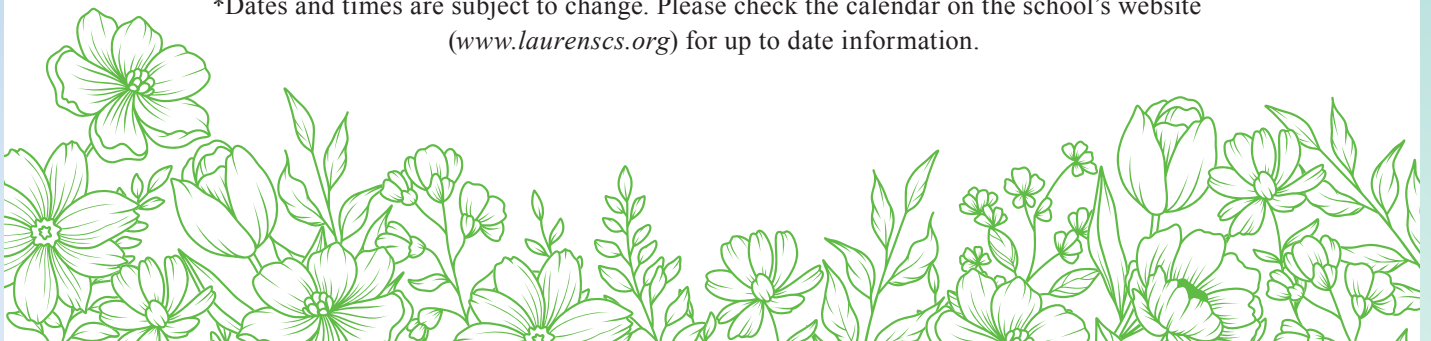
Breakfast and Lunch must include 3 items and one MUST be a fruit and/or vegetable. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

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May Calendar of Events

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| <p>1 NYS Math Testing grades 6 & 8
VSB vs. Franklin
MBB/MSB @ Worcester
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>2 NYS Math Testing grades 6 & 8
Grandparents' Day, MPR, 1:00 p.m.
MSB @ Sharon Springs
VSB/VBB vs. CVS/SS @ Milford</p> <p>3 Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m.
JVBB vs. Unadilla Valley @ Milford 11:00 a.m.
MBB @ Morris 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>5 VBB vs. Schenevus @ Milford</p> <p>6 NYS Math Testing grades 3 & 5
JVSB vs. Roxbury
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.
Village Meeting, Rm 129A, 7:00 p.m.
Budget Hearing, MPR, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>7 NYS Math Testing grades 3 & 5
Track—Harbaugh Invitational @ Delaware Academy
MSB vs. Stamford/Jefferson</p> <p>8 NYS Math Testing grades 7 & 4
VSB/VBB @ Richfield Springs
Modified Track Meet @ Delhi
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>9 NYS Math Testing grades 7 & 4
NYSSMA Solo Festival
Track Oneonta Invitational
VSB/VBB vs. Edmeston /Morris @ Milford
MBB @ Gilboa
JVSB @ Canajoharie</p> <p>10 Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m.
NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Norwich
Laurens Softball Tournament
MSB @ Morris</p> <p>11 Happy Mother's Day</p> <p>12 JVBB vs. Unatego @ Milford
Booster Club Meeting, Rm 129A, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>13 NYS Science Testing grade 5
Secondary Final Concert, MPR, 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>14 NYS Science Testing grade 8
MBB vs. Schenevus @ Milford
Track Tri-Valley Relays
POMP Meeting via Teams, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>15 MBB @ Charlotte Valley
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>16 Track Quiney Invitational @ Sidney</p> <p>17 Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m.
Milford Softball Tournament
MBB @ Richfield Springs 4:30 p.m.
MSB @ Schenevus 4:30 p.m.
JVBB vs. Delhi @ Milford</p> <p>19 MBB vs. Sharon Springs @ Milford
Tri-Valley Championships
Track Steeplechase Championships @ Oneonta
6th grade Parent Night</p> <p>20 BUDGET VOTE DAY, Rm 115,
12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Elementary Final Concert, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>21 MBB/MSB @ Edmeston
BOE Meeting, Rm 115, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>22 Track Tri-Valley Championship @ Sidney
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>23 Possibly NO School—Unused Emergency Day</p> <p>24 Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>26 NO SCHOOL—MEMORIAL DAY
Memorial Day Parade 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>27 Track Class D Steeplechase @ Marathon
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>28 MBB vs. Morris @ Milford
MSB vs. Sharon Springs
8th grade Parent Night</p> <p>29 Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>30 Share and Shine, MPR, 2:00 p.m.
MBB vs. Worcester @ Milford</p> <p>31 Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m.
PROM, 6:00 p.m.</p> |
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*Dates and times are subject to change. Please check the calendar on the school's website (www.laurens.org) for up to date information.



News from the Nurse . . .TICK TIME!

This time of year kids spend a lot of time outside and ticks are everywhere! It's a good idea to check your child's skin daily, from head to toe. Below is some helpful information.

TICK REMOVAL: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

First, don't panic. It's true that Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the United States, but your child's risk of developing Lyme disease after being bitten by a tick is very low. To be safe, though, you'll want to remove the tick as soon as possible because risk of infection increases between 24 to 48 hours after the tick attaches to the skin.

WHAT TO DO

Step 1: Use tweezers to grasp the tick firmly at its head or mouth, next to the skin.

Step 2: Pull firmly and steadily until the tick lets go of the skin. Do not twist the tick or rock it from side to side. If part of the tick stays in the skin, don't worry. It will eventually come out on its own.

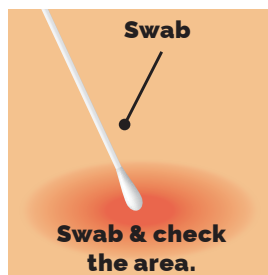
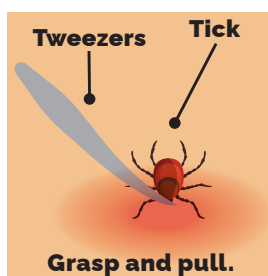
Step 3: Release the tick into a jar or zip-locked bag in case you want to have it identified later on.

Step 4: Wash your hands and the site of the bite with soap and water.

Step 5: Swab the bite site with alcohol.

Never use petroleum jelly or a hot match to kill and remove a tick. These methods don't get the tick off the skin, and can cause the insect to burrow deeper and release more saliva (which increases the chances of disease transmission).

REMOVING A TICK



NEXT STEPS

Call your doctor after the tick has been removed to find out if your child should be evaluated. In certain cases, a doctor will prescribe antibiotics if a child is at high risk of developing Lyme disease.

Call the doctor right away if your child develops a red-ringed rash or if the skin becomes red and irritated. Also call if your child has flu-like symptoms, joint pain or a swollen joint, or facial paralysis. Although other conditions can cause similar symptoms, you'll want to have your child evaluated early on so that if it is Lyme disease, treatment can begin as soon as possible.



Laurens Central School Hygiene Backpack

LCS is happy to announce that our LCS Hygiene Backpack Program will continue. This will be the fourth year that we are able to assist with hygiene products for your family. If you are interested in participating, please complete the form below and have your child return it to his/her teacher. This program is 100% confidential and you may sign up at any time. If you have more than one child in the school, please only list one child's name on the student name line below. We will ensure that there are enough supplies for the entire family.

THE HYGIENE BACKPACK WILL CONTAIN:

Shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and at times other toiletries. The backpack will be sent home with your child once a month, usually the first Monday of the month. We ask that your child return the backpack to one of the backpack boxes located in the main office or the entrance by Ms. Shean's desk.

HYGIENE BACKPACK

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Number of people in family: _____

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Budget Vote

MAY 20, 2025

12:00-8:00 P.M.

LAURENS CS ROOM 115



YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IF YOU ARE:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident within the school district for a period of 30 days or more preceding the meeting at which he/she offers to vote
- Voted in a general election in the past 2 years or be on the polling list at the school district
- Not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law (e.g. a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court)

On Memorial Day 2025, Laurens Central School would like to honor all of those brave Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice at home and abroad in the defense of freedom.

PARADE

The Memorial Day parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26. If there is inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held in the LCS gym.