

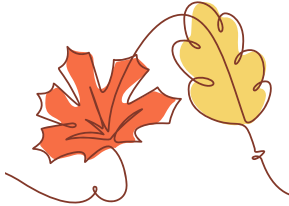


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Hoops for Hope

The Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball Tournament, Hoops for Hope, will be taking place this year on Saturday, January 20, 2024. There will be games for most of the day, concessions, and we hope to do basket raffles. If you are interested in donating a basket or items for this great cause, please contact Lindsey Gifford at 607-432-2050 ext. 2100. All donations will be gratefully accepted up until January 12, 2024. More information regarding the basketball tournament will be in future newsletters. Thank you for your support!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

During the month of November we will host the first series of Parent/Teacher Conferences. These conferences will be held, in person, on November 17 and 18th. Report Cards for students in grades PreK-6 will be handed out at the conferences. Parents of students in these grades are requested to schedule a conference with their child's teacher at the following times:

GRADES PreK-12

November 16 1:00-3:00 or 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 November 17 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Students in grades 7-12 will be given their report cards at the end of the day on November 20.

Please call the main office today to schedule your conference.



Soccer

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIOR SOCCER PLAYERS!

*Tara Bookhout,
 Jaidon Brodie,
 Eowyn Chickerell,
 Alexandria Geissnger,
 Alesa John, Jade Moxley,
 Bailey Rondeau,
 and Victoria Stevens*



From the Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians

School Districts in New York State are required to conduct an “early dismissal” drill on an annual basis. This is also known as the “go home early drill.” The purpose of this drill is for families to prepare their children in the event that there is a sudden dismissal of school for weather or other emergency-related reasons. Families should have a plan in place in case students are dismissed early and a child gets home earlier than anticipated.

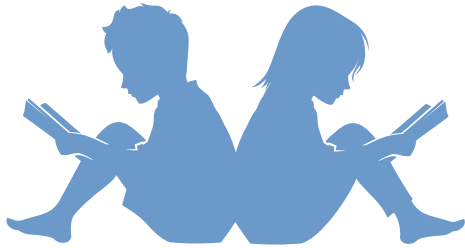
This year’s “early dismissal drill” will be conducted on Thursday, November 9. Students who ride buses will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. Students who are picked up by parents will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

Please have a plan in place for that day as students will be arriving home 15 minutes earlier than usual. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



William F. Dorritie, Superintendent



Ambrose Powell Library/Town of Laurens Historical Society

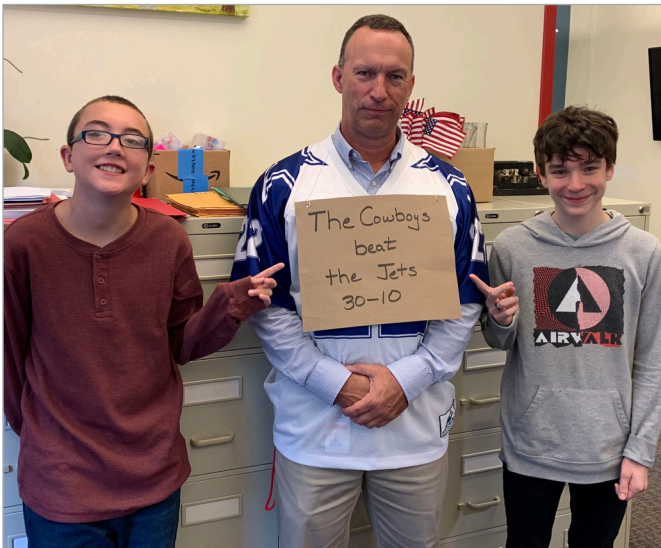
Stop in! We have many new books, and the historical society changes the displays regularly.

Hours

M, W, F - 7 pm - 8 pm

Tues. - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Thurs- 10:00 am - 11:30 am



A Friendly Wager

Mr. Mushtare, a New York Jets fan, lost a bet with Clayton Fuller and Hunter Kingsbury, both Dallas Cowboys fans. The Cowboys beat the Jets 30-10. As a result, Mr. Mushtare had to wear a Dallas Cowboys jersey and a sign around his neck indicating the score of the game for the entire day.

Pat Grasso Girls Holiday Tournament

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023
(JUNIOR VARSITY GAMES)**

5:30 Edmeston vs S/K JV
(Edmeston will be the home team)

7:00 Laurens/Milford vs. B/G JV
(Laurens will be the home team)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2023 (VARSITY GAMES)

5:30 Edmeston vs S/K Varsity
(Edmeston will be the home team)

7:00 Laurens/Milford vs B/G Varsity
(Laurens will be the home team)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2023

1:00 JV Consolation Game

2:45 JV Championship Game

4:30 Varsity Consolation Game

6:15 Varsity Championship Game

Tickets available through GoFan.co



LCS Apparel Sale

The Class of 2025 will be selling LCS apparel. Sales will begin on November 6 and run for two weeks. Order forms with pictures of item choices will go home with elementary students, and will also be available online. Several options will be available, including t-shirts, long sleeve tees, and sweatshirts. Orders will be delivered in time for Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Mann, or a member of the junior class.



Honoring the Service of Our Veterans

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH,

WE INVITE ALL VETERANS TO CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY WITH US.

We will be having a breakfast served by students from our Key Club, Boy Scouts and Student Council starting at 9:00 am. Please join us!

If you know a Veteran, please share this information with them. We would love to have any men and women in our community who have served our country join us on this special day.

POW/MIA Assembly

Post Commander Carlton Cleveland, members of the Laurens' American Legion Post 1688, and members of the Auxiliary visited LCS on Friday, September 16 to perform the annual POW/MIA ceremony for students in grades 6-12.

After the ceremony, the sixth grade Safety Patrollers were shown how to properly take down and fold the American Flag. This is part of their daily duties when in school.

Thank you to all that participated!



Spirit Week at LCS

Faculty, staff, and students got into the school spirit during Spirit Week, which led up to the Homecoming Parade and Spirit Games on September 29 and the Homecoming games and dance on September 30.

OUR SPIRIT WEEK DRESS-UP DAYS WERE:

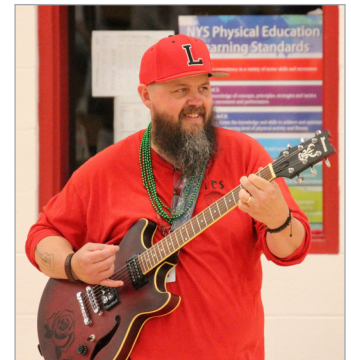
Monday - Red and White Day

Tuesday – Barbie and Ken Day

Wednesday – BBQ Dad and Soccer Mom Day

Thursday - Salad Dressing Day (Dress how a salad dressing might look in human form. For example, a cowboy for ranch, a Roman for Caesar, etc.)

Friday - Class colors



Homecoming Parade





Boy Scouts of America Assembly

The Boy Scouts of America returned to LCS in September for their annual assembly letting K-6th graders know about their program. They told students about the many activities they offer and held a recruitment meeting later that night for students to sign up.



Last year's Literary Leopards Grand Prize Drawing winner, Lincoln Capraro, enjoying LEGOLAND, NY with his family.

and raffle tickets for a chance at the "Prize of the Month." This year, students receive a reward and raffle ticket for every two signed reading logs (K-2) or ten signatures (3-6) obtained. At the end of May, there will be a Grand Prize Drawing for a prize of the winner's choosing: a family vacation package to LEGOLAND, NY, season passes to Zoom Flume, or a trip to NYC. Please view the PowerPoint presentation and the parent letter links found on the home page of the LCS website for more information.

Literary Leopards Reading Program

The Literary Leopards program encourages students, parents, and guardians to read together daily. Students will receive a book bag with a level-appropriate book(s) to take home and read each week. A reading log is kept, signed by a parent or guardian, and returned to school weekly. The following week, a different book bag goes home. For older students, a chapter book will get sent home, so it may take longer than a week to read. These students read for a designated amount of time each day and return their book for a new title upon completion. Students who participate can earn prizes



Let's Get Reading!

November 2023 School Counseling News

IMPORTANT DATES

November

- 3 Registration deadline for 12/2 SAT
(See Mr. Gardner for help!)
- 3 Registration deadline for 12/9 ACT
- 9 1st marking period ends
- 14 Field trip to SUNY Oneonta and Hartwick College
- 15 The usual deadline for early action college applications

There will also be more plans made for College reps to come in and talk with seniors and juniors! Please be sure to continue to check your emails and listen to announcements!

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Seniors should be completing or have completed college applications. Applications should be completed by Thanksgiving vacation or, at the very latest, by December vacation. Students should ask teachers for recommendations now, as well as finalizing college essays. It is recommended that students apply to at least 3-5 colleges to provide some choice when selecting a college to attend. Seniors, please check your email for important reminders and information from these colleges AND with Mr. Gardner or Mrs. Cleveland, our College and Career Consultant.

CLARK SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Gardner will be handing out application information and the process will be reviewed with seniors, sometime in late November or early December. Class averages and rank will be calculated after second quarter grades are completed. This scholarship is based primarily on academic performance. Even if you think your grades are not high enough, Mr. Gardner recommends you apply. The worst they will say is no!

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS:

www.fsaaid.ed.gov—The place to start when applying for financial aid! All student borrowers and one parent must obtain an ID prior to completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Aid) application.

www.fafsa.gov—Complete the FAFSA online. Link to NYS TAP application as well.

www.hesc.ny.gov—If applying to colleges in New York State, the student must apply for a TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) ID prior to completing the TAP financial aid application. This site also has many helpful tools, such as a financial aid award comparison tool and information on NYS scholarships and grants.

www.studentaid.ed.gov—From the US Dept. of Education. Information on the entire financial aid process.

www.studentloans.gov—The site you use to complete required loan entrance counseling and to sign your loan promissory notes.

www.collegescorecard.ed.gov—Also from the US Dept. of Education. Newly redesigned and extremely valuable statistics on every college/university in the US. Discover things like: average annual cost by family income, graduation and retention rates, earnings after attending and the ethnic diversity at the institution.

www.colleges.niche.com—Search for colleges and scholarships, compare colleges based on rankings, and learn what your chances are of admission to colleges. Read what current students are saying about their school.

www.collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx—US Dept. of Education's Net Price Calculator Center.

www.chegg.com—Easy to use site with great info on colleges and scholarships.

www.finaid.org—Scholarship clearinghouse site with info on the financial aid process.

www.goodcall.com/scholarships—Search for scholarships based on: entry difficulty, competition level, days left to apply, etc...

POMP (Patrons Of Music People)

POMP is a group consisting of Faculty, Administration, Laurens Community Members, and Parents of Music Students, who help in fundraising, organizing events, and assisting in musical/drama productions for the Laurens central school. We meet every second Wednesday of the month to plan for upcoming events and ways to better the performing arts department for the school year.

Meetings for the 2023-2024 school year will be held via Zoom. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact Markus Ling at mling@laurencs.org or 607-432-2050 for more information.

Laurens Community Blood Drive

LAURENS CENTRAL SCHOOL

Proudly Sponsored by the Key Club

HELD IN THE CAFETERIA

55 MAIN ST., LAURENS, NY 13796

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Donate blood and support students at this blood drive to earn a scholarship!

Open to the Public • Walk-ins Welcome
Appointments Preferred

Please Call **1-800 RED CROSS** or visit redcrossblood.org to make your lifesaving appointment today!

BEAT the Flu BUG



Get your SHOT!

Myth #1: Healthy People do not need to receive the flu vaccine.

Flu is usually spread from person to person through coughing, sneezing or direct contact. A person is contagious about one day before and five days after onset of symptoms. Healthy persons who contract flu can easily pass the virus on to others.

Myth #2: Flu shots can give people the flu.

Because the flu shot is made from dead viruses, and individual cannot get the illness from the vaccination. Some may experience side effects, such as sore arm, sore throat or achiness. These are not the result of the flu.

Myth #3: Needles can hurt, so it's easier not to get the vaccine.

It is true, most people will feel a sharp prick, but pain only lasts momentarily. This is a small price to pay in order to stay healthy during the flu season.

Myth #4: It's all right to go to work feeling sick with flu-like symptoms. It's probably nothing anyway.

To help protect co-workers, it is important that people stay home if they don't feel well and are unsure if they are contagious.

Myth #5: There's no reason to get a flu vaccine every year. One time should be enough.

It is essential to get immunized every year because flu strains change yearly, depending on what new viruses are circulating.

YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Timing of flu season is unpredictable
- 200,000+ hospitalizations from the flu and 50,000+ deaths from the flu annually
- Adults 16-64 account for 60% of reported flu hospitalizations

FLU HYGIENE TIPS

1. Avoid unnecessary touching of your eyes, mouth and nose – key entry points for the flu virus.
2. Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water often.
4. Disinfect desks, tabletops and bathrooms often during the flu season to help prevent the spread of the virus.
5. Supplement hand washing with hand sanitizers, which are effective in killing germs on the hands.
6. Vaccinations are the single, most effective way to prevent the flu.

GET YOUR VACCINATION

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LUNCH

NOVEMBER 2023
Laurens Central School

Breakfast Elementary \$2.00
Breakfast H.S. \$2.15
Lunch Elementary \$2.25
Lunch H.S. \$2.50

Monday

6
Pancakes w/Bacon
Chicken Stir Fry
Egg Roll
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

13
Scrambled Eggs
w/Home Fries
Chicken Tenders
French Fries
Cauliflower
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

20
Breakfast Burrito
Baked Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

27
Pancakes w/Sausage
BBQ Rib Patties
French Fries
Broccoli
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Tuesday

7
Scrambled Eggs
w/ Ham & Cheese
Soft or Hard Shelled Tacos
Refried Beans
Corn
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

14
Breakfast on a Stick
Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

21
Egg Hash Brown Bake
Ultimate Chicken Bowl
WW roll
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

28
Breakfast Pizza
Goulash
Peas
Garlic Bread
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Wednesday

1
Oatmeal w/Brown Sugar & Raisins
Chicken Quesadillas
Corn
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

8
Waffles w/ Sausage
Fish Nuggets
Sweet Potato Fries
WRAP DAY
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas

15
Breakfast Sandwich
Thanksgiving Dinner
Roast Turkey
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Corn Casserole
Apple/Pumpkin Pie

22

29
French Toast Sticks
Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Tater Tots
Green Beans
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Thursday

2
Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich
Macaroni & Cheese
Carrots
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

9
Yogurt and
Assorted Muffins
Chicken Cordon Bleu Wrap
Brussel Sprouts
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

16
HALF DAY of SCHOOL
PK-12
Chocolate Chip Pancakes
Chicken Patty
French Fries
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

23

30
Scrambled Eggs
w/Cheese and Home Fries
Chicken Stuffing Casserole
Butternut Squash
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Friday

3
French Toast Bake
w/Strawberries
Assorted Pizza
Spinach and Romaine Salad
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

10
VETERANS DAY
NO SCHOOL

17
HALF DAY of SCHOOL
PK-12
Sausage Gravy & Biscuit
Assorted Stromboli's
Spinach and Romaine Salad
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

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THANKSGIVING RECESS



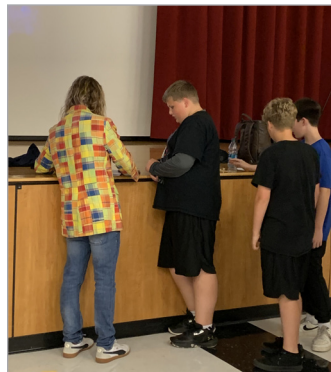
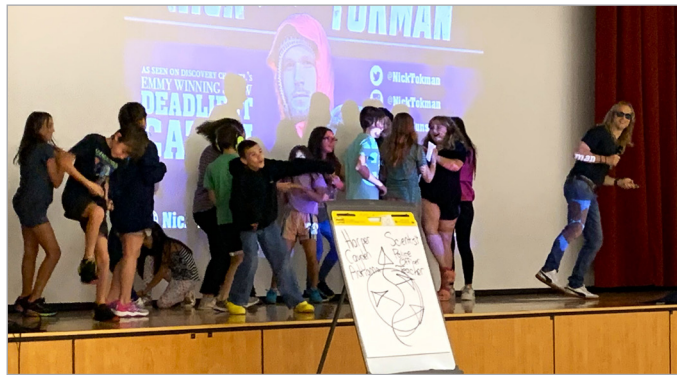
Breakfast and Lunch must include 3 items and one MUST be a fruit and/or vegetable. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

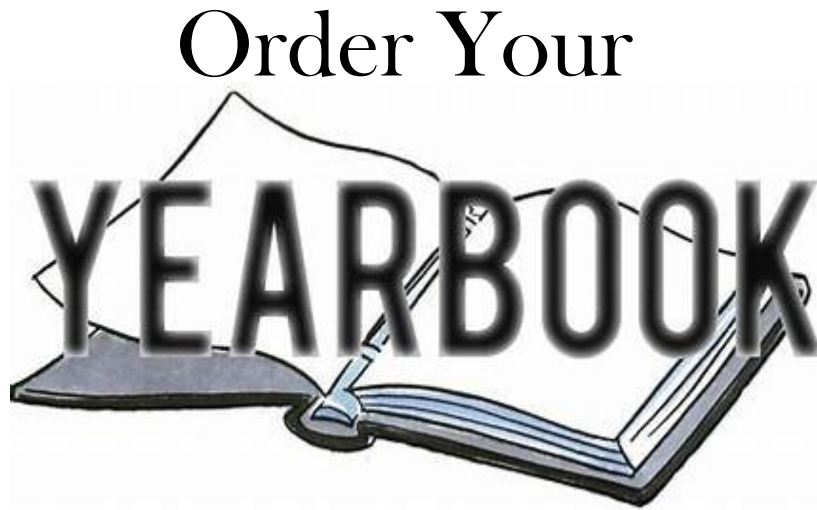
MY SCHOOL BUCKS
PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com



Nick "Sunshine" Tokman at LCS

Laurens Central School hosted Nick "Sunshine" Tokman on Wednesday October 4th for the entire school day. You may recognize Nick's name as he was a four year cast member on the television show "Deadliest Catch." Nick is now a motivational speaker who performed two assemblies for LCS, one for grades 4-6 and the other for grades 7-12. Nick's objective was to inspire students to focus on their true purpose, reach their highest potential, and bring out the best in others. Nick captivated the audience with his stories of personal struggles and his eventual success. Nick encouraged LCS students to avoid listening to outside influences that would take them off the path to success. After a one hour presentation, Nick spent time with each group answering questions and signing autographs.





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before
March 1
to ensure
you get one!

Name: _____ Class: _____

_____ Hard Cover Full Edition \$35 _____ Elementary Only \$15

_____ Name on Cover + \$5

All sales include the spring edition of the yearbook. Checks made out to the Laurens Yearbook.



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 send 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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November 2023 • Calendar of Events

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Zumba, Café, 6:00 p.m. | 25 | Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m |
| 3 | Blood Drive, Café, 3:00 p.m. | 26 | Community Basketball, Gym, 10:00 a.m. |
| 4 | Zumba, Café, 9:00 am | 28 | Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m. |
| 5 | Community Basketball, Gym, 10:00 a.m. | 29 | Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Colorguard Advocates, Rm 129A, 6:00 p.m. | 30 | Share & Shine, MPR, 2:00 p.m.
Grasso Tournament GJVBB vs. B/G
7:00 p.m. |
| 7 | Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m. | | |
| 8 | POMP Mtg. via Zoom, 7:00 p.m. | | |
| 9 | Veterans Day Breakfast, Café, 9:00 a.m.
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.
Early Dismissal Drill, 2:45 p.m. | | *All subject to change |
| 10 | VETERANS DAY – NO SCHOOL | | |
| 11 | Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m. | | |
| 12 | Community Basketball, Gym, 10:00 a.m. | | |
| 13 | Start of Winter Sports | | |
| 14 | Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m. | | |
| 15 | Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.
BOE Mtg., Rm 115, 7:30 p.m. | | |
| 16 | ½ Day P/T Conference Day PK-12 | | |
| 17 | ½ Day P/T Conference Day PK-12
Area All-State @ Walton | | |
| 18 | Area All-State @ Walton | | |
| 19 | Community Basketball, Gym 10:00 am | | |
| 20 | Booster Club Meeting, Rm 129A, 7:00 p.m. | | |
| 21 | Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m. | | |
| 22 | Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL | | |
| 23 | Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL | | |
| 24 | Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL | | |

Share and Shine

The focus of this month's character trait will be on Respect. Respect is using good manners, obeying school rules, and taking care of other people's property. Throughout the month of November and the rest of the school year teachers in K-6 will be teaching students the importance of good character. On Thursday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPR, we will be holding a Share and Shine assembly. You will receive a notice if your child will be receiving an award.