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## MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CAMPBELL

As you can see, our newsletter has a new look. We are excited to unveil our new LEGENDS logo, which blends both our proud history and our bright future. The



design is a perfect fusion of tradition and innovation, symbolizing the ongoing journey of our school community.

The primary colors—red, white, and black accents—are chosen with great significance. Red symbolizes passion, energy, and the drive for excellence that defines our school spirit. White represents purity, clarity, and the endless possibilities that lie ahead for our students. The black accent brings strength and sophistication, grounding the design in a sense of resilience and focus.

At the heart of the logo is the phoenix, an emblem of renewal and rebirth. This powerful symbol signifies a "new beginning" for our school identity, representing our continuous growth, resilience, and the transformative experiences our students encounter. The phoenix inspires us to rise from challenges and embrace every new opportunity with optimism and persistence.

The logo also features a steel bridge, an iconic image in honor of our connection with William Pryor Letchworth, the founder of our school's legacy. The bridge represents the link between our past and our future, highlighting the enduring influence of Letchworth's vision while propelling us forward into new possibilities.

The committee that worked on this design was deeply committed to honoring our history while creating a symbol that speaks to the future. The LEGENDS logo is a reflection of our collective identity—rooted in tradition, yet embracing the boundless potential of what lies ahead. This logo will serve as a reminder to all of us that we are part of a living legacy, and together, we will continue to be legendary!

In regards to the new logo branding throughout the school you will see this begin to change during this school year. We will do this in stages and take into account the financial costs of this change. We have already provided opportunities for the school community to purchase new gear and clothing promoting the new logo and name.

On behalf of LCS we want to thank the community for their patience and support during this process. We understand the passion many of you still have for the "Indians" and are respectful and mindful of your legacy as well. We also want to thank the committee that put countless thoughtful hours into this project. Your professionalism, collaboration and commitment were exceptional.

"Renegades of the Rapids", "Phantoms of the Forest", and "Guardians of the Gorge",

Together...we build Legends!

From all of us here at LCS, have a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year!

Todd Campbell, Superintendent

#### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### **September Students of the Month**

5th Grade - Lennox Roberts & Graeme Downey 6th Grade - Callie Beachel & Owen Northrup 7th Grade - Harper Smith & Cooper Bliss 8th Grade- Charlie Lundy & Cody Mest

9th Grade – Lily Anderson & Nolan Bannister 10th Grade – Charlene Gilbert & Logan Schroeder 11th Grade – Z Sommer & Naomi Yount

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#### **October Students of the Month**

5th Grade - Destiny Lawrence & Michael Cox 6th Grade - Khloe Evans & Ian Kasprzyk 7th Grade - Amelia Snyder & Jaxon McMurtry 8th Grade - Laynee Emke & Michael Uebelhoer

9th Grade – Aiden Domes & Trenten Kaufman 10th Grade – Dylan Smith & Gunner Tobey 11th Grade – Sasha Bellamy & Carter Pricer 12th Grade – Adam Berwaldt & Benjamin Hibbard

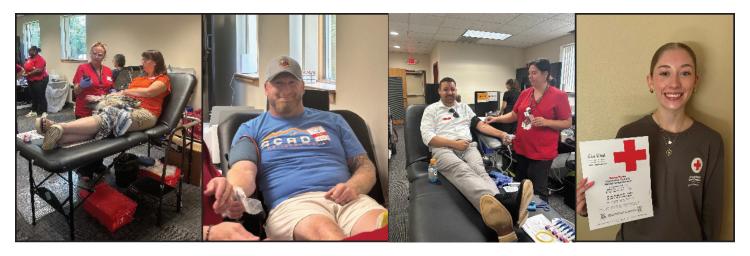
#### **November Students of the Month**

5th Grade - Alexsandra Bailey & Payson Keller 6th Grade - Carmela Terry & Zachary Helfrich 7th Grade - Natalie Bartholomew & Randal Bartz 8th Grade - Aubrey Bonn & Duncan Raymond

9th Grade – Brooklyn Bush & Joshua Laureano 10th Grade – Isabelle Akin & Gilliam Kemp 11th Grade – Alexandria Till & Hunter Brace 12th Grade – Lily Distaffen & Isaac Hansen

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PAGE TURNERS 1ST PLACE CHAPTER 2 WINNERS!





## **LCS LOVE**

Senior, Carly Jines, was one of the twenty five students who participated in the Wyoming County Leadership Academy Program put on by the Youth Bureau this past year. Interested students had to apply to the program and be interviewed before being selected. The program required students to spend one day a month from September to May focusing on specific career paths, including healthcare, law, skilled trades, human services, entrepreneurship, and hospitality. A beautiful graduation ceremony was held for them at Graceful Gatherings at LedgeRock, in Varysburg, NY to celebrate their success. At the ceremony, the 25 student leaders were challenged to take the skills they learned at the academy and use them. Carly took that challenge and decided to hold a blood drive in memory of her aunt, Joelle Meeder. Carly and her team worked hard to recruit 51 donors. Carly said, "I just knew that I wanted to take all that I had learned and apply it to a good cause that would help my community."

The American Red Cross is facing an emergency blood shortage as it experiences the lowest number of people giving blood in the last 20 years. Blood and platelet donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures proceed without delay.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. There is no substitute for blood.

Carly worked closely with Catherine Orr, Donor Recruitment for the Red Cross. "Carly really was the ideal student leader. She was an enthusiastic recruiter, jumped right in and registered donors as they came in, ensured her donors were comfortable while giving blood and socialized with her donors while they were in recovery. I would love to see more student leaders emulate Carly in their effort."

Carly had an abundance of love and support the day of her blood drive. Teachers, coaches, family and friends all came out to support her, including nine LCS faculty and staff members! Carly is truly grateful to be part of such an amazing community. Thank you to all who helped make her blood drive such a huge success!

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood or host a blood drive! Call 1-800-Red Cross, download the app or go to www. Red Cross.org.

## PERRY ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Perry Rotary Club is identifying students in its component school districts that exemplify the motto: 'Service Above Self.'

The November Student of the Month for the Letchworth Central School District is Kaitlyn Perl. The following is Kaitlin's nomination:

Kaitlyn Perl is deserving of the Rotary Student of the Month Award because of the role model she is for other kids her age. She can be counted on and is responsible. She is President of NJHS and her advisor Mrs. Halsey says: "She is an asset because she helps keep me organized on top of her duties as President."

Katie is active in Letchworth FFA and carries an overall average of 96. She is always kind to her peers and is willing to lend a hand in and outside of school. She also finds time to participate in the following sports: JV Girls Soccer, JV Girls Basketball, Varsity Girls Track & Field. Congratulations Kaitlyn!









## HONORING VETERANS

On Friday, November 8th, 2024 the second grade students and their teachers invited local veterans to attend the annual Veterans' Day Program. Students in grades PreK-12 gathered in the High School Gymnasium to honor the brave men and women who serve our country. The students, dressed in red, white, and blue, and carrying American flags, began the assembly by entering to the song Heroes Don't Wear Capes, They Wear Dog Tags. Their voices were filled with pride and gratitude as they sang patriotic songs and shared heartfelt messages of thanks to the veterans. To further express their appreciation, the second graders gave the veterans in attendance dog tags that were handcrafted in a collaborative effort between the second graders and students from a high school technology class. We were also honored to have Chief Warrant Officer 3 Richard Reed of the United States Army speak to the students about the importance of service and dedication. His words encouraged the students to always be proud of their country and the sacrifices people make to protect it. The assembly was a touching reminder of the importance of honoring those who have served our country.

















## LEAP

Be Safe! Be Respectful! Be Responsible! Be a Scholar! Our elementary students reviewed and practiced those positive expectations across all school settings during the month of September. Since then they have been working hard to get "caught" doing the right thing and earning red tickets. A schoolwide goal of earning 3,000 tickets by mid November was set and achieved! Because of this students and staff enjoyed a Carnival Celebration complete with carnival style games and a bounce house! Students are now working towards earning a Winter Carnival event in February!





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## CONCEPTUAL PHYSICS CLASS

Recently, our Conceptual Physics class took on a small engineering challenge: building bridges to span a 20 inch gap using only 150 popsicle sticks and tape in about an hour and a half! The goal was to construct a bridge that could hold as much weight as possible before breaking. This hands-on project gave us a deeper understanding of forces while also highlighting the impact of real-world constraints, like limited time and resources, on the design process. Congratulations to Tim Jordan and Devin Gebauer, whose winning bridge held an impressive weight of just over 2 pounds! Their bridge was efficient and ended up being surprisingly flexible.

## LEGENDS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



















## SADD COLORING CONTEST

Students Against Destructive Decisions Club (SADD) held a coloring contest in October during Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week honors our first responders and promotes making healthy choices free from drug abuse. The national theme this year was "Life is a movie, film drug free." The coloring contest, held in partnership with Partners for Prevention, was open to students in grades Pre-K through 12. While we did not have entries for all grade levels, some grade levels had many entries, so there were class winners. Congratulations to the following coloring contest winners!

Pre-K: Dorothy Radzyminski, Grade 1: Carmen Barlow (Cebula) and Leddie Roberts (Mathews/Powers), Grade 3: Harper Lathigee (Room 9), Ethan Johns (Tonsoline), and Keaton King (Azueta), Grade 4: Naomi Bellamy, Grade 5: Candice Youngers, Grade 6: Alexander Busch, Grade 8: Eleanor Perl, Grade 10: Elijah Horton, Grade 11: Sherrill Gath, Grade 12: Carly Jines.

Partners for Prevention is treating each winner and a guest to a movie with snacks! SADD Club thanks all of the students who participated in this year's coloring contest!



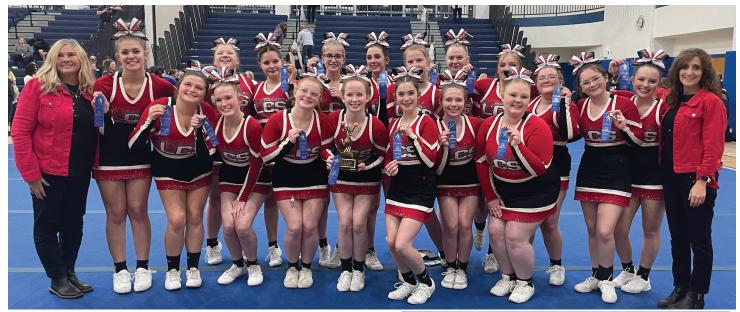
## ARTIST VISIT TO HIGH SCHOOL ART CLASS

On October 25th, Ms. Tisdale's Graphic Arts class had the exciting opportunity to welcome Warsaw Central School District alumni Noah Herman as a visiting artist. Noah, now a talented Graphics and UX Designer based in Buffalo, NY, is a full-time professor at Daemen University. He brought an impressive blend of industry knowledge and practical insights to his presentation, creating a truly inspiring experience for students.

Noah's visit focused on what defines graphic design, offering students a foundational understanding of the discipline and an eye-opening look at the industry. He provided insights into what students can expect from a college-level graphic design program and practical tips on preparing for a career in design. Through hands-on activities and real-life examples, students were able to experience a day in the life of a professional designer.

In one of the highlights of the visit, students were encouraged to showcase their own projects and discuss their design ideas with Noah. This valuable one-on-one time with a seasoned designer gave students a chance to receive personalized feedback, ask questions, and engage in discussions about design trends and creative techniques. Noah's enthusiasm for the field and dedication to nurturing young talent left a lasting impression on everyone involved.

Ms. Tisdale and her students are deeply grateful for Noah's time, insight and for making such impactful contributions in the arts and education.



## **FALL CHEERLEADING 2024**

The Letchworth Fall Cheerleaders had a busy season in their second year of "Game Day" Cheerleading. The team cheered on the LPW JV and Varsity football teams at all of their home games. They also participated at 4 different competitions, earning honors at each. Highlights of the season included winning the LCAA Division 2 Championship for the 2nd year in a row, earning 1st place at the Avon Rally at the River, and 3rd place at Sectionals. Several team members also earned individual honors this season. Maddie, Haley, Katrina, and Julie were named LCAA All-Stars, and Emilee and Shelby participated at the Eddie Meath Senior All star game. Coach Mistretta and Coach Graham would like to thank the entire team for their dedication and hard work throughout the season. A special thank you goes out to our seniors Emilee, Shelby, Erin and Ariel for their leadership throughout their cheerleading careers at Letchworth.

#### Members of this year's team include:

**Seniors:** Emilee Fuller, Shelby Hastriter, Erin Royce, Ariel VanName; **Juniors**: Kaylyn Bradley, Maddie Geising, Allanah Giardiono, Maddyn Miller, Haley Nelligan, Sophie Lavrincik, Shirley Pfeiffer, Katrina Snyder, Samantha Warner;

Sophomores: Juli Jordan, Gianna Krobe, Madison Satterlee

Freshmen: Izzy Hare, Sara-Grace Hill



Date	Competition	Results
October 5	Cal-Mum Stadium Showdown	2nd place
October 19	Avon Rally at the River	1st place
October 24	LCAA Championships	1st place
October 31	Fall Game Day Sectionals	3rd place

# THE YOUTH AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Four Letchworth FFA members applied and were selected to represent The Youth Agriculture Leadership Conference held in Albany November 13-14. The conference encouraged collaboration among youth agriculture organizations and provided young leaders the opportunity to connect with state leaders to better understand how policy shapes the interconnected food, agriculture and natural resource industries.

Students explored the many challenges and possibilities within these industries, connected with other students, professionals and state leaders regarding their own interests and aspirations, and discovered the vast array of career possibilities that await them in the future and reflect the future workforce needs of New York.



Sage Schroder, Naomi Yount, Hayden Ayers, Ashton Wilcox

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY ALL STARS-FALL SPORTS

Boys Soccer- Daniel Till
Girls Soccer- Aubrie Brown

Volleyball- Sasha Bellamy, Alannah Roberts GameDay Cheer- Maddie Geising, Juli Jordan,

Haley Nelligan, Katrina Snyder

Girls Swimming- Abbigail Cummins

Football- 1st Team- Ayden Miller, Hayden Schroeder 1st Team Special Teams- Gage Slocum 2nd Team- Zach Brown, Caden Sumeriski

Congratulations to Laura Metzler, Jordan Reed & Brandi Simmons on being named LCAA Coach of the Year.

#### **Livingston County Exceptional Seniors**

Boys Soccer- Adam Webster Girls Soccer- Maggie Almeter,

Aubrie Brown, Natalie Orcutt

GameDay Cheer- Emilee Fuller,

Shelby Hastreiter

(cheered at the Eddie Meath game on 11/26)

Football- Ayden Miller, Hayden Schroeder (played at the Eddie Meath game on 11/26)

















