

Facing the Competition: We've Got An App For That

The athletic program is comprised of more Missouri State High School Activities Association-sanctioned sports than any other Missouri high school. The Lancers have a proud tradition of athletic excellence including 27 State Championship teams. In addition, LHS is proud to have the highest number of student participants in its athletic programs and the highest average GPA for those athletes.

For this school year, the following are scheduled:

Fall-Boys

Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Swimming

Fall-Girls

Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball

Winter-Boys

Basketball, Wrestling

Winter-Girls

Basketball, Swimming

Spring-Boys

Baseball, Golf, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, Water Polo

Spring-Girls

Soccer, Track, Lacrosse

State Champion Teams

- Baseball: 1970, 1971, 1972
- Boys Swimming: 1995, 1996, 1997
- Girls Cross Country: 1988
- Girls Soccer: 1997
- Girls Swimming: 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010
- Girls Track: 1989
- Softball: 1978, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2007
- Wrestling : 1992

Good Sportsmanship Philosophy

LHS has always had the reputation of displaying excellent sportsmanship at inter-scholastic contests. Our goal is to assure that this continues. Our student body and fans need to be aware of the rules of good conduct and sportsmanship.

- Yelling, screaming, or cheering should be for your own team-not against the opposing team.
- In basketball, students are to be quiet during free throws. Also, students must remain quiet in all other sports that require player concentration.
- Any signs used should be of a positive nature encouraging your team.
- Only authorized school personnel should be on the playing surface or field.
- Refrain from throwing objects of any kind onto the playing surface or field.
- Vulgar or suggestive gestures or language are not allowed.
- Do not boo officials or opposing team members.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of others should not be an example for us.

We should set the example of good sportsmanship.

We urge everyone to go to games and cheer our teams to victory. However, we will expect our students, parents and spectators to abide by the sportsmanship rules just listed.

Credit-

Student activity discipline-related decisions will be enforced by the school building Activities Director. As stated in the MSHSAA Official Handbook, students who represent a school in interscholastic activities must be a creditable citizen both in and out of school, and judged so by the proper school authority certifying a list of students for competition. Creditable citizens shall be defined as those students who are not involved with weapons, alcohol, drugs, tobacco (including smokeless tobacco), stealing, vandalism, and any other act that would discredit the student or their school. The penalty for those students involved or having been involved with these types of acts will be:

- 1) The student may be removed from the team or activity group for the remainder of the sport or activity season/semester. Immediately after the season, the Activities Director and head coach or sponsor involved with the particular student will review the student's discipline as to whether his/her eligibility will be reinstated into the activities program.

Note: The penalty for those students involved with these types of acts will be a possible loss of eligibility for 365 days regardless when it occurs.

It is also important to note that poor citizenship behavior will result in the same penalties regardless of the behavior occurring in school or out of school.

Consequences of In-School Discipline Standards of Conduct

If and when a student receives school-related discipline, the consequence as it relates to the Rockwood Citizenship Policy will be as follows:

1) 1st Detention

The student may miss the next contest, game, or performance.



2) 2nd (and subsequent) Detentions, any number of days of In-School Suspension (ISS), or 1-2 days Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)

The student could be ineligible to participate in 20% of the contests, games, or performances during that sport or activity season.

3) 3-5 Days Out-of-School Suspensions (OSS)

1st offense – The student could be ineligible to participate in 30% of the contests games, or performances during that sport or activity season.

2nd offense – The student will be removed from the activity for the remainder of the sport or activity season/semester.

4) Major School Discipline (single offense, 6 or more days OSS)

1st offense – The student will be removed from the activity for the remainder of the sport or activity season/semester.

2nd offense – The student may be removed from the activity for up to 365 days.

Habitual offenders (3 or more suspensions regardless of offense) may lose the privilege of participating in all activities for the remainder of their high school career.

If a student suspension carries over from one school year to the next, the student will not be allowed to practice or participate in any activity until the full suspension is fulfilled (see Rockwood policy on Out of School Suspension).

Athletic Eligibility

To represent Lafayette in interscholastic competition, all students must meet all eligibility requirements of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. For complete rules and regulations, see the Missouri Handbook in the office of the coach or the Activities Director. Below are listed the rules in general; however, they are in no way considered complete.

Academics

1. You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3 units of credit.
2. You must be enrolled in, and regularly attending, courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80 percent of the schedule, whichever is greater.
3. Credits earned or completed after the close of the semester will not fulfill this requirement. Summer school courses for academic eligibility may count provided the course is necessary for graduation or promotions, and it is placed on the school transcript. No more than one credit in summer school shall be counted toward eligibility.
4. If you are beginning 9th grade, you must have been promoted at the close of the previous school year.
5. You must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as determined by your local school's policies.
6. Do not drop courses without first consulting with your school principal, athletic administrator or counselor to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.
7. Zero Hour courses can not be used toward eligibility requirements.

Age Limits

1. If you reach 19 years of age prior to July 1, you will be ineligible the next school year.
2. Over-aged 8th graders may move up to the senior high team to have 8 semesters of eligibility.

All-Star Games

You may not compete in an all-star game or contest before you complete your eligibility in each high school sport. Participation in an all-star game or contest before ending your high school eligibility will result in you becoming ineligible to participate in any high school sport.

Amateur & Awards Standards

1. After entering a member school, you will become ineligible in the sport concerned if you receive cash for participating in an athletic contest.
2. You may accept awards, which are symbolic in nature, such as medals, ribbons, trophies, plaques, etc. for participating in a school athletic program.
3. You may accept awards which are merchandise, and such awards shall not exceed \$100 in the suggested manufacturer's retail price.

Citizenship

Be a good, creditable citizen. Refer to the Good Citizen Policy on Page 20 of this handbook.

College Auditions/Tryouts

You may participate in a college tryout, audition or evaluation event in a specific sport, outside the school season of the sport concerned.

Entering School

You must enter school within the first 11 days of the semester in order to be eligible.

Graduated Students

You will be ineligible to play after graduation from high school.

Non-school Competitions

1. You may not practice for or participate with a non-school team or in any organized non-school athletic competition and for your school team in the same sport during the same season. (Swimming is the only exception to this rule.)
2. You may participate on a school team and a nonschool team in different sports during the same season; however, you may not practice for non-school team or participate in organized nonschool athletic competition on the same day that you practice with or participate for the school team without prior approval of the school administrator.
3. You must receive approval in advance from your school principal in order to miss school time to practice for, travel to or compete in organized nonschool competition.
4. You may not play at any time on an organized nonschool basketball, football, or volleyball team made up only of members of your school team unless: a) the teams are nontraditional as defined in 235.2-b with limits to out of season; or b) during the summer months when there is no limit on team rosters/lineups.
5. Before you join a nonschool team or enter any nonschool competitive athletic event, your school athletic administrator should be consulted to make certain these standards are met.

Participation Limits

1. You are eligible to participate in any sport for a maximum of four seasons.
2. Your eligibility to participate in high school activities begins when you first enter 9th grade and lasts for the next eight consecutive semesters (four years).

Physical Exams & Insurance

1. The school shall require of each student participating in athletics a certificate of an issues physical signed and authorized by a physical, advanced nurse practitioner in written collaborative practice with a physician, or a certified physician's assistant in collaboration with a sponsoring physician stating that the individual is physically able to participate in athletic practices and contests. A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until a complete signed certificate is on file at the school. The medical certificate is valid for the purpose of this rule is issued on or before Feb. 1 of the previous school year.
2. A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until it has verification that he or she has basic athletic insurance coverage.

Sportsmanship

1. If you should commit an unsportsmanlike act



while participating in an event, you could become ineligible.

2. If your conduct as a spectator is found to be unsportsmanlike, you could be barred from attending any further high school athletic contests.
3. The unsportsmanlike conduct of any spectator-regardless of age-could cause that spectator to be barred from attending school athletic contests.

Sports Camps and Clinics

1. You may attend a specialized summer athletic camp(s) or clinic(s) where you receive instruction or coaching from a member of your school's coaching staff for a maximum of two calendar weeks in any one sport.
2. You may attend a nonschool sponsored summer specialized sports camp(s) or group instruction for as long as you wish where you do not receive instruction or coaching from a member of your school's coaching staff.
3. Before attending any specialized athletic camp(s)/clinic(s) or group instruction, you should consult with your school athletic administrator to make sure it meets MSHSAA criteria.

Transferring Schools

1. If you transfer schools and your parents do not move in to the district of your new school, you will be ineligible for 365 days- unless you meet one of the exceptions listed in the MSHSAA Residence and Transfer Rules.
2. If you move with your parents to your new school district, you will be eligible at the new school provided you were eligible in all other respects at your former school.
3. You and your parents must move to the new residence at the same time.
4. Always check with the Athletic Director before you transfer to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

Transfer For Athletic Reasons

You shall become ineligible for 365 days if you transfer to another school for athletic reasons.

Get Involved & Stay Busy *We've Got An App For That*

Lafayette offers a rich variety of extra-curricular clubs, academic teams, honorary groups, publications, performance groups and athletic teams to allow students to continue their educational growth process. Currently the activities program consists of over 65 different clubs, organizations, or teams which serve a diverse and wide range of student interests and talents.

85% of Lafayette's students participate in one or more extra-curricular



Student Activity

Academic Requirements

There are no academic requirements for membership in student organizations except for honorary societies such as National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, etc. Also athletic team members have certain academic eligibility requirements. Some organizations have academic requirements for officers. For this information, check with the activity sponsor or the Activities Director.

Assemblies

Student assemblies are designed to provide educational enrichment but are not considered substitutes to classroom work.

Students are responsible for any classroom activity that takes place while attending an assembly. Class assignments due the day of the assembly or on subsequent days will be turned in at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Students should report to the assembly and return from the assembly in accordance with the established policy.

Several all-school assemblies are held during the year including athletic pep assemblies and the Academic Pep Assembly. In addition, all-class assemblies are held to conduct class business.

Attendance Requirements

District Policy states that all students who represent the school in activities must meet, in full, all scholastic requirements for participation.

Students must be in regular full-day attendance the day of the scheduled activity unless the activity is in another city and it is necessary that the student is absent, or the activity is scheduled on a day when school is not in session. Also, tardiness to school can result in being unable to participate.

At the close of school on the day of an activity, the sponsor/coach shall certify to the Principal that all those who will represent the school have been in attendance all day.

The policy also applies to practice sessions. Coaches and sponsors shall advise participants of this policy.

The only exception to the above policy would be absences due to a doctor or dental appointment or administrative approval.

A written excuse from the doctor on letterhead stationary or an appointment card will be expected upon the student's arrival to school.

Requirements for Forming a New Organization

A satisfactory number of students must have a definite interest in the organization and become charter members. If the number of active members reaches an unsatisfactory level at any time, the organization can be terminated. A faculty member (or members) approved by the Principal and/or Activities Director must serve as the sponsor.

The purpose of the organization must be of such nature that it will contribute to the general objectives of the school. These purposes must be set forth in writing. Each club must have an updated copy of its constitution on file with the Activities Director.

School Dances & Activities

Dances are limited to students enrolled at LHS. Students may bring one guest provided the name of the guest is recorded when the ticket is purchased. LHS graduates in good standing are welcome.

Once a student leaves a dance, he/she may not return.

No tickets will be sold at the door for school dances. All tickets must be purchased no later than 3 p.m. on the last school day before the dance. No tickets will be sold to students with outstanding fines or fees.

If a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol at a school dance, or any other school-sponsored event, his/her parents will be called.

School policy relative to drug/alcohol abuse will be enforced. Students under suspension or who have been expelled from LHS are not permitted to attend class or other school-sponsored activities.

Student Organizations

School activities will certainly become a very important part of school life and education for adult life.



Activities and Organizations

In addition to the student organizations listed on the following pages, additional activities may be available to students during the year. Information about other opportunities and additional information about these groups is often provided during the morning announcements or posted on the Lafayette website. Also, announcements about student organizations are often made in the Commons during lunch. In addition, many activity groups post signs or maintain bulletin boards around school with important club information. Finally, individual activity sponsors or the Activities Director can answer questions for interested students.



AFJROTC

Students enrolled in AFJROTC can choose to participate in drill competitions and community service events. Drill competitions involve varsity and junior varsity drill teams demonstrating regulation, exhibition, honor guard, rifle and saber team movements. Competitions are held throughout the United States and the St. Louis area. Students also sponsor a variety of community service activities to include the Salvation Army Tree of Lights Campaign, Leukemia Society's Pasta for Pennies, Arthur's Picnic in the Park, St. Patrick's Center Clothing Drive, 1001 Lafayette Nights Book/Canned Food Drives, and Life Skills Walk Run N Roll 5K plus many more events.

Contact: Col. Mike Berenc, Master Sgt. Dave Cugier

Anime Club

This group meets every week to discuss and enjoy anime movies. Anime art is also discussed and contests are held.

Contact: Mrs. Dawn Indelicato-Faw

Black Student Union

This is a group of students committed to diversity. Any student of any race is welcome to attend. The Black Student Union has four basic purposes: 1) to be a place for minority students to get to know each other. 2) to be a group committed to academic excellence for all LHS students. 3) to be a positive contributing factor to our school community. 4) to be a positive contributing factor to our entire community.

Contact: Mrs. Cheryl Hermach, Ms. Tracy Gladden

Book Club

This group reads and discusses a new book selection each month. The books are chosen by the students in the group and meetings are held during the last week of the month for discussion.

Contact: Mrs. Nichole Ballard-Long

Caring School Community Council [CSC Council]

This group is made up of students who believe in carrying out the true meaning of character education. The CSC Council follows the model: good character consists of understanding, caring about and acting upon the core ethical values of cooperation, respect, integrity and tolerance. Students serve as ambassadors for transfer students of all grades and sponsor school-wide events that promote our values such as Red Ribbon week and school mural projects.

Contact: Mrs. Betsy Rivas

Cheerleading

Lancer cheerleading includes a varsity squad consisting of juniors and seniors, a junior varsity squad consisting of juniors, sophomores and freshmen and a freshman squad consisting of all freshmen. All squads are responsible for cheering at grade level football, boys soccer, boys and girls basketball and wrestling.



Mandatory practices start at the beginning of August, and the cheering season continues through fall and winter sports. Tryouts are held in March or April, and selection to the squads is based on cheering techniques, jumps, and some tumbling.

Cheerleading costs vary. Uniform and camp costs are the responsibility of the participants.

Contact: Mrs. Amy White

Chess Club

This club meets every other week and provides students with the opportunity to play chess and socialize.

Contact: Mr. Jason Schneider

Class Advisory

Each class has an advisory group which assists the officers and class principal with special projects, fundraisers, and decision making.

Contact: Grade-level Principal

Colorguard

The Lancer Colorguard uses flags, rifles, sabers, and dance to entertain. The squad performs in the fall as a part of the Lancer Regiment Marching Band at football games and competitions. Auditions are held in April.

Contact: Mr. Brad Balog





Computer Club

Students enjoy the camaraderie and competition playing computer strategy games. Computer Club meets weekly.

Contact: Ms. Melissa Talbott

DECA-An Association of Marketing Students

This club promotes careers in business and marketing through competition and travel. Students compete regionally and nationally for scholarships and cash prizes.

Contact: Mr. Scott Sissom

Diversity Alliance

This club encourages and celebrates the diversity of Lafayette High School. As an ally of the oppressed, this club strives to uproot unjust prejudices and discrimination against minorities by spreading the voice of tolerance.

Contact: Ms. Jean Peters

Earth Club

Through various activities, this club promotes awareness of environmental issues. It also participates in several community service projects. It is open to any interested student and generally meets twice a month after school. Activities take place periodically on weekends with major events including participation in Homecoming activities and Earth Week.

Contact: Ms. Carrie Hall

Escadrille

Escadrille is a dance team of 12-22 members who perform at the half-time shows for varsity football and basketball games, as well as at pom pon competitions throughout the year. Tryouts are held in the spring. There is also a Junior Varsity Escadrille Squad open to all 8th graders who will attend LHS in the fall. It is possible that freshmen, sophomore and junior students who are not selected for the varsity squad will be chosen for the JV Escadrille Squad.

Contact: Ms. Susan Glenn

Future Business Leaders of America

This is a national organization with membership at the local, state, and national levels. The organiza-

tion's major goals are to promote careers in the business field and develop future business leaders with scholarship and integrity through community service activities and scholastic competitions.

Contact: Mrs. Betsy Rivas

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

The high school Huddle is comprised of coaches, athletes and those interested in athletics, who gather for Christian fellowship around the common bond of sports. Members share their faith for self-growth and spiritual nourishment. The Huddle meets a minimum of two times a month. During a Huddle meeting, students share, discuss and learn from one another.

Contact: Mrs. Brittany Trott

Film Appreciation Society

The Lafayette Film Appreciation Society is a club dedicated to the viewing and analysis of movies. Once a month, the club will meet to watch and discuss a film that is considered a critical, popular, or cult classic. All major genres will be represented. Occasionally members will meet outside of school to see a particular film that may be garnering widespread praise among the critics. We may even showcase student films at certain points during the school year.

Contact: Mr. Steve Klawiter

Freshman Mentors

The goal of the Freshman Mentor Program is to facilitate positive transition from middle school to high school. To become a freshman mentor, students go through an application process in the spring semester. The mentor students must participate in a leadership retreat in late summer, monthly mentor activities, maintain good grades, positive behavior, and good citizenship. Mentors are committed to help incoming freshmen with their needs. Priorities of the program include academics, school involvement, treating peers with respect, and improving race relations.

Contact: Mrs. Mandy Lewis

Guitar Ensemble

Guitar Ensemble is for students who have completed two semesters of guitar class or a year or

more of private lessons. We meet weekly starting in November to learn how to play a variety of music in a group guitar setting. Guitar Ensemble has at least one performance in the spring semester.

Contact: Mrs. Traci Bolton

History Club

This newly established club explores cultural history from the local to the international. The topics for the meetings are often student selected. All are welcome to attend.

Contact: Mrs. Jean Peters

Instrumental Music

Students interested in instrumental music have the opportunity to participate in a variety of groups including Home Court Advantage, Jazz Combo, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Lancer Regiment, Symphonic Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Pit Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. Additional information is located in the Course Description Book.

Contact: Mr. Brad Balog, Mr. Joe Gutowski

Jewish Student Union

The mission of Jewish Student Union is to get more Jewish teens or anyone attending Lafayette to do something Jewish! JSU facilitates regular club meetings after school, providing food for the body and soul. Programs include speakers (Rabbi Mike) from a variety of Jewish organizations, discussions on timely topics of interest to the participants and interactive activities. Kosher pizza, falafel, holiday foods or other snacks are always served. In addition, JSU sponsors activities outside of school and school hours.

Contact: Mr. Vince DeBlasi

Key Club

The Key Club is a student-led organization that is part of Kiwanis International, an organization devoted to the principle of service, to the advancement of individual community and national welfare, and to the strengthening of international goodwill. The LHS Key Club provides its members the opportunities to perform community service, build character and develop leadership.

Contact: Ms. Emily Lee





Lafayette Artists Guild

The Guild is an art club that is open to all students who have completed or are enrolled in Art Fundamentals. Guild members are also involved in community-based projects and fundraisers. Students who join National Art Honor Society are eligible for leadership positions in the Guild.
Contact: Ms. Emily Benner

Lafayette Christian Fellowship

All are welcome to join us each week for fun, food and student lead discussions of current issues facing young adults. Several off-campus meetings planned as well!
Contact: Mrs. AnnMarie Gilman

Lafayette Thespian Society

This group is for anyone interested in acting or working backstage in theatre. Members are involved in three productions a year, including but not limited to: Fall Play, Spring Musical, and Spring Play and participate in activities such as the Missouri State Thespian Conference and a variety of service activities. Members earn points toward initiation into the International Thespian Society.
Contact: Ms. Natasha Toro

Model UN

In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. Students make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.
Contact: Mrs. Lori Zang

Mu Alpha Theta

This is a national mathematics honorary organization designed to promote scholarship in mathematics. Members provide peer tutoring. Members

- must have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 in all math courses
- must be enrolled in a math course each semester in grades 9-12 (or have completed Calculus)
- must be enrolled in a course beyond the level of

Finite Math in the first and subsequent years of membership

- must complete Mu Alpha Theta service requirements.

Contact: Ms. Kim Maricic

National Art Honor Society

National Art Honor Society (NAHS) is especially for sophomore, junior and senior art students with a cumulative B average. NAHS is a program under the National Art Education Association. Members of NAHS serve dual purpose: practice their art-making techniques and promote awareness and gain support for the arts in school and surrounding community. NAHS meets once a week and annual dues are \$3.
Contact: TBA

National Honor Society

Society membership is by election of faculty, based on GPA of at least 3.5 and achievements in the areas of leadership, service and character. The group takes part in several community service activities each year.
Contact: Mrs. AnnMarie Gilman

OSEP

OSEP is a select outdoor wilderness adventure program created for students who are seeking challenges that take them out of their daily comfort zone. Members will directly apply the skills and facilitation techniques learned in OSEP in service to others. OSEP is divided into three levels of about 25 students each. Students must be nominated to participate and are selected by committee during their freshman year.
Contact: Ms. Nichole Ballard-Long

PeaceJam

PeaceJam is bringing young people together with Nobel Peace Laureates to tackle the toughest issues facing our planet - issues ranging from basic needs, such as access to water, to basic rights, such as social justice and human security. Change starts here, and we are inviting you to become a part of it. How will you answer the call?

Contact: Mrs. Paige Hereford

Peer Mediation

This is a group of 30 sophomores, juniors, and seniors who help other students solve their conflicts. Teachers and administrators can refer a student to mediation or students can self-refer. Students can come to the mediation process confident that their peers will help them arrive at a solution to their problem.
Contact: Deborah Parker, Angela Lewis

Photography Club

Students interested in learning more about the art of photography outside of the classes offered and have taken or are enrolled in Photography I are welcome to join. Photo Club meets three times a month and allows students to work with experimental aspects of photography and build their portfolios. In past years we have also produced the head shots for Lafayette's theatrical productions.
Contact: Mrs. Lauren Sakowski

Ping Pong Club

This group meets after school one day a week in the West entry way by the new courtyard to play ping pong. Test your skills against other ping pong enthusiasts at LHS!
Contact: Mrs. Becky Hayes, Mr. John Shaughnessy

Player's Guild

Got game? This club functions as a loose confederation of students who enjoy collectible card games, role playing games, board games, and portable video games like the PSP. While "Magic: The Gathering" consistently has been the most popular activity in the club, students have also enjoyed Star Wars, Warhammer (Fantasy and 40K), Shadowrun, Vampire: The Masquerade, and Dungeon and Dragons games. Spades and Hearts have also been popular along with the board game RISK. No experience is necessary, and membership is open to everyone. The Guild meets most Thursdays after school.
Contact: Mr. Nathan Willard





Pre-Health Science Professions Club

Interested in pursuing a career as a doctor, nurse, occupational therapist, or physical therapist? If you are interested in studying a pre-health care field in college, then this club is for you! Meetings are held twice a month and include a guest speaker, medical vocabulary exercises, and activities to help students that are interested in medical science to prepare for a college major in health sciences. We will also take field trips after school throughout the year to visit medical schools and shadow physicians or other health care professionals.

Contact: Mrs. Jennifer Keillor

The Pulp

An avenue for the creative, daring, inventive and (daresay) grumpy? Lafayette's one and only literary magazine, The Pulp, is brought to you by the Creative Writing class and Pulp club members. All students and staff members are welcome to submit entries for the magazine making it THE unique outlet for you who write, draw, or simply create!

Contact: Ms. Tracy Gladden

Renaissance Student Steering Committee

This group of students helps to facilitate decisions concerning Lafayette's Renaissance program. The members also serve on other Renaissance committees such as Staff Member of the Month. Additionally, these students work to facilitate local and national Renaissance conferences and help to organize the annual Academic Pep Assembly.

Contact: Kelli Loeffler, Jodie Fowler

Rockwood Robotics Team

This district-wide team is open to students from all four Rockwood high schools. We have an average of 50 students and 5 mentors who are professional engineers or programmers from local businesses. We participate in various activities throughout the year, including the National FIRST Competition. Each year, we are given a challenge, a book of rules, a kit of parts, and six weeks to build a robot. We compete at major sporting venues at the local, regional, and national level. We need people for mechanical, electrical, program-

ming, business, public relations, art and graphic design, and more. There are more benefits to joining this team than just the challenges, fun, and exciting opportunities for problem solving. As an active team member, you will be eligible for valuable scholarships specifically for FIRST Robotics team members offered by many colleges.

Contact: Mrs. Paige Hereford

Scholar Quiz Team

The Scholar Quiz Team participates in Jeopardy-like competitions both in the school and with other schools. Teams go head-to-head answering questions about curricular areas: math, literature, science, art, music, history, sports, etc. Membership is open to any student who is smart, competitive and willing to take risks. Practices occur before school Mondays and Thursdays. Varsity and junior varsity teams compete six times per year.

Contact: Mr. Todd Decker, Mrs. Mandy Kotraba

Senior Women

Senior Women is a service organization open to all senior girls. It creates a sense of unity while providing service to the community. The highlight is the group's sponsorship of the Homecoming Powder Puff football game.

Contact: Mrs. Mandy Kotraba

Speech & Debate

Any interested student can compete in our interscholastic competitive team in the areas of Radio Broadcasting, Persuasive and Extemporaneous Speaking, Prose and Poetry Reading, Acting, Debate and more. Members often qualify for State and National competitions. Our season runs from October to March.

Contact: Mr. Paul Jaycox, Mr. Donald Kreienkamp

Student Council

STUCO is a 200+ volunteer organization focusing on school improvement, social activities and community service projects. Grade level officers are elected in the spring. Freshman officers are elected in September. Anyone who wishes to join STUCO is welcome. Monthly meetings are generally the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Contact: Mr. David Choate

Student Publications

Through participation in the monthly publication of the *Image*, Lafayette's school newspaper, the *Legend*, Lafayette's yearbook, or the YBK DVD, an interactive yearbook, students will utilize journalistic writing skills as well as gain practical desktop publishing experience. All three publications meet as a class, and students must meet prerequisites in order to apply for the staffs. Additional information is available in the Course Description book.

Contact: Mrs. Nancy Smith

STAR Program

STAR seeks to serve today's youth by offering an in-school alcohol and drug awareness program. STAR educates teens and communicates positive, action-based strategies for living in our addictive society. Program meetings focus on current issues and pressing needs as students are confronted by alcohol and drug culture in daily and weekend activities.

Contact: Mrs. Renee Trotter

Superfans

Superfans is an organization designed to encourage and foster school spirit. Members must purchase a shirt which allows them free access to all home football and basketball games.

Contact: Mr. David Choate

Teenage Health Consultants

Juniors and seniors are eligible to participate in this program. The Family and Consumer Science Department and the St. Louis County Health Department co-sponsor the program. Students are trained in public speaking on the topics: Every Choice Counts, Dealing With Conflict, Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs, Dating Issues. TAHC go to elementary, middle and high schools to present information to students throughout the year.

Contact: Mrs. Becky Lawrence

Ultimate Frisbee

Through weekly matches, Ultimate Frisbee Club promotes this up and coming sport. Everyone is welcome and no prior experience is necessary.

Contact: TBA

Virtual Book Club

This group reads and discusses a book each month via a blog. This club is open to any student in all four high schools; discussion will be open across the schools. The books are selected by librarians to represent a wide variety of genres. A permission form is required for student participation.

Contact: Ms. Nichole Ballard-Long

Vocal Music

Ensembles include Treble Choir, Concert Chorale, Treble Chorale, Women's Chamber Choir and Mixed Chamber Choir. All students auditioning should be registered in a choir during the school day. Additional information is available in the Course Description Book.

Contact: Mrs. Michele Rodgers

World Language Clubs

Each language may sponsor a society which promotes the language and culture. Monthly activities are planned to promote fellowship and secure scholarships for further study.

Contact: World Language teachers