December Newsletter – 2026

Dec. 1 - One Acts Public Performance – 6:30pm
Dec. 3 - Basketball Round Robin @ Bayard – 2pm
Dec. 4 - Basketball Round Robin @ Bayard – 2pm
Dec. 8 - 7 – 12 Christmas Concert – 6:30pm
Dec. 9 - JH B/G BB vs Creek Valley - 1pm
Dec. 9- State One Acts – Norfolk Ne
Dec. 10 - B/G BB @ Peetz – 4pm
Dec. 11 - B/G BB vs South Platte - 4pm
Dec. 14 - **School Board Meeting** – 6pm
Dec. 15 - JH B/G BB @ Potter-Dix - 2pm
Dec. 15 - B/G BB @ Potter-Dix – 4pm
Dec. 17 - JH B/G BB @ Garden Co - 2pm
Dec. 17 - B/G BB vs Bayard - 4pm
Dec. 19 - B/G BB @ Hemingford - 1pm
Dec. 22 - K-6th Christmas Concert – 2pm
Dec 23-27 **NSAA Moratorium**
Dec. 23-Jan 4 **CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO SCHOOL**
Jan. 5 - Professional Development Day – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
Jan. 6 - **School Resumes**







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ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Also visit the Leyton School website @ www.leytonwarriors.org

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Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003
High School Library
Regular Board Meeting - November 9, 2026
6:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of the Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on November 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Library. Public notice of the meeting was posted at various businesses in the community and on the school website (www.leytonwarriors.org) on or before Thursday, November 5, 2026.

Attendance taken at 6:02 PM.

Benish:	Present
Mr. Ernest:	Present
Mrs. Ernest:	Present
Jones:	Present
Schumacher:	Present
Wiedeman:	Absent

Also in attendance were Mr. Jones, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Kruse, Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Rathman, Mrs. Schumacher, and Mrs. Roelle. In addition, there were ten visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no communication shared with the board.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Mr. Ernest to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

There were no public comments made at the board meeting.

Presentations to the Board:

The business class presented "The Warrior Corner" Coffee Shop idea. They plan to develop a drink shop at the school complete with coffee drinks, dirty sodas and baked goods. Rauner and Associates was present, and Julie Peetz completed the presentation to the board.

Reports:

Austin Beutler presented the monthly Student Council Report to the Board of Education.

The Board Negotiations Committee presented an update on their meetings.

Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin presented their administrative reports to the Board.

Regular Agenda: Discussion Items:

The board discussed the Kitchen Project at Gurley, the Random Drug Testing Policy, the staff recognition gifts for December, the Superintendent's evaluation timeline, and the Cognia Visit for School Accreditation taking place on November 17, 2026. The board received the annual

Financial Literacy Report for Leyton Public Schools. The board also discussed adding fuel tanks to Gurley.

Regular Agenda: Action Items:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Jones, to excuse Dave Wiedeman from the meeting. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to recognize Cooper Benish and Henry McLaughlin for competing in the State Land Judging in Beatrice on October 14th; to Mrs. Fesmire, Ms. McDaniel, and Mrs. Rushman for organizing the Trunk or Treat event; to the volleyball players and coaches for their season; to thank all those who helped run the programs throughout the fall activities season: coaches, line judges, announcers, chain gang, ticket takers, and volunteers who make our events possible. Also, thank you to the community for attending and supporting our team during the playoff football home and away games. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of October 12, 2026, regular meeting. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to approve Tim Jones as the Delegate Assembly member for Leyton Public Schools. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

The approval for the architect's bid on the Kitchen Project at Gurley died for lack of a motion.

Changes to the Random Drug Test Policy will be available at the next meeting.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Jones, to approve the audit. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Informational Items:
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjourn:

Moved by Mr. Ernest, seconded by Mrs. Ernest, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

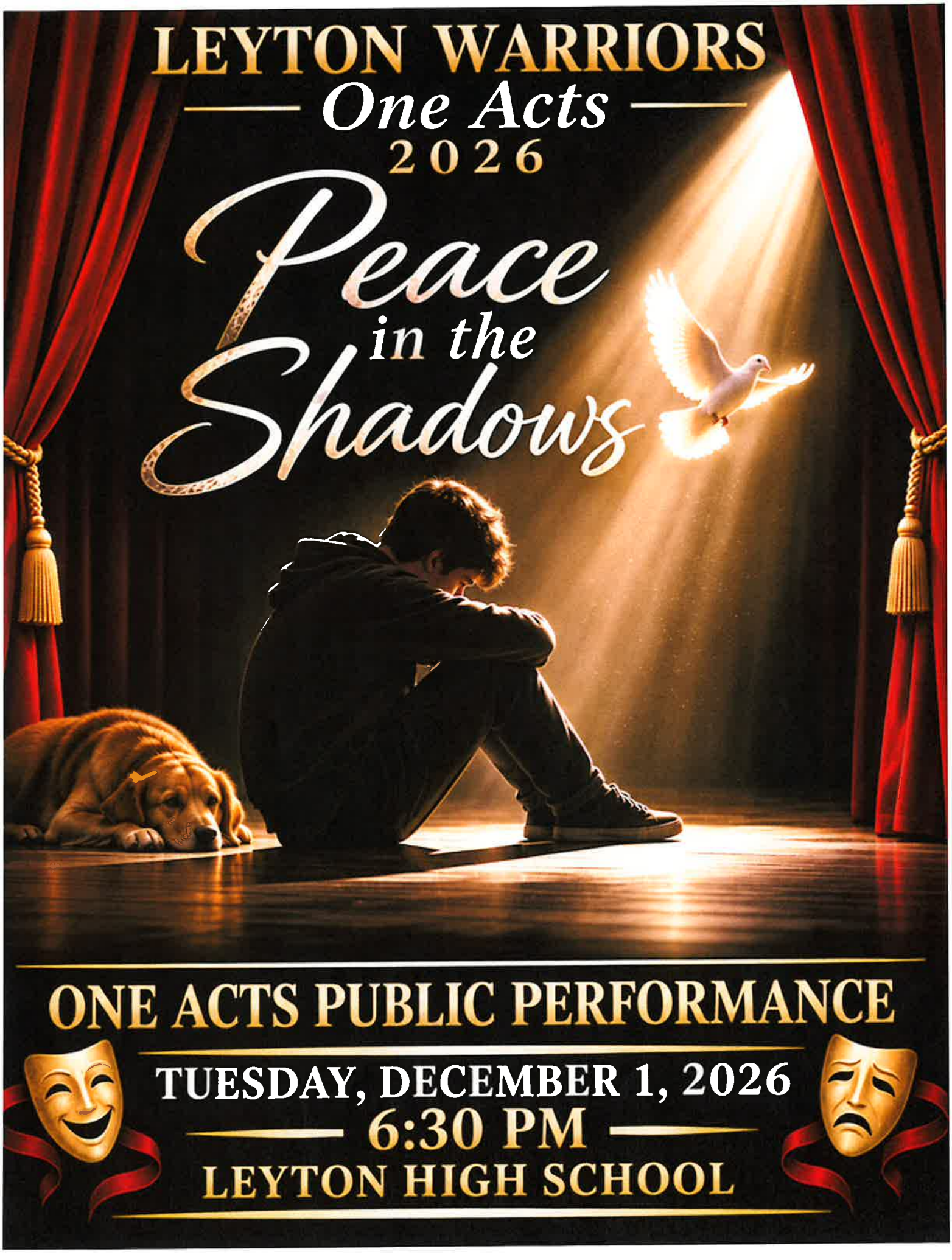
Approved by,

Suzy Ernest, Secretary
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt McLaughlin,
Recording Secretary

Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - November 2026					
Brenda Ahlm	Mileage	$ 9.12	Faith Jones	Mileage	$ 390.23
Amazon	Supplies	$ 1,052.80	MARC	Supplies	$ 325.46
ACT	Testing	$ 600.00	Marick's	Trash Disposal	$ 151.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	$ 650.76	Matt McLaughlin	Mileage	$ 506.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	$ 248.90	MidAmerica Books	Library Books	$ 299.45
Angela Borgmann	Supplies	$ 72.61	National Art Supplies	Supplies	$ 98.90
Capital Business Systems	Copiers	$ 2,006.22	NCS Pearson	Supplies	$ 373.90
CNN Electrical	Repairs & Maint	$ 870.30	NE Council of School Admin	Membership	$ 435.00
Corporate Payment Systems	Miscellaneous	$ 1,142.80	NE Department of Education	Distance Learning	$ 6,000.00
Craig Resources	Nurse Services	$ 5,247.66	OPTK	Technology	$ 41.60
DAS State Accounting	Network Service	$ 321.20	Nippon Sanson Matheson	Supplies	$ 149.95
Lindie DeBlois	Mileage	$ 72.96	Megan Rathman	Supplies	$ 65.40
ESU #13	Services	$ 17,690.26	RCI Group II	Service	$ 42.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	$ 2,897.52	Royal Flush	Repairs & Maint.	$ 400.00
Finney's	Supplies	$ 41.94	Heidi Rushman	Mileage	$ 43.32
Floyd's Truck Center	Supplies	$ 21.00	S & S Worldwide	Supplies	$ 49.50
Mikaela Franzen	Mileage	$ 170.38	SRMC - Hospital	OT Services	$ 2,586.35
Frenchman Valley	Fuel	$ 5,502.88	SOAR	PT Services	$ 3,978.31
Cody Gamble	Mileage	$ 215.84	Ashton Van Anne	Mileage	$ 127.68
Gurley Diesel	Repairs & Maint	$ 3,774.86	Linda Victory	Mileage	$ 176.32
Wendy Hansen	Mileage	$ 155.04	Village of Dalton	Utilities	$ 631.20
Highline	Telephone	$ 721.84	Village of Gurley	Utilities	$ 863.99
Identisys	Subscription	$ 1,056.00	Wheat Belt	Electricity	$ 4,895.40
J W Pepper	Supplies	$ 103.90	Young's Plumbing	Repairs & Maint.	$ 390.10
Charles Jones	Mileage	$ 554.80		Column Total	$ 23,021.06
	Column Total	$ 45,201.59		Monthly Total	$ 68,222.65


LEYTON WARRIORS
One Acts
2026
Peace in the Shadows
ONE ACTS PUBLIC PERFORMANCE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
6:30 PM
LEYTON HIGH SCHOOL

Are you ready for an Adventure?!

We're looking for more students and/or community members to join us on the Eastern Seaboard Trip to Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Williamsburg, and Washington D.C.!
There are only a few more spots available so make sure to get signed up!
Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!
There will be an informational meeting on December 1st @ 5:30pm in the library.
Please see the H.S. office for more information.



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DAY 1 — PRE-TOUR TRAVEL
- Meet your Tour Director at the airport
- Hotel transfer included

DAY 2 — BOSTON
- Charlestown & the North End • Boston Tea Party
- New England Holocaust Memorial • Quincy Market

DAY 3 — BOSTON & CAMBRIDGE • LEXINGTON & CONCORD
- Guided tour of Boston & Cambridge • Freedom Trail
- Lexington Battle Green • Old North Bridge • Historic site visit
- **Optional:** Duck Boat Tour

DAY 4 — NEW YORK CITY
- Travel to NYC • Midtown tour (Chrysler Building, Grand Central,
- Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue)
- Central Park • Iconic skyscraper view

DAY 5 — NEW YORK CITY
- New York Harbor cruise • Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island (optional)
- Financial District (Wall Street, Charging Bull, 9/11 Memorial)
- **Optional:** 9/11 Survivor-Led Tour or 9/11 Museum
- Times Square • Broadway show

DAY 6 — PHILADELPHIA • WASHINGTON, D.C.
- Guided tour of Philadelphia (Betsy Ross House, Elfreth's Alley,
- Christ Church) • See the Liberty Bell • Travel to Washington, D.C.

DAY 7 — WASHINGTON, D.C.
- Arlington National Cemetery (Changing of the Guard)
- Marine Corps War Memorial • Mount Vernon (estate, mansion,
- George Washington's tomb) • Dinner in Alexandria

DAY 8 — WASHINGTON, D.C.
- D.C. highlights (White House, Washington Monument, WWII Memorial,
- Jefferson Memorial) • U.S. Capitol & Visitor Center • Library of Congress
- Smithsonian museum of your choice • D.C. night tour (Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam Veterans Memorials)

DAY 9 — WASHINGTON, D.C.
- Visit the National Archives • Depart for home









INFORMATIONAL MEETING

December 1, 2026
5:30 PM
High School Library

Learn about trip details, itinerary highlights, pricing, and how to sign up!

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 7–12 FOR THE 2027–2028 SCHOOL YEAR.

RSVP: https://rsvp.efexploreamerica.com/jj427ps

Please see the office for more information!

The Giving Tree

Grab a tag from the tree in the high school multi-purpose room to help someone celebrate Christmas! The tree will have tags for Leyton students PreK-8th grade.

You can deliver the presents with the tags from the tree to the Dalton or Gurley office.

Please have these returned as soon as possible, no later than December 16th.

Thank you!
Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Auvi and Kennedy


DALTON COMMUNITY CENTER
Christmas Gala & Drawing
Beverages • Cookies • Candy • Treat Bags
Coffee • Tea • Caroling
Something for Everyone!
Enjoy Christmas music played by
Anna Faye VanAnne
while Frosty the Snowman and
Santa welcome guests!
When: December 20
Time: 1:00 – 3:00
Where: Dalton Community Center
Corner of Main & US 385
What:
Birthday drawings for GOLD COINS
(12th grade and under)
and Door prizes (adults)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

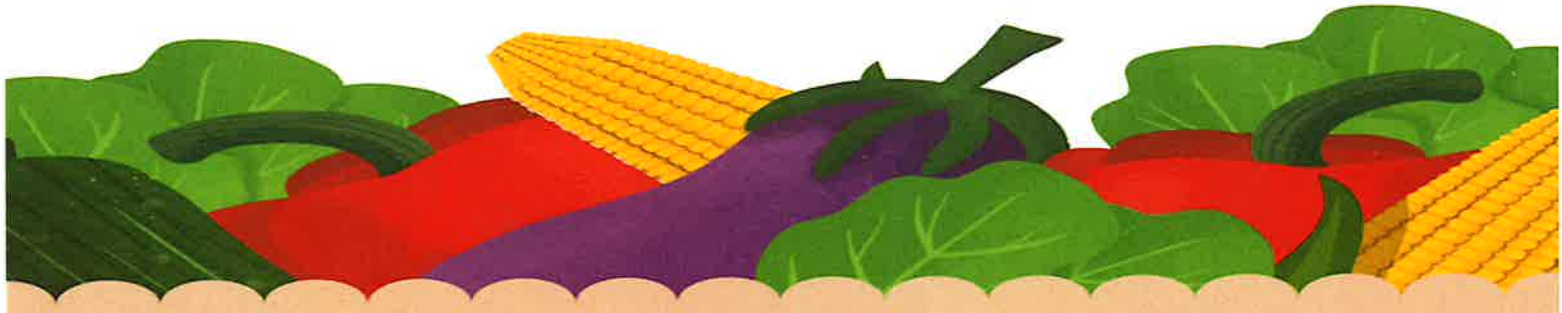
Christmas Dinner

STARTING AT NOON

16 DEC | 2026

LEYTON ELEMENTARY JUNIOR /HIGH
GURLEY NE

OPEN TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS
& LOCAL BUSINESSES OF THE
LEYTON COMMUNITY
KINDLY NOTE: NO EXTRA GUESTS.
PLEASE SAVE YOUR SEAT BY
CALLING 308-884-2247
$4.00 PER MEAL
LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



ALL ARE WELCOME

FOOD pantry

first Saturday of every month

8:30am-9:30am

COMMUNITY SHEPHERDS OF DALTON & GURLEY
404 FRANCIS STREET DALTON NE 69131

Santa is Coming to Visit



Santa Clause is coming to visit the Leyton Elementary on Tuesday, December 22nd, 2026
Any childern not enrolled in school may come visit between 8-8:30a.m.

NEEDY STUDENT FUND

Leyton Elementary-Junior High is once again collecting donations for our Needy Student Fund to help brighten Christmas for families in our school community.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

WARRIOR MINI CHEER CAMP

For any Kindergarten - 8th grade student
Keep this page, return page 2

Mini camp practice days
Tuesday, January 12th
Wednesday, January 13th
Thursday, January 14th
3:30-4:15 pm
Gym in Gurley
Snacks and water provided

Performance
Friday, January 15th
High school gym in Dalton
Half time of the boys varsity basketball game.
Boys varsity will likely begin at 6:30 pm
Wear camp shirts to performance
Meet in the hallway behind stage with 7 minutes left in the 2nd quarter.

Please fill out this form completely and return with payment.
Total cost will be $30 which includes t-shirt, poms and practice day snacks.

***All registrations due by December 21st **

If you are registering more than one camper, please use separate registration forms.

WARRIOR MINI CHEER CAMP

Camper's Information:

Name:_____

Grade:_____

How will your camper be picked up? _____

Circle Shirt Size: Youth Sm (6-8) Y Med (10-12) Y Lg (14-16)

Adult Sm Adult Med Adult Lg Adult XL

Adult Contact Information

Name(s):_____

Phone 1:_____

Optional Phone 2: _____

Liability Waiver

I understand that my child, (_____)
will be participating in the Leyton High School Cheer Camp on January 12-15th. Since this is a voluntary program, I will not hold the school, staff members, or cheer team members liable for any accidental injury, which may occur. In case of a medical emergency, I do give consent for my child to be treated at the nearest emergency room.

Please list any allergies or health concerns we should be made aware of:

_____

Is there anything else we should know about your child?

_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____




DECEMBER




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

WELCOME TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!!

Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray. Unlimited fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily. An assortment of fresh and canned fruit are available every morning as well as fruit juice up to twice a week with breakfast. The school district provides a food service program that is designed to provide adequate nutrition and an educational experience for students. Leyton Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

B=breakfast L=Lunch DB=Dalton breakfast GB=Gurley breakfast DL=Dalton lunch GL=Gurley lunch

****Menus are subject to change****

		1 B: Breakfast pizza L: Ckn Alfredo, broccoli, garlic stick	2 B: French toast, eggs L; Ckn fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy	3 B: Yogurt, waffle L: Ckn tenders, fries	4 B: Cheese omelet, bagel L: Hamburger soup, roll	5
6	7 B: Sausage & ch. bagel L: Walking taco, rice & corn	8 B: brk burrito L; Ckn nuggets, california veggies, roll	9 B:Cereal, yogurt L: Pizza, green beans	10 B: Pancake on a stick, L: spaghetti, carrots, garlic stick	11 B: Bisc. & gravy L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup	12
13	14 B: Scrambled eggs, toast L: Meatball sub, fries	15 B: PBJ L: Corn Dogs, baked beans	16 B: Brk. sandwhich L; Christmas dinner	17 B: Yogurt, waffle L: Tacos, rice, corn	18 B: Pancakes, sausage L: Chili, cinn roll	19
20	21 B: Breakfast burrito L: HB/CB, fries	22 B: Bisc. & gravy L: Chicken noodle soup roll	23 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	24 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26
27	28 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	29 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	30 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	31 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL		

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