



# Langley High School

## Class of 2025

### Parent Start-Up Guide (2022-2023 Academic Year)

Welcome to Langley High School, Class of 2025 Parents and Guardians!! A new school year means lots of new information, which to be honest, can sometimes be a little overwhelming. To help our families on-board smoothly, your 2025 Class Parents have created the first-ever **Langley Parent Start-Up Guide**. **While this is largely aimed to support new Langley families, returning parents may find it useful, too.**

#### How to Use This Guide

Below are the top priority to-do items to ease the transition to Langley and to stay informed throughout the high school years. Yes, it looks long, but it's possible to work through the steps rather quickly. (And, returning families, much of this may have been completed by you already in previous years.) **We suggest setting aside some time now to rapidly work through each step, and then returning to the various resources to learn more at your leisure.** You will find the information and resources in this guide in several other places. Our goal was to put it all in one place.

#### 1. Sign up to receive important Class of 2025 emails ASAP.

If you haven't signed up in a previous year or your email has changed, you must OPT IN by clicking the link below and providing your email contact information in order to receive informative emails from your 2025 Class Parents. [Click or copy this link for Class of 2025 Parent Email Sign-Up.](#)

**Then, be alert for 2025 Class Parent communications on the following upcoming parent events...**

- **Class of 2025 Parent Coffee -- Friday September 16 at 9:30 a.m., Langley Lecture Hall (Room 2600)**  
Come connect with other parents and say hello to the Langley Administration in the Lecture Hall.
- **Class Dinner – (TBA Check the Class Webpage for updates.)** This is the main Class of 2025 fundraiser. Class of 2025 students and their families are invited to meet senior LHS staff and other 2025 families. RVSP on [MySchoolBucks.com](#) once the date is released.
- **Parent Forums (TBA)** – At Parent Forums you will receive information about upcoming Langley events and hear from various guest speakers on topics pertaining to your Class of 2025 student(s). Forums will be held in the LHS Lecture Hall (Room 2600) or virtually, if necessary.

#### 2. Mark Your Calendars for these Key Dates:

- a. **New Student Orientation** Thursday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. New Langley students and parents welcome.
- b. **First Day of School:** August 22
- c. **\*\*\*Deadline to Pay the Annual Class Activity Fee In Time to Receive a Spirit Week T-Shirt: August 22 (First Day of School)\*\*\*** The \$35 annual Class Activity Fee is used for Spirit Week & Homecoming t-shirts --but ONLY for those who have paid their Activity Fee by August 22 -- and to fund activities such as Parent Forums and Student Treat Days, as well as fund future events like Prom and 2025 Graduation. Go to [MySchoolBucks.com](#) (School Payments, Browse All Items, Class of 2025 Activity Fee) to pay and select your student's t-shirt size. **Because Homecoming is very early this year, the homecoming t-shirts have to be ordered early. Please pay the 2025 Activity Fee and select your student's t-shirt size by the August 22 deadline!**
- d. **Spirit Week & Homecoming:** September 5-10. This is a week of Spirit Activities culminating with a pep rally and the Homecoming Football Game on Friday, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening. Make sure your child listens to announcements on how to buy a Homecoming Dance ticket.  
NOTE: Class T-Shirts will be distributed during Spirit Week to be worn on 9/9 for students with their **Annual Class Activity Fee paid by 8/22/22.**
- e. **Underclass Picture Days:** Thursday, August 25 & Friday, August 26
- f. **For FCPS holidays and breaks, look to the FCPS 2022-23 Calendar:**  
<https://www.fcps.edu/calendars/standard-school-year-calendar>

**3. Set up a MySchoolBucks account, if you don't already have one.**

To make online payments for Class Activity Fee, Class Dinners, and Donations log onto [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com). This is the same system used to add money to your child's cafeteria account and to pay other school expenses. If you need to add your child, just follow the easy prompts. Then, click on School Store at the top of the page. Donations are always appreciated!

**4. Join our private Class of 2025 Parents Facebook Group for updates on class news.**

[Langley 2025 Parents Private Facebook Group](#)

**5. Sign up for News You Choose/This Week at Langley emails and follow Langley social media.**

These are weekly emails from the Langley Administration that are typically sent on Sunday evenings.

[News You Choose/This Week at Langley Email Sign Up](#) . Do this only if you haven't signed up in the past or if your email address has changed. Also, follow Langley on Twitter and Instagram:

- Langley FCPS Twitter & Instagram: @langleyfcps
- Langley Sports Twitter & Instagram: @langleysports

**6. Sign up to receive the Langley PTSA Weekly eNews emails.**

These highly informative emails from the PTSA are typically delivered on Thursdays. [PTSA eNews Sign Up](#)

**7. Bookmark these key websites:**

- The Langley Class of 2025 Parents webpage.** This is the official Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) webpage for the Class of 2025 which will have regularly updated information specific to our class. (For future reference, this webpage is located on the Langley PTSA Website below.) [Class of 2025 webpage.](#)
- General Langley PTSA website.** This is the PTSA website for all Langley families and is an incredibly valuable resource. [Click or copy this link for the Langley PTSA Website](#)
- FCPS Langley website.** The school administration manages the official FCPS website for Langley. [Click or copy this link for the FCPS Langley High School Website](#)

**8. Become a Member/Donate to the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA).**

Membership is open to Langley students, parents, and staff. Your membership allows the PTSA to enrich Langley through curriculum support, continuing faculty education, classroom supplies, and ever-changing technology needs. Your donation also supports cutting-edge technology, innovative teaching development, the school e-newsletter, and more. This is the primary PTSA fundraiser of the year. [Support the Langley PTSA](#)

**9. Send us your "First Day of School" photos, and keep 'em coming!**

We are collecting photos of the Class of 2025 starting now and continuing through their senior year. These photos will ultimately be used for our Senior Slideshow in 2025. We need your help to ensure that all students and all aspects of life at Langley are represented (sports, performing arts, social, academics, etc.). Group shots of Class of 2025 students engaging in Langley activities are preferred. Please identify the students in the photos and use this email to submit photos (submit at original size, not reduced): [lhs2025photos@gmail.com](mailto:lhs2025photos@gmail.com). We also are in need of a volunteer to be the Chair and help collect photos/prepare the slideshow, which is a very fun and rewarding way to contribute to the Class of 2025.

**10. Know Langley's Bell Schedule and how to find the Official Langley Calendar.**

Help your new Langley student adjust by being aware of the [Langley Bell Schedule](#) and keeping up with what's happening on [the Langley Calendar](#).

**11. Put school contact information in an easy to find place.**

We suggest adding the following contact information to your phone contacts.

- **Langley High School**, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101
- **2025 Class Administrator**, Assistant Principal Jim Sykes, [jsykes@fcps.edu](mailto:jsykes@fcps.edu).
- **Main Office**, 703-287-2700, 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- **Attendance Line**, 703-287-2727, or email [nschultz@fcps.edu](mailto:nschultz@fcps.edu). Click [here](#) for attendance procedures.

**12. Learn about Langley’s Athletics, Clubs, Honor Societies, and other Activities.**

Langley has many out-of-the-classroom opportunities for learning and fun. Check them out [here](#).

**13. Register for a Parent SIS Account.**

SIS ParentVue provides parents with access to their child’s grades and attendance 24/7. Quarterly report cards are posted in SIS. If you are new to FCPS, you will be provided a SIS activation key from FCPS. Once you receive it, please activate your SIS account [here](#).

**14. Bookmark the FCPS Schoology page.**

Your Schoology Parent Account uses the same login credentials as your Parent SIS Account. A Schoology Parent Account gives you access to your child’s classes, your child’s upcoming assignments, and school, class, and group announcements. Detailed information on Schoology and how to use it can be found [here](#) and [also here](#).

**15. Take the time to review and discuss Langley’s Honor Code with your student.**

The standard of integrity is higher in high school. Help your child understand the [Langley Academic Honor and Integrity Policy](#) and to know what you expect as a parent.

**16. Consider volunteering, and let us know when you are ready.**

High school goes by SO fast and our kids don’t tell us as much as when they were little. If you want to be more involved in your high schooler’s life, consider volunteering. You will never regret the time you spent helping out at your kid’s high school.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the following events or wish to take the lead on an open Class Parent position, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Robyn Smith, [robynsenior@yahoo.com](mailto:robynsenior@yahoo.com), or look for more information in future communications.

- Class T-Shirt Distribution – Lunches during Homecoming Week
- Freshman Parent Forums (food donations)
- Class Dinner (set up, clean up)
- Prom
- All Night Grad Party – Evening of Senior Graduation
- Offer to “volunteer as needed”

**17. Get to know your 2025 Class Parents.**

We’re a friendly bunch. And we’ll do our best to get to know you all. Please introduce yourself when you get the chance.

- Lead Class Parents: Christina Cain, [primmcain@yahoo.com](mailto:primmcain@yahoo.com)  
Allison Varacalli, [Allison.varacalli@att.net](mailto:Allison.varacalli@att.net)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Robyn Smith, [robynsenior@yahoo.com](mailto:robynsenior@yahoo.com)
- Communications: Karen DeFilipps, [kudofilipps@gmail.com](mailto:kudofilipps@gmail.com)
- Forums (Coffees): Chelsea Lake, [cs.lake@yahoo.com](mailto:cs.lake@yahoo.com)

- Class Dinners: Christina Murphy, [christina.l.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:christina.l.murphy@gmail.com)
- Photos/Senior Slide Show: **Your Name Here?** Seeking an Interested Volunteer
- Prom: Mocha Dyrud, [mdyrud@yahoo.com](mailto:mdyrud@yahoo.com)  
**Your Name Here?** Seeking a Prom Co-Chair
- All Night Grad Party Chair: Sue Sujansky, [Suesuj7@gmail.com](mailto:Suesuj7@gmail.com)
- Treasurer: Kevin Carey, [kevincarey012@gmail.com](mailto:kevincarey012@gmail.com)

**18. Know that we are all in this together.**

For four years at least, we are each other's village. All of our children will do better when each of our children feel safe and included. Check out Langley's Statement on Acceptance and know that your Class Parents firmly believe in the message it contains. [Langley's Statement of Acceptance](#)

**19. Complete all the annual FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms.**

FCPS has several forms for parents and students to complete each year. Some are optional, but some are required. [Click here for FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms](#)

**20. Complete your annual PTSA Back to School Forms.**

The Parent Teacher Student Association's Back to School Forms are different from the FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms. PTSA Back to School Forms are all optional, but are highly recommended. Please review them to see which are applicable to your child. [Click here for the PTSA Back To School Forms](#). Thank you.

**21. Be prepared for Laptops and PE Uniforms.**

All students will be provided a school laptop. Computers will be distributed through English and PE Uniforms will be sold through Health & PE classes usually in the first week of school. HPE teachers will give students more information during class.

**22. Know what to do if your child has laptop or other FCPS technology problems.**

Go to the Parent and Student IT Support Portal to learn more or to create a help ticket. [FCPS Parent and Student IT Support](#)

**23. Know your child's counselor.**

Counselor assignments are posted [here](#).

**24. Obey the Kiss n' Ride! ☺**

The loop in front of Door 14 is the Kiss n' Ride loop for drop off and pick up before and after school. Waiting cars should be in the right lane only. Move up as space allows. Carefully move to the left lane to leave once you have picked up your child.

**25. Learn more in the FAQs section of the Class of 2025 Website.**

Bus routes, medications at school, and more are covered here: [Class of 2025 webpage](#).

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? That's ok! Contact a Lead Parent, your child's counselor, or the 2025 Administrator.**