

Langley High School Start-Up Guide 2025 - 2026 Academic Year



Welcome to Langley High School! This start-up guide will help you organize the many resources available to help you stay on top of things during the next four years.

How to Use This Guide

Taking care of this short list of action items will help ease the transition to Langley. You can refer to this start-up guide in the future when you need a complete collection of all the links and information resources available to you.

1. Follow the Langley 2029 Families Instagram Page

<u>Click this link to follow the Class of 2029 Family Instagram page</u> to stay on top of class updates and other valuable information.

Join the Private Langley 2029 Families Facebook Group

Click this link to join the private Facebook group set up for only families of the Class of 2029. This space will help you connect with other families and stay on top of news and events.

- Sign up for News You Choose/This Week at Langley emails and follow Langley on social media
 These are weekly Sunday emails previewing the week ahead and other important announcements. <u>Use this link to sign up: News You Choose/This Week at Langley Email Sign Up.</u> Do this ONLY if you haven't signed up in the past or if
 - Langley FCPS Twitter & Instagram: @langleyfcps
 - Langley Sports Twitter & Instagram: @langleysports

your email address has changed. Also, follow Langley on Twitter and Instagram:

3. Sign up to receive Langley PTSA Weekly eNews emails

This Thursday weekly newsletter is packed with information about events and school activities and is a valuable way to stay on top of everything going on at Langley. Use this link to sign up: PTSA eNews Sign Up.

4. 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. 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 prompts. Then, click on School Store at the top of the page.

5. Note these Key Dates:

Thursday, August 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 9th Grade Orientation Students and families are welcome. Click here for Freshman Open House details.
 Wednesday, September 1

Freshman Class Activity Fee Due Annual class activity fees are \$35 -- this is a separate fee from PTSA

dues. These fees are used to purchase class Homecoming t-shirts and fund class activities as well as
future events like prom and senior year activities. Go to MySchoolBucks.com (School Store, Browse All
Items, Class of 2029 Activity Fee) by September 3 to guarantee a Homecoming t-shirt.

Tuesday, September 16

9th Grade Class Dinner and TBD Forum 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm This catered class dinner is a fundraiser for the Class of 2029 and a great chance to build community and meet school staff.

- September 3 at 5:00 pm
 PTSA General Membership Meeting The Langley PTSA will hold its first meeting of the year in the Langley Lecture Hall.
- Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 pm
 Back to School Night Come to Langley for Back to School Night to meet your students' teachers.
- September 22-27
 Spirit Week & Homecoming A week of Langley spirit activities will be planned by Student Government
 Association culminating with a Pep Rally and Homecoming Football Game on Friday and the Homecoming
 Dance on Saturday evening. PLEASE NOTE: Homecoming t-shirts will be distributed at lunch during Spirit
 Week to students who have paid Class Activity Fees by September 1, to be worn to school at the Pep
 Rally on Friday, September 26.
- For FCPS holidays and breaks, please refer to the FCPS 2025 26 School Year Calendar <u>Click here to access</u> the FCPS calendar.
- 6. Complete your Annual Back-to-School Paperwork
 - Complete all the annual FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms Families can log into Parent Digital
 Consent site using their ParentVUE credentials to complete consent forms assigned to their child. Click
 here for Parent Digital Consent Directions
 - <u>PTSA Back-to-School Packet</u> <u>Click here to access the PTSA Back-to-School Resources.</u>
- 7. Be alert for 2029 Class Parent communications for upcoming parent events
 - Class of 2029 Parent Coffee/Forums Come to Langley to network with other 9th grade parents and hear
 information about topics relevant to your Class of 2029 student. There are typically four forums held each year
 in the Langley Lecture Hall (or virtually, if necessary).
- 8. Bookmark these Key Websites
 - Langley Class of 2029 PTSA webpage This is the official Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) webpage for the Class of 2029. (For future reference, this webpage is located on the Langley PTSA Website below.)
 - **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 HS. <u>Click or copy this link for the FCPS Langley High School Website.</u>

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

Membership is open to all Langley students, parents, and staff. Your membership and donations allow the PTSA to enrich the student experience at Langley through the support of continuing faculty education and student/parent programs, in addition to the purchase of classroom teaching tools and technology, curriculum enrichment materials, school improvements, and much more. This is the primary PTSA fundraiser of the year. Support the Langley PTSA

10. Send us your "First Day at Langley" photos (and more!)

We are collecting photos of the Class of 2029 starting now and continuing through their senior year. These photos will ultimately be used for the Senior Slideshow that will be part of the Graduation activities in 2029. 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 2029 students engaging in Langley activities are preferred. Please identify the students in the photos and submit photos (submit at original size/resolution, not reduced). Photos can be emailed to class 2029lhs@gmail.com or via the link posted to the 2029 website, once it is available.

11. Langley's Bell Schedule & Official Langley School Calendar

Help your new Langley student adjust by being aware of the <u>Langley Bell Schedule</u> and keeping up with what's happening on the <u>Langley Calendar</u>.

12. 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
- 2029 Class Administrator, Assistant Principal Jim Sykes, jsykes@fcps.edu
- Main Office, 703-287-2700, 7:15 a.m. 3:45 p.m.
- Attendance Line, 703-287-2727, or email <u>LangleyHSAttendance@fcps.edu</u>. <u>Click here for attendance procedures</u>.

13. 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.

14. Register for a Parent SIS Account

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

15. 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. NOTE: To see information on Schoology that is linked from your child's FCPS Google Account, you will need to be logged into your child's FCPS Google Account as well. Detailed information on Schoology and how to use it can be found here and also here. Click here for the FCPS Schoology Page.

16. Take the time to review and discuss Langley's Honor Code with your student.

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17. Please Volunteer

High school goes by SO fast and our kids don't tell us as much as when they were little. Volunteering is a terrific way to plug into your student's learning community. You can fly under the radar while creating opportunities for connection. Some of our volunteer opportunities:

- Communications keep social media updated
- Freshman Parent Forums Committee (mostly organizing coffee/treats or assisting with set up and cleanup)
- Class Dinner (set up, cleanup)
- Prom Committee (Spring 2028)
- All Night Grad Party Committee (Graduation night in 2029)
- Offer to "volunteer as needed"

If you are interested in volunteering for Class of 2029 activities and events, please email: class2029lhs@gmail.com

18. Get to know your 2029 Class Parents

Lead Class Parents:

Heather Murphy Capps

Chai Puri

Communications: OPEN
Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN

Class Forums: OPEN Class Dinners: OPEN

Photos/Senior Slide Show: OPEN Prom Committee Lead: OPEN

ANGP Committee Lead (All-Night Grad Party):

OPEN

19. Know that we are all in this together...

For the next four years (at least), we are each other's village. <u>Browse the many community and family resources</u> available at this link.

20. Be prepared for Laptops and PE Uniforms

All students will be provided a school laptop. Computers will be distributed through English classes during the first week of school. PE Uniforms will be sold at Freshman Open House or on MySchoolBucks (School Store, Browse All Items, Filter by "PE Uniforms"). Health & PE teachers will give students more information during class.

21. 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. <u>FCPS Parent and Student IT Support</u>

22. Know your child's counselor

Counselor assignments are posted <u>here</u>.

23. Obey the Kiss n' Ride Rules

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.

24. Learn more in the FAQs section of the Class of 2029 Website

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? That's ok! Contact a Class of 2029 lead parent, your child's counselor, or the Class of 2029 administrator.