

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

6520 Georgetown Pike McLean, Virginia 22101

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Dear Seniors and Parents of the Class of 2017:

Congratulations! In two months, our Senior Class of 2017 will receive diplomas from Langley High School. This is an exciting time of year for everyone as plans are being finalized for the Commencement exercises. I am very excited for our Seniors.

Graduation will be held at DAR Constitution Hall, 18<sup>th</sup> and D Streets, NW, Washington, DC, on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 11:00 am. For directions and a map, please check the website: <a href="http://www.dar.org">http://www.dar.org</a>.

In this letter, you will find information about the Pre-Graduation Schedule and information concerning participation in the Commencement Exercises.

## **Participation**

Participation in the Commencement exercises is a privilege and as such comes with certain expectations. Among these expectations are:

- Seniors must have met all academic requirements for graduation.
- > Seniors must have settled all accounts with the Finance Office. This includes all school fees, fines, Senior dues, and obligations, including parking tickets.
- Seniors must attend all Graduation Rehearsals.
- As a reminder, all participation is contingent on adherence to the Students Rights and Responsibilities (SR&R) and all school rules.
- Seniors your prom is 3 June which will be a wonderful event. Should a Senior come to the prom under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs this would result in the individual not being allowed to walk for graduation on 15 June.

#### **Tickets**

Due to limited seating at Constitution Hall, each Graduate will receive six (6) guest tickets. (Graduates do not need a ticket.) Tickets will be distributed at the rehearsal on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Should you need special seating for someone disabled, please contact Nancy Schultz at 703-287-2830 to arrange for special accommodations. Each disabled guest will need a ticket that will count toward the six-ticket (6) limit.

We realize that some Graduates may need more than six (6) guest tickets, while others may need fewer tickets. Therefore, we request your cooperation in working together to balance the requirements for seats among the families of the Langley community. If you need an extra ticket or if you have a ticket to spare, please contact your friends and neighbors or consult the "2016 – 2017 Langley Student Directory" for the names of other Graduates. Extra tickets will not be made available through Langley High School. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Constitution Hall**

All guests must have a ticket to enter Constitution Hall, which will open at 10:00 am for everyone including those on the Disabled List. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am. Guests arriving after the ceremony has begun will not be allowed to enter until after the processional. Parking is available at: Colonial Parking, located at 1800 G Street, NW; and, Diplomat Parking, located at 1776 G Street, NW.

## **Graduation Ceremony**

Everyone's cooperation is needed to assure a dignified ceremony. Each graduate deserves the same respect. Therefore, caps and gowns must be free of messages, and students may not bring cell phones, noisemakers, beach balls, or other objects that might diminish this very important event. Security will immediately escort violators from the ceremony.

### **Dress Code**

In keeping with the dignity of the ceremony, our dress code for the Graduation Ceremony is:

Male Graduates (green robes) Female Graduates (green

robes)

White or light dress shirt with tie Dress or slacks under

gown

Khaki or dark slacks (no shorts)

Dress shoes

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No sneakers, flip-flops, or

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Caps and Gowns will be distributed at Graduation Rehearsal on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be reminded that ALL financial obligations including parking fines, outstanding Senior Class Dues, etc. MUST BE CLEARED in order to receive your cap and gown and Graduation tickets. Please check all lists posted in the Main Office and submit your check or items to the Main Office ASAP.

### Transportation for Graduates

All graduation participants are *required to ride the bus* from Langley to DAR Constitution Hall on

June 15<sup>th</sup>. Participants should arrive by 8:45 am to the auditorium and must be properly dressed. *They may take nothing on the bus*. All items, *including cell phones and purses*, must be left in vehicles at school or at home. **We strongly suggest that parents drop Graduates off at LHS. Buses will depart promptly at 9:15 am.** This is a one-way trip; *transportation back to Langley is not provided.* 

# Senior DVD and Photographs

A professional Videographer will tape the Graduation Ceremony in its entirety. A DVD or Blu-Ray Disc may be ordered directly from the Videographer for \$25.00 and will be mailed to your home. Order forms will be available on the Langley High School website and in the Main Office in May.





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A professional photographer will photograph each Graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma. Each Graduate will be contacted by the Photographer for ordering photos online. Parent photographers must remain in their seats; the use of tripods is not permitted.

This is a time to formally recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2017 as they leave Langley High School. As a school, we are all very proud of the class of 2017 and all of their accomplishments! On a personal note, I am very proud of this Senior class and to have had the honor of being their grade level administrator!

Sincerely,

Laura A. Moore

12<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal

Enclosure