



Langley High School

Class of 2025

Parent Start-Up Guide (Updated 8/25/21. The most recent updates are in **green**.)

Welcome to Langley High School, Class of 2025 Parents and Guardians!! A new school 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**.

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 next four years. Yes, it looks long, but it's possible to work through the steps rather quickly. **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.

In order to receive informative emails from your 2025 Class Parents, you must OPT IN by clicking the link below and providing your email contact information. [Click or copy this link for Class of 2025 Parent Email Sign-Up.](#)

2. 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](#) . Also, follow Langley on Twitter and Instagram:

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

3. 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](#)

4. Be alert for 2025 Class Parent communications on the following September events (Updated 8/25/21)...

- **(Outdoor) Class Dinner – Wednesday, September 22, 5:30 – 7:30pm**– at Langley. This is the main Class of 2025 fundraiser.
Class of 2025 students and their families are invited to meet senior LHS staff and other freshmen families. Tickets are \$20 per person for this catered dinner. RVSP on MySchoolBucks.com once the date is released.
- **Back to School Night – Go Live Date September 8**
Langley has announced that Back to School Night will be virtual and asynchronous this year. It will go live on September 8.
- **Parent Forums** – At Parent Forums you will receive information about upcoming Langley events and hear from various guest speakers on topics pertaining to your student(s). Forums will be held in the LHS Lecture Hall or virtually, if necessary. Forum dates: Tuesday, **October 26**, 9:30am - 11:00am, Friday, **February 11**, 9:30am - 11:00am, Friday, **April 29**, 9:30am - 11:00am

5. Bookmark these key websites:

- a. **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.](#)
- b. **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](#)
- c. **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](#)

6. **Mark Your Calendars for these Freshman Key Dates:**
 - a. (Optional) **Early Laptop Pick Up:** Tues., 8/17 or Weds., 8/18. [Sign Up Required. Click here for details.](#) (8/17 Update: Registration is now closed.)
 - b. **Langley First Year/New Student Orientation** Thursday, August 19, 1:00-3:00pm. Students and parents welcome. [First Year Orientation Details](#)
 - c. **First Day of School:** August 23
 - d. **Underclass Picture Days:** August 26 & August 27
 - e. **Spirit Week & Homecoming:** October 12-16
Activities will be planned by the Student Government Association and Class officers culminating with the **Homecoming Game on October 15** and the **Homecoming Dance on October 16**. PLEASE NOTE: Class T-Shirts will be distributed during Spirit Week to be worn on 10/15 for students with an **Activity Fee paid by 9/10/20**.
 - f. **For FCPS holidays and breaks, look to the FCPS 2021-22 Calendar:**
<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/2021-22-standard-school-calendar.pdf>
7. **Pay your child's Class Activity Fee (formerly "dues"). *Note: MySchoolBucks.com is now up and available to accept both activity fees and donations.***
The Class Activity Fee is \$35 and will be used for Spirit Week & Homecoming t-shirts (only for those who have paid their Activity Fee by **September 10th**) and to fund activities such as Parent Forums and Student Treat Days. Activity Fees are collected annually and will eventually help fund events like Prom and 2025 Graduation. Go to [MySchoolBucks.com](#) (details below) to pay.
8. **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 easy prompts. Then, click on School Store at the top of the page. Donations are always appreciated!
9. **Join our private Class of 2025 Parents Facebook Group for updates on class news.**
[Langley 2025 Parents Private Facebook Group](#)
10. **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](#)
11. **Send us your "First Day at Langley" photos, and keep 'em coming!**
We are collecting photos of the Class of 2025 starting now and continuing for the next four years. 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. 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.
12. **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](#).

13. 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.
- **Main Office**, 703-287-2700, 7:15 a.m. -3:45 p.m.
- **Attendance Line**, 703-287-2727, or email nschultz@fcps.edu. Click [here](#) for attendance procedures.

14. 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](#).

15. 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](#).

16. 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. FCPS SDetailed information on Schoology and how to use it can be found [here](#) and [also here](#).

17. Take the time to review and discuss Langley’s Honor Code with your new First Year 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.

18. 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, or look for more information in future communications.

- Class T-Shirt Distribution – October 12-14 (Lunches during Homecoming Week)
- Freshman Parent Forums (food donations) – 1st Forum September Date TBD
- Class Dinner (set up, clean up) – September Date TBD
- Prom (site selection, planning, 2 year commitment)
- All Night Grad Party (decorating) – Evening of Senior Graduation
- Offer to “volunteer as needed”

19. Get to know your 2025 Class Parents.

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

- Lead Class Parents: Christina Cain, primmcain@yahoo.com
Allison Varacalli, Allison.varacalli@att.net
- Volunteer Coordinator: Robyn Smith, robynsenior@yahoo.com
- Communications: Karen DeFilipps, kudefilipps@gmail.com

- Forums (Coffees): Chelsea Lake, cs_lake@yahoo.com
- Class Dinners: Christina Murphy, christina.l.murphy@gmail.com
- Photos/Senior Slide Show: **Your Name Here?** Seeking an Interested Volunteer
- Prom: Mocha Dyrud, mdyrud@yahoo.com
Your Name Here? Seeking a Prom Co-Chair
- All Night Grad Party Chair: **Your Name(s) Here?** Seeking Interested Volunteers
- Treasurer: Kevin Carey, kevincarey012@gmail.com

20. Know that we are all in this together.

For the next 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](#)

(The items below were added to the Start-Up Guide on or after 8/17/21 as details were released from FCPS.)

21. Complete all the FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms, 2021 – 2022.

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 2021 - 2022](#)

22. Complete your PTSA Back to School Forms, 2021- 2022.

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.

23. Understand about Select Digital Consent.

From the 8/15/21 This Week at Langley email..."At Langley, our teachers will use a variety of digital resources to support student learning and promote communication and collaboration with students and families. Some of the digital resources your child may use this year will require your consent before they can be used. You can find our school's list of the resources that require parental consent here:

<https://langleyhs.fcps.edu/adopteddigitalresources> Additionally, you can find more information about approved digital resources in FCPS here: <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/digital-resources>.

Included on this page is also a [link to a form](#) where the enrolling parent or guardian will need to indicate whether or not their student is allowed to use the list of digital resources this year. This page also provides more information about how FCPS carefully reviews digital resources for approval and why we must request your consent before using certain tools. We encourage you to complete the parental consent for digital resources form as soon as possible, as your child will not be able to use the digital resources until we have received your permission. Please reach out to your child's teachers if you have questions or concerns about the digital resources we've chosen to use this year."

24. Be prepared for Laptops and PE Uniforms.

All students will be provided a school laptop. Computers will be distributed through English classes on August 23 and 24, 2021. PE Uniforms will be sold through Health & PE classes beginning the week of August 23. HPE teachers will give students more information during class.

25. 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](#)

26. Know your child’s counselor.

ADMIN	Student's Last Name/ Admin	Counselor	Student's Last Name / Counselor
Robertson	A-Gan	Mr. Michael Johnson	A-Chang
		Mr. Alex Mantel	Chap-Gan
Biernesser	Gao-Led	Ms. Natalie Malone	Gao-Kaz
		Mr. Tim Ready	Kea-Led
Deivert	Lee-Q	Mr. Tim Ready	Lee-Matu
		Ms. Jennifer Baldesare	Matz-Q
Sykes	R-Z	Ms. Katie Robinson	R-Sul
		TBD	Suma-Z

27. 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.

28. 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.](#)