



# THE PTSA NEWSLETTER

Langley High School

June 2009

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A huge congratulations to our boys lacrosse team for beating Chantilly to get into the State Tournament. (Poetic victory.) Many lacrosse alumni, faculty members and students gathered for the May 20 Regional Final. The team won in double overtime. We wish Coach Brewer and the team all the luck at the State Tournament. Further congratulations to the boys soccer team for their hard-fought game against Robinson which ended their season. The triple overtime/penalty kick loss shocked Robinson who thought they would have an easy game. Our other spring sports teams were fun to watch and they played with effort and honor. They should all be proud of their seasons.

All these achievements would not have been possible without the Langley Boosters. Gail Welch, Booster President, has been an excellent resource for our students and our programs. Our Director of Student Activities, Corey Bowerman, says of Gail, "Her energy is endless and you can often find her at games: selling tickets, working in the concession stand, or cheering on a team (even when her children are not involved with the team)." Indeed, Gail is one of the people who has made my first year as Principal at Langley a very smooth one.

Michelle Shaw, our current PTSA President, will be retiring in that role at the end of this year. I cannot imagine how difficult this year would have been had she not been there for me. Many of you know Michelle and the qualities she possesses that have been beneficial to this school, the administration, the faculty, and all our families. I'm hopeful she has spent enough time here that those qualities have rubbed off on us so that we can carry on in future years with equal or even more success. Thank you Michelle!

This partnership between school and parent groups is always important. As I think about how to build on year one and start year two, one of my goals is to expand my involvement and connections with all booster groups, the PTSA, PTSA committees, and community groups. The vital connection between school and community helps to promote positive growth in our students, avoids the damaging rumor mill, and builds trust between adults that can only have productive results for our programs and our kids. I look forward to forging more ties and meeting new people as they take on new or different roles in our school and community.

Similarly, another goal for year two is to expand connections with student groups. I would like to thank Sam Moll, SGA President, for his enthusiasm and proactive methods. All year he has made a great effort to connect with me and the other administrators, to keep me posted on his group's activities, and to ask my opinion and provide his own on important issues. He has demonstrated the value of regular contact and making personal connections, which I certainly will remember and do for the 2009-2010 school year. Class officers and other student leaders will have more opportunities to meet with me or other administrators throughout the school year. With a little effort from all of us, all students can have an exciting, spirited school year without sacrificing their studies.

As Prom and Graduation approach, there are some excellent links on our website to provide parents with safety tips. I hope you will take a look at the information and take the advice seriously. We all are hoping that the lacrosse team will make a glorious and victorious entrance to the Prom as the first round of States falls on the same day. And, I am extremely excited and very proud to have General Colin Powell as our graduation speaker. Congratulations to Senior Class President Ariana Glantz and the senior class officers for obtaining such a rare opportunity for their classmates.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your "Kudo Emails" this year. Your nice notes have done wonders to boost morale at our faculty meetings. You can imagine that in this budget climate, they certainly needed a morale boost from time to time. I plan to continue these for the next school year, so keep them coming!

Have a safe and happy June!

*Matt Ragone, 703-287-2704, Matt.Ragone@fcps.edu*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

*"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known". ~Author Unknown*

Our best wishes to the class of 2009 as they leave Langley and move on to exciting new adventures in the fall. We are proud of all you have accomplished in and out of the classroom.

It has been a busy year for the PTSA. Thanks to the generosity of the LHS community we have been able to support continuing education and professional development for teachers and staff as well as programs for students and parents. Equipment was purchased, guest instructors were invited to class and students were treated to field trips thanks to the time and money donated by Langley parents. How fortunate we are to live in a community that values education.

Each year we say good-bye to exceptional parent volunteers who are graduating along with their seniors. A warm thanks and happy "retirement" to Linda Baker, Christy Carter, Lori Henderson, Mary Lafsky, Jeanne Lenczyk, Lucy Moore, Diane Rapp, Jeanne Sexton, Michelle Shaw, Diana Sievers, Liz Tisdale and Don Weinheimer. Your contributions to Langley will long be remembered.

If you missed your chance to volunteer this year, do not despair! Check the PTSA website [www.langleyptsa.org](http://www.langleyptsa.org) over the summer for volunteer opportunities. The website also offers valuable information and updates on a variety of topics. Thank you to Nancy Ayoub, our web curator, for doing a great job managing our site.

Summer is a vulnerable time for our children. Please keep them safe by chaperoning gatherings in your home. Ensure that a responsible adult will be home when your child visits friends. Be certain your child knows you do not approve of under-age drinking. If each of us can commit to providing a safe environment in our homes for our own child, we will create a community that is safe for all children.

Please attend the final principal's coffee in the Choral Room Wed, May 27, 9 am. It will include a brief PTSA general meeting during which we will vote for next year's PTSA executive board.

Enjoy the summer break.

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## PTSA Committees

### LANGLEY PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2009 – 2010 PROPOSED SLATE

President: Andrea Sotter  
President-Elect: Stacey Wood  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Lori Ochoa  
Meena Krishnan  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Gail Welch  
Tracey Liberson  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Jamie Kody  
Carolyn Bremer  
Secretaries: Lynne Giordano  
Una Higgins  
Treasurer: Donna Hoffman

The general election for these positions will be held at the principal's coffee/PTSA general membership meeting in the Choral room on Wed, May 27 at 9 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The PTSA along with the teachers and staff greatly appreciate your generous contributions to the Professional Development Fund. We have had another successful year of providing support to the wonderful teachers and staff at LHS. The following is an update of teachers/staff who received funds from PDF:

Ellen Fanning, Praxis 11 Biology content test  
Julia Ventimiglia, New Teacher symposium  
Michele Sambiase, George Mason course for Masters  
Amy Rider, Understanding Personality Disorder seminar  
Mary Landis, International Science & Engineering Fair  
Richard Whitehead, Introduction to Blogs course  
Jen Lincicome, Best Buddies leadership conference  
Brian Lamb, Organizational Theory & Leadership Development course  
Michelle Colville, Foreign Language conference  
Jennifer Stocks, Foreign Language conference  
Niki Haubner, VA School Counselors Association conference

Therese Gauthier, coursework for Masters  
Ann Baylor, Teaching Contemporary Math conference  
Kara Chiochio, Classroom Management class  
Kathy Bowdring, AP Chemistry workshop  
Kim Compton, Graduate Painting course  
*Leslie Anderson, 703-757-6601, Andertwins@aol.com*  
*Insun Hofgard, 703-759-7877, jhofgard@aol.com*

### REFLECTIONS

The theme for next year is: *Beauty is . . .* More information on rules of the program will be posted in the newsletter in the fall. Get busy with this new and fun theme. You might find great inspiration while relaxing during summer break. Looking forward to your creative ideas,  
*Alexandra Bechter, 703-992-9612, cfs234@gmail.com*

## Class News

### CLASS OF 2012 (Freshmen)

Freshman year has sped by and now our students are finishing the year and preparing for finals.

Congratulations to our class officers for next year! They are Annie Snitman, President; Alicia Underhill, Vice President; Chandler Ebeier, Secretary; Sun Park, Treasurer; and Priya Krishnan and Grace Shomaker, SGA Reps.

Don't forget to send photos of your student to our special moments committee, Photos2012@gmail.com. Remember, they must show Langley activities.

It has been an excellent year for our freshmen. Thank you to all parents and students who helped make it that way! Keep updated on reading lists and summer assignments for rising sophomores on the Langley website this summer. And look for the large back-to-school packet that your student will receive in the fall. It will be full of information and forms that need to be returned quickly!

Have a great, relaxing summer.

*Freshman Class Parents*

### CLASS OF 2011 (Sophomores)

Congratulations to our incoming junior class officers! They are Pasha Mostaghim, President; Dylan Price, Vice President; Nima Jahromi, Secretary; Troy Scharfen, Treasurer; Alex Brunton and Sabine Koyamji, SGA Reps. Thank you to our outgoing class officers for their service to our class.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with decorating for All Night Grad Party! It will be fun and when our students are seniors we will really appreciate the help we get from parents of other classes.

Langley class rings will be available for order from National Quality Products on Wed-Thu, May 27-28

during all lunches. Information about the ordering process will be mailed home to each student, and copies of these packets can also be picked up at school.

The parking hangtag application process will begin on June 1 in order to make sure that any changes implemented by the school board can be included. Please note that our class will only be allocated about 30 hangtags and the recipients are determined by lottery.

Don't forget to send in pictures from your student's spring events - sports, performing arts, field trips, etc. - to include in the slideshow that we prepare for senior year. We also encourage everyone to send in pictures from freshman year as well. Email them to lhsphotos2011@gmail.com. Make sure to include only Langley students and note names, event and date. Please see last month's newsletter for complete details or contact Nancy Keefe, nkeefe@cox.net, if you have questions.

Thank you to all parents and students who have supported our class and volunteered for activities throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Please look for the large back-to-school packet that your student will receive in the fall. It will be full of information and forms that need to be returned as quickly as possible. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

*Sophomore Class Parents*

### CLASS OF 2010 (Juniors)

*"Our past is to be respected and acknowledged, but not to be worshiped. It is our future in which we will find our greatness." - Pierre Trudeau*

In short order the Class of 2010 will become SENIORS. Congratulations to the new slate of officers: Shawn Ghuman, President; Aman Dar, Vice President; Conor Rieling, Secretary; Brooke Gallagher, Treasurer; Jeffrey Bui, Bett Hatfield and Chiji Alily, SGA Representatives.

Thanks to Chair Michelle Petersen and all those who have worked so hard to present Prom 2009, *Dancing in the Moonlight*.

Important information about applying for parking hang tags for next year can be found on the school website. Be sure to check regularly for updates.

The junior class still needs help with the senior breakfast: set-up the afternoon of June 11 and serving the morning of June 12. Please contact Luann Levitt, Langley2010@gmail.com, to volunteer.

Portraits for our rising seniors will be taken at Langley by Lifetouch on June 12, 16, 17 and 18. You should

have received a postcard in the mail with the exact date and time of your student's appointment. Make-ups are scheduled for August 24-26 and October 1-2. If you don't want to wait for the make-up days, you can contact Lifetouch's customer service dept. at 800-445-1189 to make a Saturday appointment over the summer at George Marshall HS. While portrait purchases are not required, *all rising seniors must sit for these portraits as they are used for the yearbook and school IDs.*

Now, more than ever, it's important to be on the class email list. Many, many activities will be on the schedule for our seniors next year, including Homecoming, senior dinner/college night program, picnics, field trips, graduation, ANGP, etc., etc. As soon as dates have been confirmed, we want to inform you. So, please contact langley2010@gmail.com to be added to the class email list.

Have an enriching, safe and happy summer!

*Junior Class Parents*

### PROM

## ...JUNIOR~SENIOR PROM 2009....

### "Dancing in the Moonlight"

The Prom will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Reston Town Center on Sat, May 30, 9 pm – 1 am. For more information, please contact Stacey Wood, woodsgf@aol.com or 703-757-4412.

### CLASS OF 2009 (Seniors)

WOW! The Class of 2009 is in the final stretch! Savor these moments with your seniors and the friends/classmates/families they've come to know over these past four – or twelve! – years. Many events are upcoming for you to share with the Class of '09 community we've built – enjoy!

Please read carefully the following information for seniors – some items need parent *and* student attention, some *require* student attendance, some need additional parent volunteers to happen. If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the class parents. If we can't answer, we'll find someone who can!

Tue, June 9: following the day's final exams, seniors will receive their pre-ordered yearbooks in the cafeteria.

Wed, June 10: following the day's final exams, seniors will enjoy a picnic lunch, followed by *mandatory*

graduation rehearsal. After completing rehearsal, seniors will receive their caps and gowns.

We need parent volunteers to help with cap and gown distribution at 12:30 pm in the auditorium lobby. If you can help, please contact Lucy Moore, lucymoore@verizon.net.

Thu, June 11: breakfast in the cafeteria for all seniors at 7:30 am, followed by field trip to Hershey Park. Buses will return to LHS at approximately 6 pm. Chaperones who signed up earlier in the year will be notified of details by email.

Fri, June 12: Senior coffee and awards presentation. Graduates, parents and families are invited to attend the senior coffee in the cafeteria, starting at 8 am. Following this informal event, all will proceed to the auditorium at 9:15 am for the senior awards presentation and preview of the Class of 2009 video. Seniors should "show the colors" of their *next* school or activity – wear the t-shirt of your destination for next year!

After the video preview, seniors will be required to attend the second *mandatory* graduation rehearsal. Following that rehearsal, students will receive graduation tickets.

Sun, June 14, 4 pm: Baccalaureate, LHS auditorium. Baccalaureate is an independent, interfaith ceremony of music, readings and reflections. This event is organized and produced by our students, with a number of student musicians performing.

We encourage additional students to participate in Baccalaureate by reading short spiritual passages, poems or personal reflections at the service. Anyone interested should contact Julie Mariotti, juliemariotti@hotmail.com, or Kathy Matson, kmatson5@aol.com. We still need a few parent volunteers to help on the day of Baccalaureate. Parents may contact Julie or Kathy, as well.

Mon, June 15, 11 am: Graduation ceremony for the Class of 2009, DAR Constitution Hall. Guest Speaker: Former United States Secretary of State, General Colin Powell.

Seniors must report to the Langley cafeteria by 8:30 am. If possible, seniors should be dropped off to avoid returning to school to pick up a car later in the day. Remember, *graduates cannot carry anything with them on the bus or into DAR Constitution Hall!* Students will NOT ride buses back to Langley. Families should pick up graduates at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Mon, June 15, 11 pm through June 16, 5 am: All Night Graduation Party. Your graduate will not want to miss this fabulous and fun event, where they will party all

night long, in a safe and secure environment, with their friends from the Class of 2009! Make sure your student has made a ticket reservation and you both have signed and returned the completed release form! Check [www.langleyptsa.org](http://www.langleyptsa.org) under the "Class News" and "ANGP" tabs to see if your student's ticket has been reserved! If your student hasn't yet purchased a ticket, sales will take place during all lunches on Tue, Wed and Thu, June 2, 3 and 4.

Parents – to pull this event off, we must have parent volunteers! Yes, we all have family in town, but they'll be sleeping, and everyone can take a few hours off from work on Tuesday to rest and recuperate from their volunteer shift at ANGP. This event is indescribable for graduates, and is designed as a safe, drug- and alcohol-free event for them to celebrate their accomplishments at Langley. Please join the volunteer crew to make this event possible! Contact Don Weinheimer, [don.weinheimer@gmail.com](mailto:don.weinheimer@gmail.com), to let him know you can help!

**Have your senior double check the Obligations List posted in the Finance and Main Offices at school. Any seniors with outstanding obligations, such as parking tickets, textbooks, library books, senior dues, athletic/performance equipment, etc., will not be eligible to attend the Hershey Park field trip, will not receive their cap and gown or tickets to the graduation ceremony, and will not be eligible to participate in graduation.**

As the year comes to a close, please take the opportunity to thank our class sponsors, Sandy Hamilton and Susan Broad, and class administrator, Fred Amico, who have guided our students through their four years at Langley.

Thanks, as well, to all of the parents who have given their time and talents over these past four years! Your volunteerism has enriched the Langley community and touched students, faculty and staff. From all of the class parents, it has been a pleasure serving in this capacity – we wish you and your seniors all success and happiness in the future!

*Senior Class Parents: Cyndi Gray, Jamie Kody, Jeanne Lenczyk, Lucy Moore, Diane Rapp, Diane Scharfen, Michelle Shaw, Diana Sievers, Jennifer Stevens and Liz Tisdale*

**ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY (ANGP)  
Monday, June 15, 11 pm-5 am**



## **LANGLEY HS ANGP 2009**

The countdown is on to All Night Grad Party! The ANGP committees are dotting the i's and crossing the t's on the final plans for the best party ever, so don't let your graduate miss out on the fun. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, it's not too late. Send your senior to the cafeteria on June 2, 3 or 4 during our final lunchtime sales with \$50 and a signed release form. If you prefer to mail your payment and release, go to <http://www.langleyptsa.org/ANGP-2009.aspx> to download the forms. If you have any questions about tickets, please contact Lucy Moore, [lucymore@verizon.net](mailto:lucymore@verizon.net) or Karin Brown, [karinbrown@cox.net](mailto:karinbrown@cox.net). Congratulations to Matt Ryan, our ANGP ticket raffle flat screen TV winner and to the Dailey Family, winners of the limousine and graduation box seats raffle. Enjoy!

The party starts at 11 pm on June 15 and runs until 5 am the following morning. All party attendees must check in by midnight. Parents will be contacted if a ticketed student does not appear or wishes to leave the party early. Any student who leaves early forfeits any prizes he/she wins, so it only makes sense to stick around and enjoy the fun.

Fabulous food, great games, crazy casino, live entertainment and perfect prizes will rule the night. A huge thank you to all of the ANGP donors - we couldn't do it without you. It's not too late to donate a prize (or send in a check and we'll buy one for you!), so please contact Mena Brunette, [ximenabrunette@mac.com](mailto:ximenabrunette@mac.com), or Debra Macklin, [dtmacklin@verizon.net](mailto:dtmacklin@verizon.net), if you're interested. Another big thank you to all who are very generous with your time and signed up to work a volunteer shift at the party. It truly takes a village to pull off something this spectacular. Still not signed up? No problem - contact [Don.Weinheimer@gmail.com](mailto:Don.Weinheimer@gmail.com). Signed-up volunteers and committee members are the only adults permitted to attend. A big shout-out to the freshman, sophomore and junior parents who have volunteered to set up, decorate and take down the party - you're the best!

Finally, we want to personally thank the ANGP committee members who have worked painstakingly throughout the entire year to plan, prepare and pull off the perfect party. The smiles on those senior faces will be a reflection of each of your efforts and we are truly grateful.

*Liz Tisdale, etisdale@aol.com*  
*Michelle Shaw, odysemper@aol.com*

## **Counseling Connection**

### **SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Registration Dates: May 11 through June 22 at noon (NO LATE REGISTRATION)**

All forms and information are online through the FCPS website. Registration is through Langley and then the forms are taken to the summer school office on June 23. In order to make sure the application is on time, you must give the application and fee to your counselor no later than June 22 at noon. Students should register early because courses will be closed when they reach capacity, if they are under-enrolled or if staffing is not available. Tuition reduction is available to students in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The fee is \$700 for credit recovery (failure of a course) or \$800 for an online course (new course). Payment may be made using a bank certified check or money order payable to FCPS Adult Education or by VISA or MASTERCARD. Locations for summer school for Langley students are McLean (Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry) and Marshall (Humanities). All SOL testing will be done at Langley. A refund may be requested (form online) by the postmarked date of midnight, July 8. There is a \$35 processing fee.

Although online courses may seem like the perfect solution for people wanting to combine summer classes and vacation, remember that they require about 30 hours a week of computer/homework time. This is hard to make up or keep up with when away from home. There are also two days when students must attend in person.

### **COURSE CHANGES**

Confirmation of course requests will be mailed to families in early June. Although March 23 was the last day to request changes without being waitlisted, students may still request changes for core courses. Many of our courses are enrolled to the maximum size, so please understand if a change cannot be made. The state regulates the number of students a teacher is allowed to teach. With the budget constraints, it is unlikely we can add staff or more classes unless our school-wide enrollment increases. The waitlist is based on first-entered, first-eligible for change. The change request form, which is on the Langley website, is the only way we will add a student to the waitlist for a requested course change. Email, phone, or miscellaneous scraps of paper will not be accepted. If

you want notification when a change is made, please include a current email address. A request is not a guarantee of a change. If your son/daughter is thinking about an AP course, please include the AP Contract which is also online. Students will not be added to the waitlist without the AP Contract. Also, have your student do the summer reading just in case.

Students who fail a course will be re-enrolled in the failed course. Once summer school is successfully completed, we will change to the next level. If a student takes a course to "get ahead," we cannot guarantee a place in the next "honors" level; only the regular level.

Change requests will not be accepted after Aug 21. After that time, the waitlist will be finalized and schedules will be processed. The next opportunity for a change request will be the second week of school, after no-shows are processed, and the "change packet" will be used.

### **GRADING SCALE CHANGES**

The FCPS grading scale has been modified. In addition, the weighting has changed for certain courses. AP courses will now receive a 1.0 weight and honors courses will be weighted a 0.5. The exact details have not been completed. Do not use weighting as a way to improve GPA. If the regular class is the best fit, then stay with the regular class and do well. Many times, taking a harder class to receive the weighted grade will result in a lower grade. The grade that is on the transcript and report card is the "given grade" and weighting happens when the GPA is calculated. This means that a student receiving a "C" in an AP class will see the "C" on the report card. However, the worth when the GPA is calculated will be a 3.0.

### **COLLEGE PLANNING AND RISING SENIORS**

Over the summer, rising seniors need to refine their college application list. They should look for colleges that fit them. By September when they begin meeting individually (no parents) with their counselors, the application process should have been started. Parents and students had the opportunity to meet with their counselors in April to talk about what is available and how the process works. Students should begin their resume and parents should begin to write a letter describing their son or daughter. Enjoy the summer.

## Testing

### SOL TEST CALENDAR

For SOL tests, morning report time is 7:20 am and afternoon report time is 11:30 am. Makeups and retests will be May 28 – June 5.

Tue, May 26 (even)	Morning Afternoon	Geosystems World History 2
Wed, May 27 (odd)	Morning Afternoon	World History 1 US History

### FINAL EXAM SCHEDULES

#### Senior Exam Schedule (in class)

Fri, June 5	Periods 2 and 7 part 1
Mon, June 8	Periods 5 and 7 part 2
Tue, June 9	Periods 4 and 6
Wed, June 10	Periods 1 and 3

#### Underclass Exam Schedule

Fri, June 12	Periods 1 and 3 (in class)
Mon, June 15	Period 6
Tue, June 16	Periods 5 and 7
Wed, June 17	Periods 2 and 4

School will be dismissed at 9:00 on Mon, June 15.  
School will be dismissed at 11:00 on Tue, June 16  
and Wed, June 17. School will be dismissed at  
9:00 on Thu, June 18.

Check the school website for updates.

## Department News

### FINE ART

Portfolio Prep Studio Art students' end-of-year portfolio show is now on display until May 29. A celebratory reception with refreshments will take place on Tue, May 26, 2:30-3:30 pm.

### HUMANITIES

See the list of required summer reading in this newsletter at the end of Department News and on the Langley website.

### LIBRARY

Students are reminded to **clear all library obligations before the last day of school.** Students with any school obligations, including overdue library books and fines, will not receive graduation tickets or parking permits. Individual overdue and fine notices have been distributed to English teachers. In addition, a list of students with library obligations is posted outside the Finance Office.

## MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics department has had a lot of student success in math competitions: the American Mathematics Competition, American Invitational Math Exam, Johns Hopkins University Math Contest, Fairfax County Math League, United States Math Olympiad and the Newton Mathematics Competition at George Washington University. The most recent contest was the Newton Mathematics Competition. In the individual competition Dennis Won took 1st place, Aejin Song took 4th place and Joohee Choi took 8th place. The team made up of Jun Sup Lee, Aejin Song and Dennis Won placed 1st in the team competition. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in all of the contests and their parents for their success in mathematics outside of the classroom.

The Mathematics department is hosting a summer camp this year. Despite the progress students make during the academic year, summer can be a time when the things learned throughout the year quickly dissipate. The summer program is a two-week intensive review of basic skills or algebra in which we review, drill and prepare students for next year. More information and the application can be found on the school website.

Some courses have summer review packets to help students prepare for their next math course. Check the Langley website in mid-June for more information. If you have questions or concerns, please email [pdouglas@fcps.edu](mailto:pdouglas@fcps.edu).

### PERFORMING ARTS

**Band:** The spring concert is Fri, June 5, 7:30 pm in the auditorium.

Band and percussion musicians are encouraged to check [www.langleybands.org](http://www.langleybands.org) weekly for updated information throughout the summer. Pre-season rehearsals will take place at the end of August. Please see the band website for exact dates and times. Please note that all band and percussion musicians are required to participate in pre-season rehearsals and marching band as per FCPS policy.

**Choral:** The Choral department will present its annual spring show, the capstone of the choral year, entitled *Hooray for Hollywood!* in the auditorium on May 28-29, 7:30 pm. The show will feature our students singing and dancing to medleys from popular American movies including *The Sound of Music*, *Hairspray*, *Enchanted*, *The Princess Diaries*, and *The Music of M-G-M*. Also included will be Academy Award-winning songs like *Moon River* from *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and classics like *As Time Goes By* from *Casablanca*. Tickets may be purchased from any choral student for \$5. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$8. Questions? Please call the Choral office, 703-287-2822. Don't miss this exciting tribute to Hollywood movies and the

emotional senior send-off that always ends the spring show!

Back by popular demand, choral students will kick off the 2009-2010 school year by selling delicious Noteworthy Coffee to earn money for the cost of their choral competition trip in the spring. Watch for flyers and order forms in the August back-to-school packets.

**Orchestra:** The orchestra will present their Spring Pops concert at Oakcrest School on June 3, 7:30 pm. The program will include contemporary favorites such as *Schindler's List*, *Viva la Vida*, *Halo* and *Bohemian Rhapsody*. It will also feature concertos by two fabulous seniors: violinist Arthur Han and cellist Katherine Newlon. In addition, international award-winning pianist Joon Yoon will be rejoining us for a rendition of Tchaikovsky's *First Piano Concerto*. This is an evening you won't want to miss.

### SCIENCE

The 2009 Intel (ISEF) International Science Fair took place the week of May 11 in Reno, NV. Over 1500 students from 56 countries competed for 5 days. Langley sent two students: junior Dennis Won with his project *Potential Cancer Cure Using Garlic and Vitamin C* in the Medicine and Health category and sophomore Jun Sup Lee with his project *Approximation of the Size of Distorted Spherical Objects, and a New Algorithm for Precisely Estimating the Size of Spherical Fullerene Molecules* in the category of Mathematics. Both represented Langley very well. Jun Sup Lee was awarded a 4<sup>th</sup>-place prize consisting of a ribbon and \$500. Congratulations to both Dennis and Jun Sup for their hard work and achievements.

Langley represented Virginia at the National Science Olympiad Tournament May 14-17 in Augusta, GA. Victor Yang and Josh Pan medaled (6<sup>th</sup>-place) in Physics Lab out of 60 teams from across the nation. Langley finished higher than any Virginia school has ever finished. Thank you to the PTSA and the Science department for their support of Science Olympiad throughout the year.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. The special education staff wishes them well on the next step in their journey to adulthood. We also wish to congratulate one of our former students, Jason Zuccari, who was elected president of the student government at West Virginia University.

Applications for testing accommodations for the 2009-2010 SAT/PSAT/ACT tests should be available at the beginning of August. If you need information during the summer, email Meryl.Simon@fcps.edu. Please also check [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for registration deadlines and testing dates.

The Parent Resource Center is offering many interesting workshops for parents. *10 Secrets to a Stress-Free Summer – Celebrate Calm* will be held at West Springfield High School, June 4, 7-9 pm. The Center also has a *Summer of Success* resource packet. For a complete list of all upcoming workshops and activities go to the PRC website <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/workshops.htm>, or contact the Center, [prc@fcps.edu](mailto:prc@fcps.edu) or 703-204-3941.

Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) is offering a free audio access membership for a limited time. For information please visit their website [www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org) and click on the AudioAccess logo. There are also free memberships through Bookshare, which also provides free online accessible reading materials at [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org).

Progress reports for the 4<sup>th</sup>-quarter will be mailed at the end of the school year along with the last special education update. If you do not receive one, please contact Meryl.Simon@fcps.edu.

The boot camp for parents of rising 9<sup>th</sup>-graders who have IEPs will be Thu, Sep 10. There are tentative plans for a one-morning boot camp (date TBD) for the students to familiarize them with strategies to help them succeed at Langley. Individual letters will be sent to parents of those students.

Have a wonderful summer.

### WORLD LANGUAGES

Our foreign language summer boot camp has a few openings. If your student is interested in improving or maintaining his/her language skills during the summer, have him/her join us from July 27 to August 7. We offer a review of French 1 or 2; Latin 1 or 2; and Spanish 1, 2 or 3. For more information visit the Langley website. For questions, email [Rebeca.prell@fcps.edu](mailto:Rebeca.prell@fcps.edu).

After completing their PALS tests, Mrs. Prell's **Spanish** 5 classes enjoyed tango and salsa classes just in time for Prom night. Congratulations to all seniors and a wish for a very successful start in their college life.

This has been a fantastic year for **Japanese** classes. The growth of the program has created new challenges but with those challenges have come great rewards for both Sensei Scronce and his students. Sensei would like to congratulate all the Japanese students on a year well done and welcome the even greater number of students that will enter the fold next year. A special thanks to the senior students of Japanese, many of whom just completed the Japanese AP exam. The strenuous exam challenged even the best students, but we remain confident that when the scores are released the students will have done very well. Thank you to them for all their hard work. It will serve them

well when they leave the halls of Langley in just a few weeks.

At the beginning of May, the **German** Ambassador to the United States visited Langley for the third year in a row. He spoke about the leadership role of Germany and the European Union in addressing important issues such as the current global economic crisis and environmental concerns. The Langley German society has had an exciting few weeks. The German exchange program was a success. Our students hosted 32 German visitors for an entire month. Our guests participated in classes and other school activities. They all enjoyed their visits and were sad to depart at the end of April. Langley German students will be on their way to Germany on June 19. The German Honor Society will be celebrating this year's success at J.Gilbert's on May 29 and there will be a few seniors wearing the German honor cords at graduation. Congratulations to them.

The results of the National **French** Exam are in. Special congratulations to Angela Claude who earned 5th place in Northern Virginia and 6th place in the nation in French 1. Great job!

## Summer 2009 Reading List

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

English 9/Pre-AP English 9

*Book of Lost Things* by John Connolly

Pre-AP World Civilization

*Akhenaten: Dweller in Truth* by Naguib Mahfouz

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

English 10 and World History II

*A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah

Pre-AP English 10

*In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez

AP World History

*The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews, and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain* by Maria Rosa Menocal

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

American Civilization

*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

AP American Civilization

*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

English 12

*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

AP English Literature

Students must read both:

*Fences* by August Wilson

*Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

AP Government

*A More Perfect Constitution*, Preamble, Ch. 1 and Ch. 5 by Larry Sabato

A current events assignment posted on the Langley's website

Alternative titles are available upon request by contacting Fred Amico, Fred.Amico@fcps.edu.

## Sports News

**Spring Sports Awards**  
**Thursday, June 4, 7 pm**  
**Auditorium**

**BASEBALL:** The team finished the season with a 13-8 record. They lost a tough decision to Marshall 3-2 in the quarterfinals to close the year. The team had some highs this season including their first victory over Madison in 10 tries and the opportunity to be shown as a Fox 5 Game of the Week. Four Saxons were named to the First team All-District squad: Joey Zarella (Pitcher), Jeremy Mahn (DH), Chris Sievers (OF) and Jack McLindon (SS). Barrett Hunter (Utility) was named to the Second team, and Pete White (Pitcher), Ian Wood (OF), Will Lawrence (1B) and Clay Rainie (OF) were named as Honorable Mention All-District. While there was a premature end to the year, the varsity team had a solid run in finishing 9-5 in the District and 4<sup>th</sup> in the regular season.

**CHEERLEADING:** Tryouts will be held Aug 11-13 for all squads. Please see the cheerleading pages at [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) for more information and contact the coaches for information or any questions.

**CREW:** The racing season has come to a close. The team had some very impressive results and respectable finishes at our regattas. At the Virginia State Championships, we had 5 out of 6 boats make it into either the finals or the petite finals. This was a very impressive showing by the team. At the Ted Phoenix Lower Boat Championships, our Men's Novice 4 took home the bronze medal.

The team recently traveled to Philadelphia, PA for the historic Stotesbury Regatta on the Schuylkill River. This was a great experience for all of the athletes.

Now that the season is over, the team is looking forward to the end-of-season picnic on June 7 at the Occoquan. We would like to recognize our graduating seniors: Julie Benjamin, Megan Chapman, Amanda

Durig, Alyssa McKay, and Abby McPhie. Their presence and contributions to the team will be missed.

**DANCE TEAM:** The team finished a wonderful season that included 19 performances, 13 dances, 4 trophies and 2 first-place finishes! Our seniors will be greatly missed next year: Claire Brunette will attend Catholic University; Co-Captain McKenzie Eunpu will attend Penn State; Rachael Hanna will attend University of Miami; Jess Hawken will attend Vanderbilt University; Laura Sandberg will dance next year for the University of Miami "Sunsations", and Captain Joanie Vasiliadis will dance next year on the Penn State "Lionettes" dance team.

The team recently had spring tryouts and were able to recruit a wonderful team for next year! Congratulations to Dani Burger, Mary DeFriest, Holly Dodd, Alexis Hanna, Gabrielle Martin-Voigt, Nathalie Martin-Voigt, Leah McSteen, Lauren Megrue, Paige Murray, Kayla Phillip, Betty Quinn, Lexie Stye, Annie Snitman, Charlee Vasiliadis, Sophia Vasiliadis and Amelia Welch.

**FOOTBALL:** There are several camps available for football players this summer. Brochures for the camps can be obtained in the Football office. The passing camp (varsity & JV only) will be held June 1-4 at Old Redskin Park in Herndon. The team camp (varsity & JV only) will be held June 22-25 at Poplar Tree Park in Chantilly. The middle school & freshman football camp will be held July 6-9 at Old Redskin Park in Herndon.

The first day of football practice will be Aug 11, 8 am. All vacations and work assignments should be completed before this date. For more information related to the upcoming season and summer weight room hours, check the football pages at [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org).

**BOYS GOLF:** The team had an outstanding year winning the Liberty District championship for the third straight year. Individually, Brian Jaeger and Brigitte Baker, co-captains, captured honors. Brian won the Regional championship, while Brigitte won the District and Girl's State tournaments. Both will continue their careers in college golf. Other players starring for the Saxons were Taylor Klein, Ben Walsh, Spencer Deese and Garrett Burke.

**BOYS LACROSSE:** The team repeated as Liberty District champions for the 2009 season. The team's lone loss, an overtime game with Madison, was avenged in the finals when the Saxons defeated the Warhawks in the District championship, 11-8.

First team All-District honors were garnered by:  
Ryan Ningard, senior, attack  
Alex Devlin, senior, midfield  
Matt Cronin, senior, midfield

Trevor Shafran, senior, defense  
Galen Kuney, senior, goalie

Second team All-District:  
Joey Byrne, junior, midfield  
Thomas Robinson, junior, defense

Honorable Mention All-District:  
Kyle Maida, senior, attack  
Jack Lundeen, junior, attack  
Charlie Scharfen, senior, midfield  
Brendan Dwyer, sophomore, defense

First team All-Region honors were achieved by:  
Ryan Ningard, senior, attack  
Alex Devlin, senior, midfield  
Trevor Shafran, senior defense  
Galen Kuney, senior, goalie

Senior Alex Devlin received US Lacrosse All-American.

**GIRLS LACROSSE:** Co-Captain Maggie Kovacs was named by the regional coaches as Northern Region Player of the Year for Attack. Kovacs was also selected for First team Northern Region. Elspeth McGarry and Sophie Spivack were named to the Second team All-Region, McGarry for midfield and Spivack for defense. Coach DeSomma commented, "Maggie, Sophie and Elspeth represent the essence of Langley Lady Saxon Lacrosse, athletic and academic achievement and excellence. Other teammates have also been recognized with All-District Second team and Honorable Mention athletic awards and academic recognition. I'm proud of Maggie and happy for her well deserved recognition. When an athlete reaches the level of All-American and Player of the Year, it's about a body of work, not several good games or one good season. It's recognition built on success from years of hard work in practice, play and improvement on their game."

As a way of saying thank you to the Great Falls community, its merchants and the Great Falls Optimist Club for all their support, the varsity and JV teams volunteered to help with the Spring Festival 5K race in Great Falls on May 17. The race was hosted by the Great Falls Optimist Club, an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of young people in our community. It was a fundraiser to benefit Hopecam, an organization that connects children who are battling cancer with their classmates through webcams placed in their classrooms at school. Hopecam was started by a Forestville Elementary School father whose 5<sup>th</sup>-grade son was diagnosed with cancer. Additional information is available at [www.hopecam.org](http://www.hopecam.org). The Langley girls helped with most aspects of the event by registering runners, distributing materials about the race at school, recruiting runners, providing direction to runners and in addition, many of the girls ran in the race. Coach DeSomma commented that "community service is an

important element of our Langley Lady Saxons Lacrosse program. Coach Orlando coordinates our annual service event and I'm proud we have 100% participation by our girls. It shows how committed to and the importance they assign to giving back to their community and others".

**GIRLS SOCCER:** The varsity team finished their season in Districts similar to how the season went: hit the post, a goal called back, torrential downpour and a lot of fight.

Returning six seniors from our 2008 season, there was leadership demonstrated on and off the field. A tough non-conference schedule warmed up the Saxons early. A highlight was certainly our game versus Chantilly which went 76 minutes without anyone scoring. A corner kick converted to a goal broke the hearts of the Saxons. (The Chantilly girls recently won their District.) A hard-fought District schedule included a tough 5-3 loss to Woodson (no team all season scored that many goals on Woodson), a dominant first half versus Stone Bridge which we couldn't hold onto, and a great 2-0 loss to District Champion McLean, with their second goal coming off a corner kick.

All-District selections include:

First team: Britt Fruin and Anna Lenczyk

Second team: Taylor Mohrmann and sophomore Meredith Doherty

Honorable Mention: McCaul Benson

Our returning players are looking forward to a balanced schedule in 2010 and making it to the Regionals.

**SOFTBALL:** Congratulations to the team on a well-played season. The Lady Saxons had two players named as Second team All-District, junior pitcher Shannon Engel and freshman outfielder Abby Petersen. Other players who received All-District Honorable Mention were Adrienne Engel, Brooke Brown, Mandy Moll and Julia Weeks.

**BOYS TENNIS:** We completed our regular season by winning our last two suspended matches with Thomas Jefferson and Woodson resulting in a record of 13-1 and a share of the Liberty District Championship with Thomas Jefferson. Andrew Daily, Kory Kianpour, Franklin Sun and Evan Berner were named to the All-District team, with Josh Cooper, Jimmy Fang and Rubin Tian receiving Honorable Mention. Coach Jack Porter was named Coach of the Year.

Sweden's Mikael Pernfors, a former top-ten player in the world and French Open finalist in 1986, practiced with the team on April 30 and witnessed our championship wins over Thomas Jefferson and Woodson.

At the writing of this article, we have just won our first round match in the Northern Regional tournament, moving us into a semi-final match with perennial powerhouse Robinson.

**GIRLS TENNIS:** The team ended the 2009 season on Senior Night versus McLean. As we celebrated our three seniors, Lily Goodson, Evelyn Han and Elie Hone, and their last match, we also managed to notch a win. The team ended the season with a 9-5 record. Our top two seeded players then moved on to the individual District tournament where Lily Goodson lost in the first round to the 4<sup>th</sup> seed, and Kathryn Emery lost in the second round to the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed. Our doubles duo of Tompkins/Branche had a tough draw and fell to the 6<sup>th</sup> seed in the first round, while our 5<sup>th</sup> seed, Goodson/Emery, came in 4<sup>th</sup> place losing also to the 6<sup>th</sup> seed in the consolation match. We enjoyed a great season! Good luck to our seniors and to the underclassmen, have a great off-season.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** The last home meet was May 7 when our thirteen seniors were honored: Aisa Ledesma, Carolyn Shaw, Lauren Shaw, Amanda Steffy, Gyan Das, Matt Evans, Joe Friel, Adam Howell, Matt Jaffe, John Jiongo, Patrick Prior, David Raffman and Chris West. The team is now in the post-season with many athletes competing at the Regional level. Joe Friel (110 & 300m hurdles) and Alex Maybury (300m hurdles) have already qualified at the State level. Congratulations on a wonderful season and best of luck to our State competitors!

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:** We are looking forward to another strong season this fall! Tryout information as well as practice and match schedules are available at [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org). Click on the News section under Girls Varsity Volleyball. Good luck to our graduating seniors Caroline Anderson, Mattie Gray, Jasmine Pike and Logan Sebastian as they continue their academic and athletic careers in college!

#### Summer Camps:

**Boys Basketball:** Coach Hess

The weeks of July 6, July 13 and July 27. Visit <http://www.langleybasketball.com>.

**Girls Volleyball:** Coach Shifflett

June 22-26. Visit [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) and click on "Girls Volleyball" under camps & clinics.

**Girls Basketball:** Tentatively scheduled for July 20-24. Visit [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) for updated information.

**Wrestling:** July 6-10 & July 13-17. Visit [www.langleywrestling.com](http://www.langleywrestling.com) for brochure and information.

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School	703-287-2700
Activities Hotline	703-827-6064
Activities Office	703-287-2750
Attendance Answering Machine (absences only)	703-287-2727
Career Center	703-287-2747
Clinic	703-287-2710
Guidance	703-287-2722

LHS Home Page: [www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS](http://www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS)

PTSA Website: [www.langleyptsa.org](http://www.langleyptsa.org)

Newsletter Website:

[www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS/ptsa\\_news.html](http://www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS/ptsa_news.html)

**Note: Next year the newsletter will be available exclusively online**

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**ACTIVITIES OFFICE:** Are you planning to try out for a team in the 2009-2010 school year? If so, it's not too early to turn in the VHSL physical form to the Activities office. Early arrivals are greatly appreciated.

The New Revised (4/07) VHSL physical form must be turned into the Activities office in order for a student-athlete to participate in any sports team, practice or tryout. The date of the physical exam must be on or after **May 1, 2009** for the 2009-2010 school year. Make a copy for your records. Please call the Activities office, 703-287-2750, with any questions. Also, visit [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) for up-to-date information, schedules and forms.

All athletes must submit 2 copies of the Emergency Care form to their head coach before they are allowed to participate in tryouts or practices. Additional forms for each team may also be required. Visit the individual sport page for more information.

The 2009-2010 fall season opens Tue, Aug 11, except for golf. The earliest day for golf tryouts is Aug 3. Please visit [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) for time and location for each individual sport. Questions? Contact the Activities office, 703-287-2750.

Pre-participation sports physicals and screening will take place Fri, May 29 at Langley. Please visit [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) for registration.

## Calendar for Langley PTSA & Activities, 5/26 – 9/8/09

### May 2009

26 Tue **SOL tests** – Geosystems, World History 2

27 Wed **SOL tests** –World History 1, U.S. History  
**Principal's coffee and PTSA general membership meeting**, 9:00 am, Choral Room

28 Thu **SOL makeups and retests** (through 5 Jun)  
**Choral spring show - Hooray for Hollywood!**, 7:30 pm, Auditorium (also 29 Fri)

29 Fri **Athletics physicals**, see sports website for further information

30 Sat **Prom 2009: *Dancing in the Moonlight***, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am, Hyatt Regency, Reston

9 Tue **Choral awards picnic**, 6:00 pm, Auditorium

10 Wed **Senior exams, periods 1 and 3**, during class  
**Senior picnic**  
**Mandatory graduation rehearsal/cap and gown distribution**

11 Thu **Senior Hershey Park field trip**

12 Fri **Underclass exams, periods 1 and 3**, during class  
**Senior family coffee**, 8:00 am, Cafeteria  
**Senior awards assembly**, 9:15 am, Auditorium  
**Mandatory graduation rehearsal/ticket distribution**, Auditorium  
**Class of 2010 senior portraits**, by appointment (also 16 Tue, 17 Wed, 18 Thu)

### June 2009

1 Mon **Parking hang tag applications available**, Attendance office  
**Saxon stage dinner and awards ceremony**

2 Tue **ANGP ticket sales**, during all lunches (also 3 Wed, 4 Thu)  
**Academic awards ceremony**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

3 Wed **Orchestra spring pops concert**, 7:30 pm, Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean

4 Thu **Spring sports awards**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

5 Fri **Senior exams, periods 2 and 7 (part 1)**, during class  
**Bands spring awards**, 5:30 pm, Cafeteria  
**Bands spring concert** , 7:30 pm, Auditorium

6 Sat **SAT at LHS**

8 Mon **Senior exams, periods 5 and 7 (part 2)**, during class  
**Orchestra awards dinner**, 6:00 pm, Cafeteria

9 Tue **Senior exams, periods 4 and 6**,  
**Senior yearbook distribution**, after exams, Cafeteria

13 Sat **ACT at LHS**

14 Sun **Baccalaureate**, 4:00 pm, Aud

15 Mon **Underclass exam, period 6**  
**Dismissal at 9:00 am**  
**Graduation**, 11:00 am, DAR Constitution Hall  
**All Night Graduation Party**, 11:00 pm – 5:00 am, Langley HS

16 Tue **Underclass exams, periods 5 and 7, dismissal at 11:00 am**

17 Wed **Underclass exams periods 2 and 4, dismissal at 11:00 am**

18 Thu **Last day of school 2009**  
**Dismissal at 9:00 am**

22 Mon **FCPS summer school registration deadline**

### August 2009

11 Tue **Fall sports tryouts begin** (except golf, see sports website for details)

21 Fri **Core course change request deadline**

### September 2009

8 Tue **First day of school 2009-10**