



# THE PTSA NEWSLETTER

Langley High School

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I write this, Prom is four days away. I hope everyone had a safe and excellent time. Many thanks to the class officers; teacher sponsor, Ms. Bonafide; and the class parents, particularly Ms. Doll, for their planning, creativity, and persistence in putting on this phenomenal event. It is shaping up to be one of the high school events to be remembered forever. I hope it was indeed a memorable event.

It's now time to start thinking about end-of-the-year activities. As we begin our long and heartfelt good-bye to our seniors we will continue to encourage them to stay engaged and positive until they leave us. We have asked so much of them this year: our high academic expectations, my call for them to change traditions, and our daily encouragement for them to be positive, global citizens worthy of their role as good examples for our underclassmen. These have been difficult challenges. But, most have succeeded in achieving them and have learned more than I think they realize.

We still have work to do. Unfortunately, we have seen a rather unprecedented spike in honor code violations over the last two months. We need your help in stressing the value and benefits of Langley's honor code. By "your help," I'm referring to parents and teachers alike. Even if you are sure your students act honorably all the time, it is important to discuss what students understand about the honor code and clarify any questions they might have. Continuing this discussion as an entire school community will make a difference for those who find themselves at critical decision-making crossroads.

I am extremely proud of the great majority of students that treat the honor code with respect. I am also proud of our teachers on the Honor Council and all the teachers that enforce the code. The most important lessons we can teach are not the quadratic equation or the causes of the Great Depression. It is that students can learn how to learn without shortcuts. Certainly, this is a lesson that will pay enormous dividends no matter where they go after high school. If they learn this, they will be able to claim they learned with integrity and that their achievements were legitimately measured. If they learn this, it will mean the difference between a diploma and a fancy piece of paper. Thank you in advance for having this conversation with our young learners.

The 2010-2011 school year is already shaping up to be an interesting and productive year. We have several new ideas in the works that will provide students with unique learning opportunities and build on the high standards we already claim. The most exciting idea is *Langley Reads*. The idea is to read a book as an entire community. Programs like these help unify us, promote

literacy, and focus attention around a positive theme. Everyone will have the opportunity to provide their input in selecting a book title. Look for more details about this terrific program in this newsletter on page 9, on the website, and in Keep In Touch messages. Great thanks to our Humanities teachers, particularly David Kuhn and Susan Broad, for bringing this idea to a reality.

We have had tremendous success this year. Just to name a few recent highlights: We have an International Science Fair first place winner in Dennis Won. The Fairfax County Teacher of the Year is our own Brigitte Lavey. We have the *It's Academic* Coach of the Year in Leah Puhlick who also coached the Science Olympiad to a State Title! We have three other Coaches of the Year in Travis Hess, Ryan Jackson, and Bo Amato. And, we are a *Blue Ribbon* school for Music Appreciation. Once again, we made the *US News & World Report* for the top 100 schools in the nation. We are truly excited to be concluding a very successful year with the anticipation of building on our successes to make next year even better. And, none of this happens without the efforts of the entire community.

One final and impressive example of this community effort is Cindy Miller for whom this is her last newsletter edit! (This is one paragraph you may not edit out). For nine years we have been so lucky not to have to worry about this monumental task. Her efforts to bring the newsletter into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be her enduring legacy. I cannot say I will miss the monthly reminder (or two or three) from CKM58 as they usually struck a sense of dread that I needed to complete something. Cindy, I hope you stay in touch – with a new email address. Countless thanks for nine years of service!

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Our best wishes to the Class of 2010 as they leave Langley and move on to new adventures. We are proud of all you have accomplished both in and out of the classroom.

It has been an exceptional year for the PTSA. Thanks to the generosity of our Langley families, the technology fundraiser was a big success, providing the school with much-needed technology such as Smart Boards and Senseo systems. We also maintained our tradition of supporting continuing education and professional development for teachers and staff, as well as funding speakers for family network programs. Finally, we thank everyone for supporting the PTSA's efforts during teacher appreciation week. Hats off to the hospitality committee for their hard work in putting together a very special week on short notice. We are extremely fortunate to have such a caring community.

Each year we say good-bye to the extraordinary PTSA volunteers who are graduating along with their seniors. Our heartfelt thanks and wishes for a happy "retirement" go to Laura Mendelsohn, Diane Miller, Cindy Miller, Jamie Kody, Donna Kiffe, Kathy Barton, Kathleen Helein, Chris Berkeley and Karin Brown. Your contributions to Langley will long be remembered.

A special note of thanks goes to Cindy Miller, who has edited this newsletter for nine consecutive years. Cindy facilitated the transition from a printed publication to an e-newsletter, giving us a faster, easier and greener way to share Langley news.

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. Many thanks to Nancy Ayoub, our website 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 join us for the final principal's coffee on Wednesday, May 26 at 9:15 am in the choral room. It will include a brief PTSA general meeting, during which we will vote for next year's PTSA executive board.

Have a wonderful summer and thanks again to Langley parents, teachers, staff and students for your support of the PTSA this year.

*"And summer's lease hath all too short a date" ~William Shakespeare*

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## **PTSA Committees**

### **LANGLEY PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2010-2011 PROPOSED SLATE**

President:	Stacey Wood
President-Elect:	Risa Sanders
1st VPs:	Susan Mayman Paulette Peltz
2nd VPs:	Tracey Liberson Gail Welch
3rd VPs:	Carolyn Bremer Sarah Kearney
Secretary:	Katherine Haskell Ally Weingast
Treasurer:	Donna Hoffman

The election for these positions will be held at the principal's coffee/PTSA general membership meeting in the choral room on Wed, May 26, 9:15 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY**

It is a busy time of year for our Arts departments as they finish the school year with their final performances and exhibits. The monies remaining in the 2009-2010 FAPAS fund will be used to purchase items needed for these events. We appreciate all the support our families have given to FAPAS this school year. With your support, we were able to sustain the excellence of the arts programs, and provide many extra benefits to our students. Hope you have a chance to see the fine work of our talented students in these last few weeks of school. Have a great summer!

*SueAnn Morabito, rs4mor@verizon.net  
Heide Zufall, Heide@Zufall.com*

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### **HOSPITALITY**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who provided delicious desserts for our teacher appreciation luncheon and dessert buffet. The donations were tremendously appreciated and enjoyed by all. Thank you also to all who helped us create the *Mini Spa*, collected all the gift cards and facilitated the event for our teachers, administrators and staff during teacher appreciation week. The teachers enjoyed their little surprise and pampering! The PTSA really appreciates its outstanding faculty, administrators and staff. Thank you again to all for your support during the year.

*The hospitality committee*

### **REFLECTIONS**

The theme for next school year's Reflections program is *Together We Can*. Start now and get your work of art ready early so that when the new school year starts you can turn it in and maybe join the elite group of Langley winners! Entries can be submitted in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. Learn more at [www.PTAreflections.org](http://www.PTAreflections.org).

*Alexandra Bechter, cfs234@gmail.com*

## **Class News**

### **CLASS OF 2013 (Freshmen)**

The All Night Grad Party for seniors is Thu, June 17. Freshman parents are responsible for set-up for the party; we need your help starting at 9 am in the cafeteria.

We are already looking forward to next year! Our first coffee will be held in early October when we will discuss the PSAT.

Our back-to-school information packets will be stuffed a few days before school starts. We can always use extra hands. We will send an email informing you of the date. If you have time, please come and help!!!!

Final reminder for finals!!!

June 18: Period 3 (full day of school)  
June 21: Periods 2 and 4 (dismissal at 11:00)  
June 22: Periods 1 and 5 (dismissal at 11:00)  
June 23: Periods 6 and 7 (dismissal at 11:00)

Thanks for such a wonderful year! You are a great group of very helpful parents!

*Freshman Class Parents*

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### **CLASS OF 2012 (Sophomores)**

Congratulations to our incoming junior class officers! They are Kaden Calderwood, President; Chaffee Duckers, Vice President; Chandler Ebeier, Secretary; Sun Park, Treasurer; and Kendall Banks and Joseph Brown, SGA Reps. Thank you to our outgoing class officers for their service to our class.

The Class of 2012 still needs volunteers to help with the All Night Grad Party. Each year the ANGP counts on the sophomore class to set up and decorate for the party since the parents of seniors are busy with graduation activities. We need at least 20 volunteers from 9 am to 12 noon on Thu, June 17. If you can help, please email Beccie Collier, [becciecollier@cox.net](mailto:becciecollier@cox.net), as soon as possible. Thank you.

We have set up a Facebook account so that class officers can communicate with and survey sophomores on pertinent issues. Please encourage your student to check out "Langley Class of 2012" on Facebook.

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 [Photos2012@gmail.com](mailto:Photos2012@gmail.com). Make sure to include only Langley students and note names, event and date.

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*

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### **CLASS OF 2011 (Juniors)**

*Come Sail Away*, Prom 2010! Thank you to everyone who made this event possible – especially our class sponsor Jennifer Bonafide, who worked tirelessly to make Prom night memorable, along with student Prom committee members Lizzy Belair, Dani Lee, Lena Welch, Lan Carroll, Samantha Clark, Megan Howard, Caitlin Cox, Sarah Loh and Noosha Shambayati. We would also like to thank class parent Donna Doll and all parent volunteers who helped us *Come Sail Away* to the Prom!

The last principal's coffee is Wed, May 26, 9:15 am in the choral room. The PTSA elections for next year's officers will be held at this time.

The LHS carnival is Mon, June 7 during school hours for students only. This school spirit event was rescheduled from the fall.

Watch for a mailing from Prestige Portraits/Lifetouch with the date and time of your student's senior yearbook picture appointment. Pictures will be taken in June.

Calling all night owls to come to school in the very early morning hours of Fri, June 18 to help with ANGP! The junior class is responsible for taking down decorations. Please sign up to help. Next year, we will rely on the help of the other classes to have a successful ANGP for our kids. We will start at 3:30 am and we need at least 25 volunteers. It's an easy job and will go fast if we have lots of helpers! Email Donna Hoffman, [dhoff960@cox.net](mailto:dhoff960@cox.net), to volunteer. You will get a glimpse of all the fun that awaits our future seniors!

Here are the dates for end-of-year tests!

SOL tests: May 24-27 and June 1-2 (see page 7 for details)

SAT at LHS: June 5

ACT at LHS: June 12

Final exams:

June 18: Period 3

June 21: Periods 2 and 4

June 22: Periods 1 and 5

June 23: Periods 6 and 7

Over the summer, your student should 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 the college application process. Students should begin their resume and first drafts of application essays. Parents should begin to write a letter describing their son or daughter.

An AP workshop will be held at Langley on Aug 26. Watch for info and sign up for this event in June. This is a day-long event during which your student can meet his/her AP teacher and find out more about each class.

The first day of school is Tue, Sept 7. Please return any forms in the back-to-school packet right away and pay your class dues. Many senior events rely on these dues!

The Senior Class Dinner will be held in early September (date and time TBA). This is an important event to attend. The guidance department leads a presentation about the college application process which is very useful.

Back-to-School Night for senior parents is Thu Oct 7, 7 pm. Come meet your child's teachers and get a feel for your student's day.

*Junior Class Parents*

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### **CLASS OF 2010 (Seniors)**

*"And so we talked all night about the rest of our lives  
Where we're gonna be when we turn 25  
I keep thinking times will never change  
Keep on thinking things will always be the same  
But when we leave this year we won't be coming back  
No more hanging out cause we're on a different track  
And if you got something that you need to say  
You better say it right now cause you don't have another day  
Cause we're moving on and we can't slow down" Vitamin C*

Over the past 4 years, so many of you have volunteered on countless occasions. Whenever there was a need, you were there to help and our thanks to you are heartfelt. Leading the way since freshman year were class parents Karin Brown, Teresa Hyatt, and Mollie Vardell. Over the past two years, we were fortunate to add Slivi Brugge, Kelly Ghaisar, Michele Peterson, and Diane Robie to round out this list of extremely talented moms. Thank you to all for creating some wonderful memories and there are more to come!

Final senior events coming up are:

Mon, June 14: picnic after finals, followed by mandatory graduation rehearsal and cap & gown distribution.

Tue, June 15: breakfast, 7:30 am in the cafeteria, departure for Hershey Park immediately following. **Please contact Luann Levitt, langley2010@gmail.com, if you can chaperone.**

Wed, June 16: senior family coffee, 8:15 am, in the cafeteria, followed by awards program and senior video, 9:15 am, in the auditorium, followed by mandatory graduation rehearsal and graduation ticket distribution.

Thu, June 17: graduation at Constitution Hall, 11 am. Seniors report to the cafeteria at 8:30 am to board buses. The bus ride is one way only and seniors cannot carry anything with them on the bus or into the hall. Consider dropping your student at school to avoid returning to school to pick up their cars.

Thu, June 17: All Night Grad Party, 11 pm.

We wish you and your senior success and happiness in the future!

*Luann Levitt and the Senior Class Parents*

## GRADUATION

Graduation is at DAR Constitution Hall on Thu, June 17, 11 am.

A graduation information letter has been mailed to all senior families.

Because there is limited seating at Constitution Hall, each graduate will receive six tickets (graduates do not need a ticket). Tickets will be distributed at the second graduation rehearsal on Wed, June 16. If you need special seating for someone with a disability, contact Nancy Schultz, 703-287-2830, to arrange for special accommodations. Each disabled guest will need a ticket that will count toward the six-ticket limit.

We realize that some graduates may need more than six tickets, while others may need fewer. Therefore, we respectfully request your kind cooperation. We are calling on members of our Langley community to work together to balance the requirements for seats among all families. So, if you need an extra ticket or have a ticket to spare, please contact your friends and neighbors or consult your *2009-2010 Langley Student Directory* for the names of other graduates. Extra tickets will not be made available through the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## BACCALAUREATE

*The Path We Are On And Where We Are Going*

Sunday, June 13, 5 pm, Auditorium

All seniors and their families are invited to attend this spiritual celebration of graduation. Students, parents, and faculty will participate in this independent, interfaith, thanksgiving celebration of music, prayer, and reflection.

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## ALL NIGHT GRADUATION PARTY



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-Forms.aspx> to download the forms. If you have any questions about tickets, please contact Becky Flitcroft, [bflitcroft@aol.com](mailto:bflitcroft@aol.com). Congratulations to Alexandra Russell, our ANGP ticket raffle \$250 shopping spree winner and to the Paul family, winner of the limousine and graduation box seats raffle. Enjoy!

The party starts at 11 pm on June 17 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, dancing, a 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. We still need donations...it's not too late to

donate a prize (or send in a check and we'll buy one for you!), so please contact Jill Baker, jsnodelman@aol.com, if you're interested. Another big thank you to all who are very generous with their 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 Susan Mayman, smayman@verizon.net. 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.

*Joanna Ehat, jgehat@cox.net*  
*Lisa Walsh, lisawalsh@mindspring.com*

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## Testing

### SOL TEST CALENDAR

Testing Date	SOL Test	Testing Period	SOL Test	Testing Period
Monday, May 24 (Green)	Algebra I	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	<b>No Test</b>	
Tuesday, May 25 (Gold)	English Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	Biology	6 <sup>th</sup> Period*
Wednesday, May 26 (Green)	Algebra II	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	Geometry	5 <sup>th</sup> Period*
Thursday, May 27 (Gold)	Chemistry	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	<b>No Test</b>	
Friday, May 28 (Green)	<b>No Test</b>		<b>No Test</b>	
Tuesday, June 1 (Gold)	Geosystems	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	World History II	6 <sup>th</sup> Period*
Wednesday, June 2 (Green)	World History I	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	U.S. History	5 <sup>th</sup> Period*
Thursday, June 3 to Friday, June 11	Make-ups and Retakes			

\*Students will go to "A" lunch, then proceed to the assigned test site

### SOL QUESTIONS

**What if my child is absent?** Please avoid scheduling appointments during the test periods. If your child is sick, the test may be rescheduled within the test window of May 24-June 18. After June 18, make-up tests will be scheduled for January 2011.

**What does my child need to bring?** For algebra and geometry tests, students should bring a graphing calculator. For science tests, students may bring a graphing or four-function calculator. Be sure the batteries are fresh. Students should bring a pencil and something to do in case they finish the exam early. ESOL students may use a bilingual dictionary if they currently use one in the classroom. Students should know how to clear the memory of the calculator or electronic dictionary.

**What if my child goes to an Academy course or COOP class during a scheduled SOL time?** SOLs take precedence over Academy or COOP activities. If a student will miss Academy or COOP, procedures should be followed to report the absence as excused. Students enrolled in these courses need to pay attention to changes in the academic and bus schedules.

**How can I help my child review for these tests?** Teachers have built ongoing review into the curriculum. Many departments will offer additional review. The Virginia Department of Education has sample test questions at their

website <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/sol.html>. Printed review materials are offered at local bookstores or online.

**What if my child is retaking a class, but previously passed the SOL test?** They do not retake the SOL.

**What if my child is auditing a class?** Students auditing a class DO NOT take the SOL exam unless they have previously received credit for the class outside of Virginia public schools.

**What if my child fails the test?** Online scoring allows us to receive scores quickly. If the student is a senior or scores between 375-399, the test will be re-administered before the testing window closes. If a senior needs the SOL test or course in order to graduate in August, there will be an opportunity in July to take either a writing or non-writing SOL or a credit recovery course. There are no remediation classes being offered this summer. Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm> for more information.

**What if my child doesn't need the verified credit in order to graduate?** We must test all students who are enrolled in the class for credit. All students will have the verified credits earned reported on their transcript. All scores are counted for Annual Yearly Progress, No Child Left Behind and Langley's school plan. We expect all students to do their best.

**What if my child is unable to take the test in May/June?** Langley will not offer the tests again until January 2011. Summer testing is not an option except for students enrolled in FCPS online school.

**Why can't my 8th grade student in private school take the Algebra 1 test now?** State regulations require a student to be currently enrolled in FCPS when the tests are administered. Summer "test only" is no longer an option.

**What if my child needs to take a test for a class he/she is not currently enrolled in?** The next schoolwide window will be January 2011. In specific cases, testing may be allowed in September.

**What if my child is taking a class in Summer School, but not through FCPS?** All summer school coursework must be pre-approved by Mrs. Meade, the Director of Student Services. In some cases, the student may be required to pass the SOL exam before the course can be placed on the transcript. Testing for those courses will take place in September. Contact Mrs. Meade for the necessary forms.

**If I have questions, who should I contact?** Contact your student's counselor or Jan Dabroski, Assessment Coach, 703-297-2922 or [Janice.dabroski@fcps.edu](mailto:Janice.dabroski@fcps.edu). Be aware that during the May-June test window, email is preferable.

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## **SOL TESTING AND CELL PHONES**

According to Virginia Department of Education State Testing Memo 657, dated October 2007, students are not permitted to have cell phones or other electronic devices on their person during SOL testing. During the March and May/June testing sessions, students must put cell phones in their backpacks or bags, which will be left in classrooms. Test examiners will make an announcement prior to the beginning of each session and will collect and store any electronic devices still carried by students, though we will assume no responsibility for the security of the devices. If any student is found with an electronic device during a test session, the device will be confiscated, a testing irregularity will be filed and the test will be marked as a "cheating violation" **whether or not the electronic device is in use or even turned on.** The student will receive a score of "0" on the exam, and the state may or may not allow the student to retest in the same testing window.

Electronic devices stored in bags must be turned off, as required by the *Student's Rights and Responsibilities*. Any electronic device that goes off during a testing session will be confiscated, and a "disturbance irregularity" must be filed.

In addition, this is a violation of the honor code and the student will be referred to the Honor Council.

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULES

### Senior Exam Schedule (in class)

Wed, June 9	Periods 2 and 7 part 1
Thu, June 10	Periods 5 and 7 part 2
Fri, June 11	Periods 4 and 6
Mon, June 14	Periods 1 and 3

### Underclass Exam Schedule

Fri, June 18	Period 3 (in class)
Mon, June 21	Periods 2 and 4
Tue, June 22	Periods 1 and 5
Wed, June 23	Periods 6 and 7

School will be dismissed at 9:30 on Thu, June 17. Fri, June 18 will be a regular school day. School will be dismissed at 11:00 on Mon, June 21 through Wed, June 23. School will be dismissed at 9:45 on Thu, June 24. Buses leave school immediately after dismissal. Check the calendar on the school website for updates.

## The Langley Read

Dear faculty, students, and parents,

As a school community we will all read one selected book over the summer to set the tone for a successful 2010-2011 school year in order to facilitate conversations that focus on a theme for the year as illustrated by the novel.

We would like to accumulate as many suggestions as possible for a theme (i.e. personal responsibility/integrity) and related book title to begin the collaborative process.

Please email me ([susan.broad@fcps.edu](mailto:susan.broad@fcps.edu)) with your suggestions for a theme and book title with author by Fri, May 28.

A committee will narrow down the list and then post the choices on the Langley website via [SurveyMonkey.com](http://SurveyMonkey.com) to offer the entire Langley community a chance to vote. The top choice will be announced by Fri, June 4.

Thank you in advance for your suggestions,

Susan Broad

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## Summer 2010 Reading List

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ALL STUDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING "THE LANGLEY READ" SELECTION IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.**

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

#### World Civilization I

1. English 9 - John Connolly's *The Book of Lost Things*
2. World History – The Langley Read

#### Honors World Civilization I

1. English 9 - John Connolly's *The Book of Lost Things*
2. Honors World History – Daniel Quinn's *Ishmael*

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

#### World Civilization II

1. English 10 – The Langley Read
2. World History – The Langley Read

## Honors/AP World Civilization II

1. Honors English 10 **AND** AP World History – Adam Hochschild's *King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa*.

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

### American Civilization

1. English 11 – The Langley Read
2. U.S. History – The Langley Read

### AP American Civilization

1. AP English Language & Composition 11 – Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*
2. AP U.S. History - Alan Brinkley's *American History: A Survey*, 12<sup>th</sup> edition. (Chapters 1, 2, and 3)

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

### English

1. English 12 – The Langley Read
2. AP English Literature 12 – Barbara Kingsolver's *Poisonwood Bible*

### Government

1. Government – The Langley Read
2. AP Government- Larry Sabato's *A More Perfect Constitution* (Chapters 1,3 & 5 only)
3. AP Comparative Government - Larry Sabato's *A More Perfect Constitution* (Chapters 1, 3 & 5 only) **AND** Read the two Briefing Papers listed below.

Briefing Paper on Democratization:

[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/repository/ap05\\_comp\\_govpol\\_demo\\_42252.pdf](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/repository/ap05_comp_govpol_demo_42252.pdf)

Briefing Paper on Globalization:

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## **Performing Arts**

**BAND:** The final concert of the school year will be Tue, June 8, 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Band students and parents are invited to attend the year-end dinner before the concert, at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. Information is available on the bands website.

The Wind Symphony and Symphony Band have been invited to perform at Lincoln Center in New York City in April 2011! Very few high school ensembles are invited to perform in the DCINY Concert Series at Lincoln Center. Congratulations to the Langley bands on this MAJOR announcement!

Congratulations to Craig Hunter (percussionist) who has been selected to participate in the Virginia Governor's School of the Arts for 2010.

We had a record number of students who were selected, via state auditions, for All Virginia Band in 2010!!

Placement auditions have already occurred for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are moving into the Langley school district and would like to schedule an audition, please contact the Langley Guidance Office.

The Music department has just received the Blue Ribbon School Award 2009-2010. The purpose of this award is to recognize schools throughout the Commonwealth who have superior music performing ensembles. The Music department has been recognized by the Virginia Music Educators Association on the attainment and implementation of the highest ideals of music education.

The bands are having a car wash on June 26, 9:30 am-4 pm at the Great Falls Exxon.

**CHORAL:** The department will hold its annual spring show June 3 and 4, 7:30 pm in the auditorium. The theme is *On Broadway* and it will feature songs and medleys from popular Broadway musicals. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or in advance from any chorus student.

The annual department awards picnic will be June 10, 6 - 8 pm. All families are encouraged to attend this potluck dinner.



**Come to the  
Langley Choral  
Spring Show**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 P.M.**

**LHS Auditorium**

**Tickets are only \$5.00**

**ORCHESTRA:** The pops concert, *I Will Survive*, will be Wed, June 2, 7:30 pm in the Oakcrest School auditorium, 850 Balls Hill Road. The concert is a celebration of Fairfax County's recent decision to continue funding band and strings programs in their public schools – essentially allowing thousands of young musicians to continue their musical education. The performance will culminate with Class of 2010 musicians performing a string arrangement of Gloria Gaynor's classic disco track. This uplifting anthem serves as inspiration not only for advocates for fragile arts programs but also for a senior class that faces a difficult economic landscape after graduation.

The concert will feature full orchestra literature under the baton of maestro Glenn Quader of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. He and a handful of professional musicians will play alongside students from Langley's orchestra and band program to present celebrated works such as Rossini's *Overture to the Barber of Seville*, Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*, and Holst's *Jupiter* from *The Planets*.

The evening will also feature solo performances by some of our exceptional graduating seniors. Pianist Arpa Vartanian (accepted to Julliard) will play Khachaturian's exhilarating *Saber Dance*. Guitarist Andres Orco (Berklee School of Music) will perform an original composition drawing inspiration from musical styles of his native Venezuela. Violist Evan Coar (UVA) will play a set of Irish reels arranged by Scythian, a Celtic band that collaborated with our program last year. Finally, All-State cellist Devin Yee (UVA) will perform the dramatic solo in Brian Balmages' new composition *Ice Sculptures*. In addition, the pianists of the Langley Chamber Ensemble have an even more outrageous agenda. If you thought the Rachmaninoff six hand trio from the Russian concert was ridiculous, wait until you see the *Souvenir of Hot Springs* for eight hands on one piano!

The end-of-year dinner and awards banquet is June 14, 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Families are invited; information will be available on the orchestra website.

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**THEATRE:** This has been a fantastic year for Saxon Stage!!

I am pleased and proud to announce that *Time's Square 2090*, LHS' original fall musical, written, scored and directed by senior Wes Brandt, has earned 13 Cappies nominations for writer, cast, and crew. The Critics team was also recognized with 2 nominations.

The 2010 National Capital Area Cappies nominations for Langley are:

Critic Team: Langley High School

Returning Critic: Tess Higgins

Sound: Yusuf Goal and Sean Lyons

Lighting: Sarah Korn

Choreography: Nicole Kang and Liza Mayman

Creativity: Wesley Brandt, Director, Writer of Music, Lyrics and Book

Ensemble in a Musical: Stand Up

Featured Actress: Victoria Tovig

Male Dancer: Takuma Koide

Comic Actor in a Musical: Erik Pike

Supporting Actor in a Musical: Brian Patterson

Lead Actress in a Musical: Chelsea Raitor

Lead Actor in a Musical: Paul Goldberg

Song: *Stand Up*

Musical: *Time's Square 2090*

Winners will be announced at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cappies Gala at the Kennedy Center on June 13.

The Cappies program requires that each participating school have 5 critics who each submit 5 reviews. However, this year's LHS critics attended 16 area high school theatre productions, submitted 63 reviews, and have been published 17 times! Seven reviews have received premier recognition, and have been published in *The Washington Post*. Kudos go to Cappies captains, seniors Emily Mannon and Janie Yurechko, and team critics Becca Allen, Tess Higgins, Brian Patterson, and Lauren Stewart. It has been a banner year for our NCA Cappies team.

The Theatre Honor Society (THS) held its spring car wash at the Great Falls Exxon on May 15 and raised \$964 for Saxon Stage On Cue (the theatre arts booster group). It was a beautiful, sunny day, and the kids worked really hard. Thank you to ALL our parent volunteers who supported the event. We will bring our 2009-2010 season to a close with our annual THS awards ceremony on June 9. New members will be inducted, honors recognized, seniors roasted and our favorite paper plate awards announced.

SSOC has provided funds to improve our Theatre Lab (room 101) with a sound system and improved theatre lighting. Our next SSOC meeting is Tue, June 1. Elections will be held for the offices of president, treasurer, and secretary. SSOC looks forward to building our new organization and continuing to support and promote the theatre arts at Langley!!

Remember, visit [www.saxonstage.com](http://www.saxonstage.com) for news and updates. Have a great summer. We are looking forward to a performance-filled 2010-2011!

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## Spring Sports

**BASEBALL:** The varsity team wrapped up the regular season with an 8-12 overall record. They sit at 4-10 in the Liberty District. The Saxons opened the Liberty District Tournament on May 18<sup>th</sup> at home against South Lakes.

**CREW:** The team had quite a showing at this year's Stotesbury Regatta May 13-15. The girl's freshmen 8+ worked so hard and have been very determined to perform well all season. At their capstone regatta, the freshmen put it all on the race course and rowed their hearts out. The row in time trials was, by far, their cleanest and most effective row! While the crew experienced some difficulty on the race course, they took each stroke with pride and rowed a very effective and impressive piece. Although the 8 did not advance to semi-finals, these girls proved that hard work and positive attitudes go a long way in this sport we call crew.

The boys JV 8+ started their run at Stotesbury focused on technique and power application to row their fastest time of the season, their most technical piece of the season and finished in the top two-thirds of the field.

The boys lightweight 4+ competed in a very competitive division and their overall performance proved that lightweight 4's for LHS are a force to be reckoned with. This crew went down the course and finished in the top 30! Their hard work and determination to row fast kept them rowing with some of the best crews in the country.

The boys varsity 4+ had a very tough level of competition in their event. With over 50 crews battling it out for the top 18 slots to semi-finals, the guys pushed hard and they too had the best row of their season. The seniors in this crew will be greatly missed and their accomplishments over the last season will certainly not be forgotten.

The girl's varsity 4+, with a novice coxswain at the helm, rowed their fastest posted time and had one of their best rows of this season. Competing against 57 crews is no easy task and this group of girls put their all behind each stroke. Their determination and success this year landed them in the top two-thirds of the group. This is a great achievement for them and signifies the strength and speed that LHS has gained over the last racing season!

The girl's lightweight 8+ had an outstanding performance. This crew placed 13th and was less than 5 seconds from qualifying for semi-finals this year. The resolute crew posted a fast time and went up against some of the same competition that they will face in Saratoga in 2 weeks.

The girl's lightweight 8+ and 2nd varsity 4+ along with the boy's lightweight 4+ will compete this weekend in the second half of the VASRA State Championships. We expect the lightweight teams to progress onto the SRAA Nationals in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Crew bids farewell to 13 seniors this year, most of whom have been with the team for all four years: Will Chiang, Claire Cole, Hannah Haught, Matt Levetown, Connor Houston, Elyse Moy, Sarah O'Connor, Stephanie Plunkett, Justin Quion, Laila Rosenthal, Jon Souleles, Katie Wiseman, Connor O'Donnell and Katerina Tran. We wish all our seniors the best. You will be missed.

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**BOYS LACROSSE:** The team won its third straight Liberty District Championship by defeating Madison 10 – 9 on May 15 at Marshall HS. Senior Robbie Bennett's fourth-quarter goal tied the game at nine and senior Ethan Bailey scored the game winner with 3 minutes left in the game.

Five Saxons made first team All District. They are:

Senior Ethan Bailey, attack

Senior Joey Byrne, midfield

Junior Brenden Dwyer, defense

Senior Robbie Bennett, defense

Senior Thomas Robinson, defense

Robinson was also selected as the Liberty District Defensive Player of the Year.

Second team honors went to:

Senior Jack Lundeen, attack

Sophomore Sean Ahearn, attack

Senior Jack Curry, midfield

Senior Kas Semancik, defense

Sophomore Andrew Spivey, goalie

Honorable Mention:

Senior Ryan Miller, midfield

Junior Ryan Long, goalie

The team enters the regional tournament as a number 1 seed and will play the first two games at home.

**GIRLS LACROSSE:** The Lady Saxons continue to be one of the premier programs in Virginia, winning their third District title in five years by defeating the Madison Warhawks 17-15. The Saxons have been ranked #4 in Virginia by [laxpower.com](http://laxpower.com). Girls lacrosse began Regional play against Edison at Langley on May 18. Subsequent rounds are May 20, 24, 26.

Lady Saxon players selected to the All-District Team are: First team - Elspeth McGarry, Mary Riley Pembroke, Margo Swomley and Torrie Zarella; Second team - Jill Canning, Natalie Dolan and Nicky Pritchett. Honorable

Mention - Nicole Burkhart, Ellie Glasgow, Anna Helmer and Kelly Martins. Elspeth McGarry was also named District Player of the Year.

All-Region awards for our Lady Saxons are First team - Elspeth McGarry; Second team - Torrie Zarella and Margo Swomley; Honorable Mention - Mary Riley Pembroke.

**BOYS SOCCER:** Our varsity team has had a good year, remaining undefeated (14-0-0).

The team is currently competing in District and Regional tournaments and, with hard work and a little luck, States as well. If every game is played as if it is the last Saxon game, then most probably the team will still be playing in June (States).

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**BOYS TENNIS:** We have concluded our regular season with a very respectable 12-2 record, losing to TJ twice. This qualifies us as the second seed for the Team Regional Tournament, to be held this week. If we make it to the finals, there is an excellent possibility we might just meet TJ again.

On May 15, we had a mixed doubles tournament with the girls' team, followed by lunch. After lunch, the boys had a chance to hit and work out with former number one player in the world, Mats Wilander. Mats is a personal friend and has agreed to donate his time to Langley while visiting the area to conduct tennis clinics at local clubs.

We had a terrific season and would have liked to claim the District Championship, but there is always next year.

**GIRLS TENNIS:** The varsity team is having a very successful season. For the first time in many years the team qualified for the Team Regional Tournament as the number one seed. Qualifying for Regionals did not come easily; the team was in a three-way tie for first place after regular season matches and won the tiebreaker by beating both TJ and McLean. The effort was led by seniors Schuyler Tompkins, Lamvy Le, Margot Louthan and Emily Knapp. Now the team has their sights set on a Regional win and a State Tournament run.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** The team is winding up a strong, busy season. Districts were held last week where we showed many strong performances. Special congratulations go to Alex Maybury who set a new District record in the 300 hurdles, breaking a ten-year record. Athletes who qualified to compete in the Northern Region Championship are: Logan Besougloff (pole vault), Molly Bremer (4x100 relay), Stephen Browne (pole vault), Antonio Coulibaly (triple and long jump), Anneke Day (100 and 300 hurdles), JD Drasbek (shot and discus), Catherine Flessas (pole vault), Lucas Grim (pole vault), Efosa Guobadia (triple and high jump), Mike Lillie (discus), Alex Maybury (300 hurdles, 200 dash, long and triple jump), Meigan McManus (pole vault and 4x100 relay), Jessica Miles (1600), Jake Peker (1600), Elissa Purdy (800 and 1600), Peter Sanson (long jump), Adrienne Schmidt (100 dash and 4x100 relay), Caitie Simpson (4x100 alternate), Stefan Topalov (long jump), Courteney West (1600 and 3200), and Sarah Woodford (4x100 relay). Regional will be Thu-Fri, May 27-28 at Lake Braddock HS. For track and field information go to [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org). Go Saxons!

The track and field team will hold a car wash fundraiser at the McLean BP on Sat, June 12, 9 am-2 pm.

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## ***Upcoming Sports Information***

**DANCE:** We invite you to try out for our award-winning team for the 2010-2011 season! The dancers perform throughout the year at football and basketball games as well as compete in area and national competitions. If you think you have what it takes to join this amazing group of dancers, we hope to see you at tryouts. If you have further questions about requirements, attire etc please visit the dance team section at [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) or contact Coach Wanda Brown, wanda.brown@gmail.com. GOOD LUCK!

Tryout dates are listed below. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Tue, May 25, 4:30-6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

Thu May 27, 4:30-6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

Sat June 5, 9 am-12 noon in the main gym. If selected, please be prepared to stay for a team meeting/uniform fitting from 1-3 pm.

## LANGLEY SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Applications and information on camps are listed on the Langley sports website [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org).

June 21-25	Volleyball
June 28-July 2	Cheerleading
July 6-9	Girls Basketball
July 12-16	Boys Basketball
July 19-23	Boys Basketball
July 26-30	Girls Basketball

### FALL 2010 SPORTS INFORMATION:

The 2010-2011 fall season opens Tue, Aug 10. Visit [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) for time and location for each individual sport.

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, 2010** for the 2010-2011 school year. Early arrivals are greatly appreciated. Make a copy for your records. Call the Activities office, 703-287-2750, with any questions.

All athletes must submit a copy 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.

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**FIELD HOCKEY:** Tryouts will be Aug 10-13, 9-11 am and 4-6 pm. Final selections will be made during practice on Aug 14. Mornings will focus on conditioning and skill development while afternoons will be devoted to scrimmages. All players are expected to be at all tryouts. Once the teams are selected there will be daily practices continuing through August, September, and October. Every player must have a physical form and emergency care card on file to tryout. Physical forms should be turned in to the Activities office prior to tryouts and emergency care cards should be brought the first day of tryouts. The forms may be downloaded from the VHSL website and/or picked up at the Activities office. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Robb, [jrobb@fcps.edu](mailto:jrobb@fcps.edu).

**GIRLS GOLF:** The fall 2010 season will kick off with tryouts starting Aug 10 at Reston National Golf Course. Please see the girls golf section of [LangleySports.org](http://LangleySports.org) for more information.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:** We are looking forward to another strong season this fall! Open gym will be Mondays and Wednesdays at 2:30 pm June 2-16. Tryout information as well as practice and match schedules are available on the website [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org), click on the files section under girls varsity volleyball. Good luck to our graduating seniors Elizabeth Bui, Lainey LeBlanc, Carlie Owen and Elysse Richardson as they continue their academic and athletic careers in college!

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## Calendar for Langley PTSA & Activities, 5/24 – 9/7/10

### May 2010

24 Mon **SOL exams begin**, see schedule on page 7

26 Wed **Principal's coffee and PTSA general meeting and officer elections**, 9:15 am, Choral Room  
**VHSL sports physicals**, by appointment

28 Fri **Early dismissal at 12:10 pm**

29 Sat **Battle of the Bands**, Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean

31 Mon **Memorial Day holiday**

### June 2010

1 Tue **Academic Awards ceremony**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

2 Wed **ANGP meeting**, 10:00 am, PTSA conference center  
**Orchestra spring concert**, "*I Will Survive*", 7:30 pm, Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean

3 Thu **Choral Spring Show**, 7:30 pm, Auditorium (also 4 Fri)

5 Sat **SAT at LHS**  
**International Night show**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

8 Tue **Band spring awards banquet**, 5:30 pm, Cafeteria  
**Band spring concert**, 7:30 pm, Auditorium

9 Wed **Senior exams, periods 2 and 7** (1<sup>st</sup> half)  
**Theatre Honor Society awards**, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

10 Thu **Senior exams, periods 5 and 7** (2<sup>nd</sup> half)  
**Baccalaureate rehearsal**, 2:20 – 3:15 pm, Auditorium  
**Choral picnic and awards ceremony**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Cafeteria and Courtyard

11 Fri **Senior exams, periods 4 and 6**  
**Yearbook distribution to seniors during period 7**

12 Sat **ACT at LHS**

12 Sat **Track fundraiser car wash**, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, McLean BP

13 Sun **Baccalaureate**, 5:00 pm, Auditorium

14 Mon **Senior exams, periods 1 and 3**  
**Senior picnic** (after exams)  
**Graduation rehearsal**  
**Orchestra dinner and awards**, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria

15 Tue **Senior class field trip to Hershey Park**, 7:30 am

16 Wed **Senior family coffee**, 8:15 am, Cafeteria  
**Senior awards program**, 9:15 am, Auditorium  
**Graduation rehearsal and ticket distribution** (following awards ceremony)

17 Thu **Seniors report to Cafeteria**, 8:30 am  
**Underclassmen dismissal**, 9:30 am  
**Class of 2010 graduation**, 11:00 am, Constitution Hall  
**All Night Graduation Party**, 11:00 pm – 5:00 am, Langley HS

18 Fri **Underclass exam, period 3**, during class

21 Mon **Underclass exams, periods 2 and 4**, dismissal at 11:00 am

22 Tue **Underclass exams, periods 1 and 5**, dismissal at 11:00 am

23 Wed **Underclass exams, periods 6 and 7**, dismissal at 11:00 am

24 Thu **Last day of school 2010**, dismissal at 9:45 am

26 Sat **Band fundraiser car wash**, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm, Great Falls Exxon

### August 2010

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

26 Thu **AP Workshop**

### September 2010

7 Tue **First day of school 2010-11**