



# THE PTSA NEWSLETTER

Langley High School

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SOLs, APs, and Prom approach. Spring sports and the weather are heating up. Final exams and graduation loom. It should be a time of joy and excited anticipation of nice things to come. And, it will be just that for your families if everyone remembers to keep one foot in front of the other. Try not to get caught up with the end of the year just yet. Try to concentrate on just the next step and then the one after that.

The month of May is always a strange time because the initial planning for the next school year has been completed and students can already feel summer on their skin. Many seniors have committed to a plan for the summer and/or fall. Underclassmen have selected their classes for next year. And, if your family is like mine, you are starting to coordinate summer activities. So, it's a natural time for students to begin to ease up on their work, attendance, and usually responsible attitudes. Reminding students that they need to maintain their concentration, not just on their studies, but on their responsible behaviors, is an essential conversation to have. And don't worry. They will remember what you've taught them about making good decisions when the time comes.

Langley's Prom, May 22 at Westwood Country Club, will be one to remember. Our plan is to keep students at the event, and safe, for as long as we can. To encourage good decision making, we have planned an assembly for juniors and seniors on Friday, May 21 in the auditorium. When the message to make responsible decisions goes out consistently from parents and school personnel, our kids, our students will remain safe. Thanks to the PTSA and the family network committee for helping us to coordinate this message.

So I don't distract from this important issue, I will keep this month's message brief. Allow me to close by thanking the PTSA for their efforts in appreciating our faculty. In these budget times, it is very difficult to prove to teachers their true value. Your large and small tokens of appreciation go a long way to help us celebrate their dedication to a noble profession. Thanks.

Have a safe and happy May.

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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

*"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." — Pericles*

For a second consecutive year, Langley's PTSA received a regional and a state award for superior membership achievement. Many thanks to Tracey Liberson and Gail Welch, our membership co-chairs, and to everyone in the community for joining the PTSA.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to Susan Mayman and Janet Wright-Simpson, who once again co-chaired a tremendously successful Ethics Forum. Along with Fred Amico, Matt Kissling, a hardworking committee and a host of parent volunteers, they provided an invaluable experience for our seniors. The ethics committee has several long-time volunteers who will be leaving us at the end of the school year. A big shout-out to Ellen DiZio and Jayne Hoffman, both of whom have been involved with Ethics Forum in some way since its early years, and to Karin Brown, who has served on the committee and organized the senior breakfast for the past two years. Thanks also to Sara Vincent and her students for their assistance in collating the folders for Ethics Forum, as well as the mailing to all senior families.

Please attend the next principal's coffee on Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 pm in the auditorium (note time change). The slate of PTSA officers for 2010-2011 will be presented by the nominating committee. Elections will take place on May 26 at the final principal's coffee/PTSA general membership meeting.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the next PTSA meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 9:30 am in the PTSA conference center.

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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 auditorium on Wed, May 26, 9:15 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

### FAMILY NETWORK

As the school year draws to a close, the committee is pleased to be working with the administrators on their programs for the 9-10th graders and 11-12th graders. During the month of May, the 9-10th grade students will hear the real-life consequences for a young woman whose slippery slope of bad decisions took her from her life as a good student, athlete, and student government representative in middle school to a world of drug addiction, arrest, and incarceration for distributing heroin. It is a message of responsible decision making, not drug and alcohol abuse. The 11-12th grade students will hear the real-life ramifications of drinking and driving as a mother who lost her young daughter in a drunk driving accident shares her painful and tragic story. These programs are not designed to scare the students but will hopefully encourage our Langley students to ask questions of themselves, their behavior, their decisions, and their paths.

Finally, the committee is already planning programs for next year, so if any staff, parents, or students have any ideas for programs, please let us know.

*Betsy Shomaker, shomaker.jb@verizon.net*

## **HOSPITALITY**

The committee and parent volunteers will host a teacher appreciation dessert luncheon for our faculty and staff on Fri, April 30 (note new date), 10:30 am-1:15 pm in the Chili Room. Parent donations of bite-sized desserts are tremendously appreciated. To donate, contact Michelle Dymont Fanning, thedymonts@aol.com. The PTSA really appreciates Langley's outstanding faculty and staff.

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## **SENIOR ETHICS FORUM**

Thanks to the time and talents of close to one hundred adult volunteers, the annual Senior Ethics Forum on April 15 was a great success! We owe a special thank you to the Gannett Company for continuing to host the event at their lovely McLean facility. Contributions from the Class of 2010, Langley's PTSA, Safe Community Coalition, Exxon Mobil and McLean Rotary all helped to make this day possible.

We greatly appreciate all the community leaders and Langley parents who volunteered their time as table leaders, mock trial actors, room monitors, at the registration table, and who worked on the senior breakfast. Our able facilitators Judge Gayl Carr, Kurt Wimmer, Dr. Allan Morrison and Brian Boruff and panelists Patricia Titus and Jared Kaprove were key to leading students through the modules. The class of 2010's active participation in the day was also critical to the success of the program.

Many thanks to Phyllis Jaffe and Langley drama students Natalie Bozorgzad, Haley Mueller, Brian Patterson and Nick Calandra, for their amazing performance in the mock trial module! Thanks also to Officer Poach for returning in the role of Officer Boyd!

A huge thank you to Sara Vincent and Langley's Career Pathways class for the outstanding work copying and assembling nearly 600 forum packets for adult volunteers and students! Thanks also to the government teachers, for giving senior students an orientation to ethics, and to Langley's administrators for their support.

The committee would like to express its gratitude to Fred Amico and Matt Kissling for all of their hard work and ongoing dedication to the ethics program.

Finally, we'd like to thank our terrific committee members: Karin Brown, Ellen DiZio, Donna Hoffman, Jayne Hoffman, Ellyn Pontell, Nancy Rau and Silvia Gonzales Roman. We will miss our graduating parents!

*Susan Mayman and Janet Wright-Simpson*

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# **Class News**

## **SCREEN ON THE LHS GREEN**

Come join your fellow Saxons in the LHS courtyard for a great time watching the hit movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Fri, May 14, 8 pm, rain or shine. All students are welcome. There will be plenty of pizza, popcorn, candy and drinks. Tickets are available starting May 3 during all lunch periods. The movie ticket is free and food is \$3 advance purchase, or \$5 at the door. This event is sponsored by the sophomore class officers. Bueller, Bueller... Don't miss out!

## **CLASS OF 2014 (Rising Freshmen)**

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF RISING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

The Langley PTSA and administrators are looking for volunteers to be class parents for the Class of 2014. This group is comprised of approximately six people who will work with the student officers and the faculty class sponsor to help the class carry out their fundraising, charity work and school spirit efforts. In addition, you will lead a coalition of parent volunteers from your class to plan Prom during junior year, and the Homecoming Dance and graduation events during senior year. This is a four-year assignment that will fly by!

For consideration, please send the following information to PTSA Co-President Andrea Sotter, andrea4@cox.net.

NAME:

EMAIL:

HOME ADDRESS:  
PHONE NUMBER:  
RISING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADER'S NAME:  
ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS YOUR CHILD ATTENDED:  
VOLUNTEER HISTORY:

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

Our freshman year is flying by! Here we are in the 4th quarter. Our next class coffee will be on Wed, May 12, 9 am in the cafeteria. Principal Ragone will be our speaker. Please put it on your calendars. Hope to see you there!

*Freshman Class Parents*

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

We invite sophomore parents to our final coffee of the year on Tue, May 4, 9:15 am in the auditorium. We will have two speakers. First, Betty Schneider, College and Career Specialist, will discuss scholarship opportunities, summer employment and volunteer options. Then, Diane Eckert, Prevention Specialist from the Fairfax County Student Safety and Wellness Office, will speak about transitioning to junior year and how parents can help manage the stress of college visits and other college prep items.

AP exams are the first two weeks of May and SOL tests start the week of May 24. The schedule for both can be found later in this newsletter and on the school website calendar.

The sophomore class needs your help with the All Night Grad Party. Each year the ANGP counts on the sophomore class to set up and decorate since the parents of seniors are busy with graduation activities. We need at least 20 volunteers from 9 am-noon on Thu, June 17. If you can help please email Beccie Collier, becciecollier@cox.net, as soon as possible. Thanks!

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

If your student is interested in applying for a parking pass for next year (juniors are not guaranteed a spot), see the parking information in the Announcements section on page 13.

Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for your involvement!

*Sophomore Class Parents*

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

Schedule an appointment with your child's counselor to start to plan the college process for your child.

Some college representatives come to LHS to talk about their schools and what they have to offer. Check the online school calendar for scheduled visits and remind your child about these. Appointments are necessary.

The final two principal's coffees are Wed, Apr 28, 7 pm, and Wed, May 26, 9:15 am. Please plan to attend.

The Junior-Senior Prom is Sat, May 22, 9 pm-1 am, at Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA. For more information contact Donna Doll, DonnaDDoll@cox.net or 703-821-4038.

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

There are many standardized tests between now and the end of the school year.

SAT at LHS May 1 and June 5

ACT at LHS June 12

AP exams May 3-14, check page 7 in this newsletter and the online school calendar

SOL tests May 24-June 11, check page 9 in this newsletter and the online school calendar

*Junior Class Parents*

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

We are beginning the countdown to the big day--Graduation 2010! Please mark your calendars with all the important dates sent with the recent graduation mailer and make sure all financial obligations are met. We'd hate to deny a student's attendance at the class trip! The Junior-Senior Prom is May 22 at Westwood Country Club and Battle of the Bands is May 29 at the Old Firehouse Teen Center in McLean.

The Class of 2010's parents have a reputation for volunteerism and we ask that you continue to be generous with your time and volunteer to help with all the year-end activities.

Take special note of the attendance policy for seniors and how it pertains to final exam exemptions. A senior is exempt from a final exam if he/she meets all the following criteria:

1. An overall A or A- course average, including fourth quarter interim grade.
2. No unexcused or unverified absences during the fourth quarter.
3. No more than three excused absences during the fourth quarter, excluding school-related activities. Check in/check out during AP exams counts as absences from classes missed, except those for the exam period itself.
4. No more than three tardies during the fourth quarter, excused or unexcused.
5. Attendance at Senior Ethics Forum, April 15.

This policy does not apply to semester courses, courses at other schools (including Multivariable Calculus, linked to GMU), online courses, or a course taken pass/fail. A project is not exempted.

Teachers must adhere to this policy. If a student elects to take a final exam, even if he/she meets the exemption criteria, the final exam grade will be part of the overall course grade.

Exempted students may be given a pass to the library or have their absence excused by a parent.

*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.

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### **BACCALAUREATE**

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

Sunday, June 13, 5 pm, Auditorium

The next Baccalaureate planning meeting is on Thu, May 13, 2:20 pm in the PTSA conference center (the PTSA trailer). All seniors are invited to attend this meeting and help plan the celebration. Also, please contact us if you are interested in performing or doing a reading at Baccalaureate. We still need tax-deductible donations to help cover our expenses. Please send your donation to LHS PTSA Baccalaureate, c/o Christine Purcell, 10320 Yellow Pine Dr., Vienna, VA 22182. If you have any questions please contact Christine Purcell, Christine.Purcell@cox.net, or Laura Mendelsohn, smendelsohn@cox.net.

## ALL NIGHT GRADUATION PARTY



Wow - Graduation is right around the corner! You should have recently received important ANGP materials in the mail. Please read through these carefully. Does your senior have his/her reservation to the ANGP yet? A ticket reservation and release form were included in the mailing if you have not yet purchased a ticket. ACT NOW - The discounted price of \$45 has been extended through April 30. Either mail your form right away or have your grad purchase a ticket during lunch on April 27-30. All ticket reservations and release forms received by April 30 are eligible for a super prize drawing to be held on May 1. **A \$250 Shopping Spree will be awarded to the lucky winner!** Don't miss a great chance to see a big ole Saxon smile on your kid's face, not to mention help your ANGP committee get necessary party funding before the last minute. If you have questions, please contact Becky Flitcroft, [bflitcroft@aol.com](mailto:bflitcroft@aol.com).

We need more than 200 senior parents to work early, late, or both volunteer shifts the night of the party. We really count on senior parents to make this event a successful and safe evening for all, so please enlist in our fabulous and fun volunteer army. We'll keep you as caffeinated and sugared-up as possible! Either mail your volunteer sign-up form that was included in the mailing or contact Susan Mayman directly, [smayman@verizon.net](mailto:smayman@verizon.net).

Donations are greatly appreciated (and tax-deductible). You can donate a prize or gift certificate or just send a check and we'll buy it for you. For more details about donating, check online or contact Jill Baker, [jsnodelman@aol.com](mailto:jsnodelman@aol.com), or Lynn Beran, [lynnberan@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnberan@hotmail.com).

Don't miss this chance to get the best ride to graduation and the best seats! You get four hours total of limousine time (starts when you get picked up) for up to eight passengers PLUS a fabulous box (6 seat maximum) at Constitution Hall to watch your senior graduate. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. **The deadline for purchasing is May 13.** The winner will be drawn on May 14 during Saxon Time. Winning box seat tickets replace the general admission tickets provided by LHS for each senior. You don't have to be present at the drawing to win. For further details, contact Cindy Pivik, [clpivik@verizon.net](mailto:clpivik@verizon.net). Extra forms are available online at <http://www.langleyptsa.org/files/ANGP%20raffle.pub>.

All ANGP forms and information are always available on the PTSA website <http://www.langleyptsa.org>. Look under "Class News" to find the ANGP-specific information. If you have any questions, please contact us. An enormous thank you to everyone for their support!

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## Counseling Connection TESTING

### AP EXAM REVIEW SESSIONS

Teachers in many AP subjects are offering after-school and Saturday review sessions before the AP exams. Please check the school website for up-to-date information about dates, times and locations for specific classes. Students can ask their teachers about specific review sessions.

## AP EXAM INFORMATION

For all AP exams, morning report time is 7:30 am and afternoon report time is 11:30 am. The exam for AP Russian will be Wed, Apr 28, 9:00 am.

## AP EXAM CALENDAR

Week 1, May 3 - 7		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Mon</b>	US Government	Comparative Government French Language
<b>Tue</b>	Computer Science A Spanish Language	Statistics
<b>Wed</b>	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language
<b>Thu</b>	English Literature German Language	Japanese Language
<b>Fri</b>	US History	Studio Art
Week 2, May 10 - 14		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Mon</b>	Biology	Physics C: Mechanics
<b>Tue</b>	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
<b>Wed</b>	English Language	
<b>Thu</b>	World History Macroeconomics	Microeconomics
<b>Fri</b>		Latin Virgil

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## 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 bell 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 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.

## 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

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## Performing Arts

**BAND:** March was a busy month for all the band members. Both the Symphony Band and the Wind Symphony performed at the District XII Concert Band Festival held at South Lakes HS. The Wind Symphony traveled to Indianapolis to perform at the MFA National Concert Band Festival. The Symphony Band visited Orlando and performed at the Festival Disney competition. Congratulations to all the musicians on their outstanding performances.

Thanks to the Drum Line for representing Langley and providing a spirited atmosphere at the opening ceremonies of the Great Falls Little League earlier this month.

The 2010 Marching Band camp schedule for all band and percussion classes is now posted on the band website [www.langleybands.org](http://www.langleybands.org). Check the schedule now to minimize vacation conflicts.

Congratulations to percussionist Craig Hunter who has been selected to attend the Virginia Governor's School for the Arts this summer.

The Wind Symphony has been invited to play at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center in April 2011 under the auspices of Distinguished Concerts International in New York City. Dr. Jonathan Griffith, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor for DCINY states: "The Langley High School Wind Symphony received this invitation because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by its members. It is quite an honor just to be invited to perform in Lincoln Center. These wonderful musicians not only represent a high quality of music and education, but they also become ambassadors for the entire community. This is an event of extreme pride for everybody and deserving of the community's recognition and support."

Save the date for the bands final concert of the year on Tue Jun 8, 7:30 pm in the auditorium. More details next month.

**CHORAL:** The department returned triumphant from the Heritage Festivals choral competition in San Antonio, TX that was held April 16-17. The Langley choirs swept all of the top awards, arriving home with four large trophies and four plaques. The Choral Sweepstakes trophy was awarded to Concert Choir and Madrigals for having the highest combined score of all choirs in the competition. The Madrigals received the Outstanding Choir Award for the score closest to a perfect score. Concert Choir, Madrigals, Women's Chamber Choir, and Women's Select

Treble Choir all received Gold ratings. Concert Choir and Madrigals received Adjudicator's Trophies for scores of 95 (out of 100) or higher. Senior Caroline Dunigan received a Maestro Award for Excellence in Soprano.

Langley will be sending the largest contingent of students to All-State Chorus of any Fairfax County high school. The All-State Chorus event will be Thu, April 29 - Sat, May 1 at the Tysons Sheraton Hotel. The students who were selected include (Sopranos) Chelsea Raitor and Becky Card; (Altos) Ariana Gover-Chamlou, Rachael Bumsted, Jackie Dinarte and Arianna Zell; (Tenor) Adam Check; and (Basses) Paul Goldberg and Matt Anderson. Alternates include Patricia Lindholm, Justin McKay, Zack Gray and Matt Goudreau.

Mark your calendars for the very popular spring show, which will be June 3-4, 7:30 pm in the auditorium.

**ORCHESTRA:** Congratulations to the Philharmonic Orchestra, who overcame snow cancellations, power outages, and distracted dads to receive unanimous Superior rankings at the 2010 District XII Orchestra Festival. Our students displayed outstanding maturity and focus in preparing very challenging literature in such difficult circumstances. I have never been more proud of a festival performance.

Congratulations to our two All-State Orchestra musicians: Evan Passante and Devin Yee, cellists.

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**THEATRE:** It's springtime, and Saxon Stage is in full swing!! Congratulations to student directors of our One-Acts Festival held Apr 23-24: Wes Brandt, PJ DeSutter, Yusuf Goal, Paul Goldberg, Kelly Hubbell and Tu-An Troung. Actors were: Matt Anderson, Natalie Bozorgzad, Stavie Brown, Nick Calandra, Caroline Callahan, Justin Cecil, Kendall Cornish, Chaffee Duckers, Taylor Goodson, Zack Grey, Matt Grisdela, Nicole Kang, Shannon Keene, Cyrus Kingdom, Takuma Koide, Sarah Korn, Virginia Lee, Alex Lichtenstein, Jay Mamana, Emily Mannon, Sam Mayman, Rokhsane, Brendan McConnaughay, Jordan Moeller, Hayley Mueller, Brian Patterson, Chris Paul, Erik Pike, Leo Pineiro, Ryan Poyner, Connor O'Donnell, Chelsea Raitor, Arthur Richardson, Michael Richardson, Tarun Sharma, Jessica Stewart, Lauren Stewart, Chris Tabassi, Tu-An Troung, Charlie Weir, Grace Worm and Janie Yurechko. The tech crew were: Angie Garelick, Abby Hargroves, Allison Simmons and Sarah White.

Our LHS TV studio debut is almost here!! We are so excited to announce that the *Saxons On Six* LHS TV, housed in the library, will be up and running soon. Thanks to Principal Matt Ragone for making it all possible. Run by our Broadcast Journalism students, the studio has 4 video inputs, 2 TV cameras, green screen capability and full audio set-up. In-school broadcasts are planned.

Students recently returned from a fab spring break London trip. Highlights included an acting workshop at the Globe Theatre, performing at Stonehenge, and at the National Theatre plaza. Ms. Jaffe wrote the Connection newspaper: "The joy for me is bringing the students together to experience London theatre and all the sites along the way. They enjoyed themselves and I enjoyed them. We had two great chaperones, Wendy Mueller and Adam Lichtenstein. It was a trip never to be forgotten."

Once again, our students performed in the courtroom scene for Langley's annual Senior Ethics Forum at Gannett Company headquarters in McLean. Thanks to our "stars" Nicole Bozorgzad, Nick Calandra, Hayley Mueller and Brian Patterson.

Thank you to all our SSOC donors. Your donations continue to support the theatre arts. Along with funding our spring production *Deadwood Dick, or the Game of Gold* (publicity, programs, costumes and set design), SSOC funds were used to purchase two video cameras, memory cards for those cameras, 3 shotgun microphones, and a stage ghost light. The ghost light was turned on for the first time on Mar 21 after striking the *Deadwood Dick* set. We had a memorable dedication ceremony where the students shared how LHS theatre has impacted their lives. It was quite moving. PTSA FAPAS funds have also been used for wireless microphones for our spring show. Thank you for your continued support.

Please come support the Theatre Honor Society (THS) spring car wash at the Great Falls Exxon on Sat, May 15, 9 am-3 pm. THS students are also participating in the May 8 "Best Buddies Friendship Walk," in Vienna. Hundreds of Best Buddies supporters will walk one or three miles, enjoy BBQ, and a Battle of the Bands. THS students are excited about supporting this special event. THS officers are planning a spectacular end-of-year celebration for June 9.

Our next SSOC parent meeting is Tue, May 4, 5:30 pm, Room 101. Remember, visit [www.saxonstage.com](http://www.saxonstage.com) for news and updates.

## Spring Sports

**BASEBALL:** The varsity team sits at 6-5 overall and 2-3 in the Liberty District with two games to play before the halfway point of the district season. The Saxons are in 5th place. They enjoyed a 4-1 spring break trip to Hilton Head, SC where they took 3rd place in the BATRUP spring break tournament.

**CREW:** The team took their second annual spring break trip to Summerton, SC and Camp Bob Cooper. They practiced three times a day on most days, and finished the week vastly improved and ready for the season!

We recently concluded our major annual fundraiser – The Ergathon. Despite best efforts and great determination, West Springfield took home the coveted Painted Erg Seat this year. The fundraising aspect of the event has earned over \$20,000 for the team thus far!

Our first regatta, The Walter Mess, took place April 3, on the Occoquan. The men's crew had some tough racing, but their positive attitude and strong determination allowed for strong finishes right behind the fastest crews of the region and even one from Great Britain. The women's crew also had some very tough racing and the first regatta victory of the season. The varsity openweight 4A (Ward, Cole, Meyers, Clark, McKee) finished a strong 1st in heats and 3rd in finals. The varsity openweight 4B (McGrath, Plunkett, Wiseman, Engelhardt, Fultz) finished 1st by 0.2 seconds in their final. The freshman 8+ led by Aronson and Stroke Baucom, finished a strong 3rd just beating out Robinson and W-L. Finally, the varsity lightweight 8+ placed 2nd to McLean.

The Darrel Winslow Regatta was held on the Occoquan on April 10. The varsity women's 4A placed second in heats with open water! Finals was a very fast heat and we finished a seat or two behind 5<sup>th</sup> place. The varsity men's 8A had an extremely tough heat with TJ and Yorktown (last years VASRA Champions!), but managed to finish 4<sup>th</sup> just a few seats behind 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The novice women's 4 rowed a great first 600m! Officials said that this crew was very strong out of the block. While some difficulties were experienced, all rowers did their best and kept their focus on finishing strong. They placed 4<sup>th</sup>. The freshmen men's 8 placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a very tough race, and worked very hard as a group! The varsity women's 4B rowed for the first time together. They had a very strong middle 500m, and worked the entire race with very strong rhythm, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. The lightweight women's 8 had some tough challenges to overcome and really rose to the occasion. They finished a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> to Woodbridge. The junior women's 4, with some last minute and unanticipated changes and challenges, raced their hearts out, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>. The junior men's 8 finished with a faster time than the previous week, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Smokey Jacobs Regatta was held April 17 on the Occoquan. It was a beautiful sunny day, but the wind played havoc with the rowers all day, with gusts upwards of 50 mph! All our boats showed speed and improvement, despite the conditions. The varsity men's first 4+ crushed their competition in their heat, and took 4th in the final, after practicing together only twice! The men's novice 4+ overcame some obstacles to turn in a strong performance in their shortened race, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. The men's junior 8+ had a very strong row despite some equipment difficulties, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. The men's lightweight 4+ stormed to a 1<sup>st</sup> place victory in their event! There were many women missing from our lineups this week due to a chorus trip. The women's freshman 8+ turned in a strong performance, taking home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon. Finally, the women's 1st varsity 4+ had some difficulties, but finished 4<sup>th</sup> in a very strong field.

Our athletes had their first "away" regatta on April 24 on the Potomac. This is a very exciting venue, and despite the fact that we were missing several athletes from the men's roster due to an orchestra trip, it was a great day!

For more information on what's happening with crew, visit [www.langleycrew.teampages.com](http://www.langleycrew.teampages.com). GO SAXONS!!!  
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**BOYS LACROSSE:** The team has begun the season with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. The lone loss on the schedule came at the West Springfield spring break tournament as the Saxons fell to Loudoun Valley in overtime, 8-7. The regular season will wrap up on Tue, April 27 at home against Marshall. This night will also be our annual senior night as we honor our ten graduating seniors.

Throughout the spring *The Washington Post* is following the team in a video series called *The Season*. This seven-part series takes an inside look at the team on and off the field. The link to the first episode is <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/video/2010/03/31/VI2010033102185.html>.

**GIRLS LACROSSE:** The Lady Saxons continue to play some of the strongest ranked competition in Virginia. Despite the challenging schedule, the coaching efforts of Head Coach Richard DeSomma, Asst Coach Robyn Bent, new Goalie/Defense Coach Gary Morgan plus the senior tri-captain leadership of Natalie Dolan, Elspeth McGarry and Mary Riley Pembroke have led the Saxons to a promising 6-2 record. The # 9 Saxons have already beaten # 3 Bishop Sullivan, and lost a nail biter to # 5 James Madison after leading 9-5 at the half before losing junior Torrie Zarella early in the second half. Despite being outshot 20-5 in that period the Saxons had a chance to tie with 20 seconds left before falling 12-11. Despite the difficult schedule which had the Saxons play # 4 Loudoun Valley and # 10 Stone Bridge consecutively upon returning from spring break, Langley held Loudoun Valley to its lowest score of the season, 10-8, and handed Stone Bridge their only loss of the season, 9-8. Upcoming important games are against archrival # 12 Woodson and # 14 Battlefield.

**BOYS SOCCER:** Varsity is off to a fine start with a 5-0-0 record and ranked number 3 in *The Washington Post*. Many players are chipping in and helping with this early season success. The team has a very deep roster and every player has really played a valuable part in this great start. If the team keeps improving and working hard then they have the possibility of becoming one of the teams to beat in the Northern Region.

The team is demonstrating a work ethic and desire to do the little things right which it had not done in the past seasons. The JV program is stacked with some good talent and the future for Langley soccer looks bright!

The Screaming Saxons have been a great support to our team, especially when we played at Madison in the pouring rain. Thank you, Screaming Saxons. Go Saxons.

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Senior Night is Thu, May 13 against TJ! It is the last game of the season. Langley is at home and play begins at 7 pm. Please come and help us say good bye to our five senior players: Amanda DiGiammarino, Haley Fowler, Brooke Gallagher, Angela Madero and Phoebe Sanderson. It should be a beautiful night for soccer. See you there!

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**SOFTBALL:** The team is off to a solid start. Currently the Lady Saxons are 5-7. Please come out and support us in the month of May. Senior Night is Fri, May 14 versus TJ. Please come support us as we recognize Adrienne Engel.

**BOYS TENNIS:** As of this writing, we are 7-1, having lost to our archrival, TJ on April 12. It was a hard-fought match, tied after the singles at 3-3. Unfortunately, we dropped two out of three doubles matches to lose the overall match 4-5.

On April 19, we played another tough opponent, Madison, for the second time. Assuming we can reprise our win from the first round on their courts, we are probably looking at a dramatic finish to our season when we have a rematch with TJ at home on May 3.

We are enjoying ourselves and hope to set up a weekend mixed doubles tournament with the girls varsity team in the near future.

**GIRLS TENNIS:** They started the season focused and ready to compete for the District title. The team is currently at the halfway point of the season and is in a tie for first place in the District. They only lost one tough singles match against their first five opponents, including exhibition matches, until they suffered a heartbreaking loss to McLean, 4-5. The girls bounced back immediately, beating TJ for the first time in many years, 5-3. The girls look forward to continuing their success as they move into the second half of the season. Senior Night was April 21 when we recognized seniors Emily Knapp, Lamvy Le, Margot Louthan, Schuyler Tompkins and our exchange student, Laura Domaschin.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** Some members of the varsity team ran in the world-famous Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA at the end of last week. Our final home meet and Senior Night ceremony will be on Wed, April 28, 4:45 pm. We will recognize Stephen Browne, Anneke Day, JD Drasbek, Hyun Jun Kim, Mike Lillie, Andrew Matzke, Alex Maybury, Jake McGrath, James McMichael, Michael Ochoa and Maurice Scott. The Saxons will compete in the Liberty District Meet at TJ on May 18-19. Good Luck Saxons!

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## Upcoming Sports Information

**ATHLETIC TRAINING:** Help support Langley Athletic Training and receive your VHSL physical at Langley on Wed, May 26. Please go to <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/ppeoverview.htm> to register for the Pre-Participation Sports Physical Screening. For more information please visit [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org) under Athletic Training.

**FALL 2010 SPORTS OUTLOOK:** The earliest day for cross country and golf tryouts is Aug 3; tryouts for all other fall sports begin no earlier than Aug 10. The New Revised (4/07) VHSL physical form must be turned in to the Student Activities office in order for the student-athlete to participate in any fall sports team, practice or tryout. The physical exam date must be on or after **May 1, 2010** for the 2010-2011 school year. Make a copy for your records. Contact the Activities Office, 703-287-2750, with any questions. Additional information can be found at [www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org).

### 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

## Announcements

### 2010-2011 STUDENT PARKING HANG TAG INFORMATION

“Student Parking Hang Tag Applications for the Academic Year 2010-2011” and “Langley High School Parking Rules and Regulations” will be available Mon, May 10 and must be turned in to Mr. Rogers in the Security Office no later than Fri, May 21, with no exceptions!

Parking hang tags will be issued to rising seniors and to a limited number of rising juniors, all of whom must meet the deadline for submitting appropriate forms, have acceptable academic performance and attendance records, and have no disciplinary infractions. Juniors will be selected by lottery, and there will be no sophomore parking available. All drivers must be registered at Langley. Your student’s application will not be accepted unless ALL of the information is completed on BOTH sides of the form. Rising seniors must understand that parking is not an automatic entitlement, and ALL students must comply with the deadline!

Important notice to all juniors with or without hang tags for the 2009-2010 school year: Unpaid parking tickets from the 2009-2010 school year must be paid in full by Fri, May 7. Failure to do so will result in towing—and not receiving your senior hang tag until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 2010-2011 school year. Please check the “Unpaid Parking Ticket” list posted outside the Finance Office.

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### *June Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, May 18*

*To cover dates 5/24/10 through start of next school year*

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## Calendar for Langley PTSA & Activities, 4/28 – 6/12/10

### April 2010

28 Wed **Principal's coffee and PTSA general membership meeting**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium (**Note Time Change**)

29 Thu **Talent show**, time tba, Auditorium

30 Fri **PTSA hospitality staff dessert buffet**  
**Rising freshmen activity fair**, 5:00 pm (rain date Fri May 7)

19 Wed **Fourth quarter interims to students**

21 Fri **Student parking hang tag applications for 2010-11 due**, Security Office

22 Sat **Junior/Senior Prom**, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am, Westwood Country Club

24 Mon **SOL Exams begin**, see schedule on page 9

26 Wed **Principal's coffee and PTSA general membership meeting and officer elections**, 9:15 am, Auditorium

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 – no school**

### May 2010

1 Sat **SAT at LHS**

3 Mon **AP exams** (through 14 Fri), see schedule on page 7

4 Tue **Sophomore parent coffee**, 9:15 am, Auditorium  
**SSOC parent meeting**, 5:30 pm, Room 101

5 Wed **PTSA executive board meeting**, 9:30 am, PTSA Conference Center

7 Fri **Payment deadline for 2009-10 student parking tickets**

10 Mon **Student parking hang tag applications for 2010-11 available**, Security Office

12 Wed **Freshman parent coffee**, 9:00 am, Cafeteria

13 Thu **Baccalaureate planning meeting**, 2:20 pm, PTSA Conference Center

14 Fri **Screen on the Green Movie Night** featuring *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, 8:00 pm, Courtyard

15 Sat **Theatre Honor Society fundraiser car wash**, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Great Falls Exxon  
**International Night**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

17 Mon **Family Life Education (FLE) information meeting for parents**, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Library

18 Tue **Newsletter deadline**, 3:00 pm

19 Wed **ANGP meeting**, 10:00 am, PTSA Conference Center

### June 2010

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

2 Wed **Orchestra spring concert**, 7:30 pm, Oakcrest School

3 Thu **Choral spring show**, 7:30 pm, Auditorium (also 4 Fri)

5 Sat **SAT at LHS**

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)**  
**Saxon Theatre awards program**, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, location tba

10 Thu **Senior exams – periods 5 and 7(2<sup>nd</sup> half)**  
**Baccalaureate rehearsal**, 2:20 – 3:15 pm, Auditorium  
**Choral awards picnic**, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Courtyard and Cafeteria

11 Fri **Senior exams – periods 4 and 6**  
**Yearbook distribution to seniors**, 1:15 – 2:15 pm

12 Sat **ACT at LHS**