



Langley High School

Freshman Parent Start-Up Guide

(2022-2023 Academic Year)

Welcome to Langley High School!! A new school (and a new school year) means lots of new information, which to be honest, can sometimes be a little overwhelming. To help our families on-board smoothly, your 2026 Class Parents have borrowed an idea from the Class of 2025 and put together this Freshman Parent Start-Up Guide to help parents and guardians of the Class of 2026 get acclimated to Langley.

How to Use This Guide

Below your top action items to ease the transition to Langley and to stay informed throughout the next four years. Yes, it looks intimidating--but it's possible to work through the steps rather quickly. **We suggest setting aside some time now to check these priority items of your to-do list, and then returning to the various resources to learn more at your leisure.** You will find the information below in several other places. The goal of this Start-Up Guide is to put all these handy resources together in one place.

- 1. Sign up to receive Class of 2026 parent emails & Join the Langley 2026 Parents Facebook Group**
In order to receive informative emails from your 2026 Class Parents, you must OPT-IN by clicking the following link and providing your email contact information. [Click or copy this link for Class of 2026 Parent Email Sign-Up.](#) Also, click the following link to join the Class of 2026 parent Facebook group intended to provide class updates and exchange of information among parents. [Click or copy this link for Class of 2026 Facebook Sign-Up.](#) Please make sure to answer all the admission questions, so we can ensure only Langley parents and guardians are added as members.
- 2. Sign up for News You Choose/This Week at Langley emails and follow Langley on social media**
These are weekly emails from Langley that are typically sent on Sunday evenings. [News You Choose/This Week at Langley Email Sign Up.](#) Do this ONLY if you haven't signed up in the past or if your email address has changed. Also, follow Langley on Twitter and Instagram:
 - Langley FCPS Twitter & Instagram: @langleyfcps
 - Langley Sports Twitter & Instagram: @langleysports
- 3. Sign up to receive Langley PTSA Weekly eNews emails**
These highly informative emails from the PTSA are typically delivered on Thursdays. [PTSA eNews Sign Up.](#)
- 4. Mark Your Calendars for these Key Dates for Freshmen Families**
 - **Freshman Orientation** (Thursday, August 18, 10:30-12:00) - Students and families are welcome. [Click here for Freshman Orientation Details.](#)
 - *****Freshman Class Activity Fees Due on First Day of School** (Monday, August 22) – Annual class activity fees are \$35 and are used to purchase class Homecoming t-shirts and to fund class activities throughout the year, as well as to fund future events like prom and senior year activities. Go to [MySchoolBucks.com](#) (School Store, Browse All Items, Class of 2026 Activity Fee) by August 22 to guarantee a Homecoming t-shirt (and make sure to select the size from the dropdown menu as it defaults to "Small"). Because Homecoming is very early this year, the Homecoming t-shirts have to be ordered early.
 - **Underclass Yearbook Photos** (Thursday, August 25 & Friday, August 26)

- **Spirit Week & Homecoming** (September 6-10) – A week of Langley spirit activities will be planned by Student Government Association culminating with a **Pep Rally and Homecoming Football Game on Friday** and the **Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening**. **PLEASE NOTE:** Homecoming t-shirts will be distributed at lunch during Spirit Week to students who have **paid Class Activity Fees by August 22**, to be worn on to school at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 9.
- **Back to School Night** (Wednesday, September 14) – Come to Langley for Back to School Night (LIVE AND IN-PERSON) on the evening of September 14 to meet your students’ teachers. Be on the look-out for more information to be provided by Langley.
- **PTSA General Membership Meeting/Principal Q&A** (Wednesday, September 28, 9:30am) – The Langley PTSA will hold its first meeting of the year in the Langley Lecture Hall.
- **For FCPS holidays and breaks, please refer to the FCPS 2022-23 School Year Calendar** – [Click here to access the FCPS calendar.](#)

5. **Complete your Annual Back-to-School Paperwork**

- **PTSA Back-to-School Packet** - The PTSA works with Langley to distribute annual back-to-school forms. These are different from the FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms below. PTSA Back to School Forms are all optional, but are highly recommended. Please review them to see which are applicable to your child. [Click here to access the PTSA Back-to-School Forms.](#)
- **Complete all the annual FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms** - FCPS has several forms for parents and students to complete each year. Some are optional, but some are required. [Click here for FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms](#)

6. **Be alert for 2026 Class Parent communications for upcoming parent events**

- **Class of 2026 Parent Coffee/Forums** (Dates & Times TBA) - Come to Langley to network with other Freshman parents and hear information about topics pertaining to your Class of 2026 student. There are typically three forums held each year in the Langley Lecture Hall (or virtually, if necessary).
- **Freshman Class Dinner** (Date & Time TBA) – The class dinner will be our primary Class of 2026 fundraiser. As with class activity fees, our annual fundraising dinner helps build up our class budget to fund prom and other big class events, including graduation activities. Class of 2026 students and their families are invited to meet key members of the Langley HS team and other 2026 families. RVSP on [MySchoolBucks.com](#) once the date is set.

7. **Set up a MySchoolBucks Account (if you don’t already have one)**

To make online payments for Class Activity Fee, Class Dinners, and Donations log onto [MySchoolBucks.com](#). This is the same system used to add money to your child’s cafeteria account and to pay other school expenses. If you need to add your child, just follow the easy prompts. Then, click on School Store at the top of the page. Donations are always appreciated!

8. **Bookmark these Key Websites**

- **Langley Class of 2026 Parents webpage** - This is the official Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) webpage for the Class of 2026 which will have regularly updated information specific to our class. (For future reference, this webpage is located on the Langley PTSA Website below.) [Class of 2026 webpage.](#)
- **General Langley PTSA website** - This is the PTSA website for all Langley families and is an incredibly valuable resource. [Click or copy this link for the Langley PTSA Website.](#)
- **FCPS Langley website** - The school administration manages the official FCPS website for Langley HS. [Click or copy this link for the FCPS Langley High School Website.](#)

9. **Become a Member/Donate to the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)**

Membership is open to all Langley students, parents, and staff. Your membership and donations allow the PTSA to enrich the student experience at Langley through the support of continuing faculty education and student/parent programs, in addition to the purchase of classroom teaching tools and technology, curriculum enrichment materials, school improvements, and much more. This is the primary PTSA fundraiser of the year. [Support the Langley PTSA.](#)

10. **Send us your “First Day at Langley” photos (and more!)**

We are collecting photos of the Class of 2026 starting now and continuing through their senior year. These photos will ultimately be used for the Senior Slideshow that will be part of the Graduation activities in 2026. We need your help to ensure that all students and all aspects of life at Langley are represented (sports, performing arts, social, academics, etc.). Group shots of Class of 2026 students engaging in Langley activities are preferred. Please identify the students in the photos and submit photos (submit at original size/resolution, not reduced). A link to submit photos will be posted to the 2026 website once it is available.

11. **Langley’s Bell Schedule & Official Langley School Calendar**

Help your new Langley student adjust by being aware of the [Langley Bell Schedule](#) and keeping up with what’s happening on the [Langley Calendar](#).

12. **Put school contact information in an easy to find place**

We suggest adding the following contact information to your phone contacts.

- Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101
- 2026 Class Administrator, Assistant Principal Wayne Biernesser, <mailto:wcbiernesser@fcps.edu>
- Main Office, 703-287-2700, 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- Attendance Line, 703-287-2727, or email nschultz@fcps.edu. [Click here for attendance procedures.](#)

13. **Learn about Langley’s Athletics, Clubs, Honor Societies, and other Activities**

Langley has many out-of-the-classroom opportunities for learning and fun. [Check them out here.](#)

14. **Register for a Parent SIS Account**

SIS ParentVue provides parents with access to their child’s grades and attendance 24/7. Quarterly report cards are posted in SIS. If you are new to FCPS, you will be provided a SIS activation key from FCPS. Once you receive it, please activate your SIS account [here](#).

15. **Bookmark the FCPS Schoology page**

Your Schoology Parent Account uses the same login credentials as your Parent SIS Account. A Schoology Parent Account gives you access to your child’s classes, your child’s upcoming assignments, and school, class, and group announcements. NOTE: To see information on Schoology that is linked from your child’s FCPS Google Account, you will need to be logged into your child’s FCPS Google Account as well. Detailed information on Schoology and how to use it can be found [here](#) and [also here](#). [Click here for the FCPS Schoology Page.](#)

16. **Take the time to review and discuss Langley’s Honor Code with your student.**

Take the time to review and discuss Langley’s Honor Code with your student. The standard of integrity is higher in high school. Help your child understand the [Langley Academic Honor and Integrity Policy](#) and to know what you expect as a parent.

17. Consider volunteering, and let us know when you are ready

High school goes by SO fast and our kids don't tell us as much as when they were little. If you want to be more involved in your high schooler's life, consider volunteering. You will never regret the time you spent helping out at your child's high school. Some of our expected volunteer opportunities are below:

- Freshman Parent Coffee/Forums
- Class Dinner (set up, clean up)
- Prom (Spring 2025)
- All Night Grad Party (evening of Graduation in 2026)
- Offer to "volunteer as needed"

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events or wish to take the lead on an open Class Parent position (such as Volunteer Coordinator), please contact Alex Fouts (alexfouts@outlook.com) or Melissa Schwartz (mcschwartz@hotmail.com), or look for more information in future communications.

18. Get to know your 2026 Class Parents

- Lead Class Parents: Alex Fouts, alexfouts@outlook.com
Melissa Schwartz, mcschwartz@hotmail.com
- Communications: Katherine Chalmers
- Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN POSITION, please let us know if you are interested in volunteering
- Budget Liaison: Christine Mancino
- Class Dinners: Amanda Clarke
- Parent Coffee/Forums: OPEN POSITION, please let us know if you are interested in volunteering
- Photos/Sr Slide Show: Brenda Spevak
- Prom: Stephanie Short
- ANGP (All-Night Grad Party): Margaret Brown

19. Know that we are all in this together...

For the next four years (at least), we are each other's village. All of our children will do better when each of our children feel safe and included. Check out Langley's Statement on Acceptance and in the message it contains. [Langley's Statement of Acceptance](#)

20. Be prepared for Laptops and PE Uniforms

All students will be provided a school laptop. Computers will be distributed through English classes during the first week of school. PE Uniforms will be sold at Freshman Orientation or on [MySchoolBucks](#) (School Store, Browse All Items, Filter by "PE Uniforms"). Health & PE teachers will give students more information during class.

21. Know what to do if your child has laptop or other FCPS technology problems

Go to the Parent and Student IT Support Portal to learn more or to create a help ticket. [FCPS Parent and Student IT Support](#)

22. Know your child's counselor

Counselor assignments are posted [here](#).

23. **Obey the Kiss n' Ride Rules**

The loop in front of Door 14 is the Kiss n' Ride loop for drop off and pick up before and after school. Waiting cars should be in the right lane only. Move up as space allows. Carefully move to the left lane to leave once you have picked up your child.

24. **Learn more in the FAQs section of the Class of 2026 Website**

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? That's ok! Contact a Lead Parent, your child's counselor, or the 2026 Administrator.