



Langley High School Freshman Parent Start-Up Guide (2024 - 2025 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 overwhelming. To help parents and guardians of the Class of 2028 get acclimated to Langley and on-board smoothly, your 2028 Class Parents have put together this Freshman Parent Start-Up Guide.

How to Use This Guide

Below are 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 quickly. **We suggest setting aside some time now to check these priority items off 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 resources together in one place.

1. Sign up to Join the Langley 2028 Parents Facebook Group

Click the following link to join the Class of 2028 parent Facebook group intended to provide class updates and exchange of information among parents. [Click this link for Class of 2028 FaceBook Sign-Up](#)

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. 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 prompts. Then, click on School Store at the top of the page. Donations are always appreciated!

5. Mark Your Calendars for these Key Dates for Freshmen Families

- **Freshman Open House** (Wednesday, August 15, 10:00-12:00) – Students and families are welcome. [Click here for Freshman Open House details](#).
- **Freshman Class Dinner and Orientation** (Wednesday, August 28, Dinner@5:30pm/Orientation@7pm). This catered class dinner is a fundraiser for the Class of 2028 and provides an opportunity for students and families to meet staff members and other Langley Freshman families. The Freshman Orientation will directly follow the dinner. *You do not need to purchase dinner tickets to attend the Orientation.*
- **Freshman Class Activity Fees** (Pay by Friday, August 30) – 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](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) (School Store, Browse All Items, Class of 2028 Activity Fee) by August 30 to guarantee a Homecoming t-shirt (and **make sure to select your desired size** from the dropdown menu as it defaults to “Small”).

- **Underclass Yearbook Photos** (Wednesday, August 28 & Thursday, August 29).
- **Spirit Week & Homecoming** (September 16 - 21) – 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 30**, to be worn to school at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 20.
- **PTSA General Membership Meeting** (Wednesday, September 4, 5pm) – The Langley PTSA will hold its first meeting of the year in the Langley Lecture Hall.
- **Back to School Night** (Wednesday, September 4, 6pm) – Come to Langley for Back to School Night on the evening of September 4 to meet your students’ teachers. Be on the look-out for more information to be provided by Langley.
- **For FCPS holidays and breaks, please refer to the FCPS 2024 - 25 School Year Calendar** – [Click here to access the FCPS calendar](#).

6. Complete your Annual Back-to-School Paperwork

- **Complete all the annual FCPS Required, Opt-Out & Optional Forms** - Families can [log into Parent Digital Consent site](#) using their ParentVUE credentials to complete consent forms assigned to their child. [Click here for Parent Digital Consent Directions](#)
- **PTSA Back-to-School Packet** - [Click here to access the PTSA Back-to-School Resources](#).

7. Be alert for 2028 Class Parent communications for upcoming parent events

- **Freshman Class Dinner** (August 28) – The class dinner will be our primary Class of 2028 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 2028 students and their families are invited to meet key members of the Langley HS team and other 2028 families. Buy tickets on [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) (School Store, Browse All Items, Freshman Class Dinner). *You do not need to buy dinner tickets to attend Orientation.*
- **Class of 2028 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 2028 student. There are typically three forums held each year in the Langley Lecture Hall (or virtually, if necessary).

8. Bookmark these Key Websites

- **Langley Class of 2028 PTSA webpage** - This is the official Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) webpage for the Class of 2028 which will have regularly updated information specific to our class. (For future reference, this webpage is located on the Langley PTSA Website below.) [Click on this link for the Class of 2028 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 2028 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 2028. 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 2028 students engaging in Langley activities are preferred. Please identify the students in the photos and submit photos (submit at original size/resolution, not reduced). Photos can be emailed to Classof2028LHS@gmail.com or via the link posted to the 2028 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
- 2028 Class Administrator, Assistant Principal Jim Robertson, jrobertson@fcps.edu
- Main Office, 703-287-2700, 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- Attendance Line, 703-287-2727, or email LangleyHSAttendance@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.

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17. Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!

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 2027)
- All Night Grad Party (evening of Graduation in 2028)
- Offer to "volunteer as needed"

If you are interested in volunteering for Class of 2028 events, please contact the Lead Class Parents, listed below.

18. Get to know your 2028 Class Parents

- Lead Class Parents: Christie Buschmann, cebuschmann@gmail.com
Juli Nix, ptsajuli@gmail.com
- Communications: **OPEN**
- Volunteer Coordinator: **OPEN**
- Budget Liaison: Adnan Bokhari/Ghaya Hassair
- Class Dinners: Shamul Haque
- Parent Coffee/Forums: Suzanne Arrison
- Photos/Sr Slide Show: **OPEN**
- Prom: **OPEN**
- ANGP (All-Night Grad Party): Kristi Grgeta/Stefanie Stayin

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

For the next four years (at least), we are each other's village. [Browse the many community and family resources available at this link.](#)

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 Open House 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 2028 Website

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? That's ok! Contact a Lead Parent, your child's counselor, or the Class of 2028 Administrator.