



# THE PTSA NEWSLETTER

Langley High School

June 2008

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I came here in the fall of 1996 with much anticipation, after hearing about the “Langley Mystique” for many years. Did I find the spoiled rich kids with fancy cars who vacationed in exotic places and rarely came to school? Did I have to deal with overbearing, “important” parents who demanded any and everything for their children? Did I find a faculty that worked in a setting that more resembled a country club than a school? Not at all. What I discovered was a true community of learners led by a committed faculty that planned and offered educational opportunities, which led to academic achievement envied by all. The result of this shared vision of academic excellence and high expectations is a school that this entire community should be proud of. Across the state, people always check to “See how Langley did.” My answer has always been, “Just fine.” I have every confidence that this culture of excellence will continue into the future as your new principal, Matthew Ragone, begins his tenure here on July 1.

As the year draws to a close, another collection of fine teachers will join me in the ranks of the newly retired. Mary Dolson, Ellen Rugel, Deb Reilly, Bob Morrow and Mary Jane Regan depart with over one hundred years of combined service to the students of FCPS. We will all benefit from the fruits of their labors, as their students become tomorrow’s leaders. Nancy Piers (activities office administrative assistant) and Steve Brown (building engineer extraordinaire) leave big shoes to fill as well. We wish all of them well in this new phase of their lives.

The Class of 2008 is one to remember—to say the least. The culmination of their careers will be celebrated during the next month as many events are held in their honor. We will celebrate our first-ever University of Virginia Jefferson Scholar, Mary Kinniburgh, as she leads an impressive array of talented seniors transitioning to the next step in their lives. They will take their talents across the country to many fine colleges and universities. I feel confident placing our future in their very capable hands.

A new leader has been selected and the transition process has already begun. I have assured Mr. Ragone that he can expect the same level of support that I have enjoyed over the years. As we close out the school year, it is time to say, “So long ...Farewell...Auf Wiedersehen...” No matter how one says “goodbye,” after 12 years in one place, it is difficult, especially in an area that is so much about relationships and, yes, friendships. The list of staff members, parents and students to thank is far too long, so a heartfelt “thanks” goes out to all who have made my time here incredibly rewarding.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA CO-PRESIDENTS

Congratulations to the class of 2008: a bright future lies ahead for each of you. We wish you the best as you start the next chapter in your lives. Kudos to senior Mary Kinniburgh who went through a highly competitive nominating and selection process to be awarded a Jefferson Scholarship at the University of Virginia.

As we are saying goodbye to the seniors, we also are “graduating” dedicated parent volunteers. Many thanks to Kamla Branche, Jill Cook, Sydney Duberstein, Fran Hayne, Lisa Hopta, Katie Loretta, Carol Swift and Rebecca Taylor for their years of service. Langley has benefited greatly from their dedication.

At a May faculty meeting, Audra Sydnor, assistant superintendent for Cluster 1, announced the selection of Matt Ragone as the new principal of Langley. A reception to welcome Mr. Ragone will be held in August.

The generosity of the Langley community in both time and money has enabled the PTSA to offer quality programs and support to the faculty and students. The Educational Enrichment Fund (EEF) allowed teachers to enhance their curricula. The Professional Development Fund (PDF) supported teachers seeking continuing education. Thanks to your donations, students were able to participate in academic competitions and attend the Ethics Forum, and everyone enjoyed the enhanced landscaping. We thank you for your support.

Please check the PTSA website over the summer for information on the upcoming school year. We will offer opportunities for parents to get involved in the events that begin in August, including assembling and distributing back-to-school packets. Please contact Michelle Shaw or incoming president-elect Andrea Sotter to volunteer. A special thanks goes to Laura Mendelsohn as she completes her two-year term as president. We appreciate her countless hours of hard work and many contributions to Langley.

Lastly, we say goodbye and thanks to Bill Clendaniel. His commitment to Langley and support for faculty, staff, students and parents has been remarkable. Good luck Bill in your retirement. We look forward to hearing about your new adventures.

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# PTSA Committees

## LANGLEY PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2008 – 2009 PROPOSED SLATE

President: Michelle Shaw  
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1<sup>st</sup> VP: Lori Ochoa  
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3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Liz Tisdale  
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The general election for these positions will be held at the principal's coffee in the auditorium on Tue, May 27 at 8:30 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

### GROCERY RECEIPTS

When this school year began, families were asked to register and use their Giant, Harris Teeter and Safeway cards. Once individual cards were registered, listing Langley High School as the beneficiary, a portion of the proceeds was designated to Langley. The registration and usage response was impressive. Thanks to your efforts Langley has received \$17,580. To all of you who participated, thank you and congratulations on a job well done! The proceeds from this year will be used to fund a mobile computer lab for the Marketing Department.

Please remember to register your cards again in September 2008. If you did not participate this year, please join the effort for the 2008/2009 school year. Let's set a goal to increase our earnings next year. It's an easy way to support Langley and make funds available for more great projects. Look for a registration form in your back-to-school packet in August. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Johns, [catric@cox.net](mailto:catric@cox.net).

### HOSPITALITY

A big thank you to all our parent volunteers for making our year-end dessert buffet a huge success. We could not have done it without the generous donations from Sara Austin, Kathy Barton, Leslie Bennett, Linda Board, Nancy Boldosser, Carolyn Bremer, Karin Brown, Delia Cacho-Avila, Pamela Deese, Shelley DiGiammarino, Marcia Doherty, Monique Echalar, Susan Flexner, Tricia Freda, Lauris Gibson, Judy Harkins, Cecelia Hershman, Deborah Jackson, Christina Jewel, Shelly Lawrence,

Reese Mendenhall, Rekha Nadkarni, Patti O'Toole, Mavee Park, Karen Satterfield, Julie Thorsen, Helen Vasiliadis, Nancy Walcott and Kathy Zumot.

It has been my privilege to work with these wonderful women: Melissa Eklund, Michelle Fanning, Lori Hendersen, Charlotte Lillard, Mary Ellen Overend, Tracy Suk and my co-chair Diana Sievers on this committee for the past four years. Thank you!!

*Kamla Branche*

### It's Graduation Day

I have slipped this under your breakfast plate because today is going to be busy and confused, and I might not get a moment to say these things. You and I have lived together for 18 years now. To say that it has been a "learning experience" for me is an understatement.

This morning it's hard to believe you're the same person I remember that September morning 12 years ago when you went off to first grade. That person was a child. You're an almost adult, a grown-up.

Your life has been a string of successes you can be very proud of, the most current of which is graduating from high school. Not everyone makes it that far, you know. And, despite all of my complaining and my pushing over the years, I can now confess that you know far more today than I did when I graduated from high school. You worked harder too.

But there is something else I need to say before tonight. It's not an original message. You've been hearing similar messages since you were old enough to walk. Enjoy the graduation ceremony excitement to the hilt. Go to all the parties. Party till dawn if you want. But please, please, be careful. I won't be there to lecture you if someone offers you a drink or a joint. Or if the person driving the car you're in is too drunk to drive. As an almost adult, you get to make those decisions all by yourself now. Unless you're hurt in an accident or arrested, I probably won't even know whether you made the right decision or not. But you'll know. That's what being an adult is all about.

I have loved you all of your childhood and I want to love you in your adulthood, too. I want to see you tomorrow morning.

Alive and well.

Have a good time.

*Tallahassee Democrat*, June 1987, written by Jean Mydelton

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The committee is working hard to accommodate the end-of-year rush for teacher reimbursements. We began with over \$12,000 in donations and have watched it dwindle down to nothing. On behalf of parents, thank you to all our wonderful teachers for continuing your education and professional development for the benefit of our children. Our most recent reimbursement recipients are:

- Phyliss Jaffe (\$400) for hotel expenses while at the Second City Intensive Improv workshop in Chicago;
- Ann Goldstein (\$20) for a drama workshop at the Kennedy Center;
- Deanna Den Hartog (\$309.99) for HSBC Institute on the Environment and the Economy conference and hotel expenses;
- Susan Shifflett (\$376) for three one-credit physical education-related courses for recertification;
- Elizabeth Cho (\$376) for a "Writers on the Beach" conference with mileage and hotel expenses;
- Ellen Rugel (\$20) for a drama workshop at the Kennedy Center;
- Kathy Bowdring (\$88.20) expenses toward a conference;
- Drew Scronce (\$227.50) for PDF expenses.

Dr. Michelle Norell said, "Thank you for funding my attendance at the CHADD conference in November. I attended workshops on classroom strategies for dealing with ADHD and a lecture from two scientists on recent research into its genetic and biological causes. That report was published the following day; it was a thrill to see it in the *Post*. I learned a lot, due to your support."

*Karin Brown, Tracey Maxwell and Diane Rapp*

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What you have given me is far more than I could ever repay. Your kindnesses and concerns will never be forgotten.

*Bill Clendaniel, 703-287-2704,  
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## REFLECTIONS

The theme of the **2008 Reflections** program is "WOW." Work may be entered in any of six categories: Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Students may submit multiple entries in multiple categories if they wish. Deadline for submission of work is Wed, Oct 29. Meredith Lindsey will be next year's faculty sponsor of the program and Alexandra

Bechter will chair the committee. Students may contact either of them in the fall for further information on program deadlines and forms.

## Class News

### CLASS OF 2011

Our freshman year has sped by and now our students are finishing the year and preparing for finals. As a treat for our class, donuts will be provided during break (9-9:15) on Tue, June 3 in the Aux Gym. Encourage your freshman to stop by and grab some donuts!

Congratulations to our class officers for next year! They are John Lee, President; John Searight, VP; Amit Agarwal, Treasurer; Parnia Zahedi, Secretary; and Sabine Koyomji and Alex Brunton, SGA Reps.

Freshmen have done very well in all aspects of school this year. We've seen outstanding scholars, linguists, scientists, artists, athletes and musicians. Two freshman bands, Axis and Pariah, recently placed in the top 3 at Langley's Battle of the Bands. There are so many ways for our students to get involved and show school spirit!

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 quickly!

Have a nice, relaxing summer.

*Freshman Class Parents*

### CLASS OF 2010

As we approach the end of the school year, we must say goodbye to Principal Bill Clendaniel, who has elected to retire. We hate to say goodbye but wish him the best of luck in the new chapter of his life. We welcome Matthew Ragone and wish him much success in his appointment as our new principal.

Thank you to our outgoing officers who ably led us through this school year. Congratulations to the new slate of officers who will guide us through junior year. They are: Shawn Ghuman, President; Valerie LaScala, Vice President; Conor Rieling, Secretary; Joshua Pan, Treasurer; and Danielle Burger and Jeffrey Bui, SGA Reps.

Thank you to all our parents and students who have supported our efforts and volunteered for the many class activities throughout the year. The class of 2010 is the best because of you! Have a safe and relaxing summer.

*Sophomore Class Parents*

## CLASS OF 2009

Thanks in advance to all who have volunteered in the planning, production and hosting of Prom 2008 – it will be Sat, May 31, at Westfields Marriott, and will be a wonderful evening for the juniors and seniors! Huge kudos to Jeanne Sexton, who organized student and parent committees to create an amazing **Midnight Masquerade** for all!

Our class is responsible for cleanup from ANGP 2008 and we need a band of hearty volunteers at **3:30 am** on Fri, June 13 (coffee *will* be provided!). Please contact Diane Rapp, dianerapp@att.net, to help. This is a great opportunity to see what we'll be doing for our ANGP next year (see below for details).

Portraits for our rising seniors will be taken at Langley on June 17, 18, 19 and 23. All students should receive a postcard from Lifetouch with appointment times and details on dress and portrait options. While portrait purchases are not required, *all rising seniors must sit for these portraits* as they are used for the yearbook and school ID cards. If the assigned portrait schedule doesn't work for your student, rescheduling options are provided by Lifetouch on the postcard.

In a few days, students of the Class of 2009 will be seniors! They have elected a fantastic slate of officers to represent them in this busy year. Congratulations to Ariana Glantz (president), Lauren Shaw (vice president), Thea Khairalla (secretary), Sohaib Malik (treasurer) and Jenna Kronenberg, Jamie Sexton and Mason Trinca, SGA Reps.

Seniors will hit the ground running in September! Keep an eye out for an important summer mailing, which will include information on the senior dinner/college night program – tentatively planned for the first or second week of school. This is an important event, as each counselor meets with his/her seniors and their parents as a group to discuss requirements for processing college applications. Even parents who have been through the college process with older siblings should attend because requirements may have changed. The summer mailing will also include information on senior dues, which will cover the myriad expenses during this final year at Langley. PLEASE return both the dinner RSVP and senior dues promptly!

Our graduation has tentatively been scheduled for June 15, 2009. Mark your calendars! Details to come.

All Night Graduation Party 2009 is sooner than you think! Following our seniors' graduation, ANGP will be a safe, drug and alcohol-free night to remember! We are

looking for leadership volunteers to step up and ensure this Langley tradition continues for our graduates. Think this might be the opportunity you are looking for? Please contact Lucy Moore, lucymoore@verizon.net, if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

Many, many events and activities will be on the schedule for our seniors next year, including Homecoming, class dinner, picnics, field trips, Baccalaureate, graduation and ANGP. We'll need lots of volunteers to make these things happen. If you are not on the parent email list for the class of 2009, please email dianerapp@att.net to have your information added. Have a safe summer – see you next year!

*Junior Class Parents*

## PROM

We still need chaperones for prom; contact Don.Weinheimer@gmail.com. We also need volunteers to work the coat room on prom night; contact Mary Lafsky, schlepr@cox.net.

## CLASS OF 2008

We have the opportunity to create some wonderful final memories for the Class of 2008. Volunteer to be part of this last month of your senior's career at Langley.

Senior Picnic: Mon, June 9, 10:45 am. Contact Nancy Murray, nemurray@yahoo.com, to help with food and beverage distribution.

Senior Class Field Trip: Tue, June 10, Breakfast at 8 am in LHS cafeteria. Bus leaves for Six Flags immediately following. Return to LHS around 5 pm. Chaperones needed. Contact Debbie Penenburgh, oakhill01@aol.com.

Senior Breakfast for students and parents: Wed, June 11, 8:30 am, cafeteria. The senior awards ceremony will be in the auditorium immediately after breakfast. Following the ceremony, students will attend a graduation rehearsal and then receive caps & gowns. Volunteers are needed at 10:15 am to help with distribution. Contact Nancy Murray, nemurray@yahoo.com, to volunteer.

Baccalaureate: Wed, June 11, 7 pm in the auditorium. Baccalaureate is a spiritual celebration of graduation, and seniors and parents are invited to participate. To help, contact Tracey Maxwell, traceymaxwell@cox.net.

Graduation: Thu, June 12, 10 am, DAR Constitution Hall. Seniors must be at Langley by 8 am. Consider dropping off your senior to avoid returning to school to pick up a car. Remember graduates cannot carry

anything with them on the bus or into the hall. There will be a one-way bus to take LHS siblings to Constitution Hall, but they must sign up and complete a permission slip in advance. See Janet Dues in the Main Office for details.

Make sure your senior's name is not on the "Obligation" list at Langley. All parking tickets, library books, textbooks, etc. must be paid for/returned in order to participate in any graduation activity.

ANGP: Thu, June 12, 11 pm, Langley. Contact Sheila Rieling, rieling@msn.com, or Betsy Hubbell, famhubbell@aol.com, to volunteer. This event needs many parents to sign up for a shift or two!

Confused or think you've missed something? Contact Lisa Hopta, Langley08@aol.com, for questions.

Finally, a BIG thank you to all the wonderful parents who have devoted so much time and hard work throughout these past four years. We wish you and your seniors success and happiness in the future!

*Senior Class Parents: Debbie Penenburgh, Leslie Bennett, Joanie Engle, Sandra Even, Lisa Hopta, Sheila Rieling, Rebecca Taylor, Carol Swift, Debbie Conklin, Nancy Murray*

## Counseling Connection

### TEST ACCOMODATIONS

Students with IEPs and 504 Plans often have test accommodations. Educational Testing Service provides access to these accommodations only after a disability form is submitted and approved. These forms are available through ETS, our special education department or the counseling office. Students requesting extended time of less than 50% may take the tests on Saturdays as part of the regular testing format. Students requesting more than 50% or unlimited extended time will be accommodated during special testing windows that are scheduled during the school day. Special arrangements must be made for this accommodation. Do not send in the form and expect unlimited extended time on a Saturday.

### COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION

Course selections were mailed home in April. Requests for a core course change had to be returned by May 5. Changes are being made on a space-available basis only. We will make additional changes only if we made the mistake or if a student needs to repeat a class because of an incorrect level of a math or language class or a failing grade. It is suggested that a student should be a strong C student in order to go on to the next level of math or

foreign language class. Because of enrollment limits, it may not be possible to drop back from an AP or Honors course once school starts. Space availability and staffing will be the determining factors.

### RISING SENIORS

Rising seniors should use this summer as a time to narrow down their college wish lists. Think about what you are looking for in terms of location, class size, peer groups, outside activities and possible majors. Look at your GPA and test scores. If your GPA and test scores are at the bottom limits of a school's acceptance range, you may be setting yourself up to struggle. If you are at the top of its acceptance range, the school might provide little challenge. Another important decision is when to apply. Early decision is slowly being replaced by early action which provides the student a little more flexibility in making choices. This is also a good time to review the information on Counseling Connection. There are several surveys that will give insight into the college search. Counselors meet with their seniors in September to review the college lists. Be ready.

### SUMMER

The school year is almost complete and summer is full of delightful possibilities. What does summer really involve for families? Summer means more family time with vacations, everyone at home and less- hectic schedules. It can also bring tension because of different family members' perceptions. From the teenage standpoint, "sleeping in" means going to bed after midnight and waking after lunch. This is not exactly the same time frame as the parents. The daily dose of peer support that students share at school is suddenly gone. Seeing and talking with peers is very important. Teenagers hanging around unsupervised are a parent's worst nightmare. Communication is the key to working through everyone's expectations. Talking now about balance, time constraints, driving privileges and ground rules may prevent unrealistic expectations from developing.

#### FINAL EXAM SCHEDULES

##### Senior Exam Schedule (in class)

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

##### Underclass Exam Schedule

Wed, June 11	Periods 1 and 3
Thu, June 12	Period 6
Fri, June 13	Periods 5 and 7
Mon, June 16	Periods 2 and 4
Check school website for updated exam schedule	

## UNDERCLASS COLLEGE TESTING FALL 2008

The PSAT will be given on Wed, Oct 15 to all sophomores and juniors. The ACT Explore will be given to freshmen on the same date. There is no make-up date for either standardized test. Registration materials will be available in the back-to-school packets.

## Summer 2008 Reading List

### English 9/Pre-AP English 9

*Book of Lost Things* - John Connolly

### Pre-AP World Civilization

*Akhenaten: Dweller in Truth* - Naguib Mahfouz

### English 10

*A Long Way Gone* - Ishmael Beah

### Pre-AP English 10

*Eats, Shoots & Leaves* - Lynne Truss

### AP World History

*Guns, Germs, and Steel* - Jared Diamond

### American Civilization

*A Walk in the Woods* - Bill Bryson

### AP American Civilization

*The Plot Against America* - Philip Roth

### English 12

*The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* - Dinaw Mengestu

### AP English Literature

Students must read both:

*Fences* – August Wilson

*Poisonwood Bible* – Barbara Kingsolver

### AP Government

*The Thirteen American Arguments* - Howard Fineman

Summer reading books will be available for check-out from the school library during the month of August. Call 703-287-2774 to check on a book's availability before making a trip to the school.

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

## Department News

Langley's teachers wish to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who have spent time manning the photocopy machines for us. You saved us many hours of work, enabling us to spend more time working directly with

students. Nancy Keefe deserves special recognition for organizing and scheduling the copy room volunteers.

### FINE ART

Congratulations to the following **Honorable Mention winners** of the **SAIC Technology and the Arts Competition**: Jake Grimm, Computer Art, *History is Written by the Victor* and Kayla May, Photography, *Sytos*. A reception to recognize the competition winners was held at the Fairfax County Government Center on May 12.

**Computer Graphics**: Note from Mrs. Reilly: I have enjoyed working with many talented students here at Langley High School. I wish all those students going on next year much love and success. For those students returning I wish them joy in their continued creative explorations. I would also like to thank all the parents and businesses who have donated and supported the program. The students have directly benefited from your generosity.

**Studio Art Portfolio Prep** students recently celebrated their Portfolio Show at a reception in May. The last portfolio show of the year featured AP 2-D Studio Art students' work. The show ran from May 13-23 with a reception on May 19.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Students of French participated in the **Modern Foreign Language Tournament** and emerged triumphant in several categories. Congratulations to the students who won the following levels: Level III Prose and Poetry: Monica Martinez-Lopez, Meghan Cioci and Allison Carlon; Level IV Prose and Poetry: Emma Canfield, Thomas Canfield and Alexander Stolz; and Level V Prose and Poetry: Afsoon Anvari and Salma Saedi; Level V Dramatic Interpretation: Michael Buchko, Mary Kinniburgh and Jackson Wheeler.

We also received the results of the **National French Contest** in which 100,000 students of French competed on the national level, of whom 19,000 were from our region. Congratulations to Kettia La Pittus, Allison Griffin, Meghan Cioci, Cameron Ashouripour, Rehane Nerzoug, Amanda Steffy, Peter Swinburne, Alexander Stolz and Arjun Banerjee for ranking among the top ten in the nation and in the region. Bravo to all the students who participated!

The **German ambassador** to America, Klaus Scharioth, lectured German classes on May 5. This is the second time that Langley has hosted the ambassador, who spoke about the European Union and other global issues. An

important message stressed by Ambassador Scharioth was the advantage of studying several languages.

German classes participated in a successful **field trip to an ethnic German restaurant**. In addition, classes have been working on final projects, creating videos associated with German history and culture.

The second ice skating event is planned for Sat, May 31 for all **German Club** members who would like to participate. If you are interested in participating in the laser tag outing, information will be posted on the German bulletin board.

LHS students participating in the **German exchange program** will spend a month in Germany living with the students they hosted in April. Our students will attend classes and multiple cultural events.

Chipotle burritos are still being sold in the gym lobby on Mondays and Thursdays after school for \$8. The proceeds of the sales will help us buy a state-of-the-art foreign language lab.

The **Japanese** department would like to congratulate the students who participated in the **Modern Foreign Language Tournament**. They studied hard and their effort showed in the school's overall performance. The participants were Sam Young, Eugene Kwon (1<sup>st</sup> place original skit, advanced), Nicole Chung (2<sup>nd</sup> place original skit, level 3), Jordan Kaihara (2<sup>nd</sup> place original skit, level 3), and Lionel Honda (5<sup>th</sup> place dramatic reading).

The department would also like to recognize the students who have participated all year in the **Japan/Anime Club**. These students are extremely dedicated and fill a classroom weekly to celebrate Japan and its culture. This past week was particularly successful as we played the Japanese video game "Dance Dance Revolution," shaking the school to its core. Thank you all for a great year!

In July, five Latin students will travel with their teacher to Miami University in Ohio to participate in the week-long **National Latin Convention**. Josh Pan, Jeff Cooper, Mary Kobor, Alex Goldstone and David Kondner will join more than 1,000 other Latin students from across the country to compete in a multitude of academic and creative contests. The week is also full of fun and excitement, with daily spirit contests, dances, an exceptional talent show, Olympic contests and a huge toga banquet and party to end the week. We hope to return with numerous national awards, so wish us luck!

On May 4 several members of the **Russian Club** attended a concert at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Arlington by the Washington Balalayka Society, the best Russian musical group in the USA. The program was an ensemble of Russian folk music performed on traditional Russian instruments like balalayka and domra. What a treat for the American audience!

There has been enthusiastic correspondence between the **Russian** students from Langley and Russian students from St. Petersburg, Russia as an aftermath of their visit to McLean in April. Even students who did not take part in the **exchange program** got involved in the flurry of phone calls, emails, text-messaging, Facebook, etc. The world is certainly getting much smaller.

The summer is fast approaching and **Spanish** students are preparing to **travel abroad** to further their language skills. Sra. Prell is leading a group of nine students to Cadiz, Spain from June 21 to July 5 to experience an immersion program—living with families, taking classes in Spanish, enjoying meetings with Spanish students, purchasing ingredients for paella at the local market and, as time allows, using Spanish vocabulary for "beach" and "suntan lotion." The group will also have the opportunity to visit the beautiful city of Seville.

## HUMANITIES

**Journalism:** Students participated in the Fairfax Journalism Institute at Oakton High School May 16-17. Students attended a variety of sessions offered by local media, InDesign training and a hands-on photo workshop with world-famous photojournalism teacher Bradley Wilson. Adviser Mary Dolson presented a session.

## LIBRARY

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

**Summer reading books** will be available for check-out from the library during the month of August. Call 703-287-2774 to check on a book's availability before making a trip to the school.

## MATHEMATICS

**SOL:** Teachers are continuing to teach using the Fairfax County Program of Studies, which is aligned with

Virginia Standards of Learning and Principles and Standards for School Mathematics from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics 2000, so that students will have covered all concepts needed to be successful in taking the state's SOL tests. Students have started taking practice tests and have been provided the website <<http://education.jlab.org/solquiz/>> for more practice. This site has practice tests for all SOLs given by the state of Virginia.

**Newton Mathematics Contest:** The following students participated in a mathematics competition in March at George Washington University and were recognized at a banquet hosted by the World Bank on May 15: Minho Yoo, Ben Park, Brian Park, Dong Joon Eun, Jee Ho Yoon, Kelly Mai, Stephanie Liao, Insup Lee, Alex Yen, Victor Yang, Jun Sup Lee, Aejin Song, Dennis Won, Rana Singh, Arian Fathieh and H. S. Lee. Congratulations to these students and their parents for their success in mathematics outside of the classroom.

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

## PERFORMING ARTS

**Band:** The end-of-year banquet for our students and their families will be Fri, June 6, 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. We will bid a fond farewell and good luck to our seniors: Elizabeth Anderson, Rachael Beekman, Vivian Bui, Samantha Case, Victoria Cook, Amelia Henry, Chris Holland, Conley Lowrance, Evan Loh, Alex Marro, Lia McCarty, Ashley Moy, Dacee Parr, Elizabeth Passmore, Richard Pestell, Raymond Rieling and Jenny Yang. The spring concert will follow in the auditorium at 7:30 pm. Check out our website <[www.langleybands.org](http://www.langleybands.org)>.

**Choral:** Our annual spring show will be Thu, May 29 and Fri, May 30 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. This year's theme is: "Show People! Songs and Medleys from Broadway's Most Popular Musicals" which will feature numbers from *Oklahoma*, *West Side Story*, *Ragtime*, *A Chorus Line*, *Dreamgirls*, *Grease*, *South Pacific* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Tickets are only \$5 in advance and are available from any choral student. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8.

**Orchestra:** Please join us for the final concert of the year, Wed, Jun 4 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. The Last Act concert is in conjunction with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Side-by-Side initiative which features students and professionals together in performance. The program will include *Danse Bacchanale* by Saint-Saens, *Mars, the Bringer of War* from

Gustav Holst's orchestral suite *The Planets*, and will conclude with George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* featuring freshman pianist Joon Yoon. Also not to be missed are performances by senior Alex Mitchell on electric violin and the cello rockers quartet: seniors Owen Masters, Nathan Park and Hannah Thomas-Hollands and junior Katherine Newlon.

Best wishes to all of our seniors who have contributed so much to the orchestra program: Wayne An, Caitlin Ayoub, Allen Azmoudeh, David Barton, Doug Bennett, Rebecca Berenson, Katherine Boldosser, Clayton Branche, Hillary Brittin, Silvia Byun, Chien Chen, Suzi Chung, Nick Claude, Mary Katherine Drasbek, Nicole Ekanem, Sam Englander, David Fukayama, Brittany Havens, Zara Ibrahim, Jonathan Jin, Joyce Jin, Kevin Kennedy, Hwan Kim, Eugene Kim, Robert Kim, Sheel Kumar, Isaac Kwon, Ji Hee Lee, Stephanie Liao, Angela Lin, Cristal Llave, Meredith Loretta, Vicki Mackoul, Sarah Maines, Rob Manch, Nicholas Marro, Owen Masters, Francesca Mellis, Alex Mitchell, Nathan Park, Yuichiro Sakai, Dan Small, Hannah Thomas-Hollands, Will Thompson, Olindi Wijesekera, Rebecca Wilmott and Alex Wu.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students who wish to apply for **PSAT, SAT or ACT accommodations** for the 08-09 school year can pick up the new forms in August. Students do not need to apply if they have previously been approved. For more information contact the special education office or the testing websites.

The tentative date for the **Special Education Boot Camp** for rising 9<sup>th</sup>-grade parents is Thu, Sep 4, from 7-9 pm. Letters with the details will be mailed to parents in August.

The special education department wishes the following staff good luck as they move on to other schools/locations: **Gary Bartlett, Stephen Brown, Peter Waiss and Chris Galvan.** **Astrid Howell** will leave us to care for the new baby that is due soon and **Sandy Hamilton** will be teaching general education English next year. They will all be missed.

The **special education office will be closed during the summer.** If you have questions during that time, please contact [Meryl.Simon@fcps.edu](mailto:Meryl.Simon@fcps.edu).

The last quarterly progress reports will be mailed home at the end of the school year. Have a great summer!

## Spring Sports Wrap-Up

**Spring Sports Awards**  
**Thursday, June 5, 7:00 pm**  
**Auditorium**

**CREW:** The team has been busy over the last several weeks as the season is in full swing. In May, the freshmen and novice rowers competed in the Ted Phoenix Regatta on the Occoquan. The Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Four won their event and earned the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority trophy. The boat consisted of coxswain Katarina Tran, senior Sheel Kumar,

junior Benton Crane, sophomore Patrick Canis and junior Alex Bramlet. The boat rowed a very good race and beat their competition by 25 seconds.

At the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Regatta in May, the varsity/JV rowers competed against teams from across the area for a spot at Nationals. The Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Four, composed of seniors Arjun Banerjee and Doug Bennett, sophomores Will Chiang and Matt Levetown and freshman coxswain Allie Mullin, won the silver in their final by 7 seconds. The Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Four progressed to the Petite event where they took 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Granby by millimeters. Seniors Becca Berenson, Brittany Havens, Keriann Miller, Alexa Burke and coxswain Michelle Bovee made a fantastic sprint to finish the race. Selected winners from the VSR Championships progress to Nationals in Oak Ridge, TN.

The team traveled to Philadelphia in May to race in the Stotesbury Regatta on the Schuylkill River. The team represented Langley in a competition that included 178 rowing clubs from 13 states and 2 countries. GO SAXONS!

**BOYS LACROSSE:** The team has seen great success as we finally beat Woodson and won the District Championship!! Langley hadn't beaten Woodson since 2003. We placed six players on the 2008 Liberty District first team: at attack, senior Greg Bentz; at midfield, senior Owen Masters; at goalie, junior Galen Kuney; at defense and this is the first time I can ever remember this happening, all three starters, Brett Burnette, Trevor Shafran and Patrick Pembroke! Brett Burnette was selected as Liberty District Defensive Player of the Year. Some happy news for the Burnette Family - they deserve it!

We had many Honorable Mentions, including seniors Winston Moore and Jackson Spivey and junior Ryan Ningard at attack, senior Tim Goeke and junior Alex Devlin at midfield, and senior Will Myers at defense. Our own great assistant coach Bill Blaustein was chosen as Liberty District Assistant Coach of the Year, an honor long overdue!

**GIRLS LACROSSE:** Regional playoffs began on May 13 with Langley traveling to W. Springfield for first-round play. For this year's service project our girls collected 500 phones and accessories to be donated to *Call to Protect*, an organization providing funds to end domestic violence. Email coach DeSomma for more information on what your girls can do in the off-season to prepare for next year's team try-outs.

**BOYS SOCCER:** The Saxons had a good season and finished with an overall record of 6-3-2. In the Liberty District the Saxons finished 4th with a home game against South Lakes. The team has had some significant injury problems and played their last two games with five starters missing from the team. Other players got significant experience that will be valuable for next year. The Saxons have been ranked in *The Washington Post* throughout the season, which is an accomplishment for the lads. Rahul Chaudry scored ten goals this season. Graham Oxley had eight assists and Ryan McPherson, along with Jonny Spees and Evan Loh, have had a great season defending for the Saxons

along with Charlie Buckley. Daren Flitcroft has caused the opposition problems all year and had his best game by far against Stone Bridge! The team has a core group returning next year: Roshan Patel, Farhan Kahn, Dan Flitcroft, Jan Gundersen, Derek Hough, Teddy Petersen, Alec Constantine and Valla Grayeli. Freshmen Jeff Cochrane and Dylan Price will be assets to the team as they continue to develop over the next 12 months.

The varsity head coach would like to thank coaches Betsy Jones, Adam Keller and Ify Achebe along with Manager Maddy Horst for their dedication to the program. Their assistance was priceless.

The JV team has some players that will certainly help the varsity side in the coming years. The future looks good for Langley soccer.

Best regards, Coach Amato. Go Saxons!!!!

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Finish with confidence and style! The team finished their regular season at 6-5-1, with two of those losses coming in overtime. Filling the scoring gap this year was unique with Lauren Hakim, Marissa Park, Kelly Germain, Britt Fruin, Anna Lenzyk, Carly Snively (2-Game winning in OT), Tarah Golzar, McCaul Benson, Darya Golzar and Taylor Wilk. Defensively we held a strong, dominating wall back there for much of the season. Stone Bridge felled a double blow: scoring in OT to win and knocking out sweeper Alex Meadows for the season. Freshman goalkeeper Kathryn Caine missed much of the season with a shoulder injury, but should look sharp during Districts. Sophomore Brooke Gallagher has stepped up to play in the back with the absence of Meadows. Our seven seniors, Libby Bish, Ivana Goal, Kelly Germain, Alanna Hantho, Amanda Manno and Alex Meadows, enjoyed a fitting tribute on Senior Night versus TJ. Pre-game festivities paid honor to their dedication, hard work and contributions to the program over the last four years. Thanks for supporting the new coaching staff.

**SOFTBALL:** Going into the last game of the season, varsity had compiled a 15-4 record, going 10-3 in district play. The district tournament began on May 16. The JV team completed an exciting season under head coach Jessica Roche, finishing with a 7-6-1 record. Most importantly, congratulations to our departing seniors who have contributed so much to the softball program over the past 4 years: Lindsay Brown, Christina Bumpus, Lauren Engel, Sam Gaffney, Kelsey Green, Kim McMasters, Jam Mowery, Lizzie Sharkey, Hannah Shatzen and Emily Willis. Thanks and best wishes! And thanks to the parents for all your support of the program over the years.

**BOYS TENNIS:** The team closed out an excellent regular season, finishing second in the Liberty District with a 12-3 record and earning a regional playoff spot. Seniors Clayton Branche (1), Daniel Small (2/George Washington U) and Rahul Gupta (3/George Washington U) will be missed, after leading the 15-man squad through 14 regular matches, 1 playoff match against Madison, and into individual District and team Regional Championship playoffs. Clayton Branche will play tennis at Johns Hopkins University next year. In

District Championship matches, Branche (3rd seed) fought to the singles semifinals and won the 3rd place match, and Daniel Small (8th seed) fought to the second round of singles play before being eliminated. In doubles, Dailey/Small (8th seed) lost to the District doubles runners-up in the second round, while Branche/Tian (3rd seed) took 4th place in the District doubles. First Team All-District honors went to Branche at #1 singles, Andrew Dailey at #4 singles and Sachin Tewari at #5 singles. The boys contended for the Northern Region Championship, which began May 12 at Lake Braddock. A win in the next round will qualify them for the State Championships.

**GIRLS TENNIS:** The varsity team has had much success at the end of their season, finishing with two victories over McLean and Stone Bridge. At the Stone Bridge match, our final home game, we celebrated the successes of our four wonderful seniors, Alyssa Shames, Megan Reichenbach, Alex Reichenbach and Shannon Wendt. In a tough district Langley placed fourth as a team. Linden Li made the All-District singles team, Lily Goodson and Schuyler Tompkins made the All-District doubles team, and Alyssa Shames and Lamvy Le earned Honorable Mention. In post-season play, junior Linden Li played miraculous tennis, winning the District singles tournament, then teamed with senior Alyssa Shames to win the District doubles tournament. The tournament was a Langley sweep. Li and Shames will represent Langley and the Liberty District at the Regional tournament.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** The team has entered the post-season with many great accomplishments. Regional and state qualifying times/distances/heights change each year based on the previous year's competitiveness. Last year was an exceptionally strong year for the Northern Region, thus setting very difficult standards. The following athletes have already qualified for regional and/or state competition in a most challenging year: Lisa Scott - high jump (state), shotput (regional); Morgan Danner - pole vault (state), long jump (regional); Lauren Shaw, Carolyn Shaw, Victoria Cook and Amanda Steffy - 4x800m relay (regional); Amanda Steffy - 400m (regional); Chris Yi - 400m and 200m (regional); Alex Walker - discus (regional). Good luck to these athletes as they continue to compete!

We would also like to recognize the seven seniors who have been team members for all four years: Conor McCaffrey (boys co-captain), Chris Yi, Victoria Cook (girls co-captain), Charlotte Ryland, Lindsay Colliton, Lealah Fremuth and Skye Lu. Thanks for all your years of working out in the rain, the heat and the cold and for representing Langley track!

## *Fall Sports Preview*

The 2008-09 fall season opens Tue, Aug 5. Please check <[www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org)> for time and location of each individual sport.

A Virginia High School League 2008-09 Sports Physical Form must be completed by all participants. These forms are available at [www.vhsl.org](http://www.vhsl.org). The physical must be taken on or

after May 1, 2008 to be valid for the 2008-09 school year and is required prior to tryouts or practice for ANY sports team.

**CHEERLEADING:** Tryouts begin Aug 5. Please check <[www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org)> for times and locations.

**CROSS-COUNTRY:** Both boys and girls teams will begin practice on Tue, Aug 5. For all practice locations and training schedules see <[www.langletrack.com](http://www.langletrack.com)>. Interested athletes should condition all summer in order to be fit for August practices. This should include swimming, running, biking and weight-lifting. A suggested running plan will be posted on the website in June! Contact Coach Howell at [Astrid.Howell@fcps.edu](mailto:Astrid.Howell@fcps.edu) with any questions! The new head coach will be announced by the end of the school year.

**FIELD HOCKEY:** Tryouts will begin at 8:30 am Aug 5 and will run 9-11 am and 4-6 pm for Aug 5-8. Final selections will be made during practice on Aug 8. 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. Please make sure to give Coach Robb your email address so coaches can contact you over the summer about camps and summer information as well as any changes in tryout dates. Field hockey is a physically demanding sport and players must come to tryouts in shape in order to be successful. Please contact Coach Robb, [Jennifer.Robb@fcps.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Robb@fcps.edu), with any questions.

**FOOTBALL:** All returning players should be preparing for the season in the LHS Weight Training Program. The weight room is open M-F, 2:30-4:30 pm. Summer hours will be posted. New players need to fill out a waiver to work out in the weight room. If you need additional information, please see <[www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org)>.

**BOYS GOLF:** Tryout dates: Aug 18, 10 am at Woody's Driving Range on Rte. 7 (\$10). The 18-hole tryout tournament is Aug 20-21, 7:30 am at Herndon Public Golf Course (\$22), pull carts allowed. If you have any questions, please email Coach Al Berg, [al.berg@fcps.edu](mailto:al.berg@fcps.edu).

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:** Sophomores, juniors and seniors begin Mon, Aug 4, 9 am, for fitness. Freshmen begin Tue, Aug 5, 7:30 am. Tryouts last three days (Aug 5-7). For additional information, go to <[www.langleysports.org](http://www.langleysports.org)>.

## *Announcements*

### **KEY CLUB**

The club's June project will be the final one for the year. They will collect baked goods and ship them to our servicemen and -women in Iraq. They will celebrate the end of the year with a pizza party! If you are interested in joining this very active and fun club, contact the sponsor, [Heather.Shapiro@fcps.edu](mailto:Heather.Shapiro@fcps.edu).

## *Calendar for Langley High School PTSA & Activities, 5/26 – 9/2/08*

### May 2008

26 Mon **Memorial Day holiday – no school**  
 27 Tue **SOL tests – Geosystems, Biology**  
**Principal's coffee and PTSA general membership meeting and officer elections, 8:30 am, Auditorium**  
 28 Wed **Regular opening at 7:20 am (also 6/4 and 6/11)**  
**SOL tests – Algebra 2, Geometry**  
 29 Thu **PTSA Reception for Mr. Clendaniel,**  
 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Cafeteria  
**Choral spring show, 7:30 pm, Auditorium**  
 (also 30 Fri)  
 31 Sat **Prom 2008: *Midnight Masquerade*, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am, Westfields Marriott**

### June 2008

2 Mon **Athletic Boosters meeting, 6:00 pm, Library**  
**Academic awards ceremony, 7:00 pm, Auditorium**  
 4 Wed **Regular opening at 7:20 am**  
**Senior exams during class, periods 2 & 7 (part 1)**  
**Orchestra spring concert with the Fairfax Symphony, 7:30 pm, Auditorium**  
 5 Thu **Senior exams during class, periods 5 & 7 (part 2)**  
**Spring sports awards, 7:00 pm, Auditorium**  
 6 Fri **Senior exams during class, periods 4 & 6**  
**Theatre awards ceremony, 3:00 pm, Library**  
**Band dinner and awards, 5:30 pm, Cafeteria**  
**Band spring concert, 7:30 pm, Auditorium**  
 7 Sat **SAT at LHS**  
 9 Mon **Senior exams during class, periods 1 & 3**  
**Senior picnic, 10:45 am**  
 10 Tue **Senior field trip to Six Flags**  
 11 Wed **Regular opening at 7:20 am**  
**Underclass exams during class, periods 1 & 3**  
**Senior breakfast, 8:30 am, Cafeteria**  
**Senior awards program, 9:30 am, Auditorium**

11 Wed **Graduation rehearsal; cap & gown and ticket distribution, 10:30 am, Auditorium**  
**Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm, Auditorium**  
 12 Thu **Underclass exams, period 6, dismissal at 9:00 am**  
**Class of 2008 Graduation, 10:00 am, DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW, Washington, D.C.**  
**All Night Graduation Party at LHS**  
 13 Fri **Underclass exams, periods 5 & 7**  
 14 Sat **ACT at LHS**  
 16 Mon **Underclass exams, periods 2 & 4**  
 17 Tue **Last day of school if not adjusted due to snow days**  
**Class of 2009 senior portraits by appointment, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm (also 18 Wed, 19 Thu, 23 Mon)**  
 24 Tue **FCPS summer school registration deadline**

### July 2008

9 Wed **FCPS summer school begins (through Thu 7 Aug)**

### August 2008

4 Mon **Foreign language summer camp (through 15 Fri)**  
 5 Tue **Fall sports season begins (except golf)**  
 18 Mon **Counselors first day**  
**Boys golf tryouts begin**  
 25 Mon **Teachers first day**  
**Band pre-season rehearsals (through 28 Thu)**  
**Senior portrait makeups by appointment (through 27 Wed)**

### September 2008

1 Mon **Labor Day holiday**  
 2 Tue **First day of school**

**Graduation rehearsal and ticket distribution, 10:30 am, Auditorium**

# Langley Phone List

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

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

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

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### **Senior Exam Schedule (in class)**

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

### **Underclass Exam Schedule**

Wed, June 11	Periods 1 and 3
Thu, June 12	Period 6; Dismissal 9:00
Fri, June 13	Periods 5 and 7
Mon, June 16	Periods 2 and 4

Check school website for updated dismissal times

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