



# THE PTSA NEWSLETTER

Langley High School

May 2008

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Once again the seemingly never-ending testing season is upon us, and it is a great time to examine the family traditions and habits that can help ensure success or perhaps prevent an unnecessary hurdle. Obvious to us all is that well-rested, well-fed and well-prepared students do better on exams. Do you eat at least one meal together as a family? Is at least a small breakfast part of a regular routine? Are there established bedtimes? (Yes, even for high-schoolers this is important.) Do they really sleep, or are they involved in the multitude of social networking opportunities? This is a good time to review your student's sleep patterns. The proponents of later start times for high-school-age students point to the early start we are all subjected to in our traffic-snarled area as a reason for so many tired teens. While this can be a contributing factor, the lack of sleep on the "front end" is something we can help control. The commitment to family gathering on a regular basis is something they'll appreciate and cherish for years to come.

The issue of teen driving, especially as spring is in full bloom, gives you yet another opportunity to teach responsibility. The sense of freedom a license brings to a teen, coupled with a buddy "riding shotgun", can be a recipe for disaster. Teens are easily distracted by cell phones and iPods, and the additional distraction of a passenger can increase the chances of an accident. Talk to your teens about this on a regular basis. Make it part of the last thing you say as they leave. They'll remember it!

Senior parents should be on the lookout for graduation information. As this anticipated event draws closer, be sure you're aware of attendance responsibilities, senior obligations and senior exam waiver opportunities. The saddest thing for me to do is to tell the parents of a senior that graduation is in jeopardy due to a lack of attention to the details...like coming to school! Lack of attendance is the main reason seniors fail to graduate with their class. Encourage your seniors to maintain their commitment to excellence until the end. Senioritis can be avoided with a joint effort.

And finally, as my tenure at Langley comes to a close, thanks to all of you for your incredible support for the students of our school and, especially, me personally. I cannot tell you how much it has meant. Stay tuned for my final farewell in the June edition.

*Bill Clendaniel, 703-287-2704, William.Clendaniel@fcps.edu*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA CO-PRESIDENTS

It seems like the school year goes so quickly, especially after spring break, and we find ourselves in the fourth quarter. This year seems to be passing especially quickly with the announcement that Principal Bill Clendaniel will retire at the end of the school year. One can only imagine how many games, plays and concerts that he has attended in his years as principal. Bill Clendaniel frequently is the first person to arrive in the morning and the last to leave. During Bill's tenure as principal, Langley experienced tremendous measurable growth in many academic areas. Langley's rank in the Washington Post Challenge Index rose to second in Fairfax County behind TJ and fourth in the Washington metro region. In *US News & World Report's* first-ever ranking of U.S. public high schools, Langley was thirty-seventh in the nation.

It is not unusual to find Bill in the hallways during break and between classes conversing with students. He knows our kids and is always available to them as well as their parents. Bill looks out for those who may be struggling socially or academically. A natural "people person", Bill can always lighten our day with his enthusiasm for life and quick wit.

We wish Bill the best in his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his great energy and passion. Langley is a better place because of his time with us. The PTSA will sponsor a reception at school on May 29 at 6:30 pm to thank him for his years of service to Langley. Please stop by and wish him well in his retirement.

Audra Sydnor, the Cluster 1 assistant superintendent, met with parents on March 27 and reviewed the principal selection process. She selected a group of parents and staff to serve on the principal selection panel. The panel met and Ms. Sydnor will now review the candidates and provide a recommendation to the Superintendent and the School Board. The new principal should be announced by the end of the school year.

Our PTSA hosted a presentation by the FairGrade organization whose mission is to revise FCPS grading policies so that FCPS students are no longer at a disadvantage in  
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Roberta Alexandra Terza, a student at Langley, is missing. Please go to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website at <[www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)> to see a picture and additional information about Roberta. Thank you.

# PTSA Committees

## LANGLEY PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2008 – 2009 PROPOSED SLATE

President: Michelle Shaw  
President-Elect: Andrea Sotter  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Lori Ochoa  
Meena Krishnan  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jeanne Sexton  
Pam Valeiras  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Liz Tisdale  
Jamie Kody  
Secretaries: Lynne Giordano  
Una Higgins  
Treasurer: Stacey Wood

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!

### CURRICULUM & EDUCATION

Are you computer-savvy? The curriculum & education committee is looking for assistance with automating the parent-teacher conference sign-up process. If you are knowledgeable about computer programs or know of someone who can help us, please email Liz Tisdale, ETisdale@aol.com, and Andrea Sotter, andrea4@cox.net.

If you would like to become a member of next year's committee, please email Liz or Andrea. Our sincere thanks to all the committee members, student volunteers, faculty and administrative staff who assisted in our activities throughout the year. An additional thank you to Cynthia Meade, Fred Amico and Pam Jelinek for presenting to the committee this year.

*Liz Tisdale, etisdale@aol.com*  
*Andrea Sotter, andrea4@cox.net*

### ETHICS FORUM

Thanks to the time and talents of nearly one hundred adult volunteers, the annual Ethics Forum on April 10 was a success! Special thanks to the Gannett Company for allowing the program to be held at their lovely McLean facility and for all their help to make the program run so smoothly. Contributions from the Safe Community Coalition; LHS senior class, PTSA and Boosters; Exxon Mobil; McLean Rotary; Dale A. Evans, McEearney Associates Realtor; McEearney Associates; Chain Bridge Bank; Client First Settlement Services and William Schwartz, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage helped to make the day possible.

Community leaders and LHS parents were instrumental as table leaders, mock trial actors, advisors, organizers of the senior breakfast and in fulfilling a number of administrative roles during the day. The Class of 2008's professional and thoughtful participation was also critical to the success of the program.

Our speakers and facilitators, including Dr. Edward Soule, Georgetown University; Kurt Wimmer, Gannett; Dr. Allan Morrison, Inova Health System; Judge Gayl Carr, Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Fairfax County; Dr. Todd Olson, Georgetown University; Dr. Patricia Volp, College of William & Mary; and William Ashby, University of Virginia; did a superb job preparing the students and leading the sessions throughout the day.

Thanks also to the mock trial student actors, the 2007 LHS students for their video contributions, the LHS Career Pathways Class for their help with the adult and student folders, the administration for its support of the program and the faculty and staff whose efforts contributed to the success of the day.

The committee would like to express its gratitude to Fred Amico and Emily Richardson, without whose hard work, patience, facilitation of modules and table leader training, Ethics Forum could not happen.

*The Ethics Forum Committee: Ellen DiZio, Jayne Hoffman, Michelle Shaw, Eileen Smith, Rebecca Taylor, Susan Mayman & Janet Wright-Simpson*

### LANDSCAPING

Spring is popping up all over and we are happy to have all the volunteers we can get. Because along with spring popping up, so are weeds! Any parent who would like to help weed, rake, mulch or trim would be appreciated. PLUS our special super-duper offer to all students (7th grade and up) that need community service hours, WE HAVE THEM! Our own Debbie Snedden and Donna Kiffe are heading up teams to work at 2 pm on Tuesdays. We are also planning a clean-up of the grounds for one and all on Sat, April 26 at 10 am. So the more the merrier! Rain date is May 3, 10 am. Please contact Donna Kiffe, MDKiffe@aol.com, if you can help during the week or Christy Carter, cjcarter82858@netscape.com, for the Saturday clean up.

The BIG news is: TADA! We are happy to report that we will be getting an irrigation system in the courtyard and next to the auditorium entrance. Thank you for the generous monetary donations to the Landscaping Committee by families at Langley, and the assistance of Mr. Clendaniel and Wheat's Landscaping. We would

like to raise more funds to irrigate the bus areas so all donations are welcome.

Please help us; even if there are no planned landscaping activities and you are waiting for a child, you can pull a few weeds or trim while you wait! Your help is appreciated.

*Christy Jobe Carter and Donna Kiffe*

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competing for college admissions, merit-based scholarships and admissions to honors programs. Our PTSA board voted to support the FAIRGRADE mission. If you missed the presentation at Langley, it will be repeated at Herndon Middle School on May 7 at 7 pm.

We want to remind everyone that the directory and our websites are for personal use and should not be used outside the school's community or as a marketing tool. We receive many phone calls and emails soliciting our PTSA's membership and directory information; we do not provide information to anyone outside our school community.

Our nominating committee has compiled a wonderful slate of officers and committee chairs for the 2008-2009 school year. We thank Kathleen Helein and Jeanne Sexton for chairing the committee. See page 2 for the slate of officers. Elections for the PTSA executive officers will be held May 27 at the PTSA general meeting and principal's coffee.

Our volunteers are wonderful; all we have to do is put out a call and everyone responds. Our Ethics Forum was a success due to the many volunteers who participated in the event, with special thanks to Susan Mayman and Janet Wright-Simpson for their hard work chairing the day.

Please continue to contact us with your questions, suggestions and comments. Thank you for your continued support.

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smendelsohn@cox.net*

*Michelle Shaw, 703-893-4515, Odysemper@aol.com  
www.langleyptsa.org*

categories if they wish. Deadline for submission of work is Wed, Oct 29, in the school office. For more information, contact dianerapp@att.net. Meredith Lindsey will be next year's faculty sponsor of the program. Students may contact her in the fall for further information on the program deadlines and forms.

## ***Class News***

### **CLASS OF 2011**

It's hard to believe that we are now in the last quarter and our first year is quickly winding down. Our freshmen have been busy. They have worked hard and have actively participated in the various arts and music programs, sports teams and interest clubs. A class treat during break is being planned for our students sometime this quarter.

The big change for all of us next year will be a new principal. The process is well underway and hopefully a new principal will be transitioning in by the end of the year. We will miss Mr. Clendaniel and wish him well in his retirement. He has certainly gotten to know our freshmen throughout the year, not least through his presence at all of the extracurricular events that he regularly attends. His dedication will be hard to match.

Langley's PTSA hosted a presentation by FairGrade on April 1 and has since endorsed their work (for info see <[www.FairGrade.org](http://www.FairGrade.org)>). We encourage you to support their efforts to have FCPS revise the grading scale to a 10-point scale by signing the online petition at <[www.ipetitions.com/petition/fairgrade](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/fairgrade)>. Their research and data highlight the disadvantages of FCPS's current grading scale and how it negatively affects our students.

One last opportunity to volunteer to help with a big school event is coming up! All classes pitch in to help set up the All Night Grad Party on Thu, June 12, while the seniors and their parents are at the graduation ceremony. The senior parents are the ones who work all night during the party (much more fun than it may sound); we just help with set-up. We'll be there soon enough and will appreciate the help of the other classes when they set it all up for us. The freshman class is responsible for arrangements. We will be asking for volunteers to sign up for shifts during that day. We will send out an email soon requesting volunteers and will include details about shifts and times. Thank you!

*Freshman Class Parents*

### **CLASS OF 2010**

The Battle of the Bands has a new date. Please join us at the McLean Old Firehouse Center, 703-448-8336, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd., Sat, May 3, 7 pm. Tickets for the

### **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

battle will be sold during lunches in the cafeteria Wed, Thu, Fri, April 30-May 2, \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Attend the Battle and cast your ballot for your favorite group!

You're invited to attend our year-end class coffee on Wed, May 21, 9:30-11 am, at the home of Teresa Hyatt, 6601 Malta Lane, McLean. So close to LHS, you can park at the school and walk! (Harvey to the end/right on Malta/1st house on left) There is no set agenda but our administrators will be present to answer any questions you might have.

It is customary for the sophomore class to provide volunteers to decorate for the All Night Grad Party for our graduating seniors. Check your calendars now and if you can volunteer for a couple of hours on June 12, please contact Luann Levitt, Langley2010@gmail.com.

Reminder that we continue to collect photos to be used in a photo show for 2010's senior festivities. We are accepting three photos of your child for each year they've attended Langley. Photos must have been taken at Langley or Langley-sponsored events. We want to represent lots of action and the varied activities of the Langley experience! Please email photos to Mollie Vardell, molliev@verizon.net. Label each photo with your child's name and year, i.e., John Smith, freshman year. All questions should be directed to Mollie, 571-220-8678. Your kids will be so disappointed if they don't see themselves in this photo show!

You can find class information at <[www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS](http://www.fcps.edu/LangleyHS)>. Go to the "Parents" link and click on "Class of 2010". The website is a wonderful source of community and school information. Check it often to see what's new and be surprised by the clever presentations courtesy of our website administrator, Assistant Principal Rob Sanders.

*Sophomore Class Parents*

### **CLASS OF 2009**

PROM is almost here! Please see information below.

Junior class volunteers are responsible for take-down and clean-up following All Night Graduation Party, which is at Langley on the overnight of June 12-13. We need many hands on deck to arrive in the wee hours of the morning Fri, June 13, to get school ready for underclass students arriving later that morning. Please contact Diane Rapp, dianerapp@att.net, or Jeanne Lenczyk, lenczyk@cox.net, to help.

Graduation portraits for our rising seniors will be taken earlier this year than in years past! Class of 2009

students will be receiving appointment cards in the mail from LifeTouch late in May, scheduling portrait appointments for June 17, 18, 19 and 23. The postcards will provide 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.

Please watch for class news in the June newsletter, as well as an important mailing over the summer regarding **SENIOR CLASS NEWS** for next year!! Hard to believe the Class of '09 will be seniors! Next year will fly by, and we'll be providing up-to-date information on activities and senior events through this newsletter, a summer mailing, Back-to-School packets and the class email list! If you haven't already, join the parents' class email list by dropping a line to dianerapp@att.net. It will be an exciting year; don't miss a thing!

*Junior Class Parents*

### **PROM**

PROM is almost here! This fabulous event, *Midnight Masquerade*, will be Sat, May 31, at Westfields Marriott, 9 pm-1 am. ALL STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE AT PROM PRIOR TO 11 pm TO BE ADMITTED. Students and parents of the Class of '09 have been hard at work to present a wonderful evening for all seniors and juniors to enjoy.

Prom tickets (\$60 per person) will be on sale during all lunches on May 14-16 and 21-23. Students purchasing tickets will need to provide contact information for each person attending. If a date is not a Langley student, additional information is required. If the guest attends another Fairfax County high school, a verification form must be completed by an administrator from that school. If this applies to your student, PLEASE ask him/her to check at the ticket table the first day of ticket sales to obtain the appropriate form!

Parent volunteers are still needed for Prom – shifts are available to fit the schedule of parents who work either inside or outside the home! Please help!

- Ticket sales (per above schedule): contact Cyndi Gray, zmagic7@aol.com.
- Decorations assembly (times TBD): contact MaryEllen Overend, meoverend@aol.com.
- Decorations setup (day of Prom, Sat, May 31): contact Lucy Moore, lucymoore@verizon.net.
- Chaperones (evening of Prom, Sat, May 31): contact Don Weinheimer,

don.weinheimer@gmail.com. \*\* Parents of seniors, sophomores and freshmen are all welcome to chaperone, along with junior parents! We'd love your help and company!

- Save those wrapping paper tubes! Decorations committee members need the tubes from inside rolls of wrapping paper. Please deliver them to the school office, marked "PROM – CLASS OF 2009" as soon as possible.

### CLASS OF 2008

Our days are numbered! We're approaching the "last" of everything for our seniors. Please make sure to mark all of the below dates on your calendars!

The senior field trip to Six Flags is Tue, June 10. Parent volunteers are needed to chaperone. Contact Debbie Penenburgh, oakhill01@aol.com, to sign up. Senior breakfast for seniors and their parents will be Wed, June 11, 8 am, at Langley. Baccalaureate is the evening of June 11. Contact Tracey Maxwell, tracymaxwell@cox.net, to get involved.

Make sure your seniors pay all class dues and settle all financial obligations such as parking tickets, library fines, etc. in order to go on the field trip and to get a cap and gown.

*Senior Class Parents*

### ANGP

We are still looking for parent volunteers to staff one of the many shifts. Contact volunteer coordinators Sheila Rieling, rieling@msn.com, or Betsy Hubbell, famhubbell@aol.com. We are still accepting cash donations and/or prizes for giveaways that evening. Make sure your senior has purchased a ticket for this fun night. Go to the ANGP website <[www.langleyptsa.org/ANGP-2008.aspx](http://www.langleyptsa.org/ANGP-2008.aspx)> for ticket info/volunteers, or to see if you have already bought a ticket and forgotten that you did!

Confused or think you've missed something? Contact Lisa Hopta, Langley08@aol.com, for questions or to be added to the parent email listing.

### GRADUATION NEWS

Graduation is Thu, June 12, 10 am at DAR Constitution Hall. A graduation information letter has been mailed to all seniors. Please be on the lookout for it!

Because there is limited seating at Constitution Hall, each graduate will receive six tickets per family (graduates do not need a ticket). Tickets will be distributed at the second graduation rehearsal on June

11. Should you need special seating for a guest with a disability, contact Nancy Schultz, 703-287-2830, to arrange for special accommodations. Each disabled guest will need a ticket that counts toward the six-ticket limit.

We realize that some graduates may need more than six tickets, while others may need fewer tickets. 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, should you find that you need an extra ticket or that you have a ticket to spare, please contact your friends and neighbors or consult your "2007-2008 Langley Student Directory" for the names of other graduates. Extra tickets will not be available through Langley High School. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Counseling Connection

### SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

Fairfax County Public Schools summer session will run from July 9 through August 7. Students may register from May 12 through June 24. There will be no late or first-day registration. Registration will be on a first-come, first-enrolled basis. Once a course is filled, that course will be closed. This means that seniors who may need summer school for graduation must register early. Refunds may be requested up to TWO DAYS PRIOR to the beginning of the course. The registration fee is \$700 and must be paid by a bank-certified check or money order as no personal checks will be accepted. Our summer school location is Oakton High School.

### FAIR GRADES

Fairfax County is in the process of reviewing the present grading scale, its rationale and how it affects college admissions, honors programs and merit scholarships. As information becomes available, it will be shared. You can also go to <[www.fairgrade.org](http://www.fairgrade.org)>.

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**Brenda Curtis:** Request application packets for a new high school placement

Withdrawals from Langley High School – please allow a minimum of two school days for packet

**Mary Gratz:** Transcripts for colleges, scholarships, summer camps

**Rebecca Bennett:** Registrar for all students new to LHS

# Testing

## AP EXAM CALENDAR

Week 1, May 5 - 9		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Mon</b>	Government	French Language
<b>Tue</b>	Computer Science Spanish Language	Statistics
<b>Wed</b>	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
<b>Thu</b>	English Literature German Language	Japanese Language
<b>Fri</b>	U.S. History	Studio Art
Week 2, May 12 - 16		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Mon</b>	Biology	Physics
<b>Tue</b>	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
<b>Wed</b>	English Language	Art History
<b>Thu</b>	World History Macroeconomics	Microeconomics
<b>Fri</b>	Spanish Literature	Latin Literature

### SOL TESTS

Wed, May 21 (odd)	First period	Algebra 1
	Third period	
	Fifth period	English 11 Reading
Thu, May 22 (even)	Second period	World History 2
	Fourth period	US History
	Sixth period	World History 1
Fri, May 23 (odd)	First period	Chemistry
Tue, May 27 (even)	Second period	Geosystems
	Fourth period	
	Sixth period	Biology
Wed, May 28 (odd)	First period	Algebra 2
	Third period	
	Fifth period	Geometry

There are no PLC late openings on Wednesdays in May.

### 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 placed in a designated area. 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. 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.

*Bill Clendaniel, Principal*

### SOL QUESTIONS

**What if my child is absent? Please avoid scheduling appointments during the test periods.**

**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 schedule.

**How can I help my child review for these tests?** Teachers have built ongoing review into the curriculum. Many departments will offer additional review (see Department News). Check 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 376 - 399, the test will be re-administered before the testing window closes. If the student scores below 376 or fails the test a second time, he/she should be enrolled in the three-week remediation sessions offered by summer school. More information is available in the Encore booklet to be mailed to your home or at <<http://www.fcps.edu/news/summer.htm>>. Students do not need to take the remediation course in order to retake the test but it is highly recommended. Students wishing to take advantage of the test-only opportunity still need to register in advance through summer school.

**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?** Register your student to take the test during the summer (see question above). Langley will not offer the tests again until January 2009.

**Why can't my 8<sup>th</sup> 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. We recommend they take it during the August administration. Testing now requires that each student is assigned a state testing identification number so be sure to register your student in a timely fashion.

**What if my child needs to take a test for a class he/she is not currently enrolled in?** We encourage students to take tests in August, rather than waiting until January.

**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. Contact Mrs. Meade for the necessary forms.

**If I have questions, who should I contact?** Contact your student's counselor or Pam Jelinek, Assessment Coach/Test Coordinator, at 703-297-2922 or Pamela.Jelinek@fcps.edu. Be aware that during testing periods, email is preferable.

## *Department News*

### **FINE ART**

**Computer Graphics Annual Student Portfolio Show:** Congratulations to the following students whose creative computer art lit up the Langley Gallery April 8-11: Christian Meeks, Michelle Holt, Connor Delaney, Kevin Louie, Victoria Horn, Stephanie Liao, Kyle Maida, Brian Steele, Nicole Morabito, Chris Weaver, Antonia Nguyen, Brian Vu, Amanda Pherson, Tim Reijling and Robin Semelsberger. A reception for the artists was held on April 8.

The second **Student Portfolio Show** highlighted the work of the AP and Portfolio Preparation Photography students April 15-25. A reception was held on April 21. Portfolio Shows of Studio Art students will be displayed in the following weeks. Watch for upcoming announcements.

Selected student artwork from photography, studio art and computer graphics classes was professionally displayed in the **McLean Project for the Arts 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Art Show** at the Mclean Community Center. The show ran March 25-April 8. A reception was held on March 27 for the artists, their families, friends and teachers. Once again Langley student artists received rave reviews.

The following students participated in the Frank R. Wolf 10<sup>th</sup> district nationwide **Congressional High School Art Competition:** Emma Canfield, Photography; Carol Lee, Computer Graphics; Jake Grim, Computer Graphics; and Connor Delaney, Computer Graphics. The competition took place April 12 at the Notre Dame Academy Art Center in Loudoun County. The winning artwork will be on display in the Capitol for one year.

**Technology and the Arts Competition:** Langley students will participate in the Council for the Arts of Herndon's Annual Technology and the Arts Competition. Results will be announced in a later issue.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The **Foreign Language Boot Camp** will take place August 4-15. We plan to limit classes to a maximum of 14 students. Our offerings include a review of the following classes: French 1 and 2, German 1, 2 and 3; Latin 1 and 2; and Spanish 1, 3 and 4. A mailing with complete information on the camps was sent to all parents during the first week of April. If you have questions, email the camp director Rebeca.Prell@fcps.edu.

**French:** We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the **National French Contest** results, which should be coming soon.

We will distribute applications to the **French Honor Society** at the end of the month. More details will be forthcoming in the level 3, 4 and AP classes.

Rachel Warrick, Alex Coy, Mary Beth Winston and Jessica Place all enjoyed our **trip to France**, Switzerland, Monaco and Eze, where they participated in an aromatherapy session. Everyone found this topic fascinating and was looking forward to exploring it in further detail once we returned to the States. The weather cooperated and all the participants had a wonderful time throughout the tour of Europe which included Paris, the Eiffel Tour and the wonders of Versailles.

**German:** The program has just concluded another successful **visit by 22 students** from Germany. The students participated in classes and had an opportunity to see how their American counterparts live. In June, twenty-two of our students will go to Germany for a month where they will stay with the families of their exchange partners. Our students will attend German schools and improve on the German that they have learned in the classroom at LHS while enjoying and appreciating German culture.

May is an important testing month. The **AP German exam** takes place on May 8. We are looking forward to another successful year. In the past three years, 56% of our students obtained a perfect score (the county average was 27%) and we expect similar, if not better, results this year.

On May 5 the **German ambassador** will come to Langley to speak about Germany and the European community. All are invited. Parents who are interested in attending should contact Christopher Rademacher, christopher.rademacher@fcps.edu.

The **German Club** continues its effort to raise funds for a state-of-the-art language lab by selling Chipotle on Mondays and Thursdays after school. If you want your students to enjoy a Chipotle burrito on a Monday or Thursday afternoon, send them to the main gym lobby with \$8 right after classes end. On the fun side, the club will sponsor outings to go ice-skating and to play laser tag in April and May. Stay tuned to learn more.

Students of **German 1** will take a field trip to the Goethe Institute (this is the equivalent of the German Cultural Embassy) and the Cafe Berlin on April 29. **German 2, 3 and 4** students went to the Schmankerlstube Bavarian restaurant on April 25.

During the fourth quarter all **German 2, 3, 4 and AP** students are working on their year-end group projects writing, producing and filming movies on topics ranging from criminal justice to current events, global digital communication and environmental issues. Expect to see groups of students in and around the community as they are shooting their productions. Over the years these projects have grown very elaborate in both the content, with extensive script rewrites allowing the students to fully utilize the German they have learned, and the production values, which often rival those of smaller independent films.

**Japanese:** The department is proud to announce the results of the **Japan Bowl**, a national competition of fifty high school teams, testing their abilities in Japanese as well as their knowledge of the nation of Japan. The competition included not only the top high schools from this area but also accomplished private and public schools from as far away as California and Florida. Langley fared well, placing twentieth in "level 3" (Nicole Chung, Cooper Stone and Jon Ro) and eighteenth in "Level 4" (Michael Jacobson, Marisa Park and Alison Shin). Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to the PTSA for providing the funding that allowed us to participate.

Additional congratulations to Eugene Kwon who recently passed Level 2 of the JPLT test. This is a standardized test by which people all over the world measure their Japanese abilities. Passing the level 2 test illustrates Eugene's fluency and will allow him to seek employment in Japan in the future if he so desires. This is an incredibly rare and impressive feat for someone his age. Well done, Eugene!

**Latin:** In March, 115 Langley students took the **National Latin Exam**. More than half of those who took the exam placed in their level. Overall, we earned 13 gold medals, 23 silver medals, 11 Magna Cum Laude

certificates and 12 Cum Laude certificates. The **Gold** medalists were Alexis Doherty in Latin 1; Alex Goldstone and Ramsey Sitta in Latin 2; Jeffrey Cooper, Inhak Kim, Quinn Stevens-Palmer, Joan Vasiliadis, Joshua Pan, Emily Khan, Lauren Shaw, Margaret Kovacs and Karl Semancik in Latin 3; and Julie Clemmensen in Latin 5. Congratulations to all who participated!

**Russian:** Langley students triumphed over most other schools at the annual **Olympiada of Spoken Russian** by winning a total of 19 medals at George Mason University on April 4. We came away with 8 Gold, 3 Silver and 8 Bronze medals, one of the largest numbers in Langley's history. The students competed in three major areas: oral narrative; history, geography and culture; and reading and recitation. The winner of the highest level, Kristina Shigaeva, is eligible to participate in the International Olympiada this summer in Moscow. Bravo Langley Russian students!

In April a group of **21 Russian students** (including 3 teachers) arrived in the area for an 11-day home-stay visit. This was the second leg of a highly successful exchange program between LHS and St. Petersburg School of Electronics. During spring break, Langley students visited Russia. This is our 18th year of an exchange. We enjoyed showing our Russian guests the way we live and learn.

In April, thirteen **AP Russian** students went through the **Oral Proficiency Interview** as part of the AP Russian requirement. The students had to sustain a phone conversation in Russian with an anonymous live interviewer for 20 minutes. They all felt very confident about the conversation.

**Spanish:** Sra. Prell's **Spanish 1** students visited the Corner Bistro in McLean where they sampled Spanish tapas and conversed with the Spanish-speaking waiters. **Spanish 2** students had a similar experience at Jaleo Restaurant where they were also treated to a first class flamenco performance.

The induction ceremony for the **Spanish Honor Society** will take place at the library on May 13 at 2:30 pm. All are invited to celebrate with new and old members.

## HUMANITIES

**World Studies 1:** SOL review sessions will be held on Mondays April 28, May 5 and 12, 2:15-3 in room 203/205.

**World Studies 2:** An SOL review session will be held on Wed, April 30 at 7:20 am in room 207/209.

**American Civilization:** All classes are currently working on a researched policy paper that involves a topic of current debate. The final paper will employ key writing skills that students have practiced in their English classes. Its purpose is to create an understanding of current/historical issues facing the presidential candidates.

**AP Language and Composition:** All classes continue to work on critical reading and writing skills in preparation for the May 14 AP exam. The **review session** is May 10, 8:30-12 (Mock exam - room TBA).

**AP US History: April 26 practice APUSH exam.** 8-11:30 am in the LHS cafeteria.

**English 12:** Students are reading award-winning novels, giving book talks and participating in a poetry project. For the most part the coming month will be one of completing novels. Many students have spent a good deal of time studying the principles of analytical writing and will apply those to the appropriate novels. The Quad students will be engaged in a [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com) competition followed by a celebration of success.

**Journalism:** Journalism 2 student Meghan Gaffney has been declared a national winner in the **American Society of Newspaper Editors/Quill and Scroll** international writing and photo contest. Her winning entry in the editorial cartoon category was titled "Freedom of Speech," and appeared in the Nov 2 issue of the *Saxon Scope*.

Editor-in-chief senior Krista Germano has been selected for the **National Scholastic Press Association's Journalism Honor Roll**. She is recognized for excellence as a journalist and a scholar including a 3.75 GPA and serving three years on staff.

Fourteen candidates were inducted into the journalism honor society, **Quill and Scroll**, on April 16: Danielle Burger, Nicole Chung, Maya Dwivedy, Jennifer Eun, Brooke Gallagher, Lily Goodson, Paula Novacki, Betty Quinn, Rana Rahmat, Kayla May, Adrienne Smith, Alexandra Pitts, Yasmin Bagha and Michelle Anthony. Guest speaker Kemal Kursphahic, former editor-in-chief of Bosnia's leading newspaper, chronicled his story of publishing the newspaper every day in war time. Seniors received their graduation cords.

Journalism and photojournalism students will attend the **FCPS Journalism Institute** on Sat, May 17 at Oakton HS to participate in learning sessions on *InDesign/Photo Shop* and new editor training.

## LIBRARY

The library staff celebrated **National Library Week and School Media Month** by hosting breakfast for faculty on the most recent teacher workday. In addition to thanking the staff, we would like to acknowledge the continued support of the Langley community. We are especially grateful for four years of dedicated assistance by two outstanding volunteers, Carla Freyvogel and Nancy Hanson. We wish them well in their future endeavors as their sons graduate.

Students are reminded to **clear all library fines and overdues** before the end of the school year. Seniors with obligations will not get graduation tickets and underclass students will not receive parking permits. Thanks for your assistance.

We regret that the **library and attached labs** will be used for AP and SOL testing and will be **closed** to other students and classes on the following dates: May 5, 8, 9, 14 and 15 during the morning hours (AP tests) and May 21-28 all day (SOL testing).

## PERFORMING ARTS

**Band:** Congratulations to our bands for posting Superior scores at the Disney Festival; take a peek at our trophies on display in the auditorium lobby. Please come to our second car wash Sat, May 10, at the McLean BP Station. Remember to sign up for eScrip to support the bands in fund-raising for our Concert Tours (select LHS Band Association at <[www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)>). Congratulations to the Reber family, winners of the LHS Band Association Nationals ticket raffle! Thanks to all who participated in this successful fundraiser.

**Choral:** The choirs enjoyed their *Italian Prelude* through Italy in April – they performed in and toured Rome, Ravenna, Florence and Venice.

It is time again for the choral department's spring show, on May 29-30! Come and enjoy "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 will go on sale soon and will be available from any choir student.

**Orchestra:** The orchestra has returned from its debut performance at Carnegie Hall, where 140 students played for a large, enthusiastic audience. The students were honored to be joined in concert by bandoneon virtuoso Daniel Diaz, who performed on Argentina's traditional tango instrument. In addition to the concert, the group attended a Broadway show, *In the Heights*,

toured the Museum of Modern Art and visited Times Square.

Please mark your calendars for the final two concerts of this landmark season. The Chamber Music Concert will take place on Tue, May 20, 7:30 pm, at Oakcrest School and will feature some of our program's most advanced performers in an intimate setting. They will present a varied program on classical and electric instruments. Our season will culminate on Wed June 4, when we join forces with the Fairfax Symphony for a program that unites students and professionals. We hope to fill the Langley auditorium for Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*!

**Theatre News:** Congratulations to the drama students who performed the court scene at **Senior Ethics Day:** Wes Brandt, Caitlin Burner, Ari Glantz and Meg Honigberg.

**Student-Directed One-Acts** were performed in April.

**Theatre Honor Society:** New applications and updates are due to Ms. Jaffe by Tue, May 6.

Our **Awards Ceremony** will take place on June 6, 3 pm in the library.

Check out <[www.langleydrama.com](http://www.langleydrama.com)> for up-to-date information.

## SCIENCE

More than 600 students from around the county converged on Robinson Secondary School for 3 days last month to compete in the **Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair**. Following a full day of judging and interviews, the following students were awarded **first place** honors in their categories. Materials and Bioengineering: Gillian H. Seok for *Development of ZrN+ W & ZrN+Mo High Temp Cements*; Electrical and Mechanical Engineering: Dennis Li for *An Automobile Collision Avoidance System*; Environmental Management: Pasha Mostaghim for *A Substrate's Effect on Filtration by Mussels* and Riley Ennis for *The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Reality*; Physics and Astronomy: Armin Aflaki and Ryan P. Klein for *The Effect of Different Frequencies on Vibration*. Special recognition was given to Dennis Li, who developed one of only 30 projects that were nominated for a Grand Prize.

**Second Place** winners from Langley included the following. Animal Sciences: Vivek A. Ashok for *Movement Patterns of a Termite and Symbiote*; Chemistry: Takuma Koide for *Fuel Cell: Mechanism to Generate Electricity*; Electrical and Mechanical

Engineering: John M. LaBelle for *Effect of Rocket Nose Cones on Altitude*, Keith Thomas for *The Bright Driver: Automotive Light Dim Innovation* and Henry Helmes, Kevin Lee and David Raffman for *A High Speed Race: Wireless Style*; Energy and Transportation: Blake L. Garfinkle for *Methods of Collecting Energy From Walking*; Physics and Astronomy: Nadya Sidki for *Effect of Light Distance on an Object's Shadow*; Plant Sciences: Jenna Bugge for *The Effect of Soil Acidity on Plant Germination*, Elaine Beaver for *The Effect of Compost Mediums on Plant Growth* and Sarah Mendelsohn and Jane Yurechko for *Effect of Sodium Chloride on the Growth of Plants*.

**Third Place and Honorable Mention** prizes were garnered in Computer Science by Jeffrey D. Cooper for *Effect of the Addition of Extra Dimensions on A\*P*; in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering by Nate Druckerman for *Temperature's Effect on Rebound of an Elastometer*; in Plant Sciences by Saman Ehsan, Marisa Konishi, and Elyse Moy for *Effect of Nickel Concentration on Grass Biomass*; and in Biochemistry by Brendan Mullen for *Effect of Water Exposure on Size of Popped Popcorn*.

In addition to the category prizes, "**Industry Awards**" of cash, bonds and scholarships were awarded by numerous prominent government agencies, private industry corporations and science-oriented professional organizations such as the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the Volgenau School of Information Technology and Engineering at George Mason University, the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Baltimore Washington Section, the Office of Naval Research and the Central Intelligence Agency. Congratulations to Langley students Armin Aflaki, Ryan Klein, John LaBelle, Riley Ennis, Takuma Koide, Jeffrey Cooper, Dennis Li, Henry Helmes, Kevin Lee, David Raffman, Nadya Sidki, Gillian Seok, Catherine Plunkett, Nadya Sidki and Nate Druckerman, who were awarded prizes totaling over \$1800.

**Special congratulations** go to Keith Thomas who was given an award by the firm of Hunton & Williams. This award, given to only one project at the fair, carries a potential value of more than \$10,000 and consists of the preparation, filing and prosecution of a U.S. Patent Application for his engineering project: an automated automobile headlight high beam/low beam dimming system. This is the second straight year that a Langley student has won this prize.

All first-place winners were also invited to attend the **Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair** which was held over the weekend of April 11–13, where

freshman Pasha Mostaghim won a second place award in Environmental Management for his project *Filtration Capabilities of Freshwater Mussels on Different Surfaces*. Congratulations and thanks to Pasha and all of our award winners for their achievements and for representing Langley High School, our Science department and our community.

On April 11 the **Science Honor Society** sponsored the spring **Blood Drive**. Over 320 students, teachers and parents rolled up their sleeves for this great cause. Inova Blood Donor Services was able to collect **251 usable units of blood**, which can be used to save over 750 lives! The previous record for units collected in a single drive was 240. Combined with our fall drive, the Langley community donated over 400 units of blood this year. SHS members work very hard to sponsor these drives and would like to thank everyone who contributed to making them a huge success!

**Biology SOL review sessions** will be held after school on Mondays May 12 and 19, 2:20-3:30 in room 121. Students must sign up on sheets outside room 126 (Ms. Jameyson's room) in order to attend either one or both sessions.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Third-quarter progress goal reports** were mailed home the week of April 14. If you did not receive one, please contact your student's case manager for a copy.

The new **online IEP process** has begun at Langley. All IEPs from this point on will be done online. Please bear with us as we navigate through this new system. All students whose eligibilities expire before mid-December will be reviewed before the end of this current school year. You will be contacted with the meeting date if this applies to your child.

Students who wish to apply for **accommodations for the 2008-2009 PSATs, SATs or ACTs** should wait until the latter part of the summer when the new forms will be available.

Congratulations to all of our seniors who have been accepted to college. If a student wishes to apply for **disability services at the post-secondary level** and is unsure of the process, please have him or her contact Ms. Weiner, the Employment and Transition Representative. Her office is in room 235A. The Office of Civil Rights has prepared a pamphlet entitled *Know Your Rights and Responsibilities*. It explains the legal requirements of Section 504 and Title II in the postsecondary education context and is available at <[www.ed.gov/ocr/transition/html](http://www.ed.gov/ocr/transition/html)>.

# Spring Sports Update

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

**Athletic Trainers News:** Come help support Langley High School Athletic Training and receive your VHSL physical on May 20, 5-7 pm. Please contact the activities office, 703-287-2750, to schedule an appointment. The fee is \$40, which helps support the health and medical care of Langley athletes. Please bring a Revised April 2007 VHSL Physical Form (no other forms accepted) completed with signatures and dates. The form can be found at <[www.VHSL.org](http://www.VHSL.org)>. Please call Mr. Welever, 703-287-2759, with any questions.

**BASEBALL:** The team is off to a good start. They are currently 6-4 and in fourth place in the Liberty District. Please come support the team. For the schedule go to <[www.langleybaseball.com](http://www.langleybaseball.com)>.

**CREW:** The season is well underway. Athletes have competed in three regattas and have two more regattas before the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships (Regionals for novices on May 3 and States for V/JV boats on May 10). On April 12, the novice women, led by sophomore coxswain Shivani Mehta, had a strong showing, earning second place in their race of six boats. The Women's Four, composed of seniors Becca Berenson, Brittany Havens, Keriann Miller, Alexa Burke and coxswain Michelle Bovee, earned fourth place out of ten boats. Other recent notable finishes include a third-place finish in the first regatta by the Women's Four of Sandra Wiik, Blair McKee, Claire Cole, Linsey Park and coxswain Alyssa McKay, and a fourth-place finish by the Women's Eight. Come cheer the team on this Saturday. Races start at 10 am at Sandy Run Regional Park on the Occoquan River.

Congratulations to all our athletes and Coach Brett Rini for their fundraising efforts! This year's ergathon, the Saxon Spartan Face-Off, raised more than \$28,000, an all-time high. The ergathon, rowed against West Springfield, drives each team to work even harder in the off-season in order to compete well against their rivals; the ergathon is a major part of this club sport's revenues and is used to pay for equipment and maintenance, insurance, fees and coaching salaries. In addition to the participating athletes, a big thanks goes to Leslie Bennett and Ian Winstanley for leading this effort.

Thank you to the members of the women's team who donated prom dresses and gift cards to patients in the Chronic Kidney Disease Center at Childrens' Hospital National Medical Center, which will allow them to attend the first prom held in the DC area for kids with renal disease. On May 10, DeMatha HS will host teens with kidney disease who will sparkle like

the stars at the prom, a special program of the Renal Support Network, a national non-profit organization, which is being co-sponsored by DeMatha and Seton High Schools.

In scholastic news, Brittany Havens will be rowing for West Virginia and Becca Berenson will be rowing for University of Wisconsin-Madison next year. Both seniors have rowed four years, participated in fall crew at Thompson's Boat Center in Georgetown the past 2 seasons, received varsity letters and been strong members of the team.

**GIRLS LACROSSE:** We are half-way through the regular season with mixed results to date and a 3-3 record. Our first game was a grueling four-overtime game against Loudoun Valley which we lost but was played well. There was a close surprise loss against West Springfield and most recently a disappointing performance against Stone Bridge. The next three weeks will determine the team's will to pull together for a stronger second half. Last week at our McLean home game we had a record turnout for our third annual youth night, with youth players admitted free and given the opportunity to warm up with our JV girls before watching our varsity game. There were also handouts and a raffle of lacrosse items.

We will again be hosting the try-outs for the Mid-Atlantic Region team entries to the US Lacrosse Schoolgirls National Tournament on May 24-25 in Baltimore. Six Langley players will try out.

For our service project this year our JV and varsity teams, led by Coach Orlando, are collecting unwanted cell phones and accessories to be donated to *Call to Protect*, an organization providing funds to end domestic violence. Email [lhsjvgirlslax@aol.com](mailto:lhsjvgirlslax@aol.com) or call 703-517-0739 for more information.

**BOYS SOCCER:** The varsity side has started well and appears to have a solid team with a number of highly skilled and determined young players. The team is comprised of 10 seniors, 6 juniors, 3 sophomores and 3 freshmen. Our last home game was April 18 against rival Woodson. **Go Saxons.**

The JV team started the season with 26 players. They have already been able to help the varsity squad by loaning four players for the Chantilly game when seven varsity players were unable to play. Three of those four are now on the varsity squad for the remainder of the season. The JV team continues to work toward preparing the players for the demands of excelling on the varsity squad. JV's record to date is 2-2-1. The coaches are enthusiastic about the dedication and skill of the players and the support of their parents in volunteer efforts (snack bar and ticket-taking).

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Varsity has started strong with scoring coming from seven different players so far this year. After a tough loss to defending state champion Lake Braddock, the team regrouped and remains without a loss since. A come-from-behind victory against a strong Oakton team with goals from McCaul Benson, Lauren Hakim and Carly Snively helped the players gain confidence in themselves and in the new coaching staff. Kelly Germain assisted all three goals.

Next up was a physically and emotionally tough game against former Coach Melissa Bibbee on the road versus Chantilly. Playing without Marissa Park, the girls dominated much of the game and came out with a tie with a goal by Lauren Hakim. Freshman goalkeeper Kathryn Caine has looked strong in net and plays with a confidence beyond her years.

A windy game against a feisty TC Williams team came next. The girls fought through several near-misses in the first half to a dominating second half with goals from Marissa Park, McCaul Benson, Lauren Hakim and Britt Fruin.

Waiting through a frustrating week-and-a-half of rain delays brought us to our first District game against Marshall. Fierce goalkeeping skills kept the score even at zero until a well-placed corner kick from Marissa Park found Anna Lenzyck's head which found the back of the net. The Saxons looked confident and maintained possession of the ball for most of the game. Tarah Golzar joins the varsity roster after impressive practices and game play against Marshall.

We look ahead to a tough 3-game road trip against Fairfax, Woodson and South Lakes, then home for District rival Stone Bridge. Please come out and support the team.

The JV team remains unbeaten, relying on a strong crop of young talent and a deep roster to turn to. Goals are coming from various players and the stellar defense and goalkeeping haven't allowed a goal yet.

**SOFTBALL:** The varsity team is off to an excellent start, with a 9-1 record at the halfway point in the regular season. But there's still a long way to go. The team has had contributions from players throughout the line-up and is looking forward to the district and regional tournaments. Over spring break, the team went 4-1 in the Grand Strand Softball Classic and won its division. Pitcher Emily Willis was 3-0 and the offense was led by CF Lindsay Brown and 1B/DH Lizzie Sharkey, who each had 7 hits. In the first game after the break, the team defeated a tough Yorktown squad 3-2, as LF Hannah Shatzen hit a game-winning 2-run home run. The team began district play with four straight wins over TJ, South Lakes, Woodson and Madison. In the South Lakes game, SS Kelsey Green had 3 home runs, including two grand slams in one inning. In the Madison game, 1B Kim McMasters hit a 3-run home run to tie the game in the 7th and Lindsay Brown (2-run shot) and 3B Jam Mowery (solo) hit home runs in the 9th as the team pulled out a 9-6 win in extra innings. The district tournament starts on May 14.

**GIRLS TENNIS:** Despite the rain, the team is off to a good start. The team had tough losses at the beginning of the season to TJ and Marshall, but rallied quickly against South Lakes, Madison and McLean. The team, led by senior captains Alyssa Shames, Alex Reichenbach, Megan Reichenbach and Shannon Wendt, is keeping spirits high as we move into the second half of the season. The team must win all its remaining scheduled matches in order to appear in the regional tournament. The team will also be cheering on junior Linden Li and senior Alyssa Shames in singles, and the teams of Li/Shames and Elie Hone/Evelyn Han in doubles as

they represent Langley at the individuals' district tournament held during the first week of May.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** Both the boys and girls teams have started the season strong, winning all their District meets so far. The girls team returned from the Southern Maryland Track Classic with the first-place trophy, beating 19 teams for the honor. At that meet the girls 4x800m relay team of Carolyn Shaw, Victoria Cook, Amanda Steffy and Lauren Shaw placed first at 9:53.11, earning them the current #8 time in the state. Other high finishers were Chris Yi (2nd, 400m); Amanda Steffy (2nd, 400m); Victoria Cook (2nd, 3200m); Lauren Shaw (2nd, 800m); Carolyn Shaw and Allison Paul (1st and 2nd, 1600m); and Morgan Danner (3rd, triple jump). Sixteen seniors, including captains Victoria Cook, Morgan Danner, Conor McCaffrey and Grant Kuhnsman, were honored at the Senior Night ceremony at the last home meet in April. The teams will participate in several more large invitational meets this season, including the VMI classic in Lexington, VA and the Victor Cahoon Classic at Osborn Park HS in Manassas. Please come support our athletes at the District meet on May 15-16 at Thomas Jefferson HS. See <[www.langleytrack.com](http://www.langleytrack.com)> for schedule and team information.

<b>Langley Summer Sports Camp Schedule</b>	
<b>Volleyball:</b> Coach Shifflett	June 16-17 (4-8pm), 18-20 (9am-2pm)
<b>Cheerleading:</b> Coach Goeller	June 30-July 3 (9am-2pm) (camp held at Great Falls ES)
<b>Boys Basketball (Grades 7-8):</b> Coach Hess	July 7-11 (8:30am-2:30pm) (camp held at Great Falls ES)
<b>Boys Basketball (Grades 9-10):</b> Coach Hess	July 14-18 (8:30 am-2:30 pm) (camp held at Great Falls ES)
<b>Boys Basketball (Grades 3-10):</b> Coach Hess	July 28-Aug 1 (camp held at Longfellow MS)
<b>Girls Basketball:</b> Coach Buffo	July 14-18 (8:30am-2:30pm)

## *Announcements*

### **2008-2009 STUDENT PARKING HANG TAG INFORMATION**

“Student Parking Hang Tag Applications for the Academic Year 2008-2009” and “Langley High School Parking Rules and Regulations” will be available Mon, May 12, and must be turned in to Mrs. Schultz in the Attendance Office no later than Fri, May 23, 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 no disciplinary infractions. Juniors will be selected by lottery. There will be no sophomore parking available. All drivers must be registered at Langley High School. 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** special notice to all juniors with or without hang tags for the current school year: unpaid parking tickets from this school year must be paid in full by Fri, May 9. Failure to do so will result in towing and not receiving your Parking Hang Tag until the second quarter of the 2008-2009 school year. Please check the "Unpaid Parking Ticket" list posted outside the Finance Office.

**LONGFELLOW PTA BOARD POSITION**

Longfellow PTA is looking for a parent to fill the Langley liaison board position. Please contact Linda Stone at 703-536-6416 or bstone19@cox.net.

**SENIOR SALUTE**

Friday, May 9, 6:30 – 9:30 pm  
Langley main gym

The Langley High School Leadership Honor Society is hosting a dance for senior citizens. We welcome all grandparents and other senior citizens to attend. For any questions or comments, please email LHSofLHS@gmail.com.

**PROPOSED LATER HIGH SCHOOL START TIMES**

The Transportation Task Force (TTF) was chartered by the school board to offer community perspectives and recommendations for re-engineering the FCPS transportation system and to find the best alternative bell schedule that would enable high schools to start later in the morning. The 68 TTF members represented a broad cross-section of the community and the school system, including parents, teachers, principals and a number of county-wide community organizations. The TTF charter can be viewed at <www.fcps.edu/fts/taskforce07/documents/tfcharter.pdf>. The TTF presented its final report to the school board in March. To read the report, go to <www.fcps.edu/schlbld/reports/TTF%20Final%20Report.pdf>.

The TTF recommended that the proposed bell schedule and recommended service parameters should be implemented together and not viewed as separate recommendations or actions. These changes should improve service and are intended to be as cost-neutral as possible.

The bell schedule recommended by the TTF is shown below. (Approximate time frames for bulk of each tier; ES=elementary schools, MS=middle schools, HS=high schools,es=small number of ES).

Start	End
Tier 1: 7:50-8:10 am (ES)	2:30-2:50 pm
Tier 2: 8:35-8:55 am (HS/ES)	3:15-3:45 pm
Tier 3: 9:20-9:40 am (es/MS)	4:00-4:30 pm

This bell schedule represents a compromise between a variety of interests and stakeholders. It maintains 3 delivery tiers and continues the use of a rolling bell schedule for maximum transportation efficiency and to deliver tier 2 and 3 schools as early within the timeframe as possible. It:

- Starts as many elementary schools as possible in the first and second tiers while keeping the same overall start time window as current for elementary school openings. (About 80% would start between 7:50 and 8:55 am).
- Starts high schools in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier (as early as possible in this tier so that high schools can end as close to 3:30 as possible).
- Starts middle schools in the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier.

Among the recommendations on how to ease the transition:

- Reaching out to the community to inform them of bell schedule changes.
- Giving the community ample notice before bell schedules are changed, so that families and FCPS employees have time to make necessary adjustments to child care, work hours, etc.

The School Board will announce dates for meetings to allow wider community feedback and discussion later this year.

The FCCPTA has supported the later high school start time effort for several years. FCCPTA President Michele Menapace, appointed to the TTF, signed in support of the majority report on behalf of FCCPTA. For more information about start times, go to <www.SLEEPinFairfax.org>

**OPTIMIST CLUB**

Help the Fairfax County Women's Shelter in Reston, Virginia! *Who Are We Helping?* A shelter that provides a safe home to women and children who are fleeing domestic instability and violence.

*What Are We Collecting?* The Optimist Club is collecting baby items, personal items and monetary donations for the shelter.

*When?* April 9-30. This is a competition between first-period classes! The winning class gets a free bagel party so please be generous! Contact Mrs. Ann Baylor, Ann.Baylor@fcps.edu, with any questions.

**KEY CLUB**

For the club's April service project, members participated in Fairfax County Park Authority's Invasive Plant Removal Day. They met at a designated park and helped remove harmful non-native plants and restore native plants to the habitat. This is a large, active club with fun projects planned throughout the year which benefit a variety of service organizations. Anyone interested in joining can contact the sponsor, [Heather.Shapiro@fcps.edu](mailto:Heather.Shapiro@fcps.edu).

## *Calendar for Langley High School PTSA & Activities, 4/28 – 6/17/08*

### April 2008

28 Mon **World History 1 SOL review**, 2:15 – 3:00 pm,  
Rooms 203/205 (also Mon 5/5, 5/12)

29 Tue **Principal's coffee**, 8:30 am, Auditorium

30 Wed **World History 2 SOL review**, 7:20 am,  
Rooms 207/209

### May 2008

3 Sat **SAT at LHS**  
**Rain date for landscape clean-up**, 10:00 am  
**Battle of the Bands**, 7:00 pm, Old Firehouse Teen  
Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean

5 Mon **AP exams through 16 Fri** (schedule on p. 6)

6 Tue **Athletic Boosters meeting**, 6:00 pm, Library

7 Wed **No late opening**, classes begin at 7:20 am (also  
5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4 and 6/11)  
**PTSA executive board meeting**, 9:30 am,  
Principal's conference room  
**FairGrade presentation**, 7:00 pm, Herndon MS

9 Fri **Senior Salute Dance**, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Main gym

10 Sat **AP English Language and Composition review  
session**, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, location tba  
**Band fundraiser car wash**, McLean BP station

12 Mon **Student parking hang tag applications available**  
**Summer school registration through 6/24**  
**Biology SOL review**, 2:20 -3:30 pm, Room 121  
(also 19 Mon)

13 Tue **Spanish Honor Society induction ceremony**,  
2:30 pm, Library  
**Newsletter deadline**, 3:00 pm

14 Wed **Prom ticket sales during all lunches**  
(also 5/15-16 and 5/21-23)

20 Tue **Fourth quarter interims to students**  
**VHSL sports physicals**, 5:00-7:00 pm  
**Orchestra chamber concert**, 7:30 pm, Oakcrest  
School, 850 Balls Hill Rd, McLean

21 Wed **SOL exams through 28 Wed** (schedule on p. 6)

21 Wed **Sophomore parent coffee**, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Hyatt  
home, 6601 Malta Lane, McLean

23 Fri **Newsletter mailout**, 8:30 am, Cafeteria  
**Student parking hang tag applications due**

26 Mon **Memorial Day holiday – no school**

27 Tue **Principal's coffee and PTSA general membership  
meeting and officer elections**, 8:30 am, Auditorium

29 Thu **PTSA Reception for Mr. Clendaniel**, 6:30 pm, tba  
**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

3 Tue **Spring sports awards**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

4 Wed **Senior exams** (through 9 Mon)  
**Orchestra spring concert with the Fairfax  
Symphony**, 7:30 pm, Auditorium

6 Fri **Senior picnic and yearbook signing** (after exams)  
**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**

10 Tue **Senior field trip to Six Flags**

11 Wed **Underclass exams** (through 16 Mon)  
**Senior Breakfast**, 8:00 am, Cafeteria  
**Baccalaureate**, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

12 Thu **Class of 2008 Graduation**, 10:00 am,  
DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW,  
Washington, D.C.  
**All Night Graduation Party at LHS**

14 Sat **ACT at LHS**

17 Tue **Last day of school 2008**

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**No Wednesday late  
openings in May or June.**

**AP Exams May 5-16  
SOL Exams May 21-May 28  
Exam Schedules on page 6**

**Final Principal's Coffee and  
PTSA General Meeting  
PTSA Officers Election  
Tue, May 27, 8:30 am  
Auditorium**

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