LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR BOOK



Langley High School Bands

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

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Erin Adams

Best Color Guard Memory

My best Color Guard memories were just all the bus rides to the competitions.

Biggest Color Guard Mishap

My biggest Color Guard mishap was when I set my flag in the wrong spot, and then I didn't have any equipment to use in the ballad.

Proudest Moment in Color Guard

My proudest moment in Color Guard was when I caught a triple in a marching band show.

Advice to Others

My advice to others would be to become friends with the people around you and always try your best to improve.

Next Year

Next year I'll be going to JMU, with a biotech major and pre-med minor.

In Five Years

In five years I hope I will be in med school, trying to become a doctor!



Aya Albolote

Best Band Memory

I don't have just one favorite memory, but I really enjoyed meeting everyone and the friends I've made along the way. Every week I looked forward to talking to my friends in the stands and holding up the sheet music for stand tunes.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I have had so many musical mishaps, but probably the biggest was completely forgetting how to play every single scale at the end-of-year audition. My other mishap was every time I've miscounted and came in early on the piccolo during marching band. Remember to count!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was seeing how much the flute section grew and improved. Everyone worked so hard and I'm so grateful for this year's flute section!

Advice to Others

My advice is don't quit band and the things you struggle with. The sweat and pain leads to greater reward and friends too!

Next Year

Next year I'm going to be studying at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

In Five Years

In five years I hope to be working in finance or consulting and doing something that bridges the public and private sector on poverty.



Lily Brookfield

Best Band Memory

My best band memory is the New York trip this year. I'll forever have my free tote bag (thanks Anna <3)!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was probably things like just not doing half of an audition because I was too anxious to say anything about it ...

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was the one time in marching band rehearsal freshman year when Mr. Martin gave me a shoutout for my marching and said everyone should be more like me -- lol! Also, though, just all of our senior year marching season.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is don't waste time on things you don't enjoy. Explore new opportunities and stick with what makes you happy.

Next Year

Next year I'll be going to Wheaton College (in Massachusetts), probably majoring in some form of English-related humanities, and possibly primary education.

In Five Years

I honestly have no clue! I'll just going to wait and see where life takes me.



Judge Chalk

Best Band Memory

This year's winter concert, playing timpani in "Ballade," with its continuous fortissimo timpani rolls and expressive dynamic moments, and playing a drumset solo on a jazz piece. Drumset solos are a gamble! I could play something interesting or get too weird and throw off the band. That night, I gave the best solo and Mr. Parrell's smile at me once the band came back in was unforgettable.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest mishap was when I was restringing our guitarist's instrument right before a marching band competition because one of the strings had snapped. New strings go out of tune quickly and I forgot to stretch them out to fix that.

Proudest Moment in Band

Performing my chamber piece "Finale" at this year's small ensemble concert with my band, The Jury. It took lots of late nights of composing and arranging, as well as rehearsals, but putting on a great performance was the most musically and personally fulfilling moment in my experience as a musician at Langley.

Advice to Others

Find something you are passionate about! For me it's always been music, but try everything until you find something you love. It could be art, it could be a sport. Find something you think is worth giving 100% and give more!

Next Year

I'll be attending the University of Kansas and majoring in Music Composition.

In Five Years

I'll be in grad school for band directoring or playing in a band I formed in college. Either way, I'll enjoy being broke but doing music 24/7!



Jianwen Ding

Best Band Memory

The best memories I have in band are just talking with friends after performances in marching band.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was forgetting to silence my phone one time during a concert.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was managing to play an incredibly hard solo for Jazz Band after practicing nearly every day for about a month for it.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to take it easy and value consistent practice over long periods of time over cramming.

Next Year

Next year I will be going to Northeastern University for computer science.

In Five Years

In five years hopefully I'll have a game studio of my own or working up the experience to start one.



Connor Durrant

Best Band Memory

My best band memory was going to Disney and Universal actually in seventh grade. it was such a fun trip!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when I forgot my music before a concert and had to get my mom to run home and get it. I ended up getting the music about five minutes before the concert started.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was when I was able to play at Carnegie Hall this year. It was truly an amazing experience, and one that makes me glad that I am a part of Langley band.

Advice to Others

My advice to younger students is to take and stick with band. Even if you may have a lot going on in your life, try and find time for band and you won't regret it.

Next Year

I am attending UCLA next year.

In Five Years

In five years I will hopefully have graduated by then with a bachelors in history and political science from UCLA, and will potentially be serving my first of four years as an officer in the US Army.



Jaeda Fontaine-Rasaiah

Best Band Memory

When I would play music during marching band camp breaks and dance around or just lay down and listen to the music.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I forgot my mouthpiece at the Great Falls Spooktacular and had to "play" the euphonium without it until my parents dropped it off for me (thank you!!).

Proudest Moment in Band

Right after I switched to the bass trombone this year, there was a relatively low note that I had to belt out during our first concert piece. During the first few tries, I would always get the wrong pitch (which is a no-no since I was the only one playing), but at the concert I successfully played it!

Advice to Others

Don't be intimidated by the ability of others. Appreciate their abilities and learn from them but understand that your goal is to be the best YOU can be. I have to remind myself of that sometimes.

Next Year

Next year I'm heading to William & Mary o study public policy and business/finance! I'm terrified but so curious/excited at the same time :).

In Five Years

I see myself going into my first year of law school (definitely can't guess which one lolz) or taking a gap year after my undergrad and doing law internships or clerkships (so interesting right?!!).



Bethanie Hackett

Best Color Guard Memory

My best memory in marching band was Senior Night. Hearing my name called as I walked across the track was such a surreal moment and made me reflect on my journey thus far in Color Guard and Winterguard.

Biggest Color Guard Mishap

My biggest mishap was dropping my rifle double during a football game show.

Proudest Moment in Color Guard

My proudest moment was doing a clean performance, with no drops, at our last competition. I had made a few little mistakes in prior shows, so I was extremely excited to give a strong final performance and showcase my improvement throughout the season.

Advice to Others

My advice is to not worry about being perfect on your first try. Learning new skills, especially in Color Guard, takes lots of time and practice, so don't expect to be an expert on the first go. It's okay to struggle with something. The important thing is to just try your best and dedicate yourself to improving.

Next Year

Next year I am attending the University of Mary Washington, with the plan of double majoring in computer science and cybersecurity.

In Five Years

In five years, I plan to be working as either a junior software engineer or a cybersecurity analyst at a large tech company.



Carly Hill

Best Band Memory

My best band memory was the NYC trip and getting to play at Carnegie Hall!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when the bottom half of my clarinet just decided to fall off as I sprinted across the field during marching band.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments were just being able to watch and congratulate other high school marching bands at competitions. It was amazing to see the creativity and hard work that we all put into making music and performing!

Advice to Others

My advice to others is don't hesitate to get involved and participate — even if it's out of your comfort zone — or you'll miss out on so many fun memories!!

Next Year

Next year I'll be at the University of Michigan majoring in architecture. GO BLUES!!

In Five Years

In five years I hopefully will in my first job in the architecture/design field!



Rowan Johns

Best Band Memory

I really loved playing in the saxophone trio during the ballad of this year's marching band show with the other two senior sax players.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was during an improv solo during a Jazz Band concert and I accidentally went past my allotted time. I think I played it off pretty smoothly though.

Proudest Moment in Band

If I recall correctly, we were ranked Superior at all three years' of marching band assessment. That's pretty cool!

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to don't overthink things.

Next Year

Next year I'll be studying political science at the College of Charleston.

In Five Years

In five years I'm not really sure. I'll probably be working!



Cassie Keating

Best Band or Color Guard Memory

My best memories were from sitting in the guard closet together with friends before our rehearsal started.

Biggest Musical or Color Guard Mishap

My biggest mishap was dropping a solo toss in Winterguard and then immediately forgetting the first half of the flag feature afterwards.

Proudest Moment in Band or Color Guard

My proudest moment was catching a quad on both rifle and sabre!

Advice to Others

Join Color Guard! Also, find people that you get along with in band and don't let them quit - you're here a lot you should try and get along with the people around you.

Next Year

I'm going to VCU, majoring in Technical Theatre Design and Production (Lighting Design).

In Five Years

In five years I hope to be working as a concert lighting technician.



Maria Kim

Best Band Memory

My best band memory was our Carnegie Hall trip to NYC this year!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap? Squeaking at nearly every concert!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band were our marching band seasons.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is just to have fun in band!

Next Year

Next year I'm going to UC San Diego, where I'll be majoring in global health.

In Five Years

In five years hopefully I'll be in a Physician Assistant grad school.



Alyssa Koerner

Best Band Memory

I have soooo many best band memories!!! One of my favorites is all the Wednesday night rehearsals where Delaney Ross, Anna Cox and I went on many adventures and (most of the time) made it back in time before rehearsals started.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I'd probably have to say my biggest mishap was the first time I was on the morning news this year, and instead of saying marching band competitions I said marching band games.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was getting selected as a drum major!!!

Advice to Others

My advice to others is don't be afraid to make a mistake! Everyone makes them and doing it now only helps get rid of the fear!

Next Year

Next year I'm attending JMU, majoring in biology.

In Five Years

In five years I plan to be in grad school in biology or forensics.



Amelia Lee

Best Band Memory

My best band memory was the first time we did a marching show after Covid. It was nerve-wracking but really exciting!

Biggest Musical Mishap

I don't know if I can come up with a biggest. Every mistake I can possibly remember making feels like a complete disaster. If we're talking about the one I think was most obvious, the band I was in played "Bayou Breakdown" one year, and I was either given or volunteered to play one of two clarinet solos. I thought it sounded okay in practice, so of course I flubbed it at the concert. 0/10 experience!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band were every concert we've done, ever! Even when it isn't perfect, it's really fun and always sounds fantastic!

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to have fun, give it your all, and please use common sense at least half the time.

Next Year

Next year I'm heading to the University of Pittsburgh with a biology major!

In Five Years

In five years I'll probably still in school. I'm aiming for a Ph.D. Really, though, I have no way of knowing without being there.



Maria Lopez Cartagena

Best Band Memory

I couldn't possibly pick one best band memory! Every marching band season has been extremely memorable and rewarding.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest mishap was that for the majority of my freshman year, I could not march and play at the same time! So I would only play the featured sections of the music.

Proudest Moment in Band

Playing in Carnegie Hall was definitely my proudest moment in band. Just the fact that we were given that opportunity is still mind-blowing to me.

Advice to Others

My advice to younger students would be to not take for granted the friendships and memorable moments you make in band. While sometimes it is challenging, you will never regret the four years of memories and friends you made along the way.

Next Year

Next year I will be studying at Cornell University in the SC Johnson College of Business.

In Five Years

In five years, I hope to be completing an MBA, and hopefully I will have figured out clearer professional goals!



Morgan Marenburg

Best Band Memory

Freshman year the first time we ran the show during marching band camp was when it clicked for me, that feeling of "oh yeah, this is something special ... !"

Biggest Musical Mishap

I've never told this story but I'm a senior now so ... it was the first marching band competition freshman year and I FORGOT MY DINKLES! I put them in my locker but then never picked them up when I was rushing to the bus. It would've been fine to wear my black sneakers but they had white soles! So I marched that show in just black socks. As soon as I got off the turf I put the sneakers on and no one knew. I told my section leader and I thought she was going to kill me!

Proudest Moment in Band

Playing the Tchaikovsky 4 Finale last year. Maybe proud isn't the right word, but just the feeling after playing that, and being so happy to be there with my friends who were graduating. While I was sad they were leaving, I was happy for them and all they'd accomplished and for the great things they'd do next.

Advice to Others

Don't overbook yourself! Prioritize what will actually make you happy.

Next Year

I'm going to Bucknell University to study comparative and digital humanities.

In Five Years

Hopefully I'll be in graduate school and have a clue about what to do in life!



Andrey Moore

Best Band Memory

My best band memories were marching band!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was squeaking during a solo on a national stage.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was hearing that we won first in a marching competition in the 2021 season, coming back after covid.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to diversify your time by making sure to indulge in plenty of interests outside of what is offered at school.

Next Year

Next year I'm going UVA, majoring in astrophysics and computer science.

In Five Years

In five years I think I will be in graduate school, conducting research, and helping teach classes.



Athena Pandey

Best Band Memory

My best band memory is meeting my amazing friend Joe G. in the jazz band room.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was a time when we performing a marching band show. Everything was going well but I didn't have my pedals so I couldn't hear myself well enough and I went out of tune for half the show!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band were just making great music with people in band.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is that if you enjoy playing music-- try making it and see where it takes you!

Next Year

I hope to be working on my own music, getting signed and going on tour!

In Five Years

In five years I hope that I'll be a touring musician releasing my music.



Daliya Rizvi

Best Band Memory

My best band memories are the competitions and games during freshman year marching band. They were so much fun, especially because everything was so new and exciting. I met some of my closest friends during that marching season!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when my wooden clarinet was stolen and for three months and I played my old plastic one, hoping that nobody would notice.

Proudest Moment in Band

Playing at Carnegie Hall was an incredible experience— I felt so proud of the Langley Band program and the fact that all the hard work we had put in had finally come to fruition.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to cherish the people who check up on you, hold you accountable, and make you a better person. They're your real friends and the relationships you form with them will last a lifetime!

Next Year

Next year I will be attending Duke University and double majoring in biology with a concentration in biochemistry and global health, with a minor in ethics.

In Five Years

I hope to be continuing my education while working at a biotechnology startup and advocating for increased equity in the global healthcare system.



Carlos Rojas

Best Band Memory

My favorite band memory was going to Carnegie Hall this year. It was the most insane and unreal experience!

Biggest Musical Mishap

I can't exactly remember a musical mishap, but I probably lost my place in one of the pieces we played during a concert and had to try and find my way back into it somehow.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was leading the pit in marching band the last two seasons. It was such a pleasure to lead new students, some of which aren't so new anymore!

Advice to Others

My advice to younger students is that even though rehearsals may seem long, and it may seem like a lot of dates to keep track of with football games, competitions, and other concerts and rehearsals, it's all worth it in the end and you'll bond with amazing people!

Next Year

Next year I'm going to Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh to study sports management.

In Five Years

In five years I hope to be working with the NFL as an analyst!



Stewart Rosenblatt

Best Band Memory

My best band memories were getting to play with the band again, after over a year online because of the covid pandemic.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was the time I pulled up the wrong piece of music in a concert and then missed the start.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band were hearing my improvement, even just over the past few years.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to stick with band, because no matter how much you already enjoy band, you'll enjoy it even more later!

Next Year

Next year I'm going the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) for aerospace engineering with pilot studies.

In Five Years

In five years I hope to be a pilot in the UK!



Delaney Ross

Best Band Memory

My best band memories are playing frisbee and hide-and-seek all over Langley before leaving for marching band competitions.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when I learned, about thirty minutes before a concert, that I had been playing a rhythm incorrectly for several months!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band were winning marching competitions last year!

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to keep showing up. Nothing creates stronger friendships than 90+ degree weather during band camp, so enjoy those grueling days while you can.

Next Year

Next year I'll be attending the University of Pittsburgh to study biology and neuroscience!

In Five Years

In five years I hope to go straight into medical school, or to take a gap year to work in a lab or intern at a hospital.



Isabel Schroeder

Best Band Memory

My best band memories are Friday night football games where we always ate too much pizza and danced in the stands.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when my clarinet fell apart as I was walking in from a after school practice one day and the bottom half ended up on the pavement.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment was freshman year at VBODA when we received our Superior for Marching Band. After so much hard work and time it felt amazing that we received the rating.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to get involved. It does not matter what you do but how you do it.

Next Year

Next year I'll be attending VCU and studying international relations and Russian studies.

In Five Years

In five years I plan on having graduated from college and working on my masters degree while preparing for the Foreign Service exam.



Maggie Sechrest

Best Band Memory

Marching band in general. From the after-school practices to the bus rides to competitions, to performing at competitions and at football games -- everything that happened during all four years of being a marcher.

Biggest Musical Mishap

Splitting my bibbers ten minutes before the 2019 Homecoming football game started!

Proudest Moment in Band

Scoring a "Superior" at VBODA 2023. Hearing us receive that score made me so proud, because I felt so happy to be a part of such a special group.

Advice to Others

Step out of your comfort zone and make the most of the time you have in band, especially if you're in marching band, because before you know it it'll all be over.

Next Year

Next year I will be majoring in music with a concentration of flute at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

In Five Years

I hope to have my own private flute studio teaching students in North Carolina. I also hope to be a member of the Winston Salem orchestra located in North Carolina.



Sahaj Sharma

Best Band Memory

My best band memory is probably our freshman year marching season when we got Superior at VBODA and everyone was celebrating like crazy!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest mishap when my plume flew off mid performance during a marching band show this year.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was probably watching the freshman in my section this year doing their first-year performance solo thing.

Advice to Others

My advice is "Do good!"--Tyler Engola.

Next Year

Next year I'm going to VCU for Computer Science.

In Five Years

In five years I'll probably in Grad School getting my masters.



Nick Spoto

Best Band Memory

My best band memories were Noah Workie's freestyles while on the marching band buses.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap? Nothing notable!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was being selected for and going to Interlochen Arts Camp's Saxophone Intensive.

Advice to Others

My advice? Don't do drugs.

Next Year

Next year I'm going to Cornell University, majoring in computer science.

In Five Years

In five years I hope to be a lead computer scientist at Computer Science Technology, Inc.



Owen Sullivan

Best Band Memory

My favorite band memories are the home football games. It was so much fun being able to play stand tunes and do the halftime show while still being able to enjoy the football games with friends.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was my entrance into the saxophone trio in this past year's marching show, particularly on very cold evenings or when the referees didn't allow the band to properly warm up.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment was the first time marching into the stadium in formation freshman year, and also performing this year at Carnegie Hall. Both of these moments were really meaningful and solidified my love for band.

Advice to Others

My advice to younger students is to do your Smart Music and come prepared to rehearsal. Also remember to have fun at marching band camp, even as hot and tiring as it might be!

Next Year

My first semester this fall I will be studying abroad in Seville, Spain before starting at William & Mary in the spring. I'll be majoring in sociology and hope to participate in club swimming, volleyball and pep band.

In Five Years

In five years I see myself working full time and applying for graduate programs.



Tim Wang

Best Band Memory

My best band memory was getting first chair in the All-District band.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I didn't have any!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was also my best memory – auditioning and getting first chair in the All-District band!

Advice to Others

My advice to others would be to practice if you are not talented.

Next Year

I am going to China in the summer, and I think I am getting a kinesiology degree.

In Five Years

In five years I hope to be a rich man!



Tyler Wenks

Best Band Memory

My best band memory was playing Bernstein, Brahms, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky all in one concert.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was somehow damaging every instrument I have played in high school!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band? Performing at Carnegie Hall is something I can cross off my bucket list!

Advice to Others

My advice to others or younger students is to just go for it! You just might get it.

Next Year

Next year I will be majoring in aviation maintenance science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida.

In Five Years

In five years I will (hopefully) be in the Air Force as a maintenance officer.



Thomas Worden

Best Band Memory

Of course I have very fond memories of all the friends I've made throughout my years in band, but my best memories came from the sense of accomplishment I felt after finishing a performance. The adrenaline after a marching band performance and the relief after a concert band performance, to me those memories are unmatched!

Biggest Musical Mishap

I may small little mishaps at every concert, but thankfully have never made a mistake big enough that it has stuck with me to this day.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment was getting a Superior score at VBODA as the drumline captain. I was incredibly proud of my achievement as well as the entire drumline's and am glad I had the opportunity to work with such amazing kids.

Advice to Others

My advice to younger students is to just have fun. Of course do what you're supposed to, but there's no need to be too serious in your four years of high school band. Play your instrument because you enjoy playing it and learn to enjoy to play your instrument even more.

Next Year

Next year I'm going to UVA and will be majoring in math.

In Five Years

In five years I will most likely be getting my graduates degree somewhere, still playing percussion for the love of the craft.



Daniel Yo

Best Band Memory

My best band memory was Sahaj Sharma falling and dropping his plume mid performance!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap? None!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was being section leader and seeing the amount of improvement in our group throughout the year.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to do what makes you happy and don't take too many APs ... they don't make you happy!

Next Year

Next year I'll be attending Virginia Tech to study engineering with a minor in biology.

In Five Years

In five years I plan to be in graduate school.



Jessica Zaffuts

Best Band Memory

It's hard to name one best memory! I loved football game nights, being in the stands with the flutes, bus rides to marching band competitions, and of course the NYC trip. Playing in Carnegie Hall was unforgettable.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I won't name names lol -- I but when I was a freshman, an upperclassman dropped my marching flute under the stands and I had to play the show with a semi-broken, very out of tune flute. Other than that, everything has been great!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band are probably all our marching band competitions, and then nailing a flute solo in "Candide," a spring concert piece, after I kept missing the entrance to it in class.

Advice to Others

My advice is don't quit band! It's worth it even if you already have a hectic schedule. The friends you'll make and experiences you'll have for four years will be some of your best high school memories.

Next Year

I'll be attending the University of Vermont studying to become a nurse in the School of Health Sciences.

In Five Years

In five years I'll probably be working in a hospital ICU and also applying to master's programs.



Jason Zhang

Best Band Memory

My best band memory is this year's band trip to New York. The trip was a blast, and we even got to play at Carnegie Hall!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was squeaking – pretty loudly – in a concert.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band probably was also when we were able to give an amazing performance at Carnegie Hall.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to practice! Do the SmartMusic. It helps a lot!

Next Year

Next year I'm going to Georgia Tech to study computer science.

In Five Years

In five years I think I will be in graduate school, pursuing a masters or a PhD.



Mr. Doug Martin, Director

Best Band Memory

This is impossible for me! Skip!

Biggest Musical Mishap

I'm going to get serious and confess to not a musical mishap, but a teaching one. The students know that I use my sense of humor (such as it is) in the classroom, and that includes sarcasm. I know for a fact that because of that, sometimes my good intentions misfire. Whatever I've done or said which "didn't land," and therefore actually created a problem/hurt feelings/etc ... that is probably my biggest regret, and I hope you can forgive me.

Proudest Moment

It's easy to focus on the many great performances we have. And I'm proud of them, without a doubt! But I'm proudest of the culture of Langley Bands. We pursue excellence for sure, but we (mostly) have fun doing it, and there's a very affirming air of "we're in this together" in the band room. The truth of that is borne out by the INCREDIBLE retention we have of students choosing to reenroll for the next year -- that rate is the highest of my CAREER this year. So the seniors should also be proud of being, in some ways, the leaders and most significant shapers of that culture.

Advice to the Class of 2023

My advice is to be unrelenting in your pursuit of a career path to which you can devote yourself with love, as expressed through a pursuit for excellence and joy. That is: don't pursue "success," but rather fulfillment, and the success will follow. This has been my incredible good fortune, and it is my wish for you. I'm proud of you and happy for you. Stay in touch!



Mr. Kai Smith, Assistant Director

Best Band Memory

Even though I have only been here at Langley for a couple months, I already have so many great memories that I can look back on fondly. From the wonderful performances at Carnegie Hall or assessment, to the silly "Who do we pick on the least" questions we ask in class, I have enjoyed sharing laughs and getting to know everyone the past few months.

Biggest Musical Mishap

Taking this job with Mr. Martin ... just kidding! (Maybe!)

Proudest Moment

I think the proudest I was of the Langley Bands was when we suddenly were asked to host concert assessment in March. Not because of how well the bands performed (they performed exceptionally well), but because of how quickly so many people were willing to help when we made the announcement in late January. Even during the event, we had so many students and parents asking how they could help and I really got the sense of a tight-knit village. I just felt (and still feel) so privileged to play a small part within the Langley Bands.

Advice to the Class of 2023

As you're preparing for life after high school, my hope is that you look back on your years here fondly and remember that you'll always have a place here in the Langley band community. The memories you made and the lessons you learned (good and bad) during your time here can all be used as you build your future. I look forward to seeing what you all do in the next few years and you're welcome to visit anytime!



































































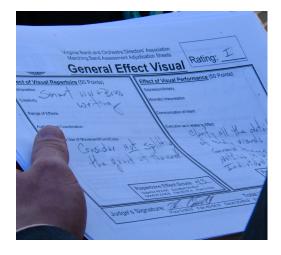




























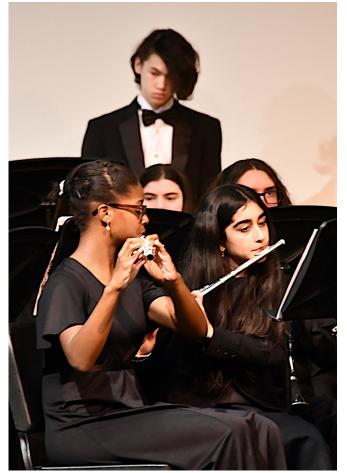








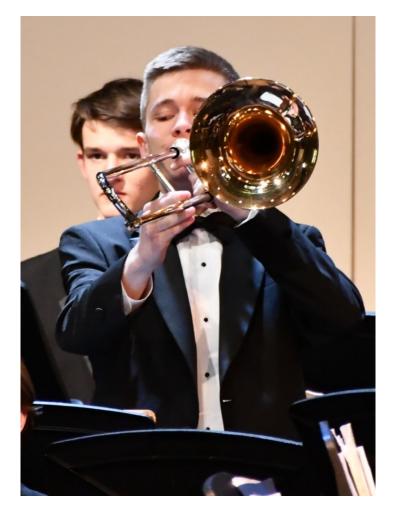
























Student Leaders

Drum Major

Alyssa Koerner

Assistant Drum Major Jayden Lee

Woodwinds Captain Rowan Johns

Percussion Captain Thomas Worden

Color Guard Captain Erin Adams **Flute Leader** Jessica Zaffuts Assistants: Aya Albolote, Anniyah Rizvi

Clarinet Leader Andrey Moore Assistants: Carly Hill, Andrew Wang

Saxophone Leader Owen Sullivan

Trumpet Leader Daniel Yo

Mellophone Leader Morgan Marenburg

Low Brass Leader Delaney Ross Assistant: Tyler Wenks Front Ensemble Leader Juj Chalk Assistant: Ria Wang

Drumline Leader Ryan Healy Assistant: Jianwen Ding

Attendance Officers Jacqui Go, Katherine Johnson, Maggie Sechrest

Equipment Managers Viria Ganguli, Sahaj Sharma, Merik Zhang

Student Managers Maria Kim, Maria Lopez-Cartagena, Kelly Shi

Uniform Managers Isabel Schroeder, Jenny Wang, Ceone White

Audio Managers Leah Miller, Connor Smith, Jason Zhang

Wind Symphony

Nick Capps Ava Albolote Jacqui Go Katie Chen Jayden Lee Catherine Dunn Annivah Rizvi Carly Hill Maggie Sechrest Maria Kim Kelly Shi Amelia Lee Andrey Moore Diego Tablett Calvin Qi Jessica Zaffuts Daliya Rizvi Oboe Kaan Tunasar Jasmin Chen Triston Yu Lauren Goetz Jason Zhang Lily Zhang Bassoon Merik Zhang Kevin Lee Joanna Liang

Clarinet

Flute

Bass Clarinet

Lily Brookfield Shelia Keshavarz Alyssa Koerner Gaby Reves

Alto Saxophone

Rowan Johns Nick Spoto Owen Sullivan Tim Wang

Tenor Saxophone Collin Le

Baritone Saxophone Anna Cox

Trumpet Aidan Connell Anderson Hoang Sean Lee Henry Lin Morgan Marenburg Julia Porter Ethan Pwu Stewart Rosenblatt Daniel Yo

French Horn

Tyler Engola Sahaj Sharma

Trombone

Neel Curtis Jaeda Fontaine-Rasaiah Will Gotts Maria Lopez Cartagena Delaney Ross Tyler Wenks

Euphonium

Viraj Ganguli Noah Workie

Tuba

Zelmay Jan Leah Miller

Wind Ensemble

Flute Lauren King Madeleine Meng Penny Walke Jenny Wang Alice Wigmore, Lilly Witte Daniella Wu Chloe Xie Meredith Yu Valerie Zou

Oboe

Charlotte Schroeder

Connor Durrant Miles Gu Anya Guang Katherine Johnson Nya Lewin Elliot Pomper Isabel Schroeder Connor Smith Marianne Wang

Clarinet

Bass/Contra Clarinet

Wesley Beeland Carter DeMoors Cassie Keating Aryana Molaiy

Alto Saxophone Matthew Burns Mo Rees

Tenor Saxophone Hazel Calway Bowen Han

Baritone Saxophone Jack Leone

Trumpet Meredith Faust Gabriella Huh Andrew Marshall Michael Raso Vishwa Surabhi

French Horn Liam Smith

Trombone Shane Pomajambo Cecelia Ye

Euphonium Avery Miller

Tuba Harry Han Arlo Riesenhuber

Symphonic Band

Flute Hannah Abraham Divya Gupta Chloe Kowalczyk Mriganka Kumar Tiffany Li **Evelyn Osland** Patricija Pupine Jon Qasimi Sonia Qiao Nuha Sheikh Saanvi Uppalapati Qinmei Zhang

Oboe Sara Turmakhanova

Bassoon Claire Habib Patrick McNamara

Clarinet Evan Chen Jacob Glover Dominic Jacobs Jacqueline Spevak Calla Vu Isabella Zhang

Alto Saxophone Christopher Boniva Aniela Koldys Tobias Webster-Main Panat Wongsangpaiboon **Tenor Saxophone** Kevin Martell Amenah Rashid

Bariton Saxophone Benjamin Hutchinson

Trumpet Reva Dogra James Han Jake Hutchinson Raahil Mallick Haakon Osland Rahul Perumbali Joshua Skeen **French Horn** Abhay Velliyatt

Trombone Maximillian Brooke Daniel Zeng

Euphonium Colin Wiltbank

Tuba Zayne Harrisoni Chris Mancino Ceone White

Flute Choir and Jazz Band

Flute Choir

Hannah Abraham Chloe Kowalczyk Madeleine Meng Anniyah Rizvi Charlotte Schroeder Maggie Sechrest Kelly Shi Diego Tablett Alice Wigmore Daniella Wu Jessica Zaffuts (Director)

Jazz Band

Jai Arora Luke Butler Hazel Calway Judge Chalk Humphrey Chan Anna Cox Neel Curtis Carter DeMoors Jianwen Deng **Reva Dogra** Catherine Dunn Jacob Glover Lauren Goetz Bowen Han Rowan Johns Katherine Johnson Collin Le Jayde Lee Leah Miller Andrey Moore

Jazz Band, con't.

Christian Perrin Shane Pomajambo Amenah Rashid Michael Raso Yona Sankar Joshua Skeen Connor Smith Liam Smith Anthony Starkov Myah Tokajer Glen van Walker Ria Wang Tyler Wenks Mo William Ceone White Nathan Wongsangpaiboon Noah Workie Cecelia Ye Efe Yilmaz Clemence Zou

Percussion and Color Guard

Percussion Ensemble

Percussion Ensemble, con't.

Color Guard

Jai Arora Armaan Pandey Judge Chalk Christian Perrin Humphrey Chan Noel Raudenbush Hudson Dennev **Carlos Rojas** Jianwen Ding Yona Sankar Jacob Fitzmaurice **Rhys Frischling** Raj Sonar Jason Hanna Anthony Starkov Ryan Healy Myah Tokajer Luke Iverson Glenn Van Valkenburgh Daniel Kim Thomas Worden Arman Macchiavello

Erin Adams Heather Chen Larissa Criddle Katherine Czarnecki Cara DeFilipps Bethanie Hackett Cassie Keating Joanna Liang Jojo Maza Ellie Wanamaker Caitlyn Wang

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GOOD LUCK, CLASS OF 2023!