



# Class of 2025 Parents

Welcome to their Senior Year!

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**Brian Plancich - Class of '25 Administrator**

# Important Information

- Communication - Emails, Schoology, Principal Messages
- Student Email is IMPORTANT - School and College
- Quarterly follow-up meetings

# Attendance Policies & Procedures



## Responsibilities

**Students:** to attend school regularly, on time, and follow assigned schedules

**Parents or Legal Guardians:** to communicate specific details regarding absences, late arrivals and early releases with the school and ensure students follow policies & procedures

**School:** to correctly document student time and attendance and ensure county regulations and laws of the Commonwealth are followed.

## Types of Absences Requiring Notification from Parent or Legal Guardian

**Full Day/All Day:** student attends no classes

**Late Arrival:** student misses part, or all, of one or more classes in the morning

**Early Release:** student misses part, or all, of one or more classes in the afternoon.

## Absence Notification



**Parents/Legal Guardians** must notify the school with specific details regarding the reason a student is absent.

Notification may be made by:

- Calling the Attendance Line 703-219-2211
- Completing the Online Attendance Form (<https://fairfaxva.sops.edu/about/attendance-form>)
- Sending a Check-Out Note or Check-In Note to school with the student
- Sending a note to school with the student
  - ◆ Students are to drop off notes in the Attendance Office before school begins.

## Excused Absences (EXC)

Examples of excusable reasons are:

- Illness (list of symptoms given)
- Injury
- Medical & dental appointments
- Legal or military obligations
- Religious holidays
- Family emergencies
- Funerals
- Other situations excused by the administration (college visits, approved pre-arranged, etc.)

Parents or Legal Guardians have 3 days to submit a valid reason for their child's absence.

## Unexcused Locally Absences (UNL)

When the school is notified with no specific reason for the absence, or with a reason that is unexcused, the student will be marked UNL.

Examples that are unexcused are:

- Missing the bus
- Oversleeping
- Car trouble
- Traffic
- Power outage
- Running late
- Finishing a project or studying

## Unverified Absences (UNV)

These absences  
are unexcused

When the school receives no notification from the parent or legal guardian the absence is marked UNV (unverified). Parents have 3 days after the absence to submit a valid reason for the absence for it to be changed to excused.

When a student is marked UNV for only one period they should speak directly with the teacher to discuss the matter.

## Late Arrival - Check-In Procedure

Students who arrive unexcused tardy before 8:20, report to the tardy station in the Commons to sign in and wait to be escorted to class.

After 8:20, students report to the Attendance desk in the Main Office, to obtain a blue tardy pass. Students will be assigned an Excused Late Arrival (EXT) or an Unexcused Late Arrival (UNT).

To be excused students must:

- Parents must come in to sign the student in
- Send a note from parent/legal guardian, or a note from a medical or dental appointment.



## Early Release - Check-Out Procedure

1. The parent provides a written request in advance which includes the date and time of dismissal. Depending on the volume of activity it can take up to 2 hours for requests to be processed and passes delivered.
2. The Attendance Office verifies the request is from the parent and issues the pass.
3. The student must check out of school by signing the log at the Attendance desk in the Main Office.
4. Students returning to school must check-in at the Attendance desk in the Main Office.



Attendance every day matters!!



# Junior College Email

- Things to do over the summer
- Common App
- Counselor Recommendation Questionnaire
- College Planning Timeline & Tip Sheet
- College Quick Guide

# College Application Season

The Common Application  
for the 2024-2025  
application cycle officially  
becomes available on  
**August 1, 2024:**

**[commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)**

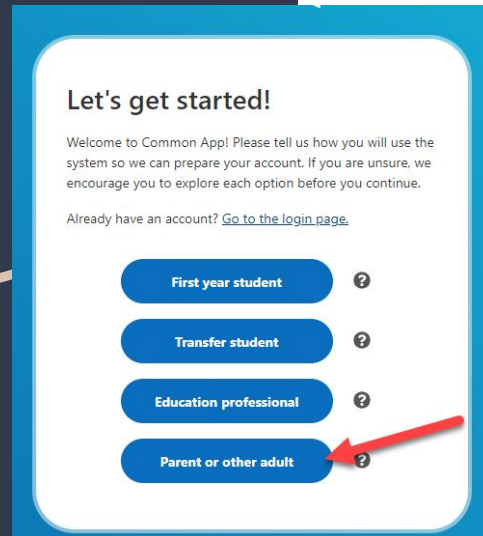
The Common App must be  
completed by the student  
and NEVER by the parent!!

# College Application Season

If you want to help your student with the Common App, you can create a Parent Account in which you can view, but not edit, your senior's application.

To create a Common App Parent account, go to:

- Commonapp.org
- Click on "Create an account"
- Click on "Parent or other adult"



# Save the Dates

**September-October:** Over 80 College Admissions Representatives will visit FHS during the school day. Seniors should attend to learn directly from College Admissions Counselors who will read their applications. Look for emails from Maureen Kim, FHS College & Career Specialist, or see Naviance, every FCPS student's online college and career planning tool - College Visits for list:

<https://www.fcps.edu/naviance>

**October 16, 10:30-12:30:** Alcanza College Fair @ GMU - Field trip forms will be available in the fall.

**Sunday, October 20, 4:00-6:30 pm:** FCPS College Fair @ GMU

**October 21-22:** FCPS Postsecondary Nights, 5-8 pm, Virtual



# FAFSA

We have heard some good news from Federal Student Aid regarding the 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (or FAFSA):

- The application is expected to be available in October 2024
- There should not be too many changes from the 2024-25 FAFSA
- The ability to make corrections will be available immediately
- The application process for students whose parents do not have an SSN will continue to be improved

College Access Fairfax, a non-profit organization, will continue to provide FAFSA or VASA completion help to all FCPS families for FREE:

<https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/>

# Service Hours

## Service Learning Overview

See these 2 websites for complete information:

[FCPS Service Learning Google Site](#) (students can access through FCPS email) and [FCPS Public Website](#)

- Service learning is a teaching method designed to involve students in authentic and meaningful service to their communities. The intent is to instill a sense of civic responsibility by encouraging students to be active contributors to society. It is not an FCPS graduation requirement.
- Hours are tracked by [X2Vol](#) via Naviance. See below for more information.
- Students need a minimum of 40 approved hours to earn the service cord and 50 approved hours to earn toward the civics and science seals. See more information about FCPS diploma seals [here](#).
- Hours begin on July 1 in the summer before freshman year and end in the spring of senior year.

# SAT School Day

**October 9, 2024**

Apply for accommodations By  
August 5, 2024.

Look out for emails from Leslie  
Trieu, FHS Assessment Coach,  
for more details.

# Senior Dues

**Senior Dues pay for ...cap and gown, senior awards, awards ceremony, senior class picnic, programs, class gift and other expenses associated with graduation.**

**Watch for more information in late August.**

**Directions on how to make a payment will be included when the fee goes live. Please make sure to follow the directions provided at the time, as this fee is in the school store and not automatically added to your invoices folder.**

# Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Application must be completed every school year: <https://www.fcps.edu/frm>

Free SAT/ACT Waivers

College Application Fee Waivers

Course Fees

Testing Fees

Homecoming, Prom and All Night Grad Fees

Please check **ALL ELIGIBLE BENEFITS** on the Consent to Share form included with the application to have some fees waived at the school.

When there are discounts for Senior Dues or Prom a link to a discounted price will be sent to their school email.

# Fairfax Sports

## FALL START DATES

- **AUGUST 1, 2024:** GOLF
- **AUGUST 5, 2024:** CHEER, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, FOOTBALL, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AND BOYS VOLLEYBALL

## WINTER START DATE

- **NOVEMBER 11, 2014:** BASKETBALL, CHEER, GYMNASTICS, INDOOR TRACK, SWIM AND DIVE, AND WRESTLING

## SPRING START DATE

- **FEBRUARY 24TH:** BASEBALL, CREW, LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, TENNIS, AND TRACK

## TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS 2024-24

A completed *VHSL Physical* form dated after May 1, 2024

- VHSL Physical can be found on the athletic website [www.fairfaxhighsports.org](http://www.fairfaxhighsports.org)
- If you have any questions, email Amanda Johnston, Head Athletic Trainer, [AEJohnston@fcps.edu](mailto:AEJohnston@fcps.edu)

A completed *STUDENT REGISTRATION*– this must be completed or updated every year

- <https://fairfax-ar.schooltoday.com/>
- If you have any questions, email Mrs. Lorie Spelman, Admin Assistant in the Activities Office, [VLSpelman@fcps.edu](mailto:VLSpelman@fcps.edu)

# Senior Portraits

Caps and gowns and formal attire will be provided. If you'd rather wear something gender-neutral, you may wear an all-black sweater, a solid-black button down, or a formal, all-black top of your choosing.

Please click the link below to schedule. If you have any questions, please email Mr. David Greene at [dtgreene@fcps.edu](mailto:dtgreene@fcps.edu) **But note, however, that scheduling and rescheduling information should be directed to the photo studio using the customer care contact information below.**

Scheduling Link: <https://seniors.legacystudios.com/fairfax-hs-va/>

Below is the contact information for Legacy's customer care service in case you require any assistance:

Call: (716) 512-6336

Email: [customercare@legacystudios.com](mailto:customercare@legacystudios.com)

Chat: <https://seniors.legacystudios.com>

We're excited to get started and we look forward to capturing fantastic images and memories for the Class of 2025!

**July 30 - August 2**

**September 17, 19, & 20 @ Fairfax High School**



<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Open House Jam</b>
<b>Aug 19</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>School Begins</b>
<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
<b>Sept 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Homecoming Dance</b>
<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Back to School Night</b> <b>Senior Parent Meeting</b>

## Important Senior Fall Dates

Prom  
Saturday, May  
17  
The River View @  
Occoquan



# Graduation



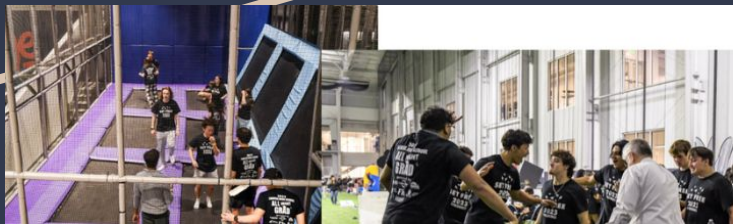
The graduation date has yet to be determined by FCPS.

Best estimate is a similar window as this year.

There will be rehearsal the day in advance of graduation.

June 2025						
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# All Night Grad



PTSA is seeking volunteers to be the chair or co-chairs of ANG?

Volunteers can reach out to the PTSA president, Maria Felton, to volunteer at

[president@fairfaxptsa.org](mailto:president@fairfaxptsa.org) and get info from the '24 chair Matt West, [ang@fairfaxptsa.org](mailto:ang@fairfaxptsa.org)

The St. James deposit is due mid June so if the class of '25 wants a celebration, we'd like to have a name on the line by then!



**Senior Class  
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**Director of Student  
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**Ashley Anderson**

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# Parent Liaisons

## **Ana Bauserman**

Spanish Family Liaison  
Monday - Friday  
9:30am-4:00pm  
[703-219-2272](tel:703-219-2272)  
[adbuserman@fcps.edu](mailto:adbuserman@fcps.edu)

## **Hala Shafik**

Arabic Family Liaison  
Monday - Friday  
8:00am-4:00pm  
[703-219-4089](tel:703-219-4089)  
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STUDENT LAST NAME	COUNSELOR
A-BR	Ms. Bush
BU-DO	Ms. Bender
DR-HER	Ms. Perepiczka
HES-LA	Ms. Haddock
LE-NAS	Ms. Markenson
NAT-P & AVID	Ms. Velazco
Q-STO	Ms. Mensah
STR-Z	Ms. Hartley
9th Grade Transition Counselor	Ms. Kaniewski
Academy Counselor	Mr. Donald
ESOL Counselor	Ms. Squif
College & Career Specialist	Ms. Kim

# Student Services Team