



*Every man is the architect of his own fortune*

July 31, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am humbled and grateful to join you as the new Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Middle School Principal. It is truly an honor to be part of the Boys' Latin family and community. I come to Boys' Latin with fifteen years of experience in education with the bulk of my prior experience as a Teacher and Transition Linkage Coordinator in the Bronx, New York. In addition, I managed 5-8 schools annually as an Education Advisor in Abu Dhabi, UAE during the Schools' Reform initiative. In 2018, Philadelphia welcomed me as a Principal Fellow with PhillyPLUS. Now, I'm elated to call myself a Boys' Latin Warrior School Leader!

As we look toward the future, it is our goal to continue building our school to becoming one of the best middle school's in all of Philadelphia. It is imperative that we create learning experiences that will prepare our students for success in school and in life.

This letter contains some important information and reminders for the summer months and for the start of the 2019 –2020 academic school year. Please read through the information carefully, and join us on **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm until 1:00pm at the Middle School** for the very first **Extended Family Network Meeting** where great things are sure to happen. Refreshments will be provided.

Educationally Yours,

Ms. Trudy Allen  
Principal

## Important Information

### Summer Information

**Mandatory Summer Academy for all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders:** August 19 – August 22, 2019, 9am – 12:00pm at Boys' Latin Middle School. The address is 344 North Felton Street Philadelphia, Pa 19139

***\*All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must attend this week of Mandatory Summer Academy instruction. They must wear their Boys' Latin white polo shirts, but they may wear non-athletic shorts and sneakers.***

### First Days of School:

September 4, 2019– 6<sup>th</sup> Grade only, 12:10pm Dismissal

September 5, 2019 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade only, 12:10pm Dismissal

September 6, 2019 –8<sup>th</sup> Grade only, 12:10pm Dismissal

September 9, 2019 – All grades (normal school day)

### “Students must wear full summer uniform and uniform shoes”

*BLPCS “golf” shirt, Khaki Dress Pants, Black Belt, Black Dress Socks, Black Eastland Shoes*

### Uniforms:

Uniforms are mandatory for all students. No student may attend class out of uniform. Uniforms are to be worn to all school functions. All official uniforms may be purchased at Flynn & O'Hara. If purchasing elsewhere, contact school officials for guidance. Only purchases made at the official school uniform provider, Flynn & O'Hara, guarantees that the uniform is acceptable.

1. Burgundy Sweater
2. Blue Dress Oxford Shirt
3. Navy & Burgundy Striped Tie
4. Khaki Dress Pants
5. Black Belt
6. Black Dress Socks
7. Black Eastland Shoes

*\*During Summer Uniform period, students may substitute Oxford, Tie, and Sweater for official BLPCS “golf” shirt. All other uniform regulations apply. Excessive jewelry is not permitted. Students may not wear earrings.*

### Building Policy:

- Students are required to carry a durable notebook because students are required to place bookbags in their lockers at the beginning of the day.
- Cell phones must be stored in students' lockers and are not permitted to be out nor visible during the school day.
- No food or drink allowed during entrance into building. Items should be discarded or put away immediately.

**School Schedule (tentative to change):**

Students should arrive before 8:00 am. They will be marked late if they arrive at 8:00am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:00am – 2:52pm

Wednesday: 8:00am – 3:21pm

*\*\*Breakfast is served from 7:25am to 7:40am only*

**General Supply List**

- Sturdy backpack
- Pens/pencils
- Pocket folders (about 10)
- Hand sanitizer
- Colored pencils
- Loose leaf paper or Spiral bound notebook