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## Boys' Latin High School Ledger

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### **Warrior of the Week**

This week's warrior of the week demonstrates scholarship with an honors level GPA. He is always in his seat ready to learn, prepared for class, focused on direct instruction, and he completes all tasks that are assigned to him. He demonstrates integrity by being at school on time, being in full uniform, and coming to his teachers in order to request additional tutoring and support when he needs assistance in better understanding a concept. He demonstrates brotherhood by being kind to all of his peers. He is a pleasure to have in class and in our school. For his exceptional brotherhood, integrity and scholarship I am pleased to announce **Wesley Petty** as our Warrior of the week.

### **Winter Uniform Begins October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> is the first day for the full winter uniform. This uniform includes the blazer, button down oxford shirt and Boys' Latin tie. Blazers from Flynn O'Hara can be on back order this time of year so if you wait until the week before winter uniform starts to purchase a blazer you may not have it in time. If you purchase a navy blazer elsewhere you can buy the BL patch for \$5 from the main office to sew onto the blazer. If you already own the blazer from last year please have your student locate and try on the blazer to ensure it still fits for this school year. If you have uniform clothes that are in good shape but no longer fit please consider donating them to the school so we can help provide them for other families. Please start the process of ensuring your son has his winter uniform now so they do not miss any school for uniform issues on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Parent/Advisor Conferences and Progress Report Day – Monday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**

On Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 8 pm we will be holding our parent advisor conferences for the first progress report. The conference will be a time for you to sit down with your son's academic advisor and get a detailed report on his progress during the first five weeks of the school year. In an effort to streamline communication and help parents get a holistic view of their son's experience at Boys' Latin academic advisors are the primary contact person for families. If you have specific concerns about a particular class and want to have communication with that teacher the academic advisor is a great resource to help facilitate the conversation.

You will receive an up to date progress report for all of your student's classes when you arrive to the progress report conference. You can follow their current academic progress on PowerSchool. If you are

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not currently able to monitor your son's progress on PowerSchool, please reach out to Ms. Sheppard at 215-387-5149 to get information on how you can follow your student's academic progress online.

In order to ensure parents have ease of access to their son's advisor without having long wait times we are asking families to sign up for a scheduled time slot in advance of the day of conferences. Here is the process to sign up for a scheduled meeting time.

1. In your internet browser go to the following URL: <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/BoyslatinHS>
2. Click on the conference for your son's academic advisory. Your son's academic advisor is the teacher who is listed for their Seminar period on PowerSchool.
3. Fill out the registration information with your student's name, your name and your e mail address. You will receive an e mail with a link to finish the sign up process.
4. Click on the link from the confirmation e mail and select a time slot that is available to schedule your conference.

### **Senior Pictures - Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Pictures will be on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. The specific scheduled times are posted in the school building and are attached to this ledger. If a student cannot make his scheduled time please reach out to Ms. Sheppard at [csheppard@boyslatin.org](mailto:csheppard@boyslatin.org) to let her know and reschedule. Seniors are reminded to bring a white dress shirt for their pictures.

### **Saturday School Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our first Saturday School of the year in Sept 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. Any student failing a class should plan on attending Saturday School to help improve their failing grade. All students are welcome to come and meet with teachers for extra help and make up any missing work. This is a great time to get individualized help and support in your school work. Students are not required to be in uniform to attend Saturday School.

### **Reward for Perfect Attendance**

The student government has organized a pizza party for Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> after school for any student who has perfect on-time attendance for the entire month of September. Students will be given tickets admitting them to the pizza party on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Give Kids Sight Day – October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Give Kids Sight Day is a wonderful annual program sponsored by various organizations to help benefit children with vision problems. If you know a child who could benefit from this program please see the attached flyer for more information.

## **Planting Day at Boys' Latin – October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 10:00AM-2:00PM

Location: Boys' Latin High School - 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19139

Who: Boys' Latin Students, Families, and Community Members

What is it: Planting Day is hosted by the HS Gardening Club and will be an opportunity for everyone in the BL community to get their hands dirty. This event is to allow the community to install a permanent fruit-productive garden in the style of a food forest, learn key information to be successful gardeners, and to familiarize students to science content in an authentic way. We are planning big things with this project for the community, so having support is key in our success.

What to bring? Volunteers simply need to bring themselves. No prior experience or tools necessary!

## **Warriors' Football**

The Warriors' football team plays West Philadelphia today at 6:30 pm at the West Philadelphia Super Site at 48<sup>th</sup> and Spruce.

[https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/boys-latin-charter-\(philadelphia,pa\)/football/schedule.htm](https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/boys-latin-charter-(philadelphia,pa)/football/schedule.htm)

## **Warriors' Soccer**

The soccer team defeated Future by a score of 9 to 1 on Wednesday. In the impressive victory the team had a different player score each of the 9 goals. **Zamir Waight, Kenneth Dixon, Absolom Hopson, Kawah Tingba, Emmanuel Nwalipenja, Jahiem Garrison, Raymont Jefferies, Sellorm Foley and Shamall Joseph** were all on the score sheet. The soccer team improved to 5-1-1 on the season.

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## **Warriors' Cross Country**

The cross country team had an outstanding performance at yesterday's Philadelphia Public League Meet. Despite facing fierce competition, each of our running Warriors finished in the top 50% of runners. **Rahim Holliman** and **Jayden Grier** led the team once again, finishing 1st and 2nd for the Warriors. Seniors **Jason Weatherbe** and **Derrick Booker** ran their personal bests, slashing minutes off their previous times. Come out to Belmont Plateau next Thursday, October 3 to support the team who will race at 4:00pm.

## **Summer Travel Opportunities Meeting – Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We are excited to announce that we will be leading international travel opportunities through EF tours Next Summer! Ms. Latronica will be leading a trip to **Scotland** and Ms. Lopez will be leading a trip to **Panama**.

Please join us for a Travel Night where we will share all the details including the itineraries, activities, academic opportunities, and affordable payment options as well as the official opening of enrollment!

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This meeting will be held **next Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Boys Latin Dining Hall**. There are limited spots on these tours, and we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about these exciting opportunities. One parent must be in attendance.

RSVP using this link by October 2, to confirm your spot at the meeting:

<https://rsvp.eftours.com/76tvfbh>

If you cannot make the meeting but want more information, please RSVP and select "I can't make it."

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Philly Indigenous People Day Festival – Volunteers Needed**

We are Pleased to Announce the, "Gathering of Our 9th Annual Philly Indigenous Peoples Day Festival at Belmont Plateau" on October 5th, 2019 from 1pm- 6pm. We have partnered with Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr., who represents the 3rd Council District. This Festival is held as Our Day to Honor and celebrate the rich Heritage, History and Culture of The Indigenous Peoples "American Indians" of the Americas & the Caribbean Islands. We will have American Indian Speakers, Traditional Dance Styles, Arts, Crafts, and Horse Rides for the Children, Face Painting and Vendors; including, Traditional Native Songs along with Native Jazz-R&B and Rock artists.

Up to 20 of high school students are needed to volunteer. This would be an enriching cultural experience for the students to learn about American Indian history, culture and traditions. There will be two shifts. The first shift would help to setup tables, signs, chairs and carrying equipment in the morning at 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. The second shift would help with escorting seniors and the disabled to seating areas, serving food, trash pickup and doing crafts with children from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. All students will receive a free meal. Students will receive a Community Service letter from Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr.'s office after completion. If you are interested or want more information you can reach out to the lead coordinator at the information below.

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Lead Coordinator

9th Annual Philly Indigenous Peoples Day

215-251-6874

### **College Financial Aid Meeting**

On Thursday, October 17th, our Director of College Advising, Mrs. Bonner, will hold an information session in which she will go over the types of financial aid available for college and the steps necessary to apply for aid. This meeting will be held in the dining hall beginning at 5:30pm. Mrs. Bonner will be answering all of your questions about Federal and State aid sources, college scholarships and local scholarship opportunities. This meeting is **REQUIRED** for all seniors and at least one parent or guardian for each senior. Parents of students in other grades are welcome to attend if interested. Please note that this is the meeting originally scheduled for October 9th.

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### JahWorld Mentoring Program – Starting Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

The JahWorld Mentoring Program is run by Ms. Gooden, the mother of Jahsun Patton. The Jah World Mentoring Program will serve young men ages 12 through 18 and provide them with a safe space to discuss the unique hardships of being a young man of color in 2019. The sessions will be facilitated by a team of adult mentors and special guests trained to support our students and serve as role models for their ongoing success. The program will kick off Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and they are looking for interested warriors' who want to participate. If you are interested please reach out to Ms. Cho at [ccho@boyslatin.org](mailto:ccho@boyslatin.org). Please see the attached letter and flyer for more information on the program.

### College Rep Visits this Week

College	Date	Time	Location
St. John's College (MD)	Tuesday, October 1	Period 2	College Advising Office
Trinity College (CT)	Tuesday, October 1	Period 3	College Advising Office
Millersville University (PA)	Tuesday, October 1	Period 8	Dining Hall
Lafayette College (PA)	Tuesday, October 1	Period 1	College Advising Office
Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)	Wednesday, October 2	Period 4	College Advising Office
Neumann University (PA)	Wednesday, October 2	Period 3	College Advising Office
Eastern University (PA)	Thursday, October 3	Period 3	College Advising Office
Swarthmore College (PA)	Thursday, October 3	Period 4	College Advising Office
Earlham College (IN)	Friday, October 4	Period 6	College Advising Office