



Boys' Latin High School Ledger

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No School – Monday, October 7th & Tuesday, October 8th

There is no school for students this week on Monday, October 7th and Tuesday, October 8th. Monday is our progress report conferences and Tuesday is a faculty professional development day.

College Acceptance

Congratulations to **Symere Cunningham** who was admitted to Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Symere is the first member of the Class of 2020 to be admitted to College.

Boys' Latin Director of College Advising Honored by NACAC

Mrs. Heidi Bonner, Director of College Advising at Boys' Latin of Philadelphia, was selected by the National Association for College Admission Counseling as the 2019 recipient of its Inclusion, Access, and Success Award. This award was established in 1984 to honor a person who has been instrumental in making post-secondary opportunities available to historically underrepresented students. Mrs. Bonner was selected for this prestigious award based on her demonstrated commitment to the profession, and for her tireless leadership and advocacy in support of students. Under Mrs. Bonner's guidance, Boys' Latin's college matriculation and persistence rates are the highest in the city for boys of color. Boys' Latin of Philadelphia is grateful for the leadership, insights, and heart of Mrs. Heidi Bonner

Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week has been doing tremendous work to begin his senior year strong. He has been noted by his teachers for his tremendous focus and maturity in his classes. He is communicating well with classmates and teachers, on point each day in class, and showing enthusiasm in his great work ethic. He has been diligent about writing his work down and has made a conscientious effort to finish his time at Boys' Latin from a place of strength. Teachers who have taught him in the past express that he is operating at a new found level this year and it is reflected in his grades. His grades are currently at the honors level. For his scholarship shown in maturity and focus, his brotherhood shown through communication and engagement, and his integrity to expect the best from himself, I am pleased to announce Elias Reed as our Warrior of the Week.

Parent/Advisor Conferences and Progress Report Day – Monday, Oct. 7th

On Monday, October 7th 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

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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 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.

Planting Day at Boys' Latin – October 12th

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!

New Teacher Tool in Classrooms

Boys' Latin is excited to announce that faculty will have access to a new tool to improve their teaching practice called *Swivl*. This platform allows teachers to hold a tracking microphone to record their class lesson with a camera on a rotating platform. Faculty will be able to watch their teaching performance,

similar to watching sports highlights, and identify instructional improvement areas to track and adjust for future classes. (Note: These recordings will be held on a private, password protected account, and only viewed by Boys' Latin teachers and administration.) Our teachers are dedicated to growth and improvement as we work toward the Boys' Latin mission of preparing students for success in college and beyond.

Warriors' Football

The Warriors' football team defeated West Philly High by a score of 20-12 last Friday. **Jibril Jones** ran for a touchdown, **Damar Davis** caught a touchdown pass and **Nehemiah Nelson** intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown to seal the victory. The Warriors' football team plays Southern tonight at 6:30 pm at 10th and Bigler.

[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 will be celebrating their senior game on Tuesday, October 8th vs. Hill-Freedman. The game will be at 3:15 pm at 3976 Chamounix Dr, followed by the celebration at 5 pm. Come out to celebrate our fabulous senior class of soccer players: **Isir Cornitcher, Kenneth Dixon, Jahiem Garrison, Justin Hall, Absolom Hopson, Breckel Jefferson, Jameel Stevens, Shamall Joseph, Zamir Waight and Kawah Tingba.**

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Warriors Cross Country

Despite the tough weather-related conditions, the cross country team had another strong performance at yesterday's Philadelphia Public League Meet. **Temile Thorne '20** led the team, earning the fastest time for the Warriors this season. **Seniors Jordan Caleb** and **Derrick Booker** ran their personal bests. Come out to Belmont Plateau next Thursday, October 10 to support our running Warriors who will race at 3:30pm.

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.