



Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Middle School Ledger Friday, October 4, 2019

No School – Monday, October 7th and 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.

Monday, October 7, 2019 from 11:00am-7:00pm at 344 N. Felton Street, Philadelphia PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: PROGRESS REPORT DAY

Have you been wondering how your son is progressing in his classes? Let's remove the wonder and meet all of his teachers, get all of your questions answered, and find out how well he's doing at BL. Sign-up using the link below, or just show-up if you're not exactly sure when you'll be available. Please note, appointments will be seen first, but all families will be able to speak with the teachers.

Progress Report Appointment Link:

<https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Boys Latin Middle School PHL>

Monday, October 7, 2019 from 6:00pm- 7:00pm at 344 N. Felton Street, Philadelphia in the Dining Hall
Extended Family Network Meeting: Families will begin volunteering in the building, social events need to be planned, new meeting dates need to be finalized, and the upcoming Honors Convocation needs the support of the EFN. Let's meet, eat, and plan together. If you have a young scholar attending BL, YOU ARE an Extended Family Network Member; so join us at 6pm once you meet teachers on Parent Teacher Conferences, Progress Report Day!

Winter Uniforms MUST be worn, as of Oct. 1st!

The full winter uniform includes the maroon BL sweater, button down Oxford shirt, black belt, khaki pants, black Eastland shoes the maroon and blue

tie. Sweaters and ties can be purchased from Flynn O'Hara: 10905 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 (215) 637-4600 <https://www.flynnohara.com/>. Please ensure your son has his winter uniform so he does not miss any school for uniform issues.

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.

7th Grade SPARK: The first SPARK Lab at Friends House was a great success! The warriors worked on their focus skill, teamwork and made "high towers!" ***The next SPARK lab will be held October 22.*** If your warrior will miss a SPARK lab, please contact Ms. Sophie at least 24 hours before the lab at 215-821-6814. As always if you have any questions, you can reach Ms. Maleno @ mmaleno@boyslatin.org.

The ClassH-room appearance: Watch us! Our 8th grade boys challenge their 8th grade teachers in a head to head match of wits in an epic battle of trivia!

Monday October 7th 6:30pm and Tuesday 8th 12:00 noon on Fox 29.



Planting Day at Boys' Latin: *The gardening club is kicking things off on **October 12, 2019.***

Time: 10:00AM-2:00PM

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

Who: Boys' Latin Students, Families, and Community

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 install a permanent fruit-productive garden in the style of a food forest, learn key information to be successful gardeners, and to familiarize themselves 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!

***Questions? Please let us know by e-mail Mr. Rodini (drodini@boyslatin.org) or Mrs. Wildner (ewildner@boyslatin.org)**

Breast Cancer Awareness Dress Down Day Success!

Thank you to all BL students and staff members who participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness Dress Down Day. We raised \$224.00 which will be donated to a family in need who is currently battling cancer. Within the next Ledger, we'll share the total amount raised after a few additional donations are submitted.

Congratulations BLMS Soccer Team!!! The soccer team improved their record to 3-1 on the season after a 7-1 victory against Aspira Pantoja on Thursday. Goal scorers were Romaine Shippey (2), Matthew Grant (2), William Grant, Hakim Carter, and Khalil Sergeant. Goalkeepers TJ Hewitt and Miko Kinlaw both had a strong defensive game. The Warriors have their next home game on Thursday, October 10th against Pan American. Go Warriors!

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