



Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Middle School Ledger Friday, October 11, 2019

No School – Monday, October 14, 2019

There is no school for students on Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of Indigenous People's 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.

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!

We raised a Grand Total of \$235.00 which will be donated to a BLMS family in need who is currently battling cancer.

Basketball Tryouts will take place in November.

There are no basketball tryouts next week Monday.

Drexel University and BLMS will partner together this Fall 2019! Drexel University, School of Education Teacher Observers will soon be a part of our school community by observing some of our talented classroom instructors this Fall 2019. They will learn the culture of Boys Latin while observing real-time seventh and eighth grade classroom instruction.