



## Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Middle School Ledger Friday, October 18, 2019

**6th Grade WordGen Weekly:** Our 6th graders took a break from WordGen weekly last week but resumed the program Tuesday. This week's current issue was, "Cloning: Threat or Opportunity". Mr. Chester said that the students really got into Thursday's debate over this issue. Next week, the students will discuss, "*Does rap music have a negative impact on youth?*" We can't wait to hear their discussions and arguments on this topic. Ask your Warrior if they can tell you about the new words they learned this week! Vocabulary words learned this week: *design, feature, impact, potential, transfer.*

**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.

### **Winter Uniforms MUST be worn.**

The full winter uniform includes the maroon Boys' Latin sweater, button down Oxford shirt, black belt, black socks, khaki pants, black Eastland shoes, and the maroon and blue tie. Sweaters and ties can be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara: 10905 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154; Telephone: (215) 637-4600. Order online at: <https://www.flynnohara.com/>. Please ensure your son has his winter uniform so he does not miss any classes 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](mailto:mmaleno@boyslatin.org).

### **October 31<sup>st</sup>: BLMS Harvest Festival 2019**

One of our first fun filled days to enjoy the Autumn season as a family, so sign-up to make it positively enjoyable for students, families, faculty and staff! We're using Sign-up Genius to get the help we need for a wonderful Fall celebration. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449AAAD22A4F58-blms>

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