



Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Middle School Ledger Monday, December 16, 2019

Dear BLMS Families,

The Philadelphia Historic Commission convened on Friday, December 13, 2019 and voted against the historical designation of the Boys' Latin church building, which now allows Boys' Latin to move forward with plans to renovate. The school intends on utilizing the building as a multipurpose space for the students which would have been an impossibility if the designation had passed.

Thank you to every stakeholder who showed up in large numbers to voice their support as well as stand beside us during the Hearing. Thank you to the families, community members and politicians who wrote letters of support. Thank you to the media outlets who covered our story and shed light on what was happening. Thank you to the 700+ individuals who signed the petition.

With grateful hearts, we thank you!

Sincerely,
Principal Allen

December 2019 Incentive

The December Bowlero incentive trip for students who earn five full MERIT cards and had no suspensions for the month will be held on January 9, 2019. Encourage your son to maintain positive and appropriate behavior in all classes as well as on and off campus.

December 20, 2019: HALF DAY

Students will be dismissed at 12:10pm on Friday, December 20, 2019. Winter recess will begin at that time and ***students return to school on Monday, January 6, 2019.***

Music/ Band Practice

Practice for Middle School students is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10pm-4:00pm (second and fourth Thursdays, practice is from 3:30pm-4:30pm) in the Fine Arts Building with Mr. Overton. All students are welcomed to attend Band practice with the HS Band students on Mondays from 3:10pm-4:00pm and Wednesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

College and Beyond....

Students should come to school with independent reading books which they can enjoy during morning Advisory. Please ensure your scholar spends at least two hours each night studying and reading. If he's completed his work, he can practice his Latin.

Latin: *Educatio ius genere ortum meum est.*

English: *Education is my birthright.*

Latin: *Educatio ius e genere ortum liberorum omnium est.*

English: *Education is the birthright of all children.*

Latin: *Educatio ad libertatem via est, quae libertas ut possim conficere proposita privata datur.*

English: *Education is the pathway to freedom, the freedom to achieve my personal dreams. Education is the path to justice.*



Basketball Tryouts

7th Grade basketball tryouts will be on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 1:00pm. Location: 728 South 55th Street in Philadelphia.

8th Grade basketball tryouts will be on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 1:00pm. Location: 728 South 55th Street in Philadelphia.

Coats for Cold Weather

Boys' Latin is a family, and as such, we want to make sure our warriors have what they need. As the weather gets colder, we encourage our families to seek out support from our School Social Worker, Ms. Gordon at 215-387-5149, if your family needs a warm coat or clothing. Stay warm!

8th Grade Activities

The cost to families this year for eighth grade dues will be \$100.00. The first installment is \$50.00 and should be submitted by Monday **January 6, 2019** to Mr. Brody, 8th Grade History Teacher. Detailed letters to families will be sent home on Tuesday and Wednesday (December 17th and 18th) with students and have been e-mailed home. The dues will cover the cost of the yearbook, senior t-shirt, certificates, senior social, and senior field trip.

7th Grade SPARK

SPARK's lab this week was held at the Lincoln Financial Field in a partnership with the Eagles. The warriors eagerly toured the facilities and were especially excited when they were given a private tour of the player's locker room and saw the Lombardi Trophy. Even though it was raining, the students were able to walk through the players tunnel onto the Eagle's football field to

the same music that the Eagle's team walks onto the field to. Albeit a short time due to incimate weather, the warriors were on the Eagle's football field before being escorted to the Eagle's private media press box. While in the press box, SPARK's participants focused on social awareness while working directly with Philadelphia Eagles employees. There is only 1 more SPARK lab that will take place at the school, during the school day for reflection. Meanwhile, Ms Sophie from SPARK is conducting interviews with SPARK participants for next semester's mentorship. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sophie of SPARK at 215-821-6814. As always, you may contact Ms.Maleno at mmaleno@boyslatin.org for anything else. Thank you.

January 10, 2020: Extended Family Network

The next parent and guardian meeting for all families will be held **in the Dining Hall on Friday, January 10th at 5:30pm.** Mark your calendars and attend.

Also, our new Parent Calendar for Afterschool Activities and Announcements will be attached to the Weekly Ledger and updated weekly. However, contact faculty and staff for additional information if your child participates in an activity.

