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### School Closed – Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

The school will be closed on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

### Warrior of the Week

This week's warrior of the week is a dedicated student who always works hard and is a positive role model amongst peers. He is kind, thoughtful, a hard worker and exemplifies what a BL Warrior should be. This young man always does the right thing, no matter what, takes initiative to sign himself up for new things and new experiences. He gets his work done beautifully and efficiently and then has time to help peers. He makes the class better by his presence in it, brings out the best in those around him and patient, persistent and considerate. He even stays for office hours to make sure he gets all his work done. He came to Saturday school just to support a classmate who was giving a presentation. For his integrity to push himself outside his comfort zone, brotherhood shown in assistance and support of other and his scholarship shown in work completed and done with conviction, I take great pleasure in announcing **Daniel Ruley** as our Warrior of the Week.

### College Acceptance

Congratulations to **Andrew Clark** who was admitted to Cabrini University. Congratulations to **David Anaya** who was admitted to Seton Hill University and Susquehanna University. Congratulations to **Kawah Tingba** who was admitted to Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations to **Za'Quir Jones** who was admitted to **Alvernia University** and Clarion University. Congratulations to **Quadai Brown** who was admitted to Marywood University. Congratulations to **Maurice Oliver** who was admitted to Clarion University. Congratulations to **Jaheim Garrison** who was admitted to Bryn Athyn College. Congratulations to **Jameir Vincent** who was admitted to Pennsylvania College of Technology. Congratulations to **Nate Jones** who was admitted to Albright College.

### Progress Report Conferences – Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

On Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 8 pm we will be holding our parent advisor conferences for the second progress report. The conference will be a time for you to sit down with your son's academic advisor and get a detailed report on his progress during the beginning of trimester 2. 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.



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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 at all times 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 your login information so 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. If you are unsure of your son's academic advisor and do not have access to powerschool, you can reach out to Ms. Sheppard in the main office at 215-387-5149 to help you set up your progress report conference.
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.

If possible try to choose a time that does not have a scheduled conference immediately before it. This way if another conference runs over on time it will not impact the start time of your meeting. If you do not have access to the internet to sign up for a conference please reach out to the main office at 215-387-5149 to schedule your meeting with Ms. Sheppard. These conferences are a great time to build our partnership with families as we prepare your student for success in college and beyond. We look forward to collaborating with you on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **College Meeting for Juniors and Families – January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

There is an upcoming required college informational meeting for all juniors and at least one parent or guarding. The meeting will be in the high school dining hall on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If you are the parent of an 11<sup>th</sup> grader please plan on attending with your student.

### **School Calendar Adjustment**

School will now be in session on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Senior Prom has been moved from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>.



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The school will now be closed on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Warriors' Baseball – Meeting, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

There will be a mandatory baseball meeting after school on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 3:15pm. We will be giving out practice and game schedules and discussing winter workouts which will begin on February 5, 2020. All new and returning players are expected to attend.

#### **Warriors' Crew – Parent Meeting, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

There will be a mandatory crew parents meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30pm at the high school. We will be discussing the schedule for the season and practice schedules and policy for the upcoming season. Any student who wants to participate should attend along with a parent. Practices will begin January 27, 2020.

#### **Warriors' Basketball**

The varsity basketball team is trying to fight back from some hard fought losses. They next play at Lansdale Catholic on Saturday at 1:30 pm. The junior varsity play at Lansdale Catholic at 12 pm on Saturday right before the varsity.

Follow the links to see schedules for both Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams.

*Varsity:* [https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/boys-latin-charter-\(philadelphia,pa\)/basketball/schedule.htm](https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/boys-latin-charter-(philadelphia,pa)/basketball/schedule.htm)

*JV:* [https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/boys-latin-charter-\(philadelphia,pa\)/jv-basketball/schedule.htm](https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/boys-latin-charter-(philadelphia,pa)/jv-basketball/schedule.htm)

#### **Saturday Detention- reclaiming the time**

As part of our Climate and Culture supports, we are starting Saturday Detentions for students who need to reclaim time. When students arrive tardy to school, when students need to leave class to put their cellphone in lockers, when students disrupt hallways by tussling, time is taken away from academics. Saturday Detention provides a way for students to earn back this lost time! Ms. Cho and Mr. Doreian will be assigning Saturday Detentions for students who continually are tardy, playfight, or refuse to keep cellphones in their lockers.



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#### **Office Hours Competition**

Ms. Owens and Ms. Betts have issued a challenge to encourage strong participation in our after-school Office Hours. As you know, all 9th graders and 10th-12th graders with GPA below 2.0 are rostered for Office Hours from 3:05pm-3:50pm on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (check PowerSchool for day and teacher). Not only will students improve their grades and build relationships with teachers, the Office Hours section with the best attendance will be rewarded with pizza at the end of T2.

#### **Forensic Sciences Mentoring Institute (FMI)**

FMI is a free, 7-week academic program that specializes in teaching the forensic sciences to high school students.

#### **Our 2020 Application is now open!**

Our selection process will be based on merit and student applications, as we are seeking dedicated students who have a passion for science and who would benefit from a hands-on learning environment in our state-of-the-art laboratory. All students in the program will be paired with mentors and will learn from practicing forensic scientists using the same cutting-edge machines deployed in crime labs.

Currently entering our 26th year, this unique STEM opportunity is designed for students who would like to get a head start by learning the investigational and scientific techniques taught in college-level courses, and the FMI program serves as an invaluable and ongoing resource for college preparation. Students are also taught public speaking skills, take trips to local universities, perform in the program talent show, visit the nation's top private forensic lab, and act as expert witnesses by presenting their findings in a mock court setting in front of a judge with their friends and family watching.

**Our non-profit is actively seeking student applicants within the Greater Philadelphia School Area** and can offer scholarships to qualified students who need assistance with transportation to our teaching facility in Willow Grove, PA. We invite you to visit our website and attend one of our two Open Houses in April to get a more comprehensive overview of the program.

#### **Attention Sophomores:**

Applications are now open for the College Connection program sponsored by Philadelphia Futures. This program guides students through the college application, admissions and financial aid processes and

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actively supports their progress through college completion. Each year, they admit 55 new scholars into the College Connection program.

**To be eligible for the College Connection program, you must:**

- Be in the 10th grade.
- Live in Philadelphia, PA.
- Attend a public, public charter, or parochial high school in the School District of Philadelphia.
- Be a first-generation-to-college student. This means that the student does NOT live with a parent(s)/guardian(s) that has graduated from a college or university in the United States with a bachelor's degree.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Meet family income guidelines.

*The link for more information and the application is:*

<https://philadelphiafutures.submittable.com/submit/149320/philadelphia-futures-college-connection-program-application-2020>

### **NovaEDGE**

NovaEDGE is an 8-day summer program for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors runs from July 11, 2020 through July 18, 2020. Students stay on campus and experience college live while exploring the fundamentals of engineering. The program provides an introduction to the traditional engineering disciplines (Chemical, Civil and Environmental, Computer and Electrical, and Mechanical). It also features lectures and hands-on laboratory experiences taught by Villanova Engineering faculty. The one-week program includes engineering instruction and laboratory materials, all meals, residence halls and bus transportation from Philadelphia for \$775. Scholarships are available. Interested students should express their intent to apply at [s.jones@villanova.edu](mailto:s.jones@villanova.edu). [Click here](#) for application and more information. Final applications are due on January 26, 2020.

### **Career Fair – Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Alumni Association's of Morehouse and Spelman Colleges are having a career fair this Saturday, January 18 at the West Oak Lane Free Library, from 1-3. We are looking for high school students to talk with our presenters from various working backgrounds. (Drs, lawyers, funeral directors, State Senator, bankers etc)There will be a question and answer period for the kids all long with a session on how to register to vote.

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Free admission for kids and parents. Refreshments served. See the attached flyer for details. If you have questions contact:  
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