



Boys' Latin High School Ledger

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Warrior of the Week

This week's Warrior of the Week is noted for being a consistent high-performer in class, he cares deeply about doing well and encouraging his friends and classmates to do the same. When the going gets tough, he does not whine or make excuses: he buckles down, manages his time, and gets it done. He is polite and mature and does the right thing even when no one appears to be looking.

This warrior has hit all deadlines on his senior project so far. He reaches out to teachers when he needs help, but he also tackles challenges with independence: he always makes a solid attempt to figure things out on his own first. This is a crucial skill that will lead to his success in college and beyond. For his integrity, scholarship and brotherhood demonstrated consistently I take great pleasure in announcing **Nate Jones** as our Warrior of the Week.

College Acceptance

Congratulations to **Shamall Joseph** who was admitted to Albright College. Congratulations to **Breckel Jefferson** who was admitted to Full Sail University. Congratulations to **Sajjad Moody** who was admitted to Jefferson University. Congratulations to **Nehemiah Nelson** who was admitted to Shippensburg University.

Saturday School – February 8th

Our next Saturday school is February 8th from 9 am to noon. Any student failing a class should plan on attending Saturday School to help improve their failing grade. All students are welcome to come and meet with teachers for extra help and make up any missing work. This is a great time to get individualized help and support in your school work. Students are not required to be in uniform to attend Saturday School.

EFN Meeting and Principal's Dessert – February 25th @ 6 pm

Please plan on joining us for our next Extended Family Network on February 25th at 6 pm at the high school. This will be a chance to converse with Principal McDaniel, eat some great dessert and plan upcoming EFN events for the spring. If you plan to join us for the meeting please RSVP to rmcdaniel@boyslatin.org or by phoning Ms. Sheppard at 215-387-5149.

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Celebrating Black History Month at Boys' Latin

The Boys' Latin faculty has put a great amount of time and energy into planning some wonderful programs to celebrate Black History Month. We wanted to highlight some of the things that will be going on this month so families can feel connected to the celebration happen at school throughout February.

Student Government will be highlighting different black historical figures who have made major contributions to society. These announcements are intended to peak student interest and encourage them to look more in depth at these amazing individuals on their own.

Bulletin Boards will be decorated to recognize and celebrate black culture across various mediums. Each department is decorating a bulletin board as it relates to their subject of study.

Seminars will be competing in a door decoration contest. The doors will be decorated to honor individuals, group of individuals, ideas, concepts, or movements that are significant to black culture or black history. The decorations will be judged and the seminar with the winning door decoration will receive a pizza party on Feb. 26th.

As a school, teachers are participated in Black Lives Matter Week. We worked from a curriculum that highlights the Black Lives Matter Week of Action and the 13 principles to teach during the week. There were resources for all contents. Teachers for all disciplines were coordinating together to provide lessons throughout the week to different grade levels and subjects of study.

On Wednesday, February 26th, the school will have a dress down day. Students will participate by dressing down and wearing clothing in recognition or support of black culture and history.

There will be a series of guest speakers, specifically black entrepreneurs and elders coming to speak with students during classes or in special summits. We have numerous special speakers lined up. Just to highlight one of the speakers that will be coming to speak to our juniors and seniors please read the bio below of Ernest Owens.

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Ernest Owens is an award-winning journalist and CEO of Ernest Media Empire, LLC. He is the Writer at Large for *Philadelphia* magazine where he covers a variety of social issues regarding race, politics, LGBTQ, and pop culture. He's a proud graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and is currently pursuing a Master's degree at the University of Southern California. His work has been featured in The New York Times, CNN, BET, MTV News, and other media outlets. He has earned countless honors, which recently includes landing on the 2020 Forbes 30 under 30 list.

On Time Arrival to Class

Boys' Latin is dedicated to ensuring that students are maximizing on their education by attending their classes on time. Every two weeks, any student who reaches 10 or more tardies to class in that span of time will receive a detention. You will be notified if/when your son reaches this number. Please encourage your students to get to their classes quickly so as to take full advantage of instructional time.

Kids Smiles

Kids Smiles Dental Health Center will be visiting Boys' Latin on Thursday, February 13th to conduct free dental screenings. Please make sure that you have filled and returned the consent form to the school by February 10th. If you need another copy of the form, please see the attachment below. You can also return your son's form via email to Ms. Morales at ymorales@boyslatin.org.

Warriors' Basketball

The varsity basketball team defeated Northeast by a score of 64-63. **Zahir Thomas** led the way with 17 points, 8 rebounds and 2 assists. **Adam Clark** added 13 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. **Amir Mims** hit 2 big 3's on his way to 12 points and 8 rebounds. **Taj Savage** chipped in 12 points as well. **Andrew Clark** scored a late basket to help preserve the win. The three seniors: **Amir Mims, Taj Savage** and **Andrew Clark** were honored at halftime of the game.

The warriors will next play West Philadelphia on Tuesday at 3:15 pm at Christy Rec center in the second round of the public league playoffs.

Seniors **Andrew Clark, Amir Mims** and **Taj Savage** will all be honored by the prestigious Markward Club on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The Markward Award is a basketball award given to the top student-athletes in the city of Philadelphia each year.

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The junior varsity teams will be competing in their final tournament of the season this weekend at Tacony Charter High School, 6201 Keystone Street.

The teams will play at 5:30 and 7 respectively against Cristo Rey and Tacony Charter.

Warriors' Baseball

Baseball practice will be held at South Philadelphia Sports Training on Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 4-5:30pm. The facility is located on 25th Street between Reed and Dickinson.

Warriors' Bowling

The bowling team defeated Northeast by 100 pins to advance to the semifinals next week against Abraham Lincoln. Junior **Kendall Battles** averaged a 209 and **Symere Cunningham** averaged a 189 to lead the way in the win. The team is trying to defend its two time Public League Championship.

Kendall Battles was named All Public and will participate in the state tournament on February 28, 2020.

Warriors' Crew

All students who attended the meeting and are participating in crew will be dismissed at 12:30pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 to take the swim test for the upcoming season. Students must meet the requirements to participate.

Warriors' Football

Football workouts for next season take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm. All new players are welcome to attend these workouts. Any questions, please see Coach Oliver in Room 201.

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