



## CORONAVIRUS-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSING

March 13, 2020

Dear Boys' Latin Family:

The Governor has declared that all Pennsylvania schools will be closed for the next two weeks. I applaud this step, which prioritizes the safety of our communities. Consequently, **Boys' Latin will be closed from March 16 through March 27, 2020.**

It is important to note that Boys' Latin does not have any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. (Neither do the school district schools.) This closure is being taken out of an abundance of well-placed precaution. Over the course of the next two weeks, we will continue to take these precautions in the school buildings, including:

- Increasing the frequency of cleaning high touch surfaces
- Using recommended sanitizing products through the school building
- Partnering with local and state health officials to incorporate best practice methods and preventative safety measures

While school will be closed during this time, our school mission remains the same – to prepare boys for success in college and beyond. Therefore, we have a plan in place at Boys' Latin to move forward with the instruction we want to deliver while keeping our students, families, and staff safe.

Beginning on Tuesday, March 17, students should check their Google Classrooms daily. If a student does not have Google Classroom set up for any given classroom, he should check his Boys' Latin email for a Google Classroom invite from his teacher. Students may also find additional assignments submitted via email. All students should have access to their Boys' Latin email address. Should a student have difficulty accessing his email address account, please email [blaccountinfo@boyslatin.org](mailto:blaccountinfo@boyslatin.org).

Boys' Latin 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders have received student chromebooks from the school. Additionally, the majority of Boys' Latin families have reported having access to technology tools at home. However, students without technology access may take advantage of the limited number of chromebooks we have available as loaners. Members of our **IT team will be available on Tuesday, March 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon**, and again **on Friday, March 20 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon** to provide loaner chromebooks. Again, there is limited availability of these devices, so we ask our families to prioritize using their resources

where possible. In order to secure a loaner chromebook, students must email the IT team with the student's name and grade level in advance so the laptops can be prepared. Again, in such cases, please email [blaccountinfo@boyslatin.org](mailto:blaccountinfo@boyslatin.org).

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to receive **breakfast and lunch during the school closing**. Non-perishable breakfast and lunch items will be available for pick-up on **Tuesday, March 17**, and again on **Monday, March 23 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am**. Students or their family members can come to the front lobby of their respective school (middle school or high school), check in, and receive the breakfast and lunch items for the week.

We recognize the rather unprecedented nature of this school closing, but we are hopeful that with the collective cooperation of every member of our community, we can keep all members of our community safe. Part of the school safety plan includes everyone staying vigilant about his/her own health care. This includes abiding by the recommended practices for handwashing, appropriate social distancing, coughing/sneezing habits, and more. Additionally, it means protecting yourself and others by staying home if you are sick. Please find the details of these best practices [HERE](#).

As a reminder, please be mindful of the following dates and opportunities:

<b>March 17, 2020</b>	Students should begin checking their Google Classrooms and student email daily.
<b>March 17, 2020</b>	Students/Parents/Guardians may pick up breakfast and lunch from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the school (middle school or high school). Sufficient meals for the week will be provided.
<b>March 17, 2020</b>	Students may pick-up loaner chromebooks (if arranged in advance) from the IT team from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
<b>March 20, 2020</b>	Students may pick-up loaner chromebooks (if arranged in advance) from the IT team from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
<b>March 23, 2020</b>	Students/Parents/Guardians may pick up breakfast and lunch from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the school (middle school or high school). Sufficient meals for the week will be provided.

In closing, school will be closed from March 16 to March 27, 2020 but the learning and the support will continue. Please stay tuned for updates during the next two weeks with new information about the status of our buildings, the health of our community, and definitive nature of our return date. Most importantly, stay safe and be well.

Ex animo,



Noah Tennant, CEO

