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Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter School | 215.387.5149 | 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143

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August 9, 2021

Boys' Latin Families,

We hope that our young Warriors have had a restful and enjoyable summers. We have been hard at work planning for a dynamic school year. **For the 2021-22 school year, Boys' Latin of Philadelphia will return to in-person teaching and learning.** The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We carefully crafted a plan that addresses this priority and the school's mission: preparing boys for success in college and beyond.

Below you will find details to assist you in preparing our young Warriors to return to full in-person learning starting on our first day of school which is Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

<b>First Day of School</b>	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
<b>Learning Format</b>	Full day, in-person instruction 5 days per week.
<b>Weekly Schedule</b>	Mondays: 8:00am – 3:20pm (on the first Monday of every month, learners will have a 1:30pm early dismissal) Tuesdays: 8:00am – 4:00pm Wednesdays: 8:00 – 4:00pm Thursdays: 8:00 – 4:00pm Fridays: 8:00 – 3:20pm
<b>School Uniform</b>	Boys' Latin will return to full uniform. Uniforms can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara (please see the attached uniform document for all prices and details). The uniform will consist of: -Khaki Poly/Cotton Men's Pants -Blue Long Sleeve Button-down Collared Shirt -Navy Polyester Blazer with School Logo -Black Leather Belt -Maroon/Navy Striped Tie -Black Leather Men's Eastland Oxford Shoe -Black Socks *Due to warm temperatures, Warriors may substitute the top-half of the uniform with the Maroon Short Sleeve Collared Shirt with the School Logo until October 1.
<b>Supply List</b>	A supply list will be given to learners during the first week of school in order to ensure that learners have the appropriate materials for their

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	<p>courses. Due to the robust course offerings, supply lists are tailored to course loads.</p>
<b>Student Transportation –</b>	<p>Eligible students will receive a SEPTA Student Fare Card on the first day of school (SEPTA is phasing out the weekly transpasses and replacing it with Fare Card). The SEPTA Student Fare Card is a reusable chipped card used by students to board a SEPTA trolley, bus, or subway. Unlike the disposable weekly Transpass, learners will be able to use the SEPTA Student Fare Card for the entire school year.</p>
<b>Masks &amp; Facial Coverings</b>	<p>Masks are worn at all times in all indoor classroom and non-classroom settings, including school vans, by all students, staff, and visitors. Masks may be lowered only for eating and drinking at designated times and in designated spaces.</p> <p>Masks are not required in all outdoor settings, however, are still duly encouraged when other safety measures are not easily accessible.</p> <p>One reusable Boys' Latin mask is provided to each student and staff member. Single use masks are available onsite.</p>
<b>Sanitizing, Disinfecting, &amp; Ventilation</b>	<p>The school teaches and reinforces handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Students, staff, and visitors must wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol is available outside of each room for use when handwashing is not possible. Extra hand hygiene is encouraged especially when infection or germ-spread is likely. Students, staff, and visitors are encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue when not wearing a mask and immediately wash their hands after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.</p> <p>Touchless sinks, drinking fountains, and soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towel dispensers are available throughout each school building. The school expanded its contracted cleaning services to support additional sanitizing and disinfecting. The school facilities are thoroughly sanitized over the summer to prepare for the return to school. Cleaning supplies used meet OSHA and CDC requirements for COVID-19. High-touch areas are prioritized during the school day. The school is closed between 6:30PM and 6:30AM to allow for thorough nightly cleanings. Each room is equipped with disinfectants.</p>

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	<p>To improve ventilation, the HVAC system in each school building is enhanced with hospital-grade filters, ultraviolet germicidal irradiation lights, and increased maintenance.</p>
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<p>The school maximizes physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. To support this, signs and floor decals are located throughout the school buildings, serving as visual cues for students, staff, and visitors. The maximum occupancy for safe use in accordance with physical distancing guidelines is posted outside of each room. In classrooms, desks are forward-facing and three feet apart. Physical distancing is followed in entryways and hallways. Dining Hall occupancy is capped at 75 percent of the maximum occupancy. A physical distance of six feet is maintained between staff and staff and students when masks cannot be worn, in common areas, and during activities when increased exhalation occurs. Visitors to the school are limited and all visitors physically distance from others.</p>
<b>Health Monitoring &amp; Screening</b>	<p>Prior to departing for school, students, staff, and visitors are expected to complete a self-check for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home when sick or following a suspected or known exposure to COVID-19. The school employs a flexible attendance policy to encourage adherence to this policy. Suspected or known cases are reported to the school. Staff members or visitors who develop COVID-19 symptoms while at school are required to leave the school's property immediately. Students who develop COVID-19 symptoms while at school are isolated immediately and the student's emergency contact is contacted to retrieve the student from the school isolation space as soon as possible.</p> <p>The school promotes diagnostic and symptom screening by students and staff who are symptomatic or have a suspected or known exposure to COVID-19 prior to arriving at school. The school provides COVID-19 testing once (minimum) or twice (maximum) weekly to mitigate the spread of virus to all staff and students with the consent of their parents/guardians.</p>
<b>Vaccination</b>	<p>The school promotes the vaccination of eligible students and staff. The school may consider offering a vaccination clinic on one or multiple occasions to allow students and staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine if warranted or contacted by the local or state departments of health.</p>
<p>Please continue to visit our website at <a href="http://www.boyslatin.org">www.boyslatin.org</a> for additional information.</p>	

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We will continue to share more information in the coming weeks to ensure you are all ready for a dynamic school start! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 215.387.5149. We look forward to seeing all of our young Warriors for our first day of school on Tuesday, September 7 at 8:00am!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eros Uthman-Olukokun", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Principal Eros Uthman-Olukokun