

# The Ledger

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Family Edition Vol. IV



Greetings Warrior Nation,  
Happy Monday! Below are this week's news and announcements:

## Important Dates

- 10/11 Indigenous Peoples' Day (Schools and Administrative Offices Closed)
- 10/13 PSAT for grades 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (Grades 9 & 12 will have a virtual asynchronous day)
- 10/16 Saturday School
- 10/18 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Post Graduation Planning Meeting (in-person)
- 10/19 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Post Graduation Planning Meeting (same meeting as the 18<sup>th</sup> but via Zoom)
- 10/18-10/20 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 11/2 Election Day (No School for Students)
- 11/12 End of Quarter 1

## PSAT Testing

Learners in grades 10 and 11 will be participating in PSAT testing on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Grades 10 & 11 learners will report to school at 8am and will conclude their day by 1:30pm. The PSAT is an important test which is used to determine National Merit Scholars, award future merit scholarships, and it also better prepares learners for the SAT assessment which they will need to gain entrance into the majority of academic institutions. Please speak to your child about the assessment and the importance of taking it seriously. Please note that for PSAT testing, strict testing guidelines will be followed. Please make your child aware that they must follow all guidelines in order for their test to be validated. Learners will be instructed to shut their phones off during testing in order to minimize any distractions.

Grades 9 & 12 will NOT report to the building on Wednesday 10/13. They will remain home and complete asynchronous virtual lessons. Learners must complete all of their assignments. The assignment for 1<sup>st</sup> period must be completed by 12pm on 10/13 in order for the learner to be marked present for the day. If you are experiencing issues with accessing the internet at home, please email Mrs. Morales at [ymorales@boyslatin.org](mailto:ymorales@boyslatin.org) at your earliest convenience.

## Cell Phone Policy

Effective immediately, cell phones are prohibited during the school day. Learners have been instructed to put their cell phones in their lockers upon entering the school. We understand that technology is a growing part of our world and we attempted to give learners the opportunity to responsibly use the devices only in the Dining Hall. Learners were not able to meet the expectation and numerous learners have utilized them in manners that have negatively impacted the school community. Listed below are the steps that our Culture Team will follow regarding confiscating cell phones.

First Offense- The device will be held in the Administration office until the end of the school day. Students may pick up their phone following a behavioral contract review of this policy at the end of the school day.

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Third Offense- An Administrator will establish parent contact and the confiscated device will remain in the main office until it is picked up by parent or guardian.

Fourth Offense- The device will remain in the main office until Friday. The Administrator will issue a receipt for the phone and establish contact with a parent or guardian.

It should be noted that refusal to surrender a cell phone or other electronic device when directed to do so by a school staff member, teacher or administrator is a violation in our school's Code of Conduct. Insubordination behavior is punishable by suspension, exclusion from school events, inclusive of graduation and or involuntary transfer proceedings. If you have any questions, please contact me at [kmeeks@boyslatin.org](mailto:kmeeks@boyslatin.org).

## Mission

We prepare boys for success in college and beyond, using as our foundation a classical Latin education, the positive influence of brotherhood, and rich relationships. We are a community that values and cultivates critical thinking, personal responsibility, emotional intelligence, and character development.

## Vision

Boys' Latin of Philadelphia is a collaborative community of motivated students, supportive families, and dedicated educators. The school serves as a national college-preparatory model for educating boys by nurturing personal responsibility, emotional intelligence, and character development. We empower students to understand their voice and increase their fortitude, shaping scholars who are successful in college and beyond.

### **Gently Used Uniform Pieces**

In collaboration with the Extended Family Network (EFN), we are seeking gently used uniform pieces. The pieces will be utilized to support learners and families that may need financial support. If you have any gently used pieces, we encourage you to bring them in so that we may safely clean and distribute them to learners in need. We appreciate your support in aiding our school community!

### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Planning Meeting**

All seniors are required to attend a program hosted by the College Advising Office on Monday, October 18th, at 6:00pm. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend as well (a virtual meeting will also take place on 10/19 at 7:30pm via Zoom).

At this meeting, Mrs. Bonner will go over the various forms of financial assistance available to help pay for postsecondary education, including Federal grants and loans, State grants, and institutional assistance offered by colleges. She will provide detailed information about the steps necessary to apply for all of these forms of aid.

### **Senior Portraits**

Boys' Latin Senior Portrait Day will continue on October 23, 2021. Portraits will be taken from 9:30 until 3:00PM. There is a \$25 sitting fee and that can be paid when you make the appointment (see attached flyer for all information). Each session includes three poses: casual, cap and gown and tuxedo. Seniors should come dressed in their casual outfit (whatever they want to wear), Barksdale will provide the cap and gown and tuxedo (please have seniors wear a white t-shirt to go underneath). Once pictures are taken you should receive a proof booklet in the mail where you can choose your portrait package. Boys' Latin will choose the picture for the yearbook. If you are not satisfied with your pictures or wish to have your senior retake pictures the Senior Portrait retake date will be February 19, 2022.

### **Food Distribution**

Please see the attached flier for food distribution which will take place every Tuesday and Thursday on 59<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut. If you need further support, please contact our Social Worker, Yolanda Morales, at [ymorales@boyslatin.org](mailto:ymorales@boyslatin.org)

### **Early Dismissal**

It is imperative that learners attend school every day for the duration of the day (including Leadership Academy). Early dismissals will not be granted past 3:05pm in order to assist school staff in ensuring a safe & swift afterschool procedure. Please email or send in a note to our administrative assistant, Mrs. Walker, with all details for early dismissals so that we can effectively communicate the dismissals with all staff.

### **COVID Protocols**

If you have not already done so, please grant consent for your student to participate in the school's COVID-19 testing program: [Pooled Testing Consent Form](#) and [Individual Testing Consent Form](#). If your student is vaccinated, please submit proof of vaccination to the High School Nurse, Donna Griffin ([dgriffin@boyslatin.org](mailto:dgriffin@boyslatin.org)). Please review the attached SY2022 Health and Safety Plan Summary to learn more about the school's plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

### **Student Attendance & COVID-19 Cases**

#### Arriving on Time

Learners are late if they arrive after 8:03AM. It is imperative that students arrive before 8AM so they can get to class on time. Families will begin receiving automated messages when your child reports to school late or if they are absent. You can always see your child's attendance on PowerSchool.

#### Covid-19 and Quarantining Absences

If a student is required to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure the student will be marked AEMD Absent Medical: This excused absence code is to be used when a student is absent for medical purposes.

#### Student work while Quarantining

While quarantining students will work asynchronously. Students can access work assignments and instructions from teachers on Schoology. Feel free to reach out to the teacher about assignments being posted.

#### Health and Safety Plan and Pooled COVID-19 Testing

[Please Click Here for the Health and Safety Plan.](#)

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## Ways to Support Your Warrior

### Face Mask

Ensure your warrior has at least 2 face masks when they leave for school in the morning. We give out hundreds of masks daily. Masks are a part of learners' daily uniform. Please make sure they have a mask

### Laptop Charging

Please make sure your warrior's laptop is charged each night and that he brings his charger with him every day along with his computer.

### Uniforms

We are aware that Flynn O'Hara is on backorder with uniform shirts and other items. If you have ordered items and it is on backorder, please submit a copy of the receipt to [swalker@boyslatin.org](mailto:swalker@boyslatin.org).

**Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> learners must be in full winter uniform. The full winter uniform includes:**

- Blue Oxford Shirt
- Boys' Latin Stripped Tie
- Boys' Latin Blazer
- Khaki Pants
- Black Belt
- All Black Shoes (No sneakers or boots)

If you are awaiting your shipment from Flynn O'Hara, please submit a copy of the receipt so that your child will not receive a consequence for being out of uniform.

### Dismissal

**Please do not double park your car on Cedar Avenue.** It has caused a very dangerous situation for our students who are walking home and catching public transportation. We also want to respect neighbors and neighborhood traffic flow. We understand that parking is limited, but please **DO NOT** double park.

### Lunches

Lunch is served every day. If a learner would like to bring his own lunch, he must bring it to school with him. In order to ensure that staff are effectively supporting lunch, we cannot support lunch deliveries. Again, please ensure that learners come to school with their lunch in the morning.

**LET'S HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

Best,



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