

The Ledger

October 24, 2021

Family Edition Vol. VI



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

Important Dates

- 10/29 Student Dress Down Day (must have \$500 Kickboard Dollars to be Eligible)
- 10/30 Saturday School
- 11/1 Regular Full Day of School
- 11/2 Election Day (No School for Students)
- 11/12 End of Quarter 1
- 11/22 & 11/23 Virtual 1st Quarter Report Card Conferences

Progress Reports

Progress Reports were mailed and emailed home last week. Please be on the lookout for the report which details your child's current academic progress. The end of the 1st Quarter ends on Friday, November 12, 2021. Learners will take their 1st quarter Benchmark Exams from November 8th to November 10th.

Report Card Conferences

We will host virtual report card conferences to meet with families on November 22nd and November 23rd. Below is the schedule which includes the evening sessions. Virtual Report Card Conference links will be created and shared families via our Ledger.

- November 22- 2pm-6pm (includes evening conference)
- November 23 2pm-4pm

Office Hours

Office Hours will continue this week. Office Hours will take place every Wednesday from 3:25-4pm. During that time, learners will be able to meet with any educator for academic support. Leadership Academy will NOT take place on Wednesdays moving forward for educators to support learners. Leadership Academy will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Contingency SEPTA Strike Plan

If a SEPTA strike takes place, Boys' Latin will pivot to virtual instruction. We will follow our regular school day schedule and learners will use their computers to log into their classes. Educators will be live and teach synchronous lessons and asynchronous work will also be given. All classroom links and assignments will be available via Schoology. More information will be shared if the strike takes place starting on 11/1.

Updated Family Contact Information

In order to ensure that we have the correct contact information for each family, we ask that you complete the following brief survey which will be used to update family contact information.
<https://bit.ly/BLcontactupdate>

Uniform Shirts

A limited amount of blue Oxford shirts are on sale at the school for \$20. Learners may purchase the shirts with cash at the front office with Mrs. Walker.
*Please note that the maroon polo shirts are NOT part of the winter uniform.

Temple Upward Bound (9th & 10th Grade)

Temple University will be hosting an Upward Bound program for 9th and 10th grade learners. Upward Bound is a program which provides learners exploration in various career fields, professional development workshops, campus visits, SAT prep, and much more. We encourage you to apply by the 11/8 deadline using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/LSqVVCG6yvHPnjDN8>

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.

Family Online Platform Logins:

PowerSchool

[Click here to access PowerSchool.](#)

Schoology

[Click here to access Schoology.](#)

Email

[Click here to access Boys' Latin Email.](#)

Kick Board

[Click here to access Kickboard](#)

Schoology Parent/Guardian Access:

To access Schoology, follow the below steps.

1. Go to www.schoology.com.
2. Click **Sign Up** at the top of the page and choose **Parent**.
3. Enter your **Parent Access Code**, which is: [Parent Access Code]
4. Fill out the form with your information.
5. Click **Register** to complete.
- 6.

When you use a Parent Access Code to create an account, you are automatically associated with your child. You can add additional children to your account using the [Add Child](#) option.

Cell Phone Policy

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.

Second 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.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at kmeeks@boyslatin.org.

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!

Food Distribution

Please see the attached flier for food distribution which will take place every Tuesday and Thursday on 59th and Chestnut. If you need further support, please contact our Social Worker, Yolanda Morales, at 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). 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.

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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.](#) **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.

Starting October 1st 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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