

The Ledger

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

<u>Important Dates</u>	
12/13	Early Release Professional Development Day: Respectful Workplace Training
12/14	Grade Level Presentations (see below for details)
12/20-12/22	Progress Reports
12/22	Early Release (1:30pm Early Dismissal) & Kickboard Incentive
12/23-1/2	Holiday Break (Schools Closed)
1/3	Staff Professional Development Day (No Students)
1/4	Regular School Day (Students Return)

Warriors of the Week

Each week, staff will nominate learners for Warrior of the Week who exemplify our three core values of Brotherhood, Integrity, and Scholarship. Our first awardees are:

9th Grade – Braheem A: “He puts 100% effort in all his work. He led the class today through a story translation. He is an amazing rock-star student and doesn’t shy away from a challenge.”

10th Grade – Tyree C: “Tyree is a joy to have in class and always comes in with a smile. He is always ready to work and has a few jokes up his sleeve to share with the class that adds to the class discussion. He is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work!”

****11th Grade – Robert T:** “Robert continues to be an active participant in class and on top of his academics. He always has an insightful comment to share with the class and loves to engage in meaningful conversations with his peers and educators. Robert is also a leader in the school community. He was the photographer for the sports and will be for Yearbook.”

12th Grade – Alim B: “I am nominating Alim because I have never met a student more driven for perfection than him. He is constantly working to improve himself and his grades. He is always cheerful and respectful. He will hunt you down if he needs assistance with his classwork. He is so deserving of this honor because he is a prime example of what a Boy's Latin Student should strive to become.”

***** Signifies the Ultimate Warrior of the Week***

Free COVID-19 Vaccination at the Philadelphia Zoo

On December 14, the Philadelphia Zoo, CHOP, and Independence Blue Cross Foundation are partnering to provide a free COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 3:30pm to 7:30pm as part of the Luminature event. The Pfizer vaccine will be available for ages 5-11, as well as the first dose, second dose, and boosters. Click here to learn more about the event and register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-covid-19-vaccination-clinic-philadelphia-zoo-330-730-tickets-219201978017>

Early Dismissal on Monday, December 13th

Learners will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Monday 12/13. Faculty will participate in professional development in the afternoon.

Parent Workshop on Wednesday, December 15th

On Wednesday we will have a parent workshop focused on support families assisting students with disabilities at home and school. Please check out the attached flier.

Uniform Pieces for Sale

At the high school, we have a limited supply of Oxford shirts and ties for sale. Shirts are \$20 and ties are \$15.

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.

Free Meals During Winter & Spring Breaks

Students can visit City recreation centers and playgrounds to receive free, nutritious meals on school holidays during winter, spring breaks.

Select Philadelphia recreation centers and playgrounds will provide free meals for children up to 18 years old on the following days:

December 27, 2021	January 3, 2022	April 11, 2022
December 28, 2021	February 1, 2022	April 12, 2022
December 29, 2021		April 13, 2022
December 30, 2021		April 14, 2022

A full list of participating facilities and additional information about food resources is available [online](#). Families can find their nearest participating center by visiting phila.gov/food. Parks & Rec will distribute the meals on a first-come, first-served basis between mid-afternoon and early evening. Families can call their nearest participating recreation center to confirm hours of service. The meals are only for children and teenagers up to 18 years old and must be eaten on-site.

On Tuesday, December 7th we'll have our EFN meeting from 6:30-7:15pm. We encourage all interested families to log in and participate in our EFN meeting as we aim to collaborate with you all to create programming and address our school community needs.

Teen Leadership Assistants Program

The Free Library of Philadelphia's out-of-school time program, Literacy Enrichment After-school Program (LEAP), is seeking Philadelphia high school students who are interested in serving as near-peer mentors and encourages them to sign up as a Teen Leadership Assistant (TLA) to support with staffing the library's initiative.

LEAP is a free, drop-in, out-of-school time program for children and teens in grades K-12 and offers youth a safe space to unwind after school, complete homework, and develop positive relationships with peers.

This position is a great first job for youth as it provides mentoring, opportunities for peer collaboration, and introduces them to 21st Century skills. For more information, students are encouraged to review [this flyer](#). Questions can be shared with Out-of-School Time Program Manager Heather Sparks at SparksH@freelibrary.org.

Bloomsburg Art Internship (Paid)

Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about a great PAID internship for learners!

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be mailed home to families during the week of 12/20. Educators should ensure that all grades are updated on PowerSchool by Sunday 12/29 at 11:59pm.

Summits on Tuesday 12/14

On Tuesday 12/14, we will have grade level summits throughout the day facilitated by WOAR Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence. During the summits, WOAR will review the following items with grade levels:

1. What constitutes bullying/harassment/sexual harassment
2. What the Law states about Civil Rights Violations in connection with academic environments.
3. Respect, boundaries, and trauma
4. Bystander engagement

We will follow a regular Tuesday schedule, but grade levels will report to the Dining Hall at specified times.

Do Your Part Challenge

Inspired by the Black Youth March for Their Lives protest, We as a Boys' Latin community are participating in the Do Your Part Challenge. The Do Your Part Challenge is an opportunity for all of us to do something for the community to help encourage peace, brotherly and sisterly love. This challenge is between the grade levels, and we are reaching out to make sure all grades participate. The donations are as follows...

- Socks, Canned Foods, Gloves, Toothpaste & Toothbrush, Deodorant

Please encourage your Warrior to participate, The winning grade level gets to pie 4-5 Teachers of their choice as a reward!

Kickboard & December Incentive

Our incentive for the month of December will be a "Holiday Party" event. On Wednesday 12/22, any learner that has earned \$400 by Monday 12/20 will be eligible to participate in the incentive. Learners will have the opportunity to watch a movie, play games, and eat holiday snacks during 7th and 8th period on 12/22.

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New COVID Testing Protocol

Our new improved COVID-19 testing process, Operation Expanded Testing, will launch on 01/04/2022. This program is supported and funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide COVID-19 PCR testing to K-12 schools at no cost to the school. With this new and improved program, we hope to continue preventing the spread of COVID-19 while keeping more students and employees in school. A key benefit of this program is that members of presumptive positive and inconclusive pools are automatically retested and the positive individual(s) are identified and isolated immediately. *This means that presumptive positive pools will no longer need to quarantine or seek individual follow-up testing to return to school.*

1) Register for the new program

- The online registration process takes less than 5 minutes. [Please use this link which takes you to a platform called Assure.](#)
- For a short video guide on “how to” complete the registration/consent process on this platform, please watch [this video.](#)
 - High School Parents/Students: On the Find Your Institution page, enter 5501 Cedar Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19143 into the Search Location field..
 - Each student should be registered separately.

2) Additional Program Information:

- This new program combines pooled and individual testing into one efficient process, using two different swabs per student.
- How it Works:
 - The student or the adult conducting the collection (if student is under 12 years old) will swab both nostrils using the first swab. This first swab goes into the pool, or group, to be tested.
 - Next, the student or adult will swab both nostrils again using the second swab. This second swab goes into an individual container. The individual swab is only tested if the lab believes there may be COVID-19 present in the pooled test.
 - If your student is part of a pool that does not detect COVID-19, then you will not get an individual result (but the school will be notified that the pool sample was negative).
 - If there is a risk that someone in the pool has COVID-19, every swab in the pool will be processed individually, and you will get an individual result posted in the Assure platform.
 - You can set up your account preferences in Assure to send you a text message or an email when a new result is available. The school will also be monitoring results for all students and employees and issuing isolation and quarantine notification as needed.
- More detailed information about our new testing program is included in the attachment.

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!

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.

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.

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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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