

The Ledger

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Greetings Warrior Nation,

Happy New Year!

<u>Important Dates</u>	
1/3	Staff VIRTUAL Professional Development Day (No Students)
1/4	Regular VIRTUAL School Day (Students Return)
1/11	COVID Testing for staff and students (Asynchronous Instructional Day)
1/17	MLK Day Holiday (No School)
1/18	Return to in-person instruction
1/27	Grades for RP2 must be submitted by 5pm
1/28	Grade verifications & End of 2 nd Marking Period
1/31	Beginning of 2 nd SEMESTER (3 rd Quarter)

Warrior College Acceptances

As seniors get accepted to colleges and universities and provide their acceptance letters to the college advising office, we recognize their amazing accomplishments and give them a tie to commemorate the celebration. We have been celebrating our seniors each day during our morning announcements and have had learners come to the office to personally obtain their ties. Please assist us in congratulating our Young Warriors! We're proud of their accomplishments! Please see our list of college acceptances below!

- Solomon C.-Indiana University of PA, Arizona State, Shippensburg University, Bloomsburg University
- Mark M.-Penn State University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Nasir N.- Penn State University Park
- Andrew R.- La Salle University, Shippensburg University
- Amarion K.- University of Nebraska, California University, Shippensburg University
- Jahmir G.M.- Bloomsburg, Cheney University
- Ibrahim D.- Shippensburg University, Clarion University, East Stroudsburg University, Neumann University
- Jamal P.- Dallas Baptist University, Tiffin University, Shippensburg University, Bloomsburg University
- John S.- Shippensburg University
- Rasheam O.-Shippensburg University, Clarion University, East Stroudsburg University
- Raymont J.- Shippensburg University
- Mohammad B.- Millersville University, Albright College
- Nasean Y.- Lincoln University, Shippensburg University, Clarion University
- Jamir J.C.- Neumann University
- Walif A.- Shippensburg University
- Seth C.- Shippensburg University, Bloomsburg University
- Antoine G.- Shippensburg University
- Jeremy G.- Shippensburg University
- Anthony K.W.- Shippensburg University
- Jaidyn K.- Shippensburg University
- Achankeng N.- Shippensburg University
- Jaheim O.- Shippensburg University
- Rashad O.- Shippensburg University
- Bruce P.- Shippensburg University
- Greg Robinson - first acceptance
- Mohamed S.- Shippensburg University
- Jalen T.- Shippensburg University
- Jaylan W.- Shippensburg University
- Marquise M.- Bloomsburg University
- John Y.- Clarion University
- Jahahn S.- Neumann University, Harrisburg University
- Kassim W.- Manor College
- Fletcher N.- King's College

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.

Switch to Virtual Learning from 1/4 – 1/14

As noted in previous correspondences, we will shift to virtual instruction from 1/4-1/14 to maintain safety during the increase of COVID cases. Like our virtual schedule before the break, we will follow our regular 8-period schedule. Essential personnel (Admin, Admin Assistant, Tech, Deans, & CRAs) will still report to the building each day. We will return to in-person learning on Tuesday 1/18. We will review all protocols during tomorrow's afternoon PD.

BL Meal Pick Up

Boys' Latin will provide breakfast and lunch meals to families during the virtual learning period. Meals will be prepackaged and available for pick-up starting on Wednesday 1/5. Families will be able to pick-up lunch and breakfast for the entire week (1/5-1/11). The next pick-up will be Wednesday 1/12 families can pick-up lunch and breakfast for the entire week. (1/12-1/17)

Hotspots & Tech Support

If your student is in need of a hotspot, new laptop, or charger please reach out to either swalker@boyslatin.org OR [euthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org](mailto: euthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org). If a student laptop or charger is lost students must pay for a new laptop or charger. If families are experiencing financial hardship Boys' Latin will provide assistance; please contact our social worker, Ms. Morales at vmorales@boyslatin.org for assistance. If your student left their laptop in school during winter break please reach out to me via email immediately, so we can set up a time for your student to pick-up their laptop on Monday 1/3.

If a student has their laptop but is experiencing technical difficulties, please reach out to support@boyslatin.org

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:

January 3, 2022	April 11, 2022
February 1, 2022	April 12, 2022
	April 13, 2022
	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.

New COVID Testing Protocol

Activate your account ASAP:

- You should have received an email from support@concentricbyginkgo.com with instructions for activating your account.
- If you need help activating your account, please review this help article: <https://help.concentricbyginkgo.com/hc/en-us/articles/4411879240596-Activate-Your-Account>.

Student Schedules

Students will follow their current schedule. Students must look at their schedule on PowerSchool and then go to that class in Schoology during the appropriate time.

Access to PowerSchool [Click here to access PowerSchool](#). Once in PowerSchool click "My Schedule" on the left column to see your student schedule so they know what class to attend and when to attend that class. Students can only access zoom links to class via Schoology not PowerSchool.

Access to Schoology [Home | Schoology](#) Students must log in using their Boys' Latin google/email account. Students can access links to all their classes on Schoology. Teachers will not email links.

Student Expectations

1. Attire: Students are not required to be uniform. Students can wear uniform shirts or other appropriate attire.
2. Learners are required to be on camera the entire time. If students are having technical problems or need to step away, they must directly chat with their educator.
3. When learners click the zoom link they must log in using their Boys' Latin email account.

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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!

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.

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>

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!

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.

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.

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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