

The Ledger

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Family Edition Vol. XV

Greetings Warrior Nation,

Happy New Year!

Important Dates

1/11	COVID Testing for staff and students (Asynchronous Instructional Day)
1/12	Virtual Senior Project Parent Meeting at 6:30pm
1/17	MLK Day Holiday (No School)
1/18	Return to in-person instruction
1/28	Grade verifications & End of 2 nd Marking Period
1/29	Saturday School
1/31	Beginning of 2 nd SEMESTER (3 rd Quarter)
2/7	Early Release Professional Development
2/10 & 2/11	Virtual Report Card Conferences Thursday 2/10: 2pm-6pm Friday 2/11: 1:45pm-3:30pm

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 the list of our newest college acceptances from this past week! **We have 56 college acceptance thus far during this school year!**

Jahahn S.- Albright College

Warriors of the Week

**** 9th Grade – Shawn C.:** "Shawn is an exemplary student who models the Boys' Latin ethos. He is invested and involved, friendly and effusive. He radiates kindness and even went out of his way to express gratitude to his teachers, past and present, before winter break."

10th Grade - Mekhi C.: "Mekhi is a dedicated student who does the right thing even when no one is watching. He is quiet, kind, and he completes all that is asked of him. He always tries his best."

11th Grade – Jaedon W.: "Jaedon is thoughtful and persistent. He works his way through even the most difficult of subjects, patiently taking the time to understand them. He has been quietly engaged but excelling!"

12th Grade – Nasean Y.: "Nasean is back at it! He continues his excellence in online learning. He consistently shows up and is ready to go. He is engaged and focused-- it seems like nothing will stop him from success."

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



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.

January 11th Asynchronous Day & COVID Testing

Tuesday, January 11th will be an asynchronous learning day. Please see important details about attendance and COVID-19 Testing for students.

Daily Attendance

Learners will have to complete an attendance assignment in their 1st Period class. This assignment will be located in Schoology. **Learners must complete the attendance assignment by 12PM** to be marked present for the day. After completing the assignment, the educator will update attendance in PowerSchool.

Classwork Assignments

Educators will post assignments for learners to complete on their Schoology pages. Learners will have until 4PM Tuesday to complete all assignments.

COVID-19 Testing

To protect the health and safety of our school community, all middle school students and employees are asked to participate in COVID-19 testing prior to the return to in-person learning on 1/18/2022. **COVID-19 testing will be offered at the high school on 1/11/2022, which will be an asynchronous virtual learning day.**

ONLY learners who are registered for the school's new COVID-19 testing program (Operation Expanded Testing / Concentric by Ginkgo) may get tested at the school at their assigned time. If you did not register by 12PM on Friday, your child will not be able to participate in testing on Tuesday.

Learners have been assigned testing times alphabetically by last name:

Testing Session Time	Testing Session Students
8:00AM	Abdul-Musawwir to Byrd
9:00AM	Cabiness to Eubanks
10:00AM	Fields to Irons
11:00AM	Jackson to McCrae
12:00PM	McDaniel to Rembert
1:00PM	Renn to Sykes
2:00PM	Tatum to Young

Return to In-person Learning

We will return to in-person learning on Tuesday 1/18.

BL Meal Pick Up

The next pick-up will be Wednesday 1/12 families can pick-up lunch and breakfast for the entire week. (1/12-1/17).

HBCU Virtual Fair on 1/29

There will be a HBCU Virtual Fair on Saturday, 1/29 from 10am-1pm. Registration is free and open to all students and parents. Please check out the attached flier for more details.

Virtual Senior Project Parent Meeting

On Wednesday, 1/12 we will host a virtual meeting for the parents of our 12th graders. Please review the attached flier

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.

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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>.

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.

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!

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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.

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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