

# The Ledger

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

<u>Important Dates</u>	
1/28	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
1/29	Saturday School
1/31	Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER (3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter)
2/2-2/4	Report Cards Mailed & Emailed Home
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 more than 59 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

Ibrahim D.- Pace University  
Alim B.- Community College of Philadelphia

### Warriors of the Week

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade- Walter B.:** "Walter is a steady, determined, focused student who always brings his A game to class. He earns amazing grades but is also very humble about achievements. He starts each day positively, greeting teachers and friends with a kind word and smile. He takes care to complete every assignment well and makes sure he truly knows what he is studying."

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade- Erne J.H.:** "Erne is always prepared for class, participates in all classroom conversations, completes all assignments, stays on task, and helps any students around him complete their work. He also has a very positive outlook and tries to encourage others to stay positive."

**\*\*11<sup>th</sup> Grade- Andrew W.M.:** "Andrew is an all-star student. He transitioned from virtual to in person learning seamlessly and continues to be a scholar in all environments. He is a positive and kind and tremendous citizen of the school."

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade- Ethen S.:** "Ethen is such a hard worker! He puts in effort every day in every way to make sure he understands what he is studying. He is conscientious and steady, diligently, and patiently working through even the most challenging problems. He is a great advocate for himself, always seeking to improve and grow. He is a true warrior."

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

### **Penn Summer Science Initiative (PSSI)**

We are currently accepting applications for our high school summer program. We are looking for students entering their junior or senior year of high school from the greater Philadelphia region for a four-week materials science course in July. We especially encourage students from underrepresented groups to apply. **Students should apply [HERE!](#)** Should any of your students decide to apply, please send me an email letting me so that I can keep an eye out for their application. **The deadline for students to submit their applications is March 1st.**

### 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.

## UPenn Provost's "Spring Forward" Summer Mentorship Program

The Provost's Summer Mentorship -"Spring Forward" Program was established to enhance student retention, academic support, boost "scholarly – confidence", and enhance post-secondary admission rates for all program participants by shepherding them through the Provost's SMP pipeline of resources, across various programs in the University of Pennsylvania's Division of Student Engagement. Click [HERE](#) to view the flier and for more information.

### Office Hours Zoom Link

In order to support learners who must quarantine or are not in the building, educators will begin opening their Zoom room during office hours. Office Hours Zoom links will be open during Office Hours and learners can access the links by navigating to the educator's Schoology page.

### January Kickboard Incentive

This month's Kickboard incentive will be a pizza party in the cafeteria this Friday for any learners who earned 600+ points in January. Any learners who qualify will be able to skip their 8th period to enjoy fresh slices of pizza and great company! We will stop the count on Thursday so please encourage your learners to get those additional points this week!

### BL School Play

Auditions for the school play will take place Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:25-4:00pm in room M1. Any learner that wants to audition only has to attend one of the days. Additionally, they do not need to prepare anything for the audition; they must simply show up and be prepared to read from the script.

This year's play is *Mlima's Tale* by two-time Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Lynn Nottage. The story follows Mlima, an African elephant who is killed for his tusks. Mlima's spirit takes a journey through the illegal ivory trade through Africa, Vietnam, and China to learn how his remains are bought, traded, stolen, and sold, only to become someone else's treasure.

The play will be directed by Mr. Celeiro and assistant directed by Ms. Simpson. Performances are scheduled for May 12-14. Learners casted in the play will be rostered into rehearsals as part of LA. If you have any additional questions, email, or speak to Mr. Celeiro.

### Office Hours & End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period.

The last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period is Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. To assist learners in closing out the quarter on a strong note, we will offer office hours on Tuesday 1/25, Wednesday 1/26, & Thursday 1/27.

Report Cards will be mailed & emailed 2/2-2/4

Report Period 2 Virtual Report Card Conferences will take place on Thursday 2/10 2PM-6PM & Friday 2/11 1:45PM-3:30PM

### Leadership Academy During 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

New Leadership Academies will be selected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester during the week of 1/24. Participation in LA is a mandatory requirement towards graduation for all BL learners. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (starting 1/31), seniors will not be mandated to participate in Leadership Academy. With senior project, senior internships, and etc on the horizon, seniors will have the space to take care of your senior duties.

### Safety Protocol

Based on a recent parent inquiry, I'm sharing an overview of how the school responds to a suspected bed bug sighting with all parents:

- Professional exterminators inspect our school buildings and conduct preventive maintenance monthly.
- Suspected bed bug sightings are common in schools.
- In the event of a suspected bed bug sighting, the suspected bed bug is collected and shared with the school's exterminators to determine if it is or is not a bed bug.
- Once a suspected bed bug is confirmed, the school's exterminators assess the room(s) where the sighting(s) occurred to determine if there is an infestation. Since the school opened in 2007, it has not had an infestation.
- In previous consultations with the school's exterminators and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, both confirmed that sightings of bugs in the school's buildings are not an indication of infestation. Rather, bed bugs are common on public transportation and as many of our students and employees travel using SEPTA, there are many opportunities for bed bugs to enter bookbags, purses, etc.
- Bed bugs are a nuisance, but they do not carry disease and there are no known cases of a human contracting a disease from a bed bug bite.

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## 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.

## 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:*

February 1, 2022	April 11, 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](http://phila.gov/food). Parks & Rec will distribute the meals on a first-come, first-served basis between mid-afternoon and early evening.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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>

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### 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!

### 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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