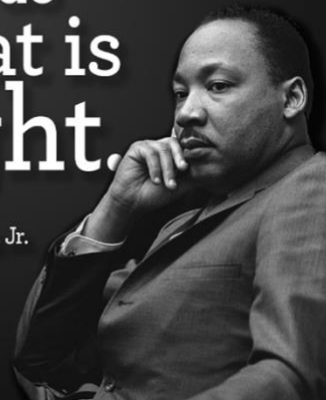


The Ledger

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The time is
always right
to do
what is
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- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Greetings Warrior Nation,
Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

<u>Important Dates</u>	
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 more than 57 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

Jaheim O.- West Chester University

Warriors of the Week

9th Grade- Khary B.: "Khary is a dynamic, engaged, and enthusiastic student. He comes to school ready to learn, even in a virtual setting. He always takes care to do his assignments well, giving his best effort and making sure what he turns in is an accurate reflection of himself. He is consistently kind, generous, and thoughtful. He helps make the classroom a place of joy."

****10th Grade- Ahanna O.:** "Virtual or in-person, Ahanna is always making sure that he's fully understanding the work to be better than the day before. Virtually, his participation makes the class more fun by coming off mute and creating a discussion in class."

11th Grade- Munir W.: "Munir is inquisitive and thoughtful, taking time to ask questions and complete every assignment well. He has been a consistent scholar over our transition to virtual learning, even improving some of his grades! He rises to every occasion and seeks to improve himself as a student, athlete and person."

12th Grade- Isaiah G.: "Isaiah is a hard-working, organized, self-motivated student who serves as a model for his younger peers. He is committed to solving problems, advocating for himself when needed, completing his work in a timely and thorough manner, and making sure he is really learning in every class, every day. Isaiah is conscientious, takes ownership of his own education, and is genuine, thoughtful, and kind to his fellow students."

**** 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.

Return to In-person Learning

We will return to in-person learning on Tuesday 1/18. **Please note that a negative COVID-19 test is not required to return to school on 1/18/2022.**

Office Hours & End of 2nd Marking Period.

The last day of the 2nd marking period is Friday, January 28th. All Assignments for Report Period 2 should be submitted to teachers by Friday, 1/21. To assist learners in closing out the quarter on a strong note, we will offer office hours on Tuesday 1/18, Wednesday 1/19, Tuesday 1/25, Wednesday 1/26, & Thursday 1/27 (LA will take place on Thursday 1/20)

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 2nd Semester

New Leadership Academies will be selected for the 2nd Semester during the week of 1/24. Participation in LA is a mandatory requirement towards graduation for all BL learners. During the 2nd 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.

COVID-19 BL Updates

Masking:

- A clean, reusable, or new disposable face mask that completely covers the nose and mouth must be worn during all indoor and outdoor school activities, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Gaiters and bandanas are prohibited. Face shields may only be used in addition to a face mask.**
- According to infectious-disease specialists, single-layer cloth masks can block larger droplets carrying the virus but are not as effective in blocking smaller aerosols or particles carrying the virus. Pairing cloth masks with surgical masks or wearing a surgical mask or KN95 or N95 is now recommended.
- Face masks may only be removed during indoor and outdoor school activities, briefly, while actively eating or drinking at designated locations and times.

Testing:

- **Please note that a negative COVID-19 test is not required to return to school on 1/18/2022.**
- The school offers weekly COVID-19 testing via the Operation Expanded Testing program operated by Concentric by Ginkgo. The school uses pooled PCR testing. A pooled sample and an individual sample are collected from each participant via a gentle, shallow nasal swab.
- This week, high school students and employees will test on Tuesday, 1/18/2022. Middle school students and employees will test on Wednesday, 1/19/2022. Test results are typically available within 48 hours.
- If your student's pooled testing group returns a negative test result, then their individual sample will not be tested, and you will not receive results. No news is good news!
- If your student's pooled testing group returns a presumptive positive or inconclusive test result, then your student's individual sample will be automatically, individually retested. If your student's individual sample tests positive for COVID-19, you will receive a notification from the school as well as a phone call from a healthcare provider sharing the individual positive results and reviewing next steps.
- If you have not yet registered your student for the school's new COVID-19 testing program, please do so as soon as possible. Testing is not required, but strongly encouraged. Information on how to register can be found in an email from me, Colton Kempf (ckempf@boyslatin.org), titled "Please Register Your Student for New COVID-19 Testing Portal".

Vaccination:

- **Becoming fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is the number one way to protect our school community and reduce interruptions in learning. Anyone who is eligible should be vaccinated.**
- Currently, Boys' Latin strongly encourages, but does not require vaccination.
- If your student is vaccinated and you have not already done so, please submit their COVID-19 vaccination record to me, Colton Kempf (ckempf@boyslatin.org), AND the school nurses.
- *Middle School Nurse*, Brittany Redden (bredde@boyslatin.org) or *High School Nurse*, Donna Griffin (dgriffin@boyslatin.org).
- If your student receives another or booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine, please submit their updated vaccination record.

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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:

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.

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.

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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!

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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