

# The Ledger

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

## Warriors of the Week

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Divine F:** “He is a vocal leader in Algebra class. He routinely does excellent on his classwork and performs top notch on quizzes. He is also an engaged and respectful student who brings positivity to class each day.”

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Karim M:** “Karim is incredibly consistent and has a work ethic that is unmatched. He is a top performer in all his classes, but also uses his skills to help his classmates when they are struggling. He helps set the tone of the classroom. Students admire his calm demeanor. He is consistently kind and gives his all every day!”

**\*\*11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Nkemno O:** “Nkemno has been constantly trying to improve his grade by advocating for himself and constantly trying to improve his grades. He helped a new teacher get acclimated to a new school by welcoming him. He is quiet but very engaged and focused on his classes.”

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Amadou B:** “Amadou is a steadfast, perceptive student who never misses a thing, whose memory and affinity for recall are remarkable, whose observations of the world are astute and wise and probing. In class, Amadou can always be counted on to remember an obscure fact, interpret a complicated passage, or volunteer to try something new. He is quietly dominating his coursework, holds himself to a high standard, has an elevated and quirky sense of humor, and gets along well with anyone. He rises to every challenge and is his own person, delightful to teach and to know.”

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

## 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 132 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

- Ethen S. Arcadia University
- Mark M. Bates College
- Amir M. Delaware County Community College
- Marquise M. Bates College
- Marquise M. Providence College
- Nasir N. Cornell University
- Thomas W. Penn State University-Main Campus
- Thomas W. Drexel University
- Jahmir G.M. Drexel University
- Solomon C. Drexel University

## 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.

### Important Dates

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| 3/23 & 3/24 | HBCU Tour Experience  |
| 3/25        | Sunshine Committee Celebration  |
| 3/31        | Last day for LA   |
| 4/1         | BL Pride Student Dress Down Day   |
| 4/2         | Saturday School   |
| 4/4         | Early Release Professional Development Day<br>(Students Dismissed at 1:30 p.m.) |
| 4/4         | Switch to Student Spring Uniforms   |
| 4/4 - 4/7   | Report Period 3 Benchmark Exams   |
| 4/8         | Last day of Q3  |
| 4/9-4/17    | Spring Break  |

### Vaping Summits

Presentations regarding the negative effects of vaping will continue to take place during summits on Mondays this month. 11<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in theirs during tomorrow's summit.

### Leadership Academy

The last day for Leadership Academy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Learners will have Office Hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday during the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> due to Benchmark Testing and the close of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### Quarter 3 Closing

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is quickly coming to an end. The last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Educators will stop collecting work on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> so learners have approximately 2 weeks before the end of the quarter. Learners will take their Benchmark Assessments during the week on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Student Spring Uniforms

Learners will be allowed to begin wearing the Spring uniform starting Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Spring uniform consists of the maroon polo shirt, khaki pants, a black belt, and black shoes. Learners must remain in the winter uniform until Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### BL Spirit Student Dress Down Day

On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a BL Spirit Dress Down day. Learners were able to purchase a student-designed BL tshirt using their Kickboard Dollars. They will be able to wear any BL appropriate attire during the dress down day.

### HBCU Tour Experience

Please check out the attached flier for the upcoming HBCU Tour Experience. We will be taking 20 learners from the middle school and 20 learners from the high school. Learners who received honors during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> marking periods with minimal Kickboard infractions were eligible for the trip.

### 2022 Lifeguard Training & Recruitment

Parents/Guardians: Do you want your child to gain job experience while also being involved in their community? If your child will be 16 by June, they could become a lifeguard. Find more here: [bit.ly/2022Lifeguard](http://bit.ly/2022Lifeguard)

### WorkReady Summer Opportunity

If your child is 12-24 years old and looking to get paid up to \$1,000 for a summer work experience, check out WorkReady!

WorkReady is a program in July-August for youth living in Philadelphia. This year, WorkReady Summer experiences will include safe in-person participation at least 3 days/week. Vaccinations are not required for WorkReady overall but may be required based on program or worksite requirements.

The first 5,000 applicants to complete the enrollment process (steps 1 and 2) will receive \$150!

Apply to WorkReady at <https://www.workready.org/>

### Front Office Changes

Please send all email correspondences regarding attendance and other matters to [frontofficechs@boyslatin.org](mailto:frontofficechs@boyslatin.org) so that we can effectively address them. If you have further concerns, you may email me directly at [uthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org](mailto:uthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org)

### Philadelphia Writing Project: Summer 2022 Youth Programs

Project Write, July 19-22 and July 26-29, (Tues. - Fri.), 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. In collaboration with Independence National Historical Park, PhilWP welcomes students entering grades 9-12 who desire to write, explore history, and develop digital and artistic talent. This summer, students will participate in a two-week online program (with some face-to-face opportunities, if possible) where they will explore the power of language and learn about the city where our nation began. The cost is \$300. Scholarships are available for Philadelphia students. Limited to 25 students. Register here. [tinyurl.com/projectwrite22](http://tinyurl.com/projectwrite22)

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[Humor Writing Camp, July 25 -July 29](#), 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm PhilWP Humor Writing Camp welcomes students entering grades 8- 12 who desire to focus on parody/satire news writing and have the opportunity to learn from and explore multiple kinds of humorous texts. Students will write and respond to each other and discuss tips, tricks, and theories related to humor writing. The cost is \$150. Scholarships are available for Philadelphia students. Limited to 25 students. Register here. [tinyurl.com/humor2022](http://tinyurl.com/humor2022)

[Philly Journalism Camp, August 1-5, and Aug. 8](#), 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Students entering grades 9-12 will explore journalism as a way to make an impact through writing. This one-week hybrid program will include presentations by professional journalists and multiple opportunities for publication using text, photography and short videos. Students will have opportunities to research and write about the events and ideas that are currently of greatest interest to them and get help from journalism teachers and other participants. The cost is \$150. Scholarships are available for Philadelphia students. Limited to 30 students. Register here. [tinyurl.com/journa22](http://tinyurl.com/journa22)

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### 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.

### 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

## 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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