Boys' Latin High School

The Ledger

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Greetings Warrior Nation,

Happy President's Day! Below are this week's news and announcements.

Important Dates	
2/21	Presidents' Day (Schools and Administrative Offices
	Closed)
2/21	Warrior Family Feud: Father & Son Edition
	(5:30pm-7:00pm)
2/22 & 2/23	11th Grade Family College Planning Meetings
	(In-person 2/22 at 6pm; Zoom 2/23 at 7:30pm)
2/25	Black History Month Symposium
2/26	Saturday School
3/1	Charter Renewal Site Visit
3/1	First Day of Women's History Month
3/3	Vaccine Clinic at the HS

Warriors of the Week

9th Grade – RJ B: "RJ is an incredibly caring individual who is determined to succeed and truly embodies scholarship. He asks great questions and advocates for himself. He is engaged and interested in class and wants to know as much as he can about the subject. He is an active participant in his learning process who always volunteers no matter how challenging the question is. He has a sincere desire to grow as a student and person."

***10th Grade - Miko K: "Miko is the definition of integrity. He always does the right thing, no matter who is watching. He shows persistence and diligence, patiently and solidly working his way through even the most challenging problems. He is exactly what a Boys' Latin student should be-consistent, thoughtful, studious, genuine, kind, and engaged. He is an exemplary scholar."

11th Grade – Alfred S: "Alfred has shown tremendous growth this year. He has learned how to advocate for himself. He always makes sure to hand in every assignment—and they are always well done. He is a positive addition to the classroom community who shows tremendous integrity and scholarship. It is a pleasure to teach someone so devoted to his own success."

12th Grade – Mark M: "Mark is one of the best scholars we have ever had at BL. He shows up every single day, ready to give his all. He doesn't let hard work stand in his way of success but works past each and every challenge to truly excel in his endeavors. He is a consistent honor student, but more than this he demonstrates the value of curiosity. He explores subjects from all sides and investigates things in depth. He is also incredibly kind and compassionate, a true brother for all. And he does all this with a smile on his face that radiates through his mask. He is the true BL spirit!"

** Signifies the Ultimate Warrior of the Week

Warrior Family Feud: Father & Son Edition

In collaboration with our EFN, we will host a Family Feud game on February 21st. Please see the attached flier and encourage our learners to participate! We would love to also have staff attend the event from 5:30pm-7pm on Monday February 21st.

11th Grade College Planning Meetings

The College Advising office will be facilitating college planning meetings with 11th grade families this week. An in-person meeting will take place on 2/22 at 6pm and a Zoom meeting will take place on 2/23 at 7:30pm.



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.

February Kickboard Incentive

For February's Kickboard incentive, the top 4 learners from each grade will participate in a field trip at the end of the month to the Black History Museum with Mr. Oliver.

Charter Renewal Site Visit on 3/1 from 7:30-11am

The Charter Renewal Site Visit (RSV) will take place on Tuesday, 3/1 from 7:30-11am. The RSV is the opportunity for the Charter School Office to see our mission and educational plan in action. During the visit, the CSO will visit classroom and meet with students, staff, and families.

Vaccine Clinic of Thursday March 3rd

We will have another vaccine clinic on Thursday March 3rd for the entire school community. Staff and learners will be able to receive a dose (or booster) from 2-4pm and the school community can come to obtain their vaccines between 4-6pm. Please see the attached flier.

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be sent home during the week of 3/7.

RxPLORE Summer Camp

RxPLORE is a professional summer camp designed by current PITT Pharmacy PharmD students for high school students to explore pharmacy as a possible career option. With the current pandemic, they've modified their program to include both an in-person and online component to make it accessible to more students. The application for this year opens on February 15, 2022.

Please see the attached Save the Date flyer.

Please reach out or visit their website if you have any questions or need any additional information!

http://www.rxplore.pharmacy.pitt.edu/

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.

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 <u>Add Child</u> option.

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Bloomsburg Art Internship (Paid)

Please click **HERE** to learn more about a great PAID internship for learners!

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.lv/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.

<u>Health and Safety Plan and Pooled COVID-19 Testing</u> <u>Please Click Here for the Health and Safety Plan.</u>

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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