



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

Warriors of the Week

9th Grade – Frank J.: “Frank has shown tremendous improvement this year. His grades keep getting better and better and he makes sure that all his work is a true reflection of his best ability. He has a positive attitude and cheerfully accepts what comes his way, always ready to dive in and do more. He also exhibits brotherhood as he is quick to make sure that his friends understand their work, too. Frank is a delight to have in class.”

****10th Grade – Eric W.:** “Eric is an excellent student. He exhibits leadership in the classroom and is a role model for other students. He is insightful, diligent and industrious. He exudes brotherhood by going out of his way to not only help his peers, but also teachers.”

11th Grade – Karon G.: “Karon is dependable and steady-- in fact it seems impossible to distract him from staying on task and doing his work well. He helps make the classroom a better place because of his unwavering commitment to work, his calm and kind demeanor, and his insightful answers. Karon exhibits scholarship, integrity, and brotherhood to the max.”

12th Grade – Solomon C.: “Solomon is a unique young man, he is kind-hearted, considerate, and respectful. He deserves to be the warrior of the week because he possesses all of the characteristics of what BL stands for. Solomon is also a great scholar. He is always upbeat and encouraging to his peers. I have never seen him have a bad day and his positive attitude is infectious to all who encounter him.”

**** 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 144 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

- William W. Swarthmore College
- Elijah N. University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Mark M. University of Rochester
- Thomas W. Union College
- Langston W. Moravian University
- Mark M. Colgate University
- William W. Colgate University
- Jaheim O. Jacksonville University
- Mark M. Carnegie Mellon University
- Jaylan W. Lehigh University
- Jaylan W. Rochester Institute of Technology
- Donovan J. 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	
3/31	Last day for LA
4/1	BL Pride Student Dress Down Day
4/2	Saturday School (last day to submit any assignments)
4/4	Early Release Professional Development Day (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
4/20 & 4/21	Q3 Virtual Report Card Conference 4/20- 2pm-6pm & 4/21- 2pm-4pm
4/23	Saturday School

HBCU Tour

Our Young Warriors had a great time on the HBCU Tour. The experience was empowering and informative. The overall goal of this trip was to develop a partnership with a college tour company that can provide tailored college tours and cultural experiences for our boys. Shout Out to Principal Parker and the middle school team for partnering to make this experience take place for learners in grades 6-12. Having our Young Warriors visit a campus, eat at the "caf", talk with students, walk the "yard", and share a room with a roommate is something they will never forget!



Leadership Academy

The last day for LA is Thursday, March 31st. Learners will have Office Hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday during the week of April 4th due to Benchmark Testing. We will not have LA during the 4th quarter except for the Cycling Club, Garden Club, Stock Market Club, Yearbook club, Basketball and the School Play. Please click [HERE](#) to review our End of Year LA Letter for Parents. Learner not participating in the LAs listed above will have the opportunity to engage in Office Hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Staff will have meetings and professional development on Mondays and Thursdays.

Quarter 3 Closing

The 3rd Quarter is quickly coming to an end. The last day of the 3rd quarter is Friday, April 8th. Educators will stop collecting work on Friday, April 1st. Learners will take their Benchmark Assessments during the week on April 4th.

Student Spring Uniforms

Learners will be allowed to begin wearing the Spring uniform starting Monday, April 4th. 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 4th.

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Optional Survey for Muslim Learners

A survey was sent out to learners last week to determine who would be participating in the Muslim holiday, Ramadan, so that we could effectively provide space for learners during their sacred time of day. If your child is Muslim and has not completed the survey, please urge them to do so as soon as possible.

BL Spirit Student Dress Down Day

On Friday, April 1st, we will have a BL Spirit Dress Down day. Learners can purchase a student-designed BL t-shirt using their Kickboard Dollars from the front desk. They will be able to wear any BL appropriate attire during the dress down day.

Career Day

Career Day will take place on Friday, June 3rd.

College Week

College Week will take place from May 2nd to May 6th. During that week, the College Advising Office will facilitate activities related to the college-going process while bringing in speakers throughout the week.

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

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 so that we can effectively address them. If you have further concerns, you may email me directly at cuthman-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

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

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

Contact: Email: philwp@gse.upenn.edu - Phone: 215-898-1919 Web: philwp.gse.upenn.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.

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.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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