

The Ledger

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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.

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

Warriors of the Week

9th Grade – Makih H: “Makih is a wonderful presence in the classroom! He does his work dutifully and always asks questions. He is an efficient worker who knows himself and his strengths. He helps create an atmosphere of learning and encourages his brothers to be the best version of themselves by his steady presence.”

10th Grade – Aaron T: “Aaron Turner is a very dedicated student. Always making sure his work is completed and his grades stay where he wants them. But more importantly he is the embodiment of Brotherhood, Aaron supports his fellow students whenever he can. He never says a bad word about his classmates and helps cheer on and support his peers during eSports.”

11th Grade – Nasir P: “Nasir is a force for good in the classroom. His calm, quiet, focused presence in class helps set the tone for a classroom. His scholarly nature helps him not only succeed in class but also truly learn and absorb all that is presented to him. He has a gentle strength that draws others in and inspire them. Nasir also was one of the top 15 students to complete the Latin Pledge this year. He is a true gem!”

****12th Grade – Antonio V:** “Antonio is a good student and a great brother to his friends. He is diligent and thorough and tries his best in class. Antonio is quick to congratulate or cheer on a classmate, works hard as TA, and works even harder on the track team where he never takes a rep off and is a strong student leader. Antonio looks out for those who need help, cares deeply about his friends and family, and is a wonderful expression of the value of brotherhood.”

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

- Jamal P Virginia Union University
- Tony R Universal Technical Institute
- Mark M Dartmouth College
- Jaurice B University of Pennsylvania
- Nasir N University of Pennsylvania
- Antoine G Stetson University
- Antoine G Barry University

Important Dates	
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

1:30pm Early Dismissal & Professional Development

Tomorrow is a 1:30 Early dismissal. Staff will participate in PD in the afternoon related to Keystone Testing and Supporting Learners with IEPs. We have ordered pizza for staff, and it will be available starting at 1:30pm.

Office Hours

Learners will have Office Hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday this week.

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. Learners will take their Benchmark Assessments this week.

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. The maroon polo shirts can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara.

Good Citizen Day

5 juniors will be participating in Good Citizen Day at the Union League this Wednesday. Andrew Walker-Matthews, Robert Teemer, Amir Nutter-Smith, De'jon Carter, Mujahid Mattenn were selected by their educators to be this year's nominees. Good Citizen Day is dedicated to inspiring and educating our future leaders, about the fundamental tenants of our constitution, and about the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. On Good Citizen Day students explore the Constitution and debate the legality of current issues. In the afternoon students participate in three unique programs to experience three branches of local government – Executive, Judicial and Legislative. The evening program is back at the League for a celebratory awards banquet where students are formally presented with their Good Citizenship Award, a three-part award with a medal, certificate and prize.

The program's mission is to recognize, celebrate and educate students from the Greater Philadelphia region to be engaged and responsible citizens, to create leaders of tomorrow.

Optional Survey for Muslim Learners

Learners who are practicing Ramadan will be offered a space to pray during the required time and a space to utilize during lunch time. Click

Temple University Summer Student Job Information Session

Join Temple University for a free **Youth and Pre-College Programs Info Session** to learn about programs at Temple University that can help prepare our boys for the next level of their education and career. Click [HERE](#) for more information on this paid experience for our learners

Cobbs Creek Rebuilding Meeting

Cobbs Creek Environmental Center & Cobbs Creek/Johnny Sample Recreation Center have been selected as a Rebuild Site! This is a Family Friendly Event that will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:00PM - 7:30PM @ Laura Sims Skate House located at 210 Cobbs Creek Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19139. Click [HERE](#) to view the flier

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11th Grade SAT Registration

This is a reminder that all 11th grade students will be expected to take the SAT on May 7, 2022. A few weeks ago, a fee waiver verification form was sent home by your students to be completed. This simple form shouldn't take any longer than 2 minutes to complete and sign. Based on your response on the form, your child may be eligible to take the SAT for free by obtaining a fee waiver. Without this form being completed, however, you may have to pay the registration fee for the SAT.

All this week, the college counseling team will be pulling students to assist them with the SAT registration process. Please be sure to send this completed form to the school by your child, so we can ensure that they get registered on time.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Bonner or Ms. Chance in the College Counseling department. Click [HERE](#) to access a copy of the Fee Waiver

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>

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!

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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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