

# The Ledger

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Family Edition Vol. IX



Greetings Warrior Nation,  
Please check out this week's Ledger for all upcoming announcements.

Boys' Latin Key Dates	
October 10	Indigenous Peoples' Day (No School)
October 11	Virtual BL Town Hall
October 12	PSAT Testing for 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade (No School for 9 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> )
October 14	Homecoming Day & Game (1:30pm Early Release)
October 15	Homecoming Kickback (4pm-7pm)
October 15	Senior Portraits

### Indigenous Peoples' Day

There will be no school tomorrow, Monday 10/10 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

### Virtual BL Town Hall

In light of the lockdown that took place the other week, we would like to hold a virtual town hall meeting to expound on what took place at both schools and allow for families to ask any clarifying questions. In order to access the session, you will be asked to register/sign-in and then the link will be shared with you. Please see information below for day and time.

**When: Tuesday Oct 11, 2022 05:30 PM**

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMkd-2rqDgqH9C11iwZhrwxmXJb9WG2oKhy>

### PSAT Testing

Learners in grades 10 and 11 will be participating in PSAT testing on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Grades 10 & 11 learners will report to school at 8:00 am and will conclude their day by 1:30 pm. The PSAT is an important test which is used to determine National Merit Scholars, award future merit scholarships, and it also better prepares learners for the SAT assessment which they will need to gain entrance into many academic institutions. Please speak to your child about the assessment and the importance of taking it seriously. Any 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grader arriving after 9am will NOT be able to test on Wednesday, 10/12.

Grades 9 & 12 will NOT report to the building on Wednesday 10/12. They will remain home and complete asynchronous virtual lessons.

### Senior Portraits

Boys' Latin Senior Portrait Day is scheduled for October 15, 2022. Portraits will be taken from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. There is a \$25 sitting fee and that can be paid when you make the appointment. Please contact Ms. Bennett at [dbennett@boyslatin.org](mailto:dbennett@boyslatin.org) for any questions.

### Homecoming Week

Homecoming will take place on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Learners will have a BL Spirit Dress Down Day where they will be allowed to wear any BL attire. Our Homecoming football game will begin at 3:00 pm. Our learners will be dismissed at 1:30 pm so that they can attend the early scheduled game for safety measures.

The Homecoming Kickback will take place Saturday from 4pm-7pm at the High School.

## 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.

### School Uniform

Effective October 3<sup>rd</sup> learners MUST be in FULL winter uniform. The winter uniform can be purchased at [Flynn O'Hara](#) online or in-stores and consists of:

- Khaki Poly/Cotton Men's Pants
- Blue Long Sleeve Button-down Collared Shirt
- Navy Polyester Blazer with School Logo
- Black Leather Belt
- Maroon/Navy Striped Tie
- Black Leather Men's Dress Shoes (no sneakers or boots)
- Black Socks

**\*\*Please note that learners must be in full uniform. If your family is experiencing a hardship, please contact our School Counselor, Dr. Washington, so that we can best support your family at [nwashington@boyslatin.org](mailto:nwashington@boyslatin.org). Additionally, due to warm temperatures, Warriors may substitute the top-half of the uniform with the Maroon Short Sleeve Collared Shirt with the School Logo until October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### COVID-19 Protocol

- At Boys' Latin, face masks are optional. The school has a limited supply of face masks available for students. If a student wishes or needs to wear a face mask and forgot their face mask at home, they may request a face mask from the school administrative assistant or nurse.
- If your student is experiencing one or more COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home from school and seek testing.
- If your student develops one or more COVID-19 symptoms at school, your student will be sent home from school with an over-the-counter COVID-19 test to take at home.
- *If your student has had a close contact exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual, your student does not need to quarantine, but rather wear a mask for 10 days following the close contact exposure.* Testing is also recommended within 48 hours of the close contact exposure and again five days following the close contact exposure. Students may request an over-the-counter COVID-19 test from the school nurse to take at home.
- If your student tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate for 10 days. Please notify the school and the school will send you detailed isolation instructions.
- The school offers weekly screening testing as an extra precaution at high transmission levels in the community for students and employees who participate in high-risk activities such as close contact sports, band, choir, and theater. If your student participates in one of these activities and you would like to opt into the school's weekly screening testing program, please use the link and access code below to register. If you need to provide consent for more than one student, please complete the process once for each student.
  - Link: <https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent/>
  - Access Code: 5501CEDAR
- Please click [here](#) to learn more about the Philadelphia Department of Public Health ("PDPH") COVID-19 guidelines for schools.
- Please click [here](#) to review the school's health and safety plan.

### Student Attendance

It is imperative that your child reports to school each day on time. BL has an attendance policy aimed at maximizing student success. Please review the attached flier which details our attendance policy. We need your assistance in getting learners to school on time. Additionally, please note that learners will receive a detention after 3 school tardies. All excused notes should be sent to [frontofficehs@boyslatin.org](mailto:frontofficehs@boyslatin.org)

### Leadership Academy & Office Hours

This is a reminder that Leadership Academy is a graduation requirement. Each learner has been enrolled in a Leadership Academy which takes place twice a week. Learners are also encouraged to take advantage of Office Hours for classes that they need support in.

### Water Bottles

Please send your child with a water bottle to school so that they may refill them at the water stations.

### Student Laptops & Tech Support

Any learner need technical support should send an email to [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org). Our IT team will get back to learners in a timely manner to assist with all tech support.

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### **Extended Family Network (EFN)**

We are ecstatic to continue working alongside our families to create a dynamic educational experience for our Young Warriors. Working with the EFN, we can build a framework for the future and promote mutual understanding, cooperation, and communication among families, educators, and administrators. We can build a school culture that allows for special events, celebrations, and a strong support network. Together we can help create an atmosphere where learners feel excited to come to school and feel encouraged by their entire community. We cannot express how crucial it is to have our families involved in this endeavor.

**Please consider becoming an active member of this process.** Our Warriors deserve the BEST and our staff would greatly appreciate your support. If you are interested in having a role in building this network, please reach out to [efn.hs@boyslatin.org](mailto:efn.hs@boyslatin.org). We hope to connect with you soon and schedule our first planning meeting together.

### **Front Office Communication**

If you need to update any information or have any questions for our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Cina Girard, please email [frontofficehs@boyslatin.org](mailto:frontofficehs@boyslatin.org) so that we can effectively address your questions. If you have further concerns, you may email me directly at [euthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org](mailto:euthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org)

### **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!

### **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.

Best,



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