

The Ledger

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

Warriors of the Week

Each week, staff will nominate learners for Warrior of the Week who exemplify our three core values of Brotherhood, Integrity, and Scholarship. Our first awardees are:

9th- Najee Mitchum: Najee is the definition of a student-athlete! He works tirelessly in Latin to be at the top of the class. He assists students around him when his brothers are confused, and he is always willing to participate with his high level of active engagement. He is someone that holds himself and others accountable for maintaining safe spaces — we celebrate this young king Najee.

****10th- Kisheen Smith:** Kisheen Smith is an added value to the BL community. He is a hardworking and intelligent student. Kisheen is funny and clever. His charisma transforms the spaces that he enters in a positive way. Kisheen brings joy to the BL community.

11th- Jalin Lloyd: Jalin Lloyd is a model BL warrior. He is the epitome of a scholar athlete. Jalin exhibits excellence both in the classroom and on the field. He is an inquisitive and thoughtful student who enjoys helping others to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

12th- Kenneth Eubanks: Kenneth is a leader and an individual. He has integrity and is always encouraging others to do the right thing. He is a representative of academic excellence and has a promising academic future.

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

Boys' Latin Key Dates

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October 24	Monday 2PM Early Dismissal (Office Hours)
October 25 & 26	Benchmark Assessments
October 28	HS Picture Day
October 28	Last Day of RP1 (1 st Marking Period)
October 31	First Day of RP2 (2 nd Marking Period)

News & Announcements

Benchmark Testing

Benchmarks will take place on Tuesday, 10/25 and Wednesday 10/26. Benchmark assessments are an opportunity for learners to demonstrate what they have learned during the marking period. Learners will take period 1 & 2 benchmarks on Tuesday 10/25 and periods 3 & 4 benchmarks on Wednesday 10/26. Please see the attached testing schedule.

No LA for Week of 10/24

LA is cancelled for this week due to Benchmarks. Educators will provide Office Hours each day. Learners may stay for Office Hours on Monday from 2:00-2:45pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:20-4:00pm.

Quarter 1 Closing

The last day of the RP1 is Friday, October 28th. Educators will stop accepting assignments for RP1 on Monday, October 24th to give them time to finalize grades and grade Benchmarks assessments.

Kickboard Incentive

Kickboard is our behavioral merit and demerit platform used to support our school culture. Learners earn dollars through meeting and exceeding schoolwide expectations. The top 10 Kickboard earners from each grade for the month of October will be taken to see Wakanda Forever on November 18th!

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.

Use of Lockers

During our town hall with families, we discussed methods to continue supporting student safety. Metal detectors were suggested but we have elected not to move in that direction due to several factors including the mental health of our learners upon entering the building. In order to continue to support student safety, this is a reminder that we are going to transition to having all learners keep their backpacks and outer wear in their lockers. Starting on Monday, all learners must keep their backpacks in their lockers. Learners will be expected to hold their laptop and binder/notebook for their first two periods and can then go to their lockers prior to their third period class. We understand this may cause an inconvenience, but we hope you understand our effort towards ensuring student safety while considering the mental health of all learners during morning entrance.

To accommodate the shift, learners will be allowed to use a trapper keeper and we'll be purchasing clear backpacks for any learner interested in using a clear bag. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Picture Day

The HS will have picture day on Friday, October 28th. Learners will be called during their 1st period classes to take their professional pictures. Families interested in purchasing the pictures will receive a proof at which point they'll be able to purchase the pictures. All pictures will be used for student IDs and the yearbook.

PowerSchool & Kickboard Utilization

1. Please be sure to check your learners' grades on PowerSchool to see any assignments they need to make-up. We recommend doing this on a weekly basis as educators update grades every week.

2. Please check Kickboard to see how your learner is being celebrated or corrected throughout the week. When learners receive 6 corrective behaviors in one week a student will receive a detention

3. If you need login information for your student, please email support@boyslatin.org

Student Laptops & Tech Support

All students and families must submit all technology related (laptop, passwords, chargers login information) issues/ requests to support@boyslatin.org.

In-Person technology support is available to learners during their lunch period on *Tuesdays & Thursdays*. Our IT specialist can be found in room 311

All learners and their parents have received the *One-to-One Laptop Program Policy* and signed the *One-to-One Laptop Program Agreement*. This means all learners and their parents are accountable to the policy. Students must report damage, issues, and concerns related to their school-issued device (Chromebook and Chromebook charger) to the Technology Department within one school day. **Damage due to negligence as well as loss or theft of a school-issued device is the responsibility of the student and their parent. The fee for a lost or stolen Chromebook is \$300.00** and the fee for a lost or stolen Chromebook charger is \$45.00. In the event a school-issued device is stolen, if the student or parent report of the incident is deemed credible, the school will replace the device at no charge to the student or parent. Damage due to negligence or loss of a school-issued device are level two or level three violations of the school's *Code of Conduct*

School Uniform

Effective October 3rd learners MUST be in FULL winter uniform. The winter uniform can be purchased at [Elynn O'Hara](http://ElynnO'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. 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 3rd.**

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

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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.

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. 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 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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