

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,
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- Isaac C: Isaac is a hard worker who cares about his grades and about doing well. He continues to show up and show out each day!

10th- Nasieer C: Nasieer is a stellar student with impeccable character. He enters classrooms with a smile and is always ready and eager to learn. Mr. Carroll is among the most improved students in his Music class, which speaks to his academic ability and determination.

11th- Jayden O: Jayden is consistently striving to achieve his goals. He is a hardworking and intelligent student. Jayden is self-motivated and determined to perform well in all of his courses.

****12th- Alfred S:** Alfred is a scholar and academic. His deep critical thinking, comprehension, and writing skills has earned him high marks in his courses. He is a beautiful writer that captures the attention of his audience. Alfred solves common student dilemmas with self-advocacy and eloquence.

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

Boys' Latin Key Dates	
November 7	12 th Grade Summit & Monday 2PM Early Dismissal (Staff PD)
November 7	Virtual Report Card Conferences (3pm-7pm)
November 8	Election Day (REGULAR SCHOOL DAY FOR ALL, No LA)
November 11	Veteran's Day (Schools Closed)
November 17 (6pm)	BL School Play: Too Much Light Makes The Baby Blind
November 18 (6pm)	
November 19 (2pm)	
November 17	October Kickboard Incentive: Trip to Watch Wakanda Forever
November 18	No In-Person School: Virtual Asynchronous Day for Learners (PD for Staff)
November 19	Saturday School (9am-12pm)
November 20	Afternoon of Gratitude Free Haircuts for Thanksgiving and Food Baskets for Families

News & Announcements

Thanksgiving Free Haircuts & Food Baskets

Boys' Latin of Philadelphia has partnered with the non-profit organization [Barbers Who Care](#) to provide resources and support to the Boy's Latin community. This Thanksgiving, Barbers Who Care will be providing an **Afternoon of Gratitude for Boys' Latin Families**. Barbers will be present at the Middle School Campus to provide free haircuts to middle school and high school students so they can have a fresh cut for the holiday! Barbers Who Care will also be giving away Thanksgiving Baskets to families.

These services will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Please sign-up via the link below for a haircut, Thanksgiving basket or both at your earliest convenience. This opportunity is for both middle and high school students.

[Barbers Who Care Sign-up](#)

Election Day

This is a reminder that we will have a full day of school on Tuesday, 11/8 (except LA will be cancelled). Learners have No School on Friday 11/11 and have a Virtual Asynchronous Day on Friday 11/18.

Report Cards Virtual Report Card Conferences

Report Cards were emailed to all families. We will host Virtual Parent Conferences on Monday 11/7 from 3pm-7pm. Families will be able to schedule a meeting with their child's seminar educator or any educator for which their child is failing the class. A link to sign-up for Report Card Conferences will be emailed along with the report cards.

To sign up for a conference, follow these steps:

1. Go to https://ptcfast.com/schools/Boys_Latin_of_Philadelphia_High_School
2. Click on the conference for your student's advisor or any educator that you'd like to meet for which your child received a failing grade.
3. Fill out the registration information with your student's name, your name, and your email address. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to complete the registration process.
4. Click on the link from the confirmation email and select an available time slot.

All conferences will be held via Zoom. After selecting a conference time, you will be directed to a confirmation page that displays the conference Zoom information. You will also receive an email with the conference Zoom information. Please make sure your Zoom account displays the full name you used to schedule the conference. Please arrive to the conference on time. If you are running late or miss your conference, email your student's advisor to reschedule. Please do not hesitate to email your student's teacher with any questions or concerns.

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. 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've purchased clear backpacks for any learner interested in using a clear bag. We will also have armed security that will surveil the perimeter of our campus after school and during sporting events. Lastly, we'll be conducting randomized backpack checks throughout the school year. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Principal Uthman-Olukokun. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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*

REPEATED WEEKLY REMINDERS

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.

School Uniform

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

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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