

# PARENT LEDGER

## VOLUME VI

Greetings Warrior Parents and Guardians,

There are many important details listed below please read carefully.

### Important Dates

**Students Dismiss at 2PM Every Monday**

**11/11 No School Veteran's Day**

**11/14 RP1 Kickboard Incentive Field Trip Wakanda Forever**

**11/18 Professional Development Day(No School for Students)**

**Important Information and Resources about Boys' Latin Middle School can be found on our school website at [Boys' Latin for Families](#) under Important Information.**

School Phone: 215-387-5149 Ext 1

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IG Handle: @BoysLatinofPhiladelphia

**11/20 Afternoon of Gratitude Free Haircuts for Thanksgiving and Food Baskets for Families**

**1-4PM**

**ATTENTION 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: You do not need to submit an application for the 2023 school year. All Boys' Latin Middle School students who successfully complete eighth grade are automatically enrolled in ninth grade at Boys' Latin High School.**

Twitter Handle: @BoysLatinCs

Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin](http://www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin)

[www.Facebook.com/BoysLatinofPhilaEFN](http://www.Facebook.com/BoysLatinofPhilaEFN)

**Weekly Highlights**

**Fairmount Water Works Field Trip**

Select 7<sup>th</sup> Graders had the opportunity to attend a field trip to the Fairmount Water Works. During Report Period One, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students read *A Long Walk to Water* which focuses on water conditions in South Sudan, Africa. On the field trip students were able to engage in a lesson called We Drink the Water and learn about the importance of the Schuylkill River and its impact on Philadelphia residents and wildlife.

**Education for  
Youth  
Experiencing  
Homelessnes  
s Awareness  
Week**

**Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Awareness Week ~ Nov 14-18, 2022**

**Monday, November 14th** - Our school-wide **Sock Drive** is extended until Thursday, 11/17. Donations will be made to a nearby men's shelter by the end of the week.

**Tuesday, November 15th - Fact & Snacks:** For the first 50 students who attend school will be given a snack with additional facts on homelessness among youth.

**Wednesday, November 16th - Pledge to Help End Homelessness:** Students and staff will have an opportunity to make pledges to raise more awareness on homelessness by signing pledges, which will be posted on a bulletin board.

**Thursday, November 17th - Red Shirt Day:** Everyone in our BLMS community is encouraged to wear a red shirt in solidarity of the cause so that we are unified as a school. Students are **ONLY** allowed to wear red shirts, and must have on uniform bottoms and shoes.

5. **Saturday, November 19th - Hub of Hope Community Service** Opportunity for the first (10) 8th grade students who signs up with Ms. Nicolas with returned permission slips.

### Afternoon of Gratitude

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.

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.

[Barbers Who Care Sign-up](#)



## Chat rooms and other platforms

Please talk with your warrior about participating in online group chats ( Discord, Instagram, etc.) There have been some instances of students engaging in inappropriate conversations about each other and staff on these platforms. We have worked to disable many of these platforms on school laptops. Some students have been using Boys' Latin laptops to engage in these conversations. Per our laptop acceptable use policy:

- Hate mail, chain letters, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited on the network.
- The unauthorized installation of any software, including shareware and freeware, for use on Boys' Latin computers is prohibited.
- Use of the network to access or process pornographic material, inappropriate text files (as determined by the Technology department), or files dangerous to the integrity of the local area network is prohibited.
- Boys' Latin's network may not be used for downloading entertainment software or other files not related to the mission and objectives of Boys' Latin for transfer to a user's home computer, personal computer, or other media. This prohibition pertains to freeware, shareware, copyrighted commercial and non-commercial software, and all other forms of software and files not directly related to the instructional and administrative purposes of Boys' Latin.

If students violate this policy, then students will be suspended or put up for expulsion. Please talk with your warrior about the academic or legal consequences that they may have to deal with if they engage in this behavior.

## Using PowerSchool and Kickboard

1. **Please be sure to check your students' grades on PowerSchool to see any assignments they need to make-up. We recommend doing this on a weekly basis as teachers update grades every week.**
2. Please check Kickboard to see how your student is being celebrated or corrected throughout the week. When students 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](mailto:support@boyslatin.org)

Top  
KickBoard  
Earners for  
October

Top Kickboard Earners for the month of October

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jasier Williams \$392

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Trei Jones \$428

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Anthony Etumnu \$760

Technology  
Updates

1. All students and families must submit all technology related(laptop, passwords, chargers login information) issues/ requests to [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org).
2. In-Person technology support is available to students during their lunch period on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Out IT specialist is available to middle school students on the stage in the dining hall during each lunch period.
3. All students and their parents have received the *One-to-One Laptop Program Policy* and signed the *One-to-One Laptop Program Agreement*. This means all students 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*

6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Gym for RP2

Gym Uniform

This year students will have the **option** to wear gym uniforms. Gym uniforms can only be worn by students who will be taking gym. **During Report Period 2 Sixth grade students will be the ONLY students taking gym, therefore only 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to wear Boys' Latin Gym uniforms.**

**If students do not purchase the gym uniform, they can only wear their normal school uniform.**

The Boys' Latin Gym Uniform can be purchased at [Flynn O'Hara](#)

## REPEATED REMINDERS

- A. Uniforms
- B. Ways to Support Your Warrior
- C. Student Attendance and Weekly Reminders
- D. Dismissal
- E. Extended Family Network(EFN)

### The Man Box

Please join us in helping dismantle the Man Box and redefining what manhood is. To learn more about the Man Box please check out this [video](#) and website [A Call to Men](#)

Each report period, each grade will focus on dismantling a stereotype in the man box and focus on exemplifying the behaviors that boys/men should exemplify.



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**Winter  
Uniforms**

**Starting October 11<sup>th</sup> students MUST be in FULL winter uniform.**

Please **see image below** as an example of the full winter uniform

Items can be purchased at [Flynn O'Hara](#) online or in-stores

**Blue Oxford Shirt**

**Stripped Tie**

**Boys' Latin V-neck Sweater**

**Khaki Pants**

**Black Belt**

**All Black Shoes( No sneakers or boots)**

**Quick Ways  
to Support  
Your Warrior**

**1. Locker Support**

Many of our warriors need practice opening their lockers. Please have your warrior practice opening a combination lock by using the following link [Combination Lock Practice](#). You can practice directly on a cell phone.

**2. Laptop Charging**

Please make sure your warriors' laptop is charged each night and they bring it to school everyday.

**3. Make sure your warrior brings their ID every morning for attendance purposes.**

If your warrior did not get their picture taken or lost their ID they can see our IT specialist on Tuesday and Thursday during their lunch period.

**Student Attendance and Early Dismissal**

**Arriving on Time**

Students are late if they arrive after **7:59AM**. It is imperative that students arrive before 8AM so they can get to class on time. **If students arrive after 7:59 they must enter through the Visitor Main Entrance.** You can always see your students' attendance on PowerSchool.

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**Early Dismissals**

Students are **NOT** allowed to be dismissed by phone or email. Only a parent or an emergency contact can pick-up a student for an early dismissal.

**All early dismissals must occur before 2:30PM.**

**Dismissal**

**Please do not double park your car on Callowhill Street.** 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.

**Boys' Latin Extended Family Network**

**Extended Family Network at the middle school. Extended Family Network is like a home and school association.** Together we can build a framework for the future and promote mutual understanding, cooperation, and communication among families, teachers, 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 students feel excited to come to school and feel encouraged by their entire community. I cannot express how crucial it is to have our families involved in this endeavor.

**Please consider becoming an active member of Boys' Latin Extended Family network.** 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 send an email to [efn.ms@boyslatin.org](mailto:efn.ms@boyslatin.org) expressing your interest to partner with the network.