

# The Ledger

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

### 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 41 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

Nykeem T.	Penn State University Park & Eastern University
Robert T.	Alvernia University, Arcadia University, & Albright University
Khaleem Lackey	La Salle University
Javon Edmunds	Ursinus College
Angelo Farabelli	University of Oregon
Andrew Walker-Matthews	Michigan Tech

### 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- Rowen Campbell:** Rowan Campbell is a quiet storm. He is someone who consistently gets his work done. He often stays after school during office hours to receive extra help and organize the classroom. Rowan is a student that demonstrates a willingness to learn and push himself with new content.

**10th- RJ Boyd:** RJ demonstrates the BL principle of scholarship with his amazing work inside of the classroom absolutely killing it with his grades and high GPA. He demonstrates the principle of integrity by doing what is right even when no one is looking. He demonstrates the principle of brotherhood by always being kind to his peers and to the staff. He is witty and a wonderful asset to the BL community!

**11th- Mekhi Bodie:** Mekhi is responsible and trustworthy. He is always willing to help his peers and teachers at BL. Mekhi is a supportive friend and is often seen uplifting and encouraging others. We are excited about Mekhi's accomplishments and potential.

**\*\*12th- Javon Edmonds:** Javon is a stellar student! He always puts his maximum effort toward completing his assignments. Javon is a master note taker, and often writes pages and pages of notes during class lectures. He is always engaged, and consistently outworks his peers. Javon doesn't believe in excuses, and consistently performs at the highest level. Javon is an example of dedicated scholarship in the BL community.

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

### 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.

### Boys' Latin Key Dates

December 12	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Summit & Advisory
December 14	EF Tour Rome & Athens Info Meeting (6pm via Zoom)
December 16	Dress Down Day or Students
December 17- January 3	Winter Break
January 3	BL Network PD (No School for Learners)
January 4	Learners Return
January 10-12	Keystone Testing (In-person school only for test takers; asynchronous day for none testers)
January 13 & 17	Keystone Testing Make-Ups
January 16	MLK Day (No School)
January 18-20	Final Exams
January 20	Last Day of Quarter 2 (Semester 1)

### News & Announcements

#### Summit & Advisory

10<sup>th</sup> grade will have their summit today while all other grades have advisory.

#### Holiday Drive

BL High School will host a holiday gift and uniform drive to support our community. Clothing (socks, pants, and etc) school materials, uniform pieced (new or lightly worn) can be brought to school this week in order to support families from BL high school, BL middle school, and/or local shelters. A large box will be placed near the entrance so students and families can drop off items throughout the week. We will work with our counseling and social worker teams to identify families that we'll be supporting. Additional items will be delivered to local shelters.

We thank you all for your continued support of our BL learners and school community!

#### Technology Message from IT Team

*Please see the message below that was sent to all learners from the IT team.*

Learners are all responsible for the equipment Boys' Latin provides for us. Learners should not leave their Chromebooks or AC adapters laying around unattended. If they are lost, the learner and their family are responsible for replacing it.

If a Chromebook is lost, please let us know ASAP by email at [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org). Do not wait a day, a week, a month to say something. When we are informed it is missing, we will check to see if we can locate it. If we cannot, you are responsible for replacing it. Do not take someone else's Chromebook because you lost yours. This is considered theft and will result in immediate disciplinary action.

To purchase a new Chromebook you will need to go to the [Boys Latin web site](#) (under Families --> Important Information --> Chromebook Fees) and choose the option for "Lost/Stolen Chromebook". Thanks for your time.

Technology Department

#### Holiday Break

Friday 12/16 is the last day before the holiday break. Learners will not have school from 12/17-1/3. Learners will return on January 4<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to use preventative measures to minimize potential COVID outbreaks, all learners will be handed a take-home COVID test that can be utilized before coming back from break. The test will NOT be administered in school; it will simply be given to students to take home. Test will be given out during last period on 12/15 & 12/16.

#### Dress Down Day

Learners will have a dress down day on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Learners may wear any appropriate attire.

#### Educational Travel Experience to Rome & Athens in Summer of 2024

Your student is invited to join us on an upcoming educational travel experience to **Rome and Athens in Summer 2024!**

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and I would love to have your student join me on this adventure. Come hear all the details, including the itinerary, activities, academic opportunities, the cost of the trip and EF's risk-free enrollment period at our enrollment meeting on **December 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM**. The meeting location is **going to be on Zoom**. **You must RSVP to get the meeting link!**

Please click here to register for the meeting ASAP to save your seat: <https://bit.ly/3u9lFdB>. There are limited spots on this trip, so we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

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## Parent Notification of Title I Right to Know Professional Qualifications

Please see the attached letter

## Keystone Testing

Keystone Testing will take place on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>. Make-Ups will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The families of all learners that must take the winter Keystone have been contacted via email. Taking the Keystone Exam is a requirement for all learners within the state of PA.

Please note that only learners taking the assessment will report on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and/or 12<sup>th</sup>. If your child is not slated to take the exam, they will remain home and have an asynchronous day.

## **REPEATED WEEKLY REMINDERS**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

### 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 [frontofficechs@boyslatin.org](mailto:frontofficechs@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.

### 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](http://FlynnO'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>.**

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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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