

# The Ledger

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Greetings Warrior Nation,  
Happy Monday! Please check out this week's news and announcements listed below.

### News & Announcements

#### **Boys' Latin Key Dates**

February 20	President's Day (No School) <i>Blackout Dates: 2/17 and 2/21</i>
February 22-24	MAP Testing for Grades 9-11
February 24	BHM Harambee Concert
February 25	Saturday School
March 6 & 7	Staff Professional Development (No School for Students)
March 9	Boys' Latin United Mother/Son Sultan Fans (Dance)

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

- Christopher T. University of Mississippi, Cheyney University, & Mississippi State University
- Kenneth B. Rosemont College & University of Susquehanna
- Taliq J. Lincoln University of PA & Cheyney University
- Amir N.S. University of Pittsburgh & University of Arizona
- Taisir P. Cheyney University
- Nykeem T. Cheyney University
- Barry A. Cairn University & Community College of Philadelphia
- Ammar T. Norfolk University & Cheyney University
- Xavier B. Arcadia University
- Malachi S. Shippensburg University
- Jamarr W. Bloomsburg University
- Adrian R. Hampton University
- De'Jon C. Cheyney University
- Brandon M. Community College of Philadelphia

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#### Tardiness

To help address student lateness we ask that all parents please talk to your learner about NOT going to the corner store after 7:50AM. A significant number of learners arrive late to the building because they go to the corner store to order food in the morning. I will be talking to surrounding stores to request that they don't serve our students after that time. We will also have a dean on 57<sup>th</sup> to support learners in getting to

#### MAP Testing

MAP Testing will take place this week for grades 9-11 from Wednesday to Friday. Please see the attached bell schedule for this week. Additionally, please remind your child to bring their computer to school with them each day.

## 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.

### Mother/Son Sultans Festa

Our Boys' Latin High School and Middle School Campuses will be hosting a Mother/Son Sultans Festa on March 9<sup>th</sup> for Mother's and/or Female mentors. This Sultans Festa (Latin for Dance Party) will be an opportunity for mothers or female mentors to come dance and be honored by their warriors. This is a semi-formal catered event. We have tickets available for the first 50 families to register from the high school and middle school. If you desire to attend, please click the link below and complete the registration. Once families register you will be sent a link for a \$25 payment. The first 100 families (50 from the high school and 50 middle school) to make a payment will receive a ticket. UPDATE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOTS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY BE SURE REGISTER

[Boys' Latin Mother/Son Sultans Festa Registration Link](#)

### Honors Convocation Awards Breakfast

Thank you to all of the families that came out to our first annual catered Honors Convocation Breakfast! It was a beautiful seeing our Young Warriors received their first and second honors certificates and pins in front of their families. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our Young Warrior's accomplishments!

### FY2024 Budget Parent/Family Focus Group Submission

The parents and families of middle school and high school students are invited to participate in a focus group session to inform the development of the school's budget for the 2023-24 school year. The session will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Boys' Latin Middle School, which is located at 344 N. Felton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139.

[By March 13, please RSVP for the session by completing the linked form.](#) If you are unable to attend, but still want to provide your input, please do so by completing the supplemental questions for nonparticipants in the linked form. We hope to see you there!

### Follow Up from 2/16 Incident

On Friday, we had police presence onsite and during dismissal. In collaboration with West Philadelphia HS, we were able to determine which learners played a role in the events that took place on Thursday. We are continuing to work with law enforcement to ensure that presence is present during dismissal. We are also working with West Philadelphia HS on methods to best address the rivalry in order to ensure such incidents do not happen again in the future. Administration will continue meeting with the families of all learners that were involved and addressing the matter appropriately.

## **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)

### 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

### 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)

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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 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>.**

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