

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 6	2pm Early Release (No Summit)
February 6-10	BL Spirit Week
February 10	Kickboard Incentive Skating Trip
February 13	Semester 1 Virtual Report Card Conferences (3pm-7pm)
February 14-16	MAP Testing for Grades 9-11
February 16	Honors Convocation Awards Breakfast
February 20	President's Day (No School)
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 77 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

- Navar R. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- Zamir H. Albright College
- Nykeem T. La Salle University
- Mushir L. Shippensburg University
- Hadir B. Community College of Philadelphia
- Nkemno O. Virginia State University
- Amir N.S. Virginia State University
- Miles D. Virginia State University
- De'Jon C. Virginia State University

News & Announcements

Report Cards & Virtual Report Card Conferences

Report Cards will be emailed to families starting Friday, February 3rd. Virtual Report Card Conferences will take place on Monday, February 13th from 3pm-7pm. Report Card Conferences are an opportunity for families to collaborate with educators to review student strengths and areas of growth. The link for the conferences will be shared with the report cards that are being emailed home.

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.

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.

BL Spirit Week

Spirit Week will take place this week! We look forward to seeing all of our learners participate in the following events:

Monday- Crazy Sock Day (learners should still wear the winter uniform)

Tuesday- Anything but a Backpack Day (learners should still wear the winter uniform)

Wednesday- Twin Day (learners may dress down and match another student or staff)

Thursday- BL Gear! (learners may dress down in BL gear or wear their winter uniform)

Friday- Historical Figure Look-a-like/Culture Wear (learners may dress like a historical figure, in cultural attire, or wear their winter uniform)

Honors Convocation Awards Breakfast

To honor the great work of our Young Warriors, we will host an Honors Convocation breakfast where families of learners that received 1st or 2nd Honors during the 2nd quarter will be invited for a catered lunch along where they will have the opportunity to witness their child get pinned with their honors pin. The event will take place on February 16th at 10am in the HS Dining Hall. Families will receive invitations starting on 2/8. We look forward to welcoming families to our building!

Final/Midterm Makeups

Finals and Midterm makeups will be conducted during the weeks of 1/30 and 2/6. Ms. Jones will facilitate makeup testing using the schedule below. Learners will be contacted directly based on the information that was shared by staff on the Makeup Exam tracker. A list of tested learners will be shared with all staff.

Monday 2/6- 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 2/7- 9:15am-11:15am

Wednesday 2/8- 9:15am-11:15am

Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives' Scholarship Program enhances educational opportunities for eligible students who reside in Pennsylvania. The program provides four-year scholarships to two high school seniors per year.

Please click the following link to review the scholarship opportunity!:

<https://www.tfec.org/scholarships/pahr/>

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

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. 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

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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](#) 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 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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