



## PARENT LEDGER

### VOLUME XXIV

**Greetings Warrior Parents and Guardians,**

There are many important details listed below please read carefully.

#### Important Dates

**5/15-5/19 Mental Health Awareness week**

**5/18 Spring Showcase 5:30-7:30**

**5/26 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Trip/ RP 4**

**Kickboard Parking Lot Party**

**5/29 Memorial Day( Building and Offices Closed)**

**6/1 Last Day for Students**

**6/2 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation**

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

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#### **Weekly Highlights**

#### Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to all the parents who showered our staff with messages, gifts and snacks for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to parents who made sure we had donuts and coffee just about every morning.



## Spring Showcase

Please join us this Thursday for our Spring Showcase. Students will have art on display and there will be a small talent show put on by students.



## Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health is an important part of children's overall health and well-being as it affects how children think, feel and act. It also plays a role in how children handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental disorders among children are described as serious changes in the way children typically learn, behave, or handle their emotions, causing distress and problems getting through the day." (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2023*).

When we think about our BL mission statement, this truly aligns with ensuring that our boys are not only prepared for college or other forms of higher education, but also for a better quality of life based on the healthy choices we aspire for them to make in the world everyday!

**Please see the information below on the activities happening in our building next week:**

**MONDAY:** Snacks & Facts: The first 100 students attending school will earn a snack with a Mental Health (MH) fact attached.

**TUESDAY:** A Licensed Therapist, Andres Waters, will come and speak to a select group of students per grade. Students will be selected by staff.






**WEDNESDAY:** Conscious Conversation Podcast (8th Grade Edition) "How Can We Manage Our Mental Health?" ([SURVEYS DUE ON THIS DAY BY 10PM](#))

**THURSDAY:** The "I Wish" Station is an opportunity where students can share their views and opinions on what programs/services would be effective for young and older men today. Students will have an opportunity to record their thoughts and place them in a box anonymously!

**FRIDAY:** "Gloves Over Guns" presentation and demonstration with a select group of 30 students. Dress Down Day for those who completed the survey by Wednesday, May 17th and who received a wristband.

\* Surveys will be emailed to students by Monday, May 15th and are due by Wednesday, May 17th.

\* Mental Health Facts are posted throughout the school on laminated neon green paper.

MENTal Health Awareness Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snacks and Facts!	Mental Health Speaker w/ Andres Waters, LSW "Health is Wealth"	Conscious Conversations: Mental Health Among Men Podcast	"I wish" Station	MH Dress Down Day- complete survey by 5/17 to participate
				
Surveys due by Wednesday in order to dress down <b>May 15-19, 2023</b>				

### Spring Uniform Shirts

Warriors can begin wearing Spring uniform shirts. Warriors can continue wearing their winter uniform if they like. Students can only wear the Spring Polo Shirt. Students are NOT allowed to wear the gym t-shirt.

Please be aware that students can still wear winter uniform when the temperature changes.

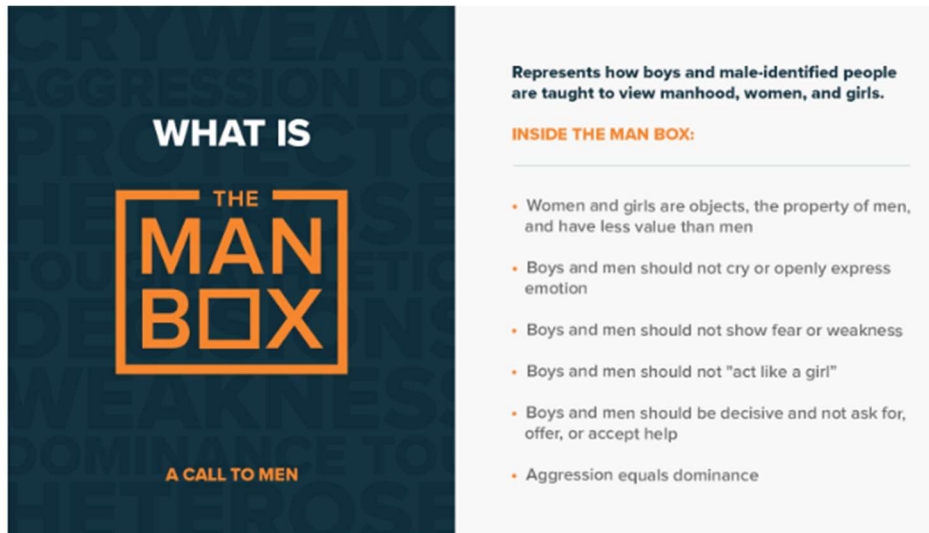
Dismissal and Community Horseplaying	<p>As the weather changes and our 6<sup>th</sup> and new 7<sup>th</sup> grade students get comfortable traveling home by themselves. Please have conversations with your warriors about how they conduct themselves in the community and traveling home. Neighbors have reached out about students horseplaying in the community and being boisterous and using profane language. These behaviors are not indicative of Boys' Latin Warriors. Please have conversations with your Warrior about who they are traveling home with and about being true to themselves and not following the crowd.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE while students are traveling home or coming to school, and they are engaging in behaviors that violate our code of conduct they will still receive school consequences.</b></p>
Purchasing Ties and Belts	<p><b>If your Warrior is in need of a tie or a belt you can purchase ties and adjustable black belts on our Boys' Latin Website.</b></p> <p>Ties: \$12</p> <p>Belts: \$5</p>
Technology Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All students and families must submit all technology related(laptop, passwords, chargers login information) issues/ requests to <a href="mailto:support@boyslatin.org">support@boyslatin.org</a>.</li> <li>2. In-Person technology support is available to students during their lunch period on <b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>. Out IT specialist is available to middle school students on the stage in the dining hall during each lunch period.</li> <li>3. All students and their parents have received the <i>One-to-One Laptop Program Policy</i> and signed the <i>One-to-One Laptop Program Agreement</i>. 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. <b>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</b> 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 <i>Code of Conduct</i></li> </ol>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REPEATED REMINDERS</b></p> <p>A. Uniforms</p> <p>B. Ways to Support Your Warrior</p> <p>C. Student Attendance and Weekly Reminders</p>

- 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.



### 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)

### 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.

**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.