



# Boys' Latin High School

# The Ledger

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## Boys' Latin of Philadelphia High School

### 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.

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Robert Fletcher

Greetings Warrior Nation,  
Happy Labor Day! Please check out this week's Ledger for all upcoming announcements. We look forward to a fantastic week 2!!

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??**

We had a great first week of school! Learners were welcomed back into our building by cheering BL staff on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday! Learners utilized orientation to refamiliarize themselves with our norms and expectations. They were then led into team building exercise before diving into course content in their respective classes last week. Shout Out to our football team which secured our first win of the season!

We also want to give a hugggggggeeeeeee Shout Out to one of our Warrior Moms, Ms. Kendra Coston, for creating and setting up balloon arches in the front and side doors to welcome our learners! Ms. Coston volunteered her time and we are truly grateful and appreciative of her contributions towards providing a warm welcome to our learners!

<u>Important Dates</u>	
September 4	Labor Day (Schools Closed)
September 11	Monday Student 2pm Early Dismissal (Staff Professional Development)
September 16	Saturday School 9am-12pm
September 18	Back to School Night (5:00pm-7:30pm)

### Saturday School

Our first Saturday School session will take place Saturday, 9/16 from 9am-12pm. Saturday school will be utilized to support learners who would like additional support, learners who are failing classes, and learners identified for the academic intervention.

### Back to School Night

Back to School Night will take place on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7:30pm. Back to School Night is a chance for families to meet their child's educators and to learn more about the ways that our school community supports each learner. More information to come.

### Leadership Academy

Leadership Academy (LA) will begin on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Learners will choose their LA this month. Leadership Academy will take place every Tuesday & Thursday from 3:20pm-4:00pm.

Office Hours will be offered every Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Office Hours are an opportunity to learners to get extra 1-on-1 or small group assistance from their educators after school. We encourage our Young Warriors to take advantage of the support.

### Laptops

NEW STUDENTS: All new learners will receive a school issued laptop. You must make a one-time \$25 payment via the online portal and read the 1:1 Laptop Agreement. The fee is \$25. Please click the link to make a payment link: <https://www.boyslatin.org/for-families/chromebook-fees>. Laptops will be delivered to students in class.

ALL RETURNING STUDENTS: If your Warrior's laptop was lost or stolen over the summer or during last school year, you must pay a \$300 replacement fee for your student to receive a laptop. Please click the link to make a payment: <https://www.boyslatin.org/for-families/chromebook-fees>

### Please Click Link if you need support or Payment Plan Options Available

*Over the next 2 weeks learners will need laptops to participate in important diagnostic testing. It is imperative that your warrior has a laptop next week. Learners may also bring their personal laptops, but please be aware that they are solely responsible for their device. The network WiFi password will be entered for learners using their personal laptops.*

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## Course Change Selection

Please see below for email that was shared with all learners earlier this week regarding course changes. Course changes will continue to take place this week and will conclude on Friday, **September 8, 2023**.

Good afternoon Young Warriors,

Welcome to SY2024 here at BL! We hope this year is filled with success as each of you get closer to meeting our mission of success in college and beyond!

You should have received your schedules earlier today. There will undoubtedly be conflicts that you may see in your schedule. To ensure that there is limited disruption, do not attempt to come to the office during or between classes. If you have a scheduling conflict or request please complete the add/drop request form [here](#). (Form link: <https://forms.gle/cMJrnH5y8zpZABfMA>). You will receive a confirmation email of your submission and an update on whether your schedule has been updated within 48 hours.

Thank you all for your patience in this matter.

## Water Bottle

Please ensure that your learner has a water bottle to fill up at the water stations each day. Water stations are located on each floor.

## Attendance

Each morning, the doors will open at 7:30am for learners to get breakfast before being dismissed to their lockers at 7:50am. Classes begin at 8am and learners are considered late at 8:03am. It is imperative that learners arrive to school before 8am in order to get to class on time. Educators will begin teaching promptly at 8:03am so please ensure that your learner does not miss any instruction. As outlined in our handbook, learners who miss more than 6 days in a quarter will automatically fail the course.

## Early Dismissals

All early dismissals must occur before 2:30PM.

## BL School Play Auditions

Auditions for the fall play will begin next week. This year's fall play is *Thoughts of a Colored Man* by Keenan Scott II, directed by Mr. Celeiro. This SLAM narrative is a contemporary viewpoint on the black male experience in America. Auditions will be Tuesday, September 5; Wednesday, September 6; and Thursday, September 7 directly after school in Room M3. Learners do not need to prepare anything, they will be reading from the script in their audition.

# REPEATED WEEKLY REMINDERS

## Supply List

The supply list below will assist families in ensuring that learners have the appropriate materials for their courses. Due to the robust course offerings, supply lists are tailored to course loads. Below are some suggested general supplies that you may purchase.

- 1-CLEAR bookbag (learners are only permitted to use a clear bookbag while in the building. All other bags must be left in their locker)
- 3- Composition or spiral books
- 6-2 pocket folders (various colors)
- 1 dozen sharpened pencils
- 1 dozen pens (black or blue)
- 1 3-inch Loose-leaf binder
- 2 packs of loose-leaf paper
- 1 box of reinforcements
- 1 pack of dividers
- TI-84 Plus CE (not required but highly encouraged)
- 1 Plastic or Metal Water Bottle or Canteen **(For Water Station)**

## Student Transportation

Eligible learners will receive a SEPTA Student Fare Card on the first day of school. The SEPTA Student Fare Card is a reusable chipped card used by students to board a SEPTA trolley, bus, or subway. Unlike the disposable weekly transpass, learners will be able to use the SEPTA Student Fare Card for the entire school year.

## Summer Reading

This is a reminder that all learners had a summer reading assignment this summer. Please review the attached flier for all details. Due to the delay in some families obtaining the list, the assignment will be due on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*9th graders completed an alternate assignment during Freshman Academy.

## Front Office Support

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 [euthmanolukokun@boyslatin.org](mailto:euthmanolukokun@boyslatin.org)

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### School Uniform

The official Boys' Latin High School uniform is purchased from Flynn & O'Hara located at 30 E. Baltimore Pike Clifton Heights, PA 19018 or online at [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com). Only purchases made from the official school uniform provider guarantees that the uniform is acceptable. The uniform policy will be fully enforced so it is imperative that families obtain the needed uniform pieces prior to the beginning of the school year.

The uniform will consist 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 Shoe **(NO sneakers, NO boots)**
- Black Socks

**\*\*This year, learners out of uniform will be sent home.** 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 2.

Please note that learners must be in full uniform. If your family is experiencing a hardship, please contact us at [climateculture@boyslatin.org](mailto:climateculture@boyslatin.org), so that we can best support your family.

### 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!

We will continue to share more information in the coming weeks to ensure you are all ready for a dynamic school start! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 215.387.5149. We look forward to seeing all of our Young Warriors during their respective orientation day!

Brotherly,



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