



# 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 Sunday! Please check out this week's Ledger for all upcoming announcements.

<u>Important Dates</u>	
September 18	Back to School Night (5:00pm-7:30pm)
September 18	Regular Monday 2pm Dismissal for Learners 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Summit during Capstone
September 25	Progress Reports Emailed To Families
September 30	Saturday School 9am-12pm
October 2	Q1 Virtual Progress Report Conferences
October 2	Winter Uniforms Begin

### Back to School Night

Back to School Night will take place tomorrow, 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, learn about curriculum and resources that your child will be engaging in this year, and to learn more about the ways that our school community supports each learner. We encourage all families to attend this event!

Upon arrival, families will check in at the main entrance and will be given their child's schedule. We will then follow the schedule below.

- 5pm-5:15pm 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Families & New Families Whole Group Presentation
- 5:15pm-6pm 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Families & New Family Parent Academy Breakout Sessions
- 6pm-6:15pm Returning Families Presentation
- 6:15pm-7:30pm All Families visit classrooms according to student schedule

\*Please be aware that educators will NOT be able to talk about a child's individual performance during back-to-school night.

### Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be emailed to all families on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports are meant to communicate your learner's current academic status in each class. Unlike previous years, we will conduct parent conferences during the midpoint of the academic quarter rather than at the end of the quarter. This will allow us to collaborate with you to provide necessary interventions to better support your child before the end of the marking period. Virtual Progress Report Conferences will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm-7pm. Links for families to sign up for conferences will be shared during the next Ledger.

### 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. As previously shared, if a learner misses 7 days within a academic quarter, they will receive a failing grade during that marking period. Additionally, learners will receive a detention for every three tardies to school. We understand that unforeseeable circumstances sometimes occur (hence the detention after the third occurrence) but it is imperative that learners attend school on time so that they do not fall behind in their first period class. We need your assistance in getting learners to school on time and ask that you speak with your child about the importance of attending each day, on time.

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.

All excused notes should be sent to [frontofficehs@boyslatin.org](mailto:frontofficehs@boyslatin.org)

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## Hug the Block Initiative

Community Activist Jamal Johnson and the gun violence prevention group, Philly Truce, will be Hugging the Block for 77 nights doing peace patrols all over the city. They will be doing a peace patrol at 60<sup>th</sup> and Market on 10/13 between 10PM and 4AM. Principal Uthman-Olukokun and Principal Parker will be attending to show solidarity and we extend an opportunity to parents. If you are interested in participating for at least 1-2 hours to show solidarity with community activists, please click [Hug The Block Sign-Up](#) to access the sign-up. You can see video clips below for more information about the initiative.

Hug The Block Initiative

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIXGSgxU96A>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm-CczNoqJs>

## Winter Uniform

Starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, all learners MUST be in FULL winter uniform.

The winter uniform consists of: Please see image below as an example of the full winter uniform

Items can be purchased at [Flynn O'Hara](#) online or in-stores

- 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)**

## 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>. **Additionally, we have a new program where learners may bring their own laptop and we will provide Wi-Fi access.**

[Please Click Link if you need support or Payment Plan Options Available](#)

## 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.

## Early Dismissals

All early dismissals must occur before 2:30PM. Additionally, in order for a learner to be dismissed early, they must either be picked up or/or written communication must be received by Mrs. Girard

# REPEATED WEEKLY REMINDERS

## Student Transportation

Eligible learners will receive a Septa KeyPass. The Septa KeyPass is a reusable chipped card used by students to board a SEPTA trolley, bus, or subway. If your child needs a SeptaKey, they should email Mrs. Girard at [frontdeskhs@boyslatin.org](mailto:frontdeskhs@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!

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!

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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.

### Front Office Support

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

Brotherly,



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