



# 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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Greetings Warrior Nation,  
Happy Sunday! Please check out this week's Ledger for all upcoming announcements.

Important Dates	
October 2	Q1 Virtual Progress Report Conferences (3-7pm)
October 2	Winter Uniforms Begin
October 3	Leadership Academy Begins
October 3	EFN Presents "Painting with a Purpose" 5:30-7pm
October 9	Indigenous People Day (NO SCHOOL)
October 11	SAT Testing for Seniors
October 14	Senior Portraits Saturday School
October 16-20	Homecoming Week
October 27	Schoolwide Picture Day

### Student Safety Protocols

On Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we conducted bag checks for all students as they entered the building. We are glad to report that no weapons were found on any learners. However, several vapes and smoking materials were found on a few learners. Schools throughout the city and country have seen an increase in learners utilizing vapes and other substances. Due to the low detectability of vapes, adolescents are utilizing the dangerous item more frequently. Aside for it being a suspendable offense, we urge our families to speak with your child about vaping, smoking, and the negative effects that it has on their bodies and minds. We are partnering with the Anti-Drug and Alcohol Crusaders, Inc (ADAC) to bring in services, sessions, and summits to our school community to address this matter.

Random schoolwide bag checks will continue to take place throughout the year to ensure student safety. We will also continue to implement clear backpacks while in the school building (learners may place their nonclear backpacks in their lockers upon arriving to school). Please assist us in keeping our learners safe.

### Virtual Progress Report Conferences

All families should have received progress reports. Progress Reports were pulled on Tuesday 9/26 but families can get the most updated grades by logging into PowerSchool. Educator update grades weekly by Mondays at 5pm. If you do not currently have access to PowerSchool, please send an email to [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org) to access your child's PowerSchool page.

Virtual Progress Report Conferences will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm-7pm. To sign up for a conference, follow these steps:

1. Go to [https://ptcfast.com/schools/Boys\\_Latin\\_of\\_Philadelphia\\_High\\_School](https://ptcfast.com/schools/Boys_Latin_of_Philadelphia_High_School)
2. Click on the conference for your student's educator that you'd like to meet for which your child is currently failing or needs further support.
3. Fill out the registration information with your student's name, your name, and your email address. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to complete the registration process.
4. Click on the link from the confirmation email and select an available time slot.

### Winter Uniform

**This is a reminder that Winter Uniforms begin tomorrow, Monday 10/2. 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)**

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### EFN Event

EFN and Cobbs Creek/TGR Foundation presents **Painting with a Purpose**. An evening where families are invited to utilize the empowerment that comes from art led by professionals.

- Date: Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Time 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- The event is limited to 50 individuals, please send rsvp to [efn.hs@boyslatin.org](mailto:efn.hs@boyslatin.org)

We look forward to seeing you all at the event!

### 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-CczNoqIs>

### Philadelphia Board of Education: Strategic Communications Plan

The Philadelphia Board of Education has partnered with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to develop a Strategic Communications Plan. A key part of this work is to hear from a wide range of voices, including students, teachers, staff, families, and administrators, to identify opportunities to improve the Board's overall communication to community members. As a part of this effort, PCG is administering an anonymous, community wide survey.

We encourage you to complete the survey: your input is valued and will inform the Board of Education's Strategic Communications Plan. Please be as honest as possible, your answers are confidential and key themes will be reported.

The survey link can be found [HERE](#) and will remain open until October 6, 2023.

### 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 take place on Wednesdays from 3:20-4:00pm

## 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)

### 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)

### 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](#)

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### 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.

### 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

### 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!

### 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.

### 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.**

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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