



**INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES'  
DAY**

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

<b>Important Dates</b>	
October 9	Indigenous People Day (NO SCHOOL)
October 11	SAT Testing for Seniors
October 13	Hug the Block Event
October 14	Senior Portraits Saturday School
October 16-20	Homecoming Week
October 20	Last Day to Accept RP1 Assignments
October 24 & 25	Midterm Exams 10/24- Periods 1 & 2 10/25- Periods 3 & 4
October 27	Schoolwide Picture Day
October 27	Last Day of RP1

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

*We want to send a hugeeeeeeee Shout Out to Michael S for being the first senior to be accepted to college this year! Michael was accepted to Chestnut Hill college and received a merit scholarship as well! Michael was acknowledged via our Morning Announcements, and he received his BL College Acceptance Tie! Mike, we're super proud of you and we look forward to celebrating the rest of our seniors' acceptances!*

*We also want to send a Shout Out to our football team 12<sup>th</sup> grade Warriors for assisting in getting the blow out win vs. KIPP HS. Our seniors were celebrated during our Senior Night game, and they showed up and showed out!*

### SAT Testing

SAT Testing will take place on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for all seniors. Testing will take place until 12:30pm. In order to ensure to create the proper testing environment for learners to focus and find success, we will utilize 5 classrooms on the third floor. This will allow us to shut down the entire hallway and will require certain classes to relocate. Please see below for the room relocations. Please share the room relocations with your Warrior.

<b>Educator</b>	<b>Room Relocations</b>			
	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 3</b>	<b>Period 4</b>
<b>Rufo (304)</b>	105	107	207	N/A
<b>Phillips (305)</b>	**	N/A	208	305
<b>Servrien (306)</b>	**	**	**	N/A
<b>C Stewart (307)</b>	206	N/A	206	307
<b>Connelly (308)</b>	303	N/A	303	308

\*\*denotes 12<sup>th</sup> grade class for which no relocation is needed

Please note seniors will be able to dress down on Wednesday to take their SATs. Seniors will also be dismissed after testing.

### RP1 Closes October 27<sup>th</sup>

The 1st Quarter is quickly coming to an end. Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day that learners can submit work for RP1. Midterm Exams will be administered during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> following the schedule below:

Tuesday 10/24- Midterm Exams for periods 1 & 2

Wednesday 10/25- Midterm Exams for periods 3 & 4

Thursday 10/26- Midterm Exam Make-ups (proper documentation needed)

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### Dress Down Day

We will have a dress down day tomorrow, Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for all learners who currently have above a 3.0 GPA and received zero negative Kickboard CBs last week. The list of eligible learners was shared via email with all learners on Saturday. Please have your child check their emails to see if they are eligible to participate. All other learners should be in full uniform.

### 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>

### 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 [frontofficechs@boyslatin.org](mailto:frontofficechs@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](#)

### 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

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### 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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