

Boys' Latin High School

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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 16-20	Homecoming Week
October 20	Last Day to Accept RP1 Assignments
October 20	Homecoming Kickback Dance 5:30-8pm
October 21	Homecoming Game
October 23	PSAT Testing for 10 th & 11 th Graders 1pm Early Dismissal (No school for 9 th Graders)
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
November 4	Senior Portraits SAT Testing for Registered Learners

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??

On Friday, October 13th, members of the BL school community participated in Hug the Block to spread awareness of the violence that continues to plague our city and negatively impact our learners' lives! We walked around the 60th block of Market starting at 10pm to hand out flyers and speak to members of the community while engaging in chants and songs. Shout Out to Mr. Berry and all other participants for showing up for our school community!

Earlier that same day, our top Kickboard earners for the month of September attending a skating trip to reward them for meeting our schoolwide expectations on a consistent basis. See the pictures below!



PSAT Testing

PSAT testing will take place on Monday, October 23rd for all 10th and 11th graders. The PSAT is the practice SAT and provides learners access to merit scholarships based on scores along with giving learners an idea of how they would score on the regular SAT. This year, learners will take the electronic version of the PSAT so they will need their laptops (this is a reminder that learners can bring their personal laptops to school and gain access to our school WiFi if needed). Learners will report to school at the regular 8am time and will be dismissed at 1pm. 10th and 11th graders may dress down on that day.

12th graders will report to school and will work with the college and career departments for mandatory meetings. 9th graders will NOT have school on Monday, October 23rd due to PSAT testing. They will participate in testing next school year.

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Homecoming Week

Homecoming Week begins tomorrow! We encourage all learners to participate in the festivities which include dress downs, quiz bowls, and conclude with our Kickback Dance on Friday and Homecoming Game on Saturday (see flyers).

- **Monday will be Melanated Monday:** Show your Black and Brown Pride/Support (Wear black/brown or Afrocentric print)
- **Tuesday will be TV Tuesday:** Dress as your favorite TV Character
- **Wednesday will be Wacky Wednesday:** Dress as crazy as possible
- **Thursday will be Throwback Thursday:** Dress like you're in a past decade
- **Friday will be Hogwarts Fresh Fit Friday:** Dress in your freshest outfit and Rep your House colors! (If you don't know what your house is, find Mr. Golden and he'll tell you.)

****Please note that learners must participate in the theme of the day in order to dress down.****

RP1 Closes October 27th

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

Boys' Latin Travel to South Africa in 2025

We're excited to tell you more about the trip we're planning with EF Tours, our educational travel partner. Please be sure to register for this info session to be considered for this opportunity: <https://bit.ly/45mdIm0>

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.

In this info session, we'll talk about:

- How this opportunity will benefit your child
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How your child can earn academic credit
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!) during EF's risk-free enrollment period

Registration for the info session is mandatory to receive the Zoom link, and a parent or guardian must attend. (Can't make it? Choose "No, but send info" so you don't miss out.) Zoom info session on Thursday, October 19th at 6:00pm

Register here: <https://bit.ly/45mdIm0>

Can't wait to see you there!

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

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

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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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](#)

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

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. 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, 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 so that we can effectively address your questions. If you have further concerns, you may email me directly at euthmanolukokun@boyslatin.org

Brotherly,

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