



# 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.

Principal:

Eros Uthman-Olukokun

Academic Systems Manager:

Robert Fletcher

Greetings Warrior Nation,

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

<u>Important Dates</u>	
<a href="#">Click HERE to access the Boys' Latin Network Calendar</a>	
November 20	Monday 2PM Early Dismissal
November 21	No Leadership Academy
November 22, 23, 24	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 2	SAT Testing
December 8	BL Presents Jazz Night
December 9	Saturday School Seniors Portraits

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

Shout Out to the cast and crew of *Thoughts of a Colored Man*. Our Young Warriors did a phenomenal job of encapsulating the black male experience through acting and playing music. The play was nothing short of breathtaking and some were even seen weeping at the beautiful performance! BL was the first high school to feature this play and the author Keenan Scott III was in attendance at the debut!

Thank you to all of the families that came out for one or more nights to support our Young Warriors!

### Warrior College Acceptances

As seniors get accepted to colleges and universities and provide their acceptance letters to the college advising office, we recognize their amazing accomplishments and give them a tie to commemorate the celebration. Please assist us in congratulating our Young Warriors! We're proud of their accomplishments! Please see the list of our newest college acceptances from this past week! **We have more than 43 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

*Andre H. who was accepted to Eastern Univ*

*Antwain M. who was accepted to Penn State Univ*

*Bernard R. who was accepted to Delaware State Univ*

*Justin W. who was accepted to Eastern Univ*

*Andrew H. who was accepted to Eastern Univ*

*Jayden O. who was accepted to Clark Atlanta Univ*

*Michael S. who was accepted to Neumann Univ*

### Thanksgiving Break

There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday this week in observance of Thanksgiving. We hope that you all have a great break and enjoy all that there is to be thankful for! As a school community, we were able to support 10 families by providing Turkey & Prepacked Dinners from Grounds for Change. We hope that we can continue to support our school communities through different ventures!

### Jazz Night

Ms. Bennett and our Extended Family Network (EFN) will be hosting a Jazz Night for adults only. Families will be invited to leave their children at home and come and enjoy an evening on us on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flier and sign up for this first come-first serve experience.

### Canned Food Drive

Two of our seniors, Karim M. and Justin W. are leading an effort to collect at least 300 can food items to donate to a shelter for the upcoming holidays. If the school reaches the 300 mark, learners will receive a dress down. Please assist us in collecting the canned items and spreading kindness to our community!

### Securing Electronic & Personal Items

Please stress to your Young Warrior the importance of securing all items by placing them in their lockers or by not leaving them unattended. While no one should touch someone else's belongings without permission, it is important that learners take preventative measures by making sure that everyone in secured.

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## Saturday School

We're so excited to invite you to join us in **SOUTH AFRICA** in the **Summer of 2025!** As we mentioned at our info session, educational travel exposes students to new people, places, and cultures which in turn expands their knowledge of the world and their knowledge of themselves. That's why we're thrilled to bring this opportunity to your family and our community.

Enroll now and take advantage of EF's risk-free enrollment period. Reminder: **We have limited space available!**

· **June 18** Enrollment: [www.eftours.com/2676719CK](http://www.eftours.com/2676719CK)

· **June 24** Enrollment: [www.eftours.com/2664758ht](http://www.eftours.com/2664758ht)

For those who couldn't attend the info session, below are the main pieces of information you should know. Once you've gone through the information, you can enroll online or reach out to us with any questions that you have.

- We've partnered with EF Tours, the world leader in international education, to offer this experience
- Read more about how EF supports our group, including additional info about safety, affordability, credit options, and more: <https://www.eftours.com/how-it-works/for-parents>
- There are **over 190 families interested**, and with limited seating, we fully expect the trip to fill up after this email goes out. Please make sure to enroll while we have space, and remember, you have 14 days from the date you enroll to withdraw for a full refund if you need to!
- For any questions, please reach out to **EF's Traveler Support Team** at **800-665-5364** or via the chat feature at [www.eftours.com](http://www.eftours.com)
- They are available Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm to answer any questions you may have about payments, rooming, dietary needs, and so on!

## 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)

### 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

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

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### 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.

### 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)

### 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.

Brotherly,

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