



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.

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

Important Dates	
Click HERE to access the Boys' Latin Network Calendar	
November 27	Monday 2PM Early Dismissal
November 27	BL Student-Led Hands Only CPR Training Event (2pm-4pm)
November 30	12 th Grade Mandatory Hybrid College Planning Parent Meeting (6pm-7pm)
December 2	SAT Testing
December 3	Fall Sports Banquet
December 7	12 th Grade Mandatory Hybrid Senior Project Parent Meeting (6pm-7pm)
December 8	BL Presents Jazz Night
December 9	Saturday School Seniors Portraits

Hands-Only CPR Training Event

Tomorrow, Monday 11/27, 8 of our Young Warriors will partner with CHOP to provide a free Hands-Only CPR training event at the high school from 2pm-4pm. The event will provide participants the opportunity to learn the proper life-saving technique to provide CPR. This event will take place in the HS Dining Hall, and we encourage you all to attend!

12th Grade Parent Meetings

Over the next two weeks, we will hold two parent meetings for 12th grade families. On November 30th, we will hold a hybrid meeting from 6pm-7pm to review college applications and financial aid. Families can attend in person or join via Zoom by clicking [HERE](#).

On December 7th, we will hold another hybrid meeting from 6pm-7pm. to review the senior project. All 12th graders must complete the senior project in order to graduate so all 12th grade families should attend. The Zoom link is forthcoming.

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 8th. Please see the attached flier and sign up for this first come-first serve experience!

We will also hold a brief EFN meeting from 5:30-6pm so we welcome all interested families to attend the meeting so that we can further collaborate on future BL workshops and events

South Africa Trip

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
- June 24 Enrollment: 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>

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- 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
- They are available Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm to answer any questions you may have about payments, rooming, dietary needs, and so on!

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 is secured.

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 an academic quarter, they will receive a failing grade during that marking period. 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

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!

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.

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

Brotherly,

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