



# 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.

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

<b>Important Dates</b>	
<i>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access the Boys' Latin Network Calendar</i>	
December 11	Monday 2PM Early Dismissal
December 15	Last Day before Winter Break Interim Reports Issued to Families <b>Brothers In Song Winter Music Showcase</b>
December 16- January 3	Winter Break
January 2	Staff Professional Development (No School for Learners)
January 3	Interim Report Conferences (No School for Learners)
January 4	Learners' First Day Back to School
January 9, 11, 16	Keystone Testing
January 15	MLK Jr. Day
January 17 & 18	Keystone Testing Make-Ups
January 22-26	Finals Exam Week

### Warriors of the Week

Each week, staff will nominate learners for Warrior of the Week who exemplify our three core values of Brotherhood, Integrity, and Scholarship. Our awardees for this week are:

- 9th- Zion R.:** Zion has made great strides to improve his performance, be a brother to his fellow classmates, and take personal responsibility for his learning. He is committed to meeting excellence.
  - \*\*10th- Jahseem F.W.:** Jahseem is dedicated, intrinsically motivated, organized, and perseveres through all the challenges he encounters. He comes ready to learn each day, tries his best, and seeks help when he needs it. He is positive and friendly and encourages his classmates to try their best and hold themselves to a high standard.
  - 11th- Tikai M.J.:** Tikai exemplifies and exudes the standards of BL every day that he enters my classroom and I observe him around school. He is always in full uniform, respectful with his behavior towards staff, responsive to his academic work, helpful to classmates who may be struggling, and serious about his academic prowess. Tikai regularly comes to class with a positive attitude, prepared to engage in the lesson. He is more than deserving of this honor.
  - 12th- Cameron W.:** Cameron fights an ongoing internal battle every day to challenge himself, work hard, and complete his assignments and this quarter, he is winning that battle. He asks for help when he needs, pushes himself through struggle, and is focused on his goals, no matter the effort it takes. His grades have improved noticeably, he is active and engaged in class, and he shows accountability and maturity among his peers.
- \*\* Signifies the Ultimate Warrior of the Week**

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

We want to send a hugeeeeeeee Shout Out to Andre H., Andrew H., and Justin W. for rocking the house during our Jazz Night event last Friday evening! It was amazing seeing parents come out to enjoy an adult-only evening filled with great food, great music, some line dancing, and pure enjoy! Thank you to all of you that came out and/or assisted with any part of the event! Special Shout Out to Ms. Montague who assisted us in booking our boys for this event. If you didn't hear them play, you certainly missed out!

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summit

9<sup>th</sup> grade will have their summit tomorrow while all other grades have Capstone.

## Ugly Sweater Dress Down

We will have an Ugly Sweater Dress Down day for all qualifying learners on Friday. Learners must have no more than 4 Kickboard Corrective Behaviors during this week in order to participate. Eligible learners will receive a dress down pass on Thursday, 12/14.

## Hybrid Interim Report Conferences

Interim report conferences will take place on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Learners will not be in the building that day as families will be able to come into the building to meet with educators or attend their meeting virtually. Families will be able to begin signing up for conferences starting next week via the link that will be shared in the next Ledger.

## PHL Youth Seed Challenge

Attached please find a flyer for the Seed Fund Challenge by PHL Youth. This pilot initiative is to encourage and support creative pathways for young entrepreneurs, 10-24, who attend a public, charter or undergraduate school.

Three recipients will be awarded \$5000 and the application deadline is February 1st. There is also an Information Session on December 14th. Please review the flyer and click on the link to learn more:

<https://www.phila.gov/2023-11-30-apply-for-the-phl-youth-creates-seed-fund-challenge/>

## 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](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!

## 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](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 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](mailto:frontofficehs@boyslatin.org)

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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

## 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](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!

## 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 [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)

## 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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