



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

Important Dates	
Click HERE to access the Boys' Latin Network Calendar	
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

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 61 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

Shahad B.H. who was accepted to University of the Arts
Antwain M. who was accepted to George Mason Univ
Semaj C. who was accepted to Iowa Western Comm College
Brandon J. who was accepted to East Stroudsburg Univ
Brandon J. who was accepted to LaSalle Univ
Unwaimir D. who was accepted to Keystone Univ
Zakai S. who was accepted to Arcadia Univ
Aaron T. who was accepted to Eastern Univ
Justin W. who was accepted to University of the Arts

Jayden D. who was accepted to Florida Institute of Tech
Neil C. who was accepted to St. Josephs Univ
Semaj C. who was accepted to Hutchinson Comm College
Brandon J. who was accepted to Shippensburg Univ
Karim M. who was accepted to Temple Univ
Unwaimir D. who was accepted to Point Park Univ
Theodore T. who was accepted to University of the Arts
Aaron T. who was accepted to Albright Univ
Justin W. who was accepted to St. Joseph's Univ

Hybrid Interim Report Conferences

On January 3rd from 9AM-3:30PM we will be holding IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL progress report conferences please see details on how to sign-up for conferences. All sign-ups will be considered IN-PERSON, if you desire to meet virtually, please email the staff member so they can access their zoom link.

Whatever time you signed up for will be time you need to arrive to the building to meet with staff members

Instructions for Parents

Sign Up Link: https://ptcfast.com/schools/Boys_Latin_of_Philadelphia_High_School

1. Click the sign up link above. Once redirected to the above webpage please fill in the check-boxes of teachers you wish to meet with and hit "Submit".
2. You will now be directed to the Sign Up page where you will enter Student Name, Parent / Guardian Name, and an Email Address. (Email Address is required for our system to send you a link to actually sign up for a time-slot to meet a teacher.) Hit "Submit" once finished.
3. You will now receive an email with the link to sign up to all pre-selected teacher conferences. Please click either the blue "PTCFast sign-in link:" or "Click here to select conference time."
4. Finally you will be directed to the Time Picker page. All previously selected teachers will be shown with their time slots. Please choose an available time slot for each teacher. When finished scroll down and hit "Confirm Selections." The system will then email you the times you selected.
Also note each column on the Time Picker page contains that teacher's zoom link in the "Location:" area. Please copy these zoom links down to gain access to conferences

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Holiday Break

Learners will not have school from 12/16-1/3. ***Learners will return on January 4th.***

Keystone Testing

Keystone Testing will take place on January 9th, 11th, & 16th. Make-Ups will be on January 17th, 18th, and 19th. The families of all learners that must take the winter Keystone have been contacted via email. Taking the Keystone Exam is a requirement for all learners within the state of PA.

Please note that only learners taking the assessment will report on January 9th, 11th, and/or 16th. If your child is not slated to take the exam, they will remain home and have an asynchronous day.

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>
- 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!

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.

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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.

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

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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