



PARENT LEDGER

VOLUME XVII

Greetings Warrior Parents and Guardians,

There are many important details listed below please READ all important information about Back to School and upcoming events for our warriors and families.

Important Dates

Every Monday Students Dismiss at 2PM

1/22-1/26 RP2 Benchmarks

1/25 No Leadership Academy (Students dismiss at 3:20)

1/29 Report Period 3 Begins

=====REMINDER=====

8th grade dues of \$100 is needed by April 5th

Important Information and Resources about Boys' Latin Middle School can be found on our school website at Boys' Latin for Families under Important Information.

School Phone: 215-387-5149 Ext 1

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Weekly Highlights

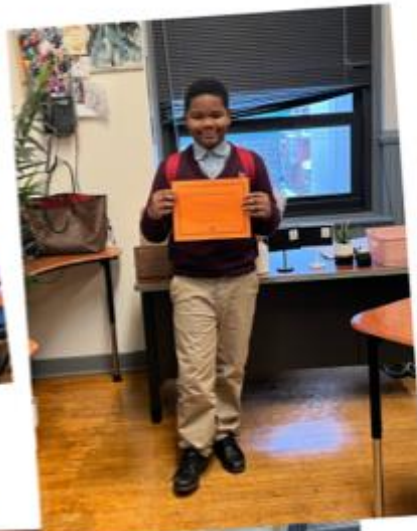
Winter Showcase

Shout out to our **Music Teacher Mr. Grandison** and our **Art Teacher Ms. Folger** for overseeing the display of our students talents in the Winter Showcase. On Thursday evening our cafeteria was full of parents, students and BL staff as our BL warriors displayed their talents through visual arts and music .



RP2 Checkpoint Celebrations

Shout out our students who achieved a 60% or higher on their Report Period 2 checkpoints in Math and English. Our checkpoints inform how our students will perform on Quarterly Benchmarks which are aligned to the rigor of the PSSA.



Benchmark Schedule

RP2 Benchmarks begins on Tuesday, January 22nd

1. Please make sure your warrior arrives to school on time daily and their laptops are charged daily.
2. Please ensure your warrior is present every day to avoid having to take make-up exams.

Our Math and ELA Goal is 60% of students receiving a 60 or higher on the benchmark.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
<i>January 22nd, 2023</i>	<i>January 23rd, 2023</i>	<i>January 24th, 2023</i>	<i>January 25th, 2023</i>	<i>January 26th, 2023</i>	<i>January 29nd, 2023</i>
	Science & Fine Arts	ELA & Electives	ELA Pt. II & Math	History & Latin	Benchmark Make Up Exam Day
		Science & Fine Arts Make Up Exams administered in Teacher's Classroom	Elective Make Up Exams administered in Teacher's Classroom	Math Make Up exams administered in Teacher's Classroom	History & Latin Makeups administered in Teacher's rooms <i>Grading for Constructed Responses Questions Due in Edulastic</i>

6th Grade Math Challenge



6th Grade cohorts compete it out for bragging rights over their multiplication and division facts. We will be using 99math.com platform for the competition with the goal of seeing major growth on students' multiplication and division fact skills for the next two weeks!

The top two students from the challenge would receive a trophy for bragging rights, they earned a dress down pass for their respective cohorts, and honorable mention certificates for the 3rd-5th place winners. The finals of the competition will be the week of Benchmarks, Friday, 1.26.2024.

8th Grade Dues and Yearbook Pre Orders for 6th and 7th grade families

8th grade parents:

8th grade dues of \$100 is needed by April 5th

Website to pay: <https://www.boyslatin.org/for-families/8th-grade-dues>

We have yearbooks available for sale for all 6th and 7th grade parents this year.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

6th and 7th grade parents:

Pre-Order Yearbook payment of \$15 is needed by March 1st

Website to pay: <https://www.boyslatin.org/for-amilies/2023-middle-school-yearbook-payment>

Community
Resource

QUESTIONS? EMAIL SHAKIRA.AYERS@PHILA.GOV

19TH POLICE DISTRICT

**BLACK HISTORY
DRILL & DANCE
COMPETITION**

FEBRUARY 2024

INTEREST FORM QR

SUBMIT INTEREST FORM AND AUDITION TAPE

GRAND PRIZE

- \$1,000 BEST DRILL TEAM
- \$1,000 BEST DANCE TEAM
- REPRESENT FOP AT THIS YEAR'S LABOR DAY PARADE
- NAMED FOP'S DRILL AND DANCE COMPANY OF THE YEAR

PHILLY TEAMS ONLY!

10 TEAMS WILL BE SELECTED TO COMPETE

5 DRILL TEAMS & 5 DANCE TEAMS

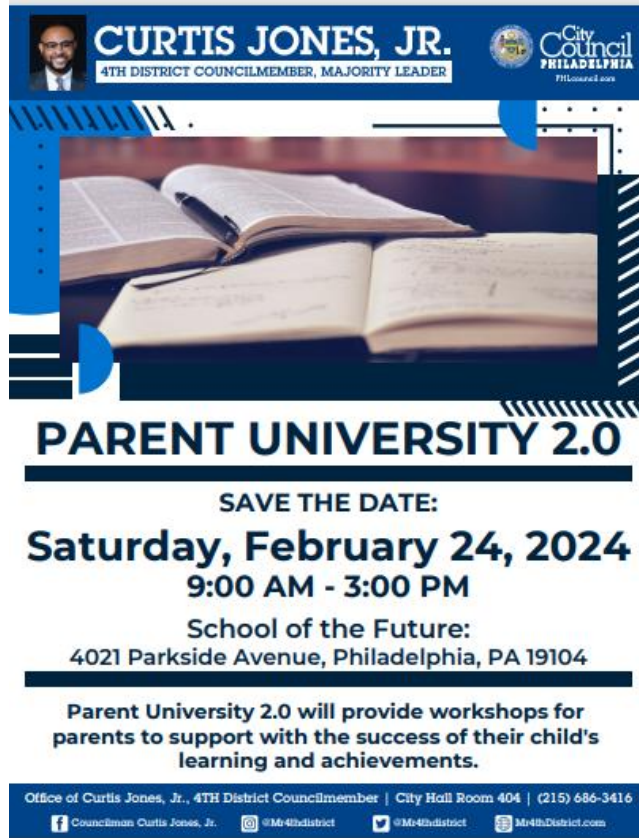
★ COMPETITION PERFORMANCE MUST BE BLACK HISTORY THEMED

19th Police District

19th PDAC

19th District

LINK IN BIO



Academic Goals and Parent Next Steps

Academic Goals and Next Steps for Parents

Big Next Steps shared: THE ACADEMIC GOAL IS 60%

60% of students scoring a 60% or higher on the ELA and Math Benchmark for Report Period 2

English

- Ensure your warrior is doing 30 mins of Iready English MY Path 2x times out of the week
- Students need to be reading their novels EVERY NIGHT
- Read with students or share what you are reading with your warrior. (consider borrowing a copy of your warrior's book from the library and read along with them)

Math

- Students are completing HW problems assigned in I-Ready
- Students are completing 30 minutes of MY Path in I-Ready 2x times a week.
- Practice 1-12 mental multiplication with 6th and 7th grade students

Attendance

- Arriving to school on time and in school daily; Identification Cards
- Please remembers to bring in or email notes for all missed days; 10 PN for the year

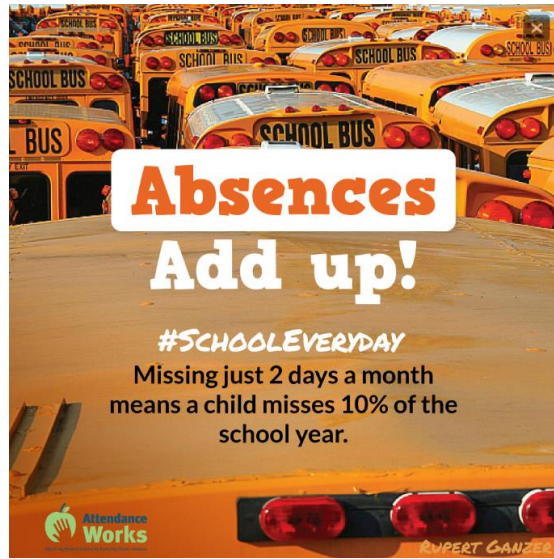
Behavior

- Parents Reviewing Kickboard(PowerSchool Behavior)
- For Kickboard Login Information Email: Kmeeks@boyslatin.org or Support@boyslatin.org
- Download App to your phone to see correctives and positive behaviors.



Attendance and Tardiness

Attendance



Our a school goal for daily attendance is 95% and our goal for students who attend school 95% of the time is 64%.

For the month of October, please see data below. For Daily Attendance we missed our goal, but for regular attendance we are ahead. Please make sure your warrior is attending every day. Please Tips and Information Below:

Grade Level	% Present	Regular Attendance
6	94%	69%
7	93%	65%
8	93%	64%
Total	93%	66%



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



Tardiness

“DON'T BE LATE; YOU'LL MISS SOMETHING GREAT!”

We are holding a monthly Tardiness challenge among each grade to encourage students to arrive on-time. The grade with the highest percentage of students who arrive on time will be awarded a Pop-up Period Party or a Week to Dress Down Pass. **Shout out to the 6th grade who had the highest percentage of students who arrived on time for the month of November.**

Technology Updates

1. All students and families must submit all technology related(laptop, passwords, chargers login information) issues/ requests to support@boyslatin.org.
2. In-Person technology support is available to students during their lunch period on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Our IT specialist is available to middle school students on the stage in the dining hall during each lunch period.

All students and their parents have received the *One-to-One Laptop Program Policy* and signed the *One-to-One Laptop Program Agreement*. This means all students and their parents are accountable to the **policy**. Students must report damage, issues, and concerns related to their school-issued device (Chromebook and Chromebook charger) to the Technology Department within one school day. **Damage due to negligence as well as loss or theft of a school-issued device is the responsibility of the student and their parent. The fee for a lost or stolen Chromebook is \$300.00** and the fee for a lost or stolen Chromebook charger is \$45.00. In the event a school-issued device is stolen, if the student or parent report of the incident is deemed credible, the school will replace the device at no charge to the student or parent. Damage due to negligence or loss of a school-issued device are level two or level three violations of the school's *Code of Conduct*

6th Grade Gym Uniform

Gym Uniform

Students will have the **option** to wear gym uniforms. Gym uniforms can only be worn by students who will be taking gym. **During Report Period 2 Sixth grade students will be the ONLY students taking gym, therefore only 6th graders will be allowed to wear Boys' Latin Gym uniforms.** **If students do not purchase the gym uniform, they can only wear their normal school uniform.**

The Boys' Latin Gym Uniform can be purchased at [Flynn O'Hara](#)

We're going to **South Africa** in **2025**, and you're invited!



Hi families!


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 have also attached a PDF version of the slideshow I presented this evening.

- 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!

Student IDs	<p>All Warriors need to have their school IDs when they arrive at school for attendance purposes. If students don't have ID's they will receive corrective behaviors in Kickboard.</p> <p>Students who lost their ID's or never received an ID can take photos next week during their lunch period.</p>
Winter Uniforms	<p>Starting October 1st students MUST be in FULL winter uniform.</p> <p>Please see image below as an example of the full winter uniform</p> <p>Items can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara online or in-stores</p> <p>Blue Oxford Shirt Stripped Tie Boys' Latin V-neck Sweater Khaki Pants Black Belt All Black Shoes(No sneakers or boots)</p> 
Uniforms	<p>Gym Uniform</p> <p>This year students will have the option to wear gym uniforms. Gym uniforms can only be worn by students who will be taking gym. During Report Period 1 eighth grade students will be the ONLY students taking gym, therefore only 8th graders will be allowed to wear Boys' Latin Gym uniforms.</p> <p>If students do not purchase the gym uniform, they can only wear their normal school uniform.</p> <p>The Boys' Latin Gym Uniform can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara</p>
Quick Ways to Support Your Warrior	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Locker Support Many of our warriors need practice opening their lockers. Please have your warrior practice opening a combination lock by using the following link Combination Lock Practice. You can practice directly on a cell phone. Laptop Charging

Please make sure your warriors' laptop is charged each night and they bring it to school everyday.

3. **Make sure your warrior brings their ID every morning for attendance purposes.**

If your warrior did not get their picture taken or lost their ID last school year please complete the following [ID Photo Form](#)

Student Attendance and Early Dismissal

Arriving on Time

Students are late if they arrive after **7:59AM**. It is imperative that students arrive before 8AM so they can get to class on time. **If students arrive after 7:59 they must enter through the Visitor Main Entrance.** You can always see your students' attendance on PowerSchool.

Early Dismissals

Students are **NOT** allowed to be dismissed by phone or email. Only a parent or an emergency contact can pick-up a student for an early dismissal.

All early dismissals must occur before 2:30PM.

Drop off and Dismissal

As we prepare to return back to school Please keep the following in mind when dropping off and picking up your warrior:

Drop Off

1. **Out of respect for our elderly neighbors please make sure you are NOT playing loud music when dropping off your warrior. Some elderly neighbors have expressed that the loud music in the morning disturbs their sleep.**

Pick-up

1. **Please DO NOT double park your car on Callowhill Street.** Double parked cars create 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.
2. **Please DO NOT sit in your car double parked on Felton Street waiting for your student to come out of the building.** This causes a traffic jam on Felton Street and a back-up of cars on Callowhill which leads to unsafe traffic jams.
3. **When picking-up your Warrior please PARK your car on Felton Street or other surrounding streets.**