

Boys' Latin High School

The Ledger

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

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.

Important Dates

[Click HERE to access the Boys' Latin Network Calendar](#)

Click on the image below to see the next two weeks at a glance.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3
Junior Internship Starts Q3 Starts Schoolwide Photoshoot	JV Basketball vs. Simon Gratz High School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Simon Gratz High School Mastery Charter Varsity Basketball vs. Simon Gratz High School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Mastery Charter School Gratz Prep Middle		JV/Varsity Bowling 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM V&S Elmwood Lanes Varsity Basketball vs. Mastery Pickett High School 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Lucien Blackwell Community Center	Q2 Report Cards Issued Varsity Basketball vs. Constitution High School 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Benjamin Franklin High School	
5	6	7	8	9	10
Winter MAP Testing Window Opens: Grades 6-9	High School Extended Family Network Meeting 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA	College Signing Day Ceremony SY2025 Lottery and Notification of Application and Waitlist VirtualBoard Meeting 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 339 N 63rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19139, USA	S1 Honors Convocation Breakfast: Grades 9-12 5:01 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA		Saturday School: Grades 9-12 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??

On Saturday, learners from the middle school and the high school met on our high school campus and participated in the Beautillion program. During the second meeting of this program, learners engaged in activities focused on building trust, the value of teamwork, and character building through participating a minefield game, stacking a Jenga tower, and much more. Thank you to all of the learners that came out to the 2nd session and we look forward to having more learners participate during our February 10th session. Please look below for more information on the Beautillion program if you are interested in having your learner participate!

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- Sebastian H.: Sebastian is the most vocal Math student. His interaction in the Algebra 1 Period 2 classroom has led to clarification of misconceptions for all and his increased grade average. Great work Sebastian!

10th- Jayden O.G.: Jayden is an extremely diligent student who comes to class with a positive attitude about the work. He worked hard to review and prepare for benchmarks and his grades are proof of his hard work.

****11th- Divine F.:** Divine is the quintessential essence of what a BL student should be. His academic prowess is unmatched but more importantly his openness to help and assist other students is admirable. In addition to being a model school citizen - his interests are wide-ranging and he continues to expand his worldview by intense reading and studying.

12th- Jayden D.: Jayden is often focused and on-task during class. He turns in assignments on time, and if he misses a day, he makes up the work. Also, he had one of the highest scores on our benchmark exam in African-American History.

**** Signifies the Ultimate Warrior of the Week**

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New Semester of Classes

Tomorrow, Monday, January 29th, is the first day of the second semester. Learners will begin their new classes that they will have for the 2nd semester. Learners received their new rosters during last period on Friday. They will receive another copy during Capstone tomorrow. A list of their 1st period class will be posted by the entrances as they arrive to school in the event they lost their rosters.

As learners get ready to begin their new classes, please take the time to assist your Young Warrior in resetting and creating goals for new semester of classes.

Add/Drop Period

During the first week of classes, learners will be able to request to add or drop elective courses. A google survey will be shared with learners during their Capstone class on Monday for them to see and select from the list of elective classes that they may request to add/drop. Learners will have until February 7th to make their requests. Please note that learners may NOT drop any core classes.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be emailed to families starting on Friday, February 2nd.

Honors Convocation Breakfast

We will host our Honors Convocation Breakfast on Thursday, January 8th at 10am for learners who achieved 1st or 2nd Honors averages for the semester. Families will be invited to attend the breakfast and witness their Young Warrior get pinned and receive awards for their accomplishment. Individual emails will be sent to the learners and families that achieved this amazing achievement!

Black History Month Celebration

Black History Month takes place during the month of February where the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history. We will be celebrating the vast accomplishments of the African-American community through activities throughout the month.

Scholarship & Academic Opportunities for Learners

Please check out the attached fliers for great opportunities for our learners!

ADDITIONAL SPOTS The Beautillion Program for Middle School and High School Warriors

The Beautillion program is designed for boys to teach them social graces and necessary skills for success in life and encourages them to make positive contributions to their communities as they transition into young adulthood. The program culminates with a formal event that celebrates and represents the transition from boys into gentlemen. For your students, the formal event for the program culmination will be the Mother/Son Dance scheduled for March (students that participate must attend the Boys' Latin Mother Son Dance).

Session Objectives

1. *Personal & Character Development*
2. *Health and Wellness* (Mental Health and Stress Management, Healthy Relationships)
3. *Social Etiquette and Grooming* (Dinner Table Etiquette and Gentlemen Training, Grooming and Formal Event Dance lessons)
4. *Personal Goal Setting*

The program will meet on Saturday mornings on the following dates:

1/13, 1/24, 2/10, 2/24 and 3/9. Final Presentation during Mother/Son dance 3/21

CLICK HERE: [Beautillion Registration *First Come, First Served*](#)

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!

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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 frontofficechs@boyslatin.org

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

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 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

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. **This year, learners out of uniform will be sent home to retrieve their items before returning to school.**

Brotherly,



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