



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

#### 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   |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 12  | 13   | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17   |
| Winter MAP ELA Testing Grade 9<br>Black History Spirit Week (Dressdown Day) | Winter MAP ELA Testing Grade 9<br>Black History Spirit Week (Dressdown Day)<br>Honors Convocations (Grades 10 & 12)<br>Special Education Parent Training 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Black History Spirit Week (Dressdown Day)<br>Honors Convocation (Grades 9 & 11) | Black History Spirit Week (Dressdown Day)    | Black History Spirit Week (Dressdown Day) | Senior Portraits<br>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM<br>5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia                 |
| 19  | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23  | 24   |
| Closed: Presidents' Day   |  |   | Harambee<br>5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA |   | Saturday School: Grades 9-12<br>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM<br>5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA |

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

On Monday, February 5th, the Social Justice class walked through the neighborhood to perform a needs assessment, assessing ways in which they would like to improve the neighborhood that Boy's Latin currently inhabits. As Warriors walked through the community they examined the availability of healthy food options, community cleanliness, availability of green spaces, safety, and security amongst other things. Over the next three weeks, Warriors in this class will compose a Neighborhood Improvement Plan with tangible, measurable objectives that will be shared with the school community and the community at large in hopes of making significant improvements.

On Thursday, February 8th, we celebrated our learners' accomplishments from the 1st semester through hosting our 2nd Annual Honors Convocation Breakfast. Families were invited to come and enjoy breakfast while witnessing their Young Warriors get pinned and receive certificates for completing the 1st semester with averages equating to 1st or 2nd Honors! Thank you to all of the families that came out to the event!

### 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- Jayden H.:** Jayden exemplifies BL attributes of brotherhood, integrity, and scholarship.

**10th- Robert B.:** Robert is a hard worker. He had one of the top scores on the Comp 2 final. The stats show that he mastered over 80% of the skills we learned this year. He responds well to feedback, and the quality of work he submits is always master class. He truly exemplifies the warrior way.

**11th- Tikai M.J.:** Tikai exhibits the characteristics of a Warrior daily, he is always on time for my class and completes all of his assignments with care and thought. He is always an active participant in class and is often the first to response to any problem-posing questions. In addition, he is always available to lend a helping hand to a fellow student.

**12th- Nasir D.:** I'm nominating Nasir because he exemplifies the BL Warrior Spirit. I have observed him on more than one occasion supporting his brothers and even giving pep talks to various underclassmen. I've observed him on more than one occasion, simultaneously being a 'runner' for faculty/staff without murmuring or complaining. Finally, he strives for excellence in the classroom and in the area of sports.

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

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## Honors Convocations

We will have our Honors Convocation on Tuesday 2/13 and Wednesday 2/14 to honor the accomplishments of learners who earned 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors during the second quarter. We will follow an amended schedule which will be shared this morning. Grades 10 & 12 will have their Honors Convocation on Tuesday 2/13 while grades 9 & 11 will have theirs on Wednesday 2/14. On Tuesday, grades 9 & 11 will continue on their door decorating BHM contest while on Wednesday, grades 10 & 12 will continue on theirs.

## Black History Month Spirit Dress Down Week

We are in Black History Month! Each day, we will share Black History figures and participate in Black History trivia class challenges which will result in weekly pizza parties. Shout Out to Mr. Thomas' Capstone for being the first Capstone class to win a pizza party last week! This week, we will have a BHM Spirit Week. Please see each day's dress down theme below!

Monday: Melanin Monday

Tuesday: I am My Brother's Keeper (Twin Day)

Wednesday: 90's Hip Hop & R&B Wednesday

Thursday: HBCU Thursday

Friday: Blackout Friday

## President's Day

There will be no school on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.

## Interim Report Conferences

Interim report conferences will take place on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Interim reports will be sent the week before on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The link for conferences will be shared with all families during the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## EFN Homeownership Workshop

Shout Out to all of our families that attended our Homeownership Workshop last Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>! The workshop was highly informative, and our presenters were thrilled to share their knowledge with all attendees. We are planning to host similar events in the future, including more homeownership workshops, and other exciting activities. Shout Out to Mrs. Girard for putting the event together! For those who couldn't make it, attached is the PDF of the presentation which contains all the helpful information that was shared.

## 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](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)

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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](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 [frontofficechs@boyslatin.org](mailto: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](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 [frontofficechs@boyslatin.org](mailto: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](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

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

Brotherly,



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