



PARENT LEDGER

VOLUME XXII

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

3/4 Report Period 3 Virtual Progress Report Conferences 3PM-6PM

3/5- 3/8 Latin Week

3/18 RP3 Benchmarks

3/21 Mother/Son Dance

3/22 Spring Uniforms Begins

3/25- 3/29 Spring Break

=====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

Follow Us Online



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Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs

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**Weekly
Highlights**

Black History Month Door Decoration Competition

Shout out to our teachers who decorated their classroom doors in honor of Black History Month! Our student government had the honor of judging each door on creativity, quality of construction and design. The winners are our co-taught ELA classroom **room 204 Mr. Zuzulock and Ms. Milliken!!**





PIC•COLLAGE

Shopping Spree for Select Honor Roll Students

One of our community partners, Killebrew Kicks, took 5 deserving honor roll students on a shopping spree at DTLR this week. We never shared the information with students, they were pulled from class and were in for a huge surprise. To see the student's response please see video [Killebrew Kicks Shopping Spree.](#)



Frat Friday Panel

In honor of Black History Month we had representatives from 4 of the 5 Black Greek Fraternities (Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Iota Phi Theta) talk with our 8th grade Warriors about the importance of fraternities. Two of our guests showed off some of their stepping skills as well. See [video here](#).



We would like to start sending text messages to parents instead of always sending a phone blast. **To begin to receive text messages please follow the IMPORTANT STEPS BELOW**

SMS Text Opt-In



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of



Our Warriors will be playing in the MPAA Championship Game!!!
We will have a bus for 30 students to attend. The price to attend the game is \$5.00
If you would like your warrior to attend please complete the google form below.

[Bus Ride to Championship Game](#)

MPAA BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



BOYS LATIN

VS

MAST III

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 | 4:00 PM
@ MASTERY PICKETT

\$5.00 Admission for Parents and
Students

EFN
Upcoming
Events

Extended Family Network Upcoming Events

We have some great events lined up for students and their parents.
Please ONLY register if you know you can attend, space is limited

Family Fitness Fun Day Registration

April 20, 2024



Boys Latin Middle School
Saturday, April 20, 2024
10:00 AM - 12 Noon

**Serious
Inquiries for
30 families!**

**FAMILY
FITNESS &
FUN DAY**

JOIN NOW

South
Africa
Interest
Meeting



Come to our informational meeting on March 6th at 6:00pm to learn more about our **upcoming 2025 South Africa trip**. We are so excited to tell you more about this amazing experience! Make sure you RSVP for the meeting here: <https://bit.ly/3uDxMDF> by March 5th!

We are so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Principal Uthman-Olukokun and Principal Parker

P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?
Register using the QR code or link below and select "No but send info."

Join us at the meeting for more details!

Register with this QR code
to attend the meeting!

uthman-olukokun@bovelatin.org



Black History Month Activities

BOY'S LATIN MIDDLE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MELANIN MONDAY
EVERY MONDAY IN FEB
STUDENTS/STAFF CAN WEAR:

1. CULTURALLY AFFIRMING HOODIES, T-SHIRTS, OR JACKETS
2. DASHIKIS/ KENTE FABRIC
3. ALL BLACK EVERYTHING

BLACK HISTORY DOOR COMPETITION
STAFF WITH THE BEST DECORATED DOOR WILL GET TREATED TO LUNCH OR GET TO DRESS DOWN FOR A WEEK. VOTING WILL BE HELD ON 2/16.

AFROFUTURISM* SHORT STORY AND ART CONTEST
SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 2/29. SEE MR. SANFORD AND MRS. FOLGER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FOOD FROM THE DIASPORA 2/9
STUDENTS CAN BRING IN A DISH THAT BEST REPRESENTS THEIR ETHNICITY OR CULTURE. THE DISHES WILL BE SERVED DURING EACH LUNCH PERIOD.

FRAT FRIDAY 2/16
CONVERSATION AND PRESENTATION FROM HISTORICALLY BLACK FRATERNITIES.

*AFROFUTURISM IS A GENRE THAT CENTERS BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE AND INCORPORATES SCIENCE-FICTION, TECHNOLOGY, AND FUTURISTIC ELEMENTS INTO LITERATURE, MUSIC, AND THE VISUAL ARTS.

Melanin Monday's

1. Cultural Affirming Hoodies, T-shirts or Jackets (**students can wear jeans or sweatpants when dressing down**)
2. Dashikis
3. Staff and students can also wear HBCU attire or attire that represents a sorority or fraternity.
4. **All Black everything means that staff and students can dress down wearing an ALL Black Top and Bottoms. Shoes do not have to be all black.**

Door Competitions

Staff can solicit help from students. Staff can use Lunch time, Leadership Academy or Office hours to get the support of students to help decorate their door.


AfroFuturism Short Story and Art Contest

Students who participate in the contest will be eligible to attend a field trip to the National Museum of African-American History and Culture in Washington D.C.

**Mother
and Son
Sneaker
Ball**

Mother/Son Sneaker Ball 2024

This event is for both Middle School and High School Families. There is limited spacing so please register ASAP at [Mother/Son Dance](#)



Boys' Latin Presents
a Mother and Son
Sneaker Ball

Thursday, March 21, 2024
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Location: Home School
5429 Chestnut Street
Court Yard Entrance

To purchase tickets: \$25.00 - Please go to
www.boyslatin.org, select Families,
Important Information, Mother/Son Dance



There is a limited amount of seating.
Dinner Served

Made with PosterMyWall.com

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

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>

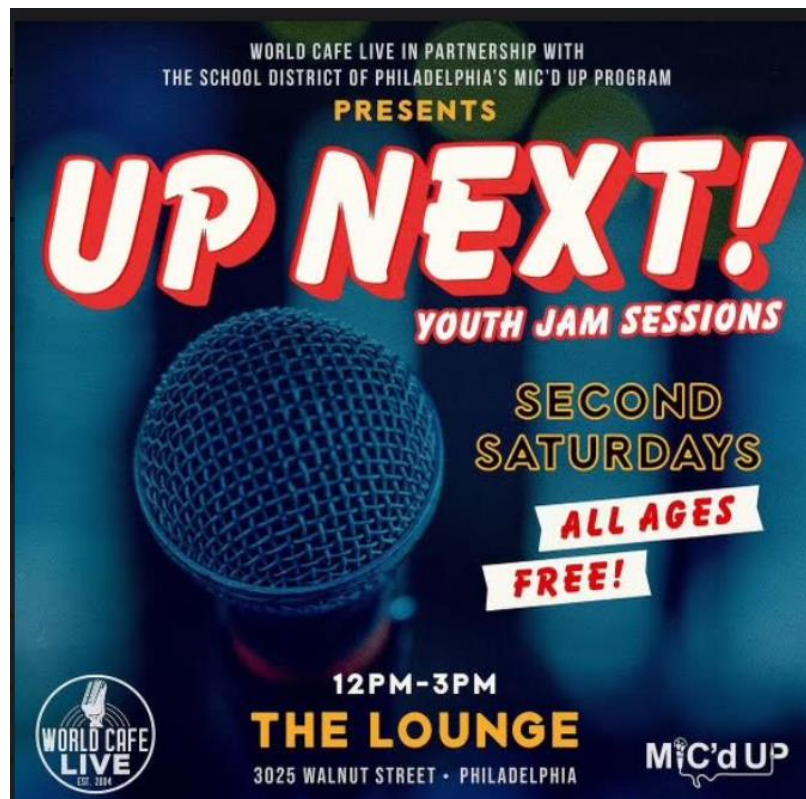
We have yearbooks available for sale for all 6th and 7th grade parents this year.

**ORDER YOUR
YEARBOOK
TODAY!**

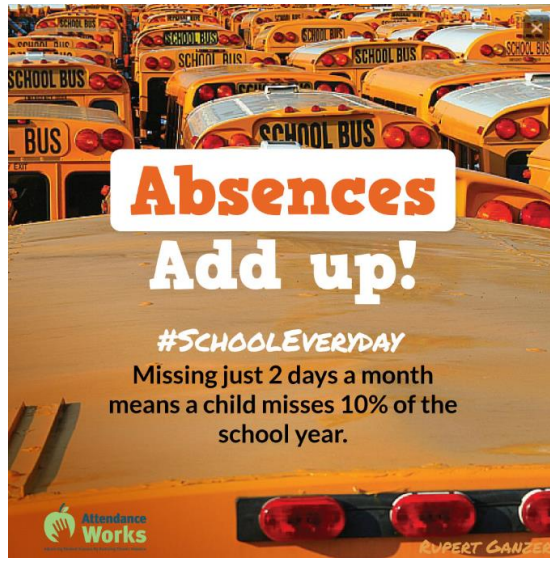
6th and 7th grade parents:

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

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



Attendance



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



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 8th grade who had the highest percentage of students who arrived on time for the month of January.**

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

	<p>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 <i>Code of Conduct</i></p>
7th Grade Gym Uniform	<p>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 3 Seventh grade students will be the ONLY students taking gym, therefore only 7th 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Boys' Latin Gym Uniform can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara</p>
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. Please see image below as an example of the full winter uniform Items can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara online or in-stores Blue Oxford Shirt Stripped Tie Boys' Latin V-neck Sweater Khaki Pants Black Belt All Black Shoes(No sneakers or boots)</p>



Uniforms

Gym Uniform

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.** **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](#)

Quick Ways to Support Your Warrior

1. 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.

2. 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 are 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.**