



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 Sunday! 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
11	12	13	14	15	16
SY2025 Enrollment Materials Submission Deadline at 4:00pm	Special Education Parent Training 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Winter Sports Banquet			Saturday School: Grades 9-12 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA
18	19	20	21	22	23
Q3 Benchmarks and S2 Midterms JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Shepard Recreation Center, 5700 Haverford Ave, Philadelphia, PA JV/Varsity Lacrosse vs. Olney Charter High School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM South 58th Street & Grays Avenue, 558th St & Grays Ave, Philadelphia, PA	Q3 Benchmarks and S2 Midterms	Q3 Benchmarks and S2 Midterms JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Shepard Recreation Center, 5700 Haverford Ave, Philadelphia, PA	Mother/Son Dance Q3 Benchmarks and S2 Midterms JV/Varsity Track Meet 1 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM South 58th Street & Grays Avenue, 558th St & Grays Ave, Philadelphia, PA JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Bristol High School 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM 900 Jefferson Ave, Bristol, PA JV/Varsity Lacrosse vs. Masterman High School 4:45 PM - 6:45 PM Germantown Supersite, 1199 E Sedgwick St, Philadelphia, PA	Junior Internship Ends Q3 Ends Winter Uniform Ends JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Prep Charter High School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Shepard Recreation Center, 5700 Haverford Ave, Philadelphia, PA Harambee	

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??

Our 11th grade interns who are part of the Nursing Pathway Program were in the news once again! Click [HERE](#) to check out the Philly Tribune article that highlights the amazing work that our Young Warriors are leading!

We celebrated Latin week this past week! Learners participated in daily trivia, activities, and much more! We ended the week with a Toga Dress Down day and other fun activities! Shout Out to our Latin teaching department for leading all events!

Shout Out to one of our 10th grade Young Warriors, Jahmir W., who became one of our first Young Warriors to obtain their working permit from BL! BL is now an official work permit site (see next page for more details) and we are proud of our Young Warriors taking advantage of the opportunity!

Shout Out to our top 25 Young Warriors who hold the highest grades in their math classes and were rewarded with a trip to the Holodec Virtual Reality Center on Friday! Our learners enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games which tested and further stimulated their minds! Shout Out to our Math Department for leading the activities! We look forward to continuing to highlight the great work of our Young Warriors!

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 130 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

Fayyad A.M. who was accepted to Shippensburg Univ
Mekhi C. who was accepted to South Carolina State Univ

Neil C. who was accepted to Morehouse College
Ernie J.H. who was accepted to Tuskegee Univ & Lincoln Univ

Miko K. who was accepted to Morehouse College
Theodore T. who was accepted to Arcadia Univ & Neumann Univ

Antwain M. who was accepted to King's College
Kenneth W. who was accepted to Shippensburg Univ, Wilkes Univ, & Chestnut Hill College

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Ramadan

During the holy month of Ramadan, we will provide a space for our Muslim learners to pray and give them the option to wear religious garments. Learners should complete the link below if they are interested in participating in prayer so that we can effectively accommodate the learners. **If a learner's name is not listed they will NOT be allowed to participate in prayer. Learners MUST wear their uniform under their thobe. If a learner is out of uniform, they will receive a consequence.** [Survey link to request participation in prayer space](#)

Midterm Exams

Midterm exams will take place during the week of March 18th. The last day of the 3rd marking period is March 22nd. The last day to submit any assignments for the 3rd marking period is Monday, March 18th.

Sneaker Dress Down

We will have a Sneaker Dress Down on Friday March 22nd for learners that have less than 7 Kickboard infractions between March 11th to March 21st. The list of participants will be shared with learners ahead of the Sneaker Dress Down. Eligible learners will be required to be in full uniform but will be able to wear any sneakers instead of their black shoes. March 22nd is also the last official day for our winter uniforms. Learners will be able to begin wearing spring uniforms when we return from Spring Break on April 1st.

Working Papers

You asked and we listened!!! No longer will our Young Warriors have to crisscross the city to obtain their work permit. **Boys' Latin is now an official Work Permit Issuing Site.** Eligible Boys' Latin learners are now able to obtain their official work permit here at the school with no wait time. Learners MUST return their completed application, signed by a parent or guardian, and present a copy of one of the following for evidence of age documents: (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, or another documentary evidence) to Dr. Washington.

Hours to obtain your working permit are as follows:

Mondays: 2:00-4:00

Tuesdays-Fridays: During the applicant's ASSIGNED lunch period. 11:30-1:45

Wednesdays: in addition to the lunch periods, learners will be able to sign up for appointments between 3:00-5:00

Please use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up for an appointment. Dates for the upcoming week will be added on Thursday of the current week. **If a learner has an upcoming interview and needs to have their application process expedited (rush processed) please email Dr. Washington directly at nwashington@boyslatin.org.**

Finally, below is a list of resources for you to reference.

[FAQ & Info on Child Labor Law in PA](#)

[Work hours abstract](#) (the employer is 100% responsible for compliance)

Mother-Son Sneaker Ball Dance

Our Boys' Latin High School and Middle School Campuses will be hosting a Mother/Son Sneaker Ball Dance on March 21st for Mother's and/or Female mentors. This Sneaker Ball will be an opportunity for mothers or female mentors to come dance and be honored by their warriors. This is a semi-formal catered event. We have tickets available for the first 50 high school families to register from the high school and middle school. If you desire to attend, please click the link below and complete the registration. The event is \$25 per family. The first 100 families (50 from the high school and 50 middle school) to make a payment will receive a ticket.

Boys' Latin Mother/Son Sneaker Ball Registration Link: [Mother/Son Dance](#)

Work Ready Student Summer Employment Opportunities

WorkReady is a program in July-August providing paid work experiences for youth living in Philadelphia. **Work experiences take place 5 days/week at a designated worksite.** WorkReady is for young people looking to explore different career paths, get paid while learning valuable skills, and prepare for their future! Our Young Warriors can [refer to this link](#) to get more information and begin taking the steps to secure a summer job opportunity. All communications must be directly with this program concerning a summer job for your warrior. There will be a virtual session with Work Ready at the end of March, in which we will notify you.

School Messenger Text Message Opt In

Thank you to all who continue to review our emails and phone blasts sent through School Messenger. Our platform now has a feature where we can also send text messages to families. In order to Opt-In follow the steps below or check out the attached flier

Opt-In from
your mobile
now!



Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
67587.

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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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School Leader