



## PARENT LEDGER VOLUME XXIV

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

3/18 RP3 Benchmarks

3/21 Mother/Son Dance

3/22 RP3 Ends

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

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## Weekly Highlights



On Tuesday, March 5 we introduced a new initiative to get our young kings more engaged in reading. Statistics shows that:

- People that read for 30 minutes or longer every week have a 21% greater chance of increasing their knowledge.
- Reading fictional books are shown to increase better decision-making in people by 50% to 100%.
- Reading can boost emotional development and career prospects by 50% to 100%.

Boys' Latin READS is our approach to encourage students to read independently and separate from their English classes. We held a pop-up book fair where all our young kings had the opportunity to select a book of their choice.

### **The Plan**

1. Students will read for 10 minutes in Latin and Elective classes 2x a week. This means students will have read at least 40 minutes for the week in school.
2. Once completed students will take a short quiz to verify that they completed the book.
3. We are encouraging all students to read 2 books a month!

### **Incentives**

1. Every student that meets 2 books a month/2 quizzes passed per month will participate in a outdoor water ice and snacks day during the Month of May
2. Student with the Highest books read/quizzed passed in each grade will be able to purchase ( airpods, Beats, Essential gear, and \$100 Playstation/Xbox gift card)



### Chick Fil A Map Growth Party

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday our Office of Academics along with our Assistant Principal, Mr. Sanford celebrated all our warriors who reached or exceeded their MAP Growth Goals with a Chick Fil A party. MAP is a test we use to measure students performance in Math and English. All students who took the MAP exam in September were given a growth goal. See the names of the students below who achieved or exceeded their goal in Math, English or both.

#### 8th Grade Students

<u>U. Penn</u>	<u>Princeton</u>	<u>Harvard</u>	<u>Yale</u>
Butler, Nyere	Murdock-Walton, Qymeer	Herder, Kaseem	Dean-Jones, Marlik
Batten, Jalen	Brinkley, Yaasir	Beaufort, Kameryn	Abbott, Akil
Benson, Jayden	Brown, Joseph	Elington, Nazir	Brown, Derek
Breeden, Khaylil	Brown, Malachi	Ellis, Zaki	Ekpaji, Bako
Cameron, Jaelin	Davenport, Semaj	Garvin, Kenneth	Frasier, Noah
Cheatham, Isaiah	Harmon, Dymir	Glover-Gaffney, Rahmin	Graham, Hunter
Clark, Terrance	McKinney, Kristopher	Harris, Kamau	Hampton-Tillar, Ahmeyn
Craig, Iseem	Moore, Keenan	Harris, Qaseem	Ibrahim, Qiyyum
Demby, Jay'Son	Perkins, Cairo	King, Malcolm	Johnson, Matthew
Felder, Devin	Pirtle, Isaiah	Lanier, Michael	Jones, Jayden
Green, Muhammad	Plummer, Qua'mair	Lewis-Petty, Amir	Scott, Semaj
Jackson, Ameen	Prioleau, Tristan	Moody, Kahseem	Williams, Zyquan
Jackson, Syron	Robinson-Hart, Jaylen	Sample-Walker, Xavier	
Johnson, Antoine	Singleton, Reginald	Sutton-Bridges, Shafir	
Jones, Dante	Thomas, Tymir	Vasques-Reyes, Christopher	
Jones, Trei	Tunica-El, Jonah	Williams, Dilyn	
Keith, Samuel	Wright, Eryx	Williams, Khyzere	
Lebron, Mekhi			
Mann, Zaire			
Martinez, Emilio			
Nadir, Adnan			
Nelson, Eli			
Williams, Simeon			
Wimbush, Hasan			

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

<u>Morehouse</u>	<u>Howard</u>	<u>Cheyney</u>	<u>Tuskegee</u>
Behn-Shaddaiyah, Asayah	Brown, Adris	Casey, Jaden	Allen, Janoah
Burroughs, Troy	Freeman, Malachi	Gilbert, Khayir	Bowman, Jevon
Edwards, Aidan	McLeod, Carson	Hatcher, Nikolai	France, Pharell
Fletcher, Asir	Robinson, Rahim	Hicks, Kodee	Harris, Jaden
Foster-Burns, Navier	Smith, Shawn	Mears, Samaad	Jones, Ashton
Grayson, Makai	Strickland, Willie	Righter, Abdoulaye	Jones, Zaakir
Logan, Gary	Anderson, Cameron	Rodriguez, Jadiel	Stokes, Najiee
Michelin, Yasayr	Campbell, Antonio	Rosario, Julian	Capers-Wilkes, Tauheed
Nutter, Marreese	Harris, Semajj		Fauntleroy, Nasim

Randleman, Cameron	Ross, Elijah	Pressley, Nasir	Jacob, Sakai
Ravenell, Carter	Solomon, Kydon	Sheed, Aiden	Bey, Hassan
Robinson, Aleem	William, Malachi	Taylor, Jameer	Brown, Nabree
Scott, Isaiah		Pressley-Stephens, Aden	Clark, Amir
Thornton-Bailey, Christopher			Cofer, Nasir
Cannon, Nasir			Dunbar, Maleek
Dickerson, Elijah			Garner, Izeem
Maddox, Ahmad			Wyatt, Azeem
			Ferguson, Tymir
			O'Berry, Rylee
			Veney, Shawn
			Walker, Michael
			Miller, Drake

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

<u>Eruditio</u>	<u>Integritas</u>	<u>Fraternitas</u>	<u>Virtus</u>	
Ampaw, Emmanuel	Edwards, Harlem	Brown, Liam	Clark, Sean	Chase Casillas
Butler, Khair	Edwards, Kaeem	Phillips, Dickey	Clennon, Zion	Jonas Harris
Byrd, Evan	Epps-Lynn, Elijah	Hodge, Casimer	Edwards, Channing	Alijah Mincy
Carriker, Naquan	Holden, Ja-Mahd	Elmore-Nesbitt, Kayden	Green, Princeton	Dashawn Shoats
Cason, Qaadir	Johnson, Domineic	Green, Tahmaj	Lewis, Joshua	Armani Trader
Johnson, Ma'Kai	Kemp, Sakari	Hampton, Colin	Robinson, David	Cameron Fortune
Jones, Joshua	Miller, Christian	Harris, Damontae	Royster-Jones, Khamir	Tariq McCutcheon
Lampkin, Kai	Pace, Joshua	Kilson, Kyl'El	Roberts, James	
Lawimore, Samad	Stanton, Riley	Martin, Mekhi	Starling, Bradley	
Miles, Wyatt	Tootle, Jaidyn	Nichols, Hakim		
Stewart, JahNoah	Williams, Brandt	Searight, Taj		
Wise, Jacob	Winston, Ziyad	Wilson, Bryce		
Austin Steven	Antrom Bashir	Keith, Emmanuel		
Daniels, Rashaan	Searight, Semaj			
Horsey, Isaiah	Davis, Liam			
Speight, Zachary				
Wadud, Wali				





### **Booth Manor Black History Celebration**

In honor of Black History Month our Bucket Drumming Leadership Academy club was invited to perform at the Booth Manor Senior Living Facility Black History Month Program on 2/29. Shout out to their instructor Mr. Moon for parntering with community organizations and providing this opportunity for our bucket drummers.







During the holy month of Ramadan, we would like to provide a space for our Muslim students to pray and give them the option to wear religious garments. If you would like your student to pray and wear religious garments (Kufis, Thobe, etc.) We have 3 staff members that will be supporting our young kings during prayer. Mr. Adams, Mr. Payne and Mr. Bey. They will hold our young kings accountable regarding our school wide expectations. If your warrior does not wear his uniform under their thobe, a consequence will be given, and students will not be permitted to pray. Please parents consider our behavior expectations; if students are not following behavioral expectations while in prayer which includes laughing, playing and being disrespectful during prayer, they will be immediately removed. Sign up link will be at the bottom of the email. Any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Adams [jadams@boyslatin.org](mailto:jadams@boyslatin.org)

[Ramadan Prayer](#) link

Working  
Papers



**APPLY FOR A  
WORK PERMIT**

Our School Social Worker, Ms. Nicolas, will be distributing **Working Papers** (from now until the end of May) to select students who qualify to obtain their work permit. With these permits, students can apply to jobs that **hire students at the age of 14 or older**. If students will be applying, the following is needed:

- Good Academic/Behavior Standing
- Proof of Age (i.e. birth certificate, passport copy, medical insurance cards, etc.) emailed to Ms. Nicolas
- Must be at least 14 years of age
- School I.D. will be their 2nd proof of age
- Applications completed by parents (**see attached**). I have physical copies in my office.

Once all of the information is provided, a **blue card** will be provided to your warrior!

**WORK READY:** This is a program that **does not require a work permit** and is run through the city! Please [refer to this link](#) to get things set up for a Summer Job for your warrior. 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.

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



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**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Dues and  
Yearbook  
Pre Orders  
for 6<sup>th</sup> and  
7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents this year.**

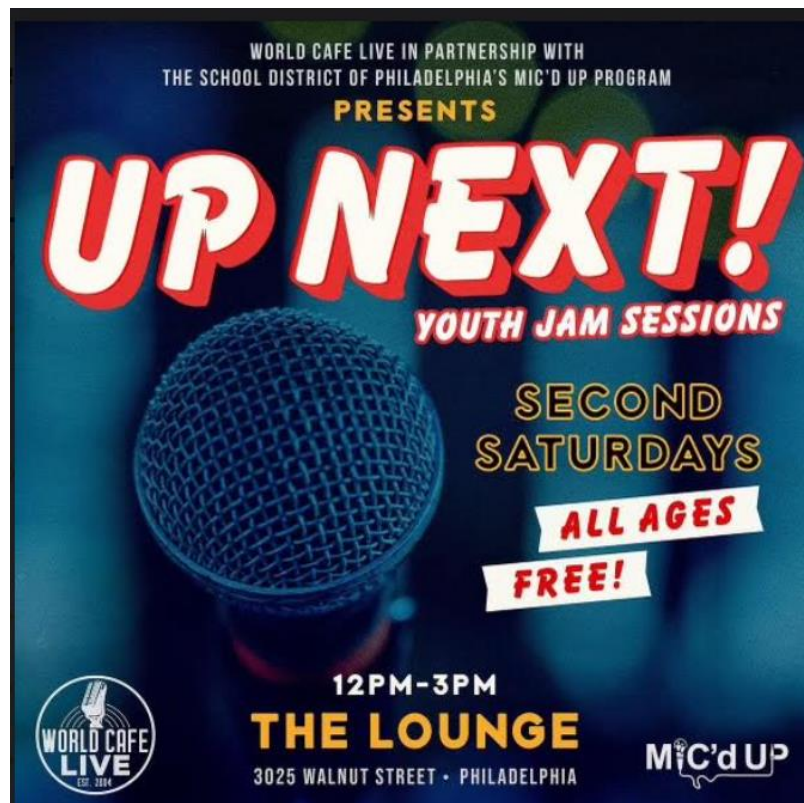
# ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

6th and 7th grade parents:

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

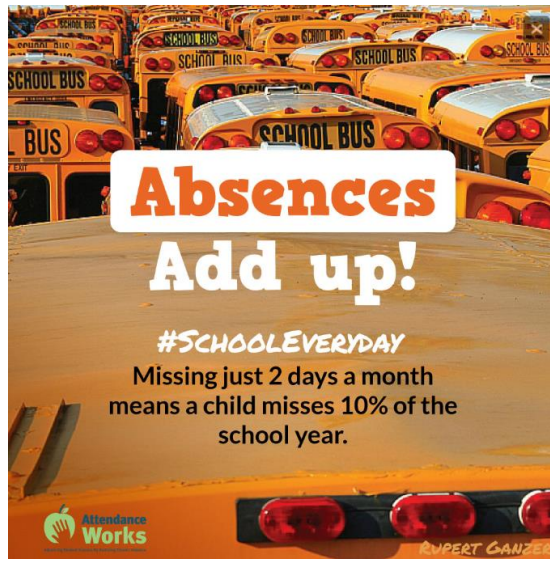
Website to pay: <https://www.boyslatin.org/for-families/2023-middle-school-yearbook-payment>

## Community Resources





## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. <b>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</b> 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>
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Gym Uniform	<p><b>Gym Uniform</b> Students will have the <b>option</b> to wear gym uniforms. Gym uniforms can only be worn by students who will be taking gym. <b>During Report Period 3 Seventh grade students will be the ONLY students taking gym, therefore only 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to wear Boys' Latin Gym uniforms.</b> <b>If students do not purchase the gym uniform, they can only wear their normal school uniform.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Boys' Latin Gym Uniform can be purchased at <a href="#">Flynn O'Hara</a></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>
Uniforms	<p><b>Gym Uniform</b> This year students will have the <b>option</b> to wear gym uniforms. Gym uniforms can only be worn by students who will be taking gym. <b>During Report Period 1 eighth grade students will be the ONLY students taking gym, therefore only 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to wear Boys' Latin Gym uniforms.</b> <b>If students do not purchase the gym uniform, they can only wear their normal school uniform.</b></p> <p>The Boys' Latin Gym Uniform can be purchased at <a href="#">Flynn O'Hara</a></p>
Quick Ways to Support Your Warrior	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Locker Support</u></b> Many of our warriors need practice opening their lockers. Please have your warrior practice opening a combination lock by using the following link <a href="#">Combination Lock Practice</a>. You can practice directly on a cell phone.</li> <li><b><u>Laptop Charging</u></b> Please make sure your warriors' laptop is charged each night and they bring it to school everyday.</li> <li><b>Make sure your warrior brings their ID every morning for attendance purposes.</b> If your warrior did not get their picture taken or lost their ID last school year please complete the following <a href="#">ID Photo Form</a></li> </ol>
Student Attendance and Early	<p><b><u>Arriving on Time</u></b> Students are late if they arrive after <b>7:59AM</b>. It is imperative that students arrive before 8AM so they can get to class on time. <b>If students arrive after 7:59 they must enter through the Visitor Main</b></p>

## Dismissal

**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.**