



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
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Q3 Honors Convocation: Grades 9-12 JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Abraham Lincoln High School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Lincoln High School, 3201 Ryan Ave Philadelphia Public League Track & Field Bartram Track 3:15pm - 6:00pm National Honor Society Induction 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM 5501 Cedar Ave. Special Education Parent Training 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Closed: Eid al-Fitr		Q3 Report Cards Issued JV/Varsity Baseball vs. George Washington HS 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM George Washington High School, 10175 Bustleton Ave.	Saturday School: Grades 9-12 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave.
					Sunday 14
					JV/Varsity Crew 4th Flick / Horvat Regatta Boathouse Row, 1 Boathouse Row, Philadelphia, PA
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20
Senior Internship Starts JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Samuel Fels High School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Shepard Recreation Center, 5700 Haverford Ave.	Career Day: Grades 9-12 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143, USA		Spring Musical 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia JV/Varsity Track Meet 3 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM South 58th Street & Grays Avenue Philadelphia Public League Track & Field Bartram Track 3:15pm - 6:00pm JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Swenson High School 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM Conwell Avenue & Roosevelt Boulevard	Spring Musical 5501 Cedar Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143, USA	Spring Musical 5501 Cedar Ave Penn Wood Invitational Penn Wood High School 9:00am-2:00pm
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??

Yesterday, Boys' Latin's Latin team competed in their first Certamen of the year; one of 23 teams competing from 6 states, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania's Classics department. Certamen, which means competition, is a fast-paced and highly competitive quiz bowl-style tournament on Roman and Latin trivia, and the BL certaturi (competitors) have been practicing with dedication every week. Freshmen James M. and Kahmari E. and juniors Ethan K. and DeWayne G. performed notably, each answering several toss-up questions on Roman mythology, history, culture, and Latin grammar and literature. Ludum bonum (good game)!

We would like to send a special congratulations to our new members of the National Honor Society: Dylan A., Marquise F.R., Sameer O., Jyleem W.H. and Khalif B.C. They will be joining our chapter of NHS with our current active members: Justin W., Mekhi H., Neil C., Karim M., Khalil S. and Khary B. in a formal induction ceremony this week. Membership in the National Honors Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Congratulations 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 154 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

- Shahad B.H. who was accepted to Indiana Univ. of Penn (IUP).*
- Mekhi C. who was accepted to Temple Univ.*
- Andre H. who was accepted to Berklee College of Music*
- Quadir L.B. who was accepted to Kings College*
- Ahanna O. who was accepted to Penn State- Erie Campus Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing*
- Jordan W. who was accepted to Community College of Philadelphia*
- Abdul-Latif W. who was accepted to Shippensburg Univ.*
- Jhazeer C. who was accepted to Shippensburg Univ. & Delaware State Uni.*
- Nasir D. who was accepted to IUP & Morgan State Univ.*
- Andrew H. who was accepted to Berklee College of Music*
- Anthony M. who was accepted to IUP*
- Michael S. who was accepted to IUP*
- Eric W. who was accepted to IUP*

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Solar Eclipse Communication

As you have likely seen in recent news reports, a partial solar eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8, 2024, during the afternoon hours. After careful consideration and discussion, we will adhere to their normal 2pm Monday operational schedules on that day. Outdoor sports and extra-curricular activities will have a delayed start to accommodate the event. All members of our community are reminded to follow all safety guidelines, [2024 Solar Eclipse \(pa.gov\)](#), to protect their eyesight.

Student Spring Uniforms

Learners will be allowed to begin wearing the Spring uniform starting tomorrow, Monday, April 1st. The Spring uniform consists of the maroon polo shirt, khaki pants, a black belt, and black shoes. The maroon polo shirts can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara. **Please note that learners must black shoes and not sneakers nor boots. Learners may continue wearing their winter uniforms. Hoodies are not allowed.**

Leadership Academy & Office Hours

Leadership Academy will resume this week. LA takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays while Office Hours take place on Wednesdays. LA is a graduation requirement, and all 9th and 10th graders are currently mandated to participate this semester. Juniors and seniors that have not met their requirement have also been mandated to participate.

Summer Employment Opportunities

Below are some summer employment opportunities for our Young Warriors and school community.

Jews Job Opportunities Ages 12-24

Center For Black Educator Development High School Students Only

WorkReady: 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. Click [HERE](#) to review the video from the WorkReady parent meeting on 4/3.

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)

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

