

# PARENT LEDGER VOLUME XXIX

## **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**

4/15-4/19 Spirit Week

4/16 Career Day for 8th Graders

4/18 RP3 Award Summit

#### 4/19 RP3 Honor Roll Breakfast

4/22-5/2 PSSA Testing

5/2 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

=====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.

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## Weekly Highlights

## **HBCU College Tour**

6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students who had the highest GPAs in their respective grades attended an HBCU Tour to Howard University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University and Lincoln University. Our warriors had a great time and truly impressed their tour guides and recruiters

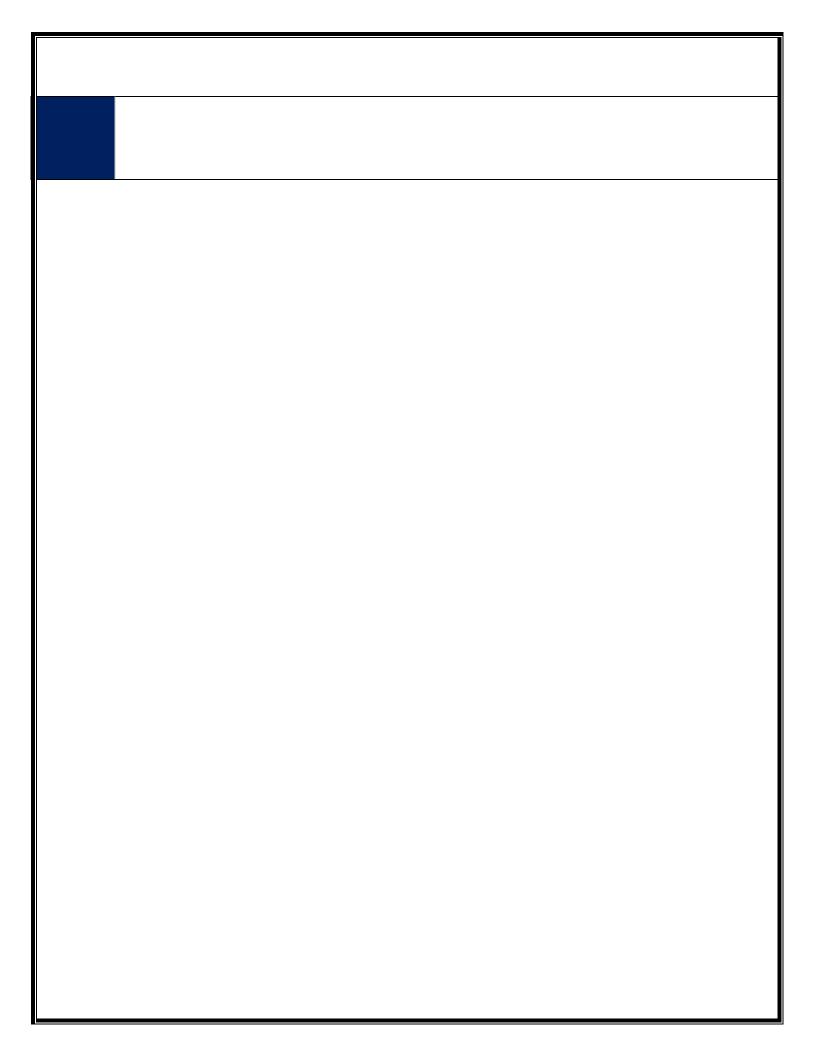






















| Trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture  During Black History Month all students had the opportunity to submit a short piece of writing and/or artwork about AfroFuturism. All students that submitted a piece were awarded the opportunity to attend the trip to Washington D.C. |
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## **Community Conversations**

The shooting that took place on Wednesday during the Eid Festival in Sister Clara Muhammad Park directly impacted many stakeholders of the Boys' Latin Community. On Friday, we provided a safe space for our warriors to share their voice and their pain about the gun violence that is plaguing our city. We want to give a HUGE shout out to staff members Mr. Dantzler, Mr. Adams, Mr. Payne and Ms. Nicolas for creating a space for our warriors to discuss what they witnessed, how they felt and how gun violence is impacting them.



Spirit Week

This week is Spring Spirit Week 4/14-4/19

## Spring Spirit Week Dates !!!

Week long activities: English I Ready challenge and Fewest Tardies challenge.

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday: Christie's Basketball Game Students vs Teachers.

Tuesday: Twin Day.

Wednesday: Any Philly team jersey, T-shirt or hoodie.

<u>Thursday</u>: Pan African Flag dress down day 8th grade -Black,7th grade-Green, 6th grade-Red.

Friday: Decades day 80s-90s, Winners of spirit week announced.

Jobs for Students



**Jevs Job Opportunities Ages 12-24** 



## **WorkReady Job Opportunities Ages 14-24**



## **Center For Black Educator Development High School Students Only**



EFN Fitness Day Canceled

Unfortunately, due to a lack of registered participants we have to cancel our EFN event this coming Saturday. We look forward to seeing families who registered for a painting with a twist event in May which is filled to capacity!



Boys' Latin Reads



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)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Important Information

## **Important 8th Information Grade Activties**

8th grade dues of \$100 is needed by April 5th. If dues are not paid students cannot participate in activities.

#### **8TH GRADE DANCE-**

- <u>-When/Where:</u> Friday, May 3rd at the Boys' Latin Middle School from 6 pm-9 pm (doors open at 6 pm).
- <u>- Dress code:</u> Semi formal attire (no hoodies, no jeans, no sweatpants/activewear. Sneakers ARE allowed!)
- <u>-Dance Permission form/</u>Guest Procedure: In order for your son to attend the dance and bring a guest (if they choose), a google permission form needs to be completed by April 26th.

Please complete the following google permission form for your son and his guest (if applicable) by April 26th.

If the form is not completed with BL student information and GUEST information (if applicable) by April 26th, your son/guest will be unable to attend:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchxj4Zdwg-

j32OUXKycOnmpW8E9Kne3hXWmpQtr9mYqrOvfw/viewform?usp=sf\_link

## **8TH GRADE MOVE UP CEREMONY:**

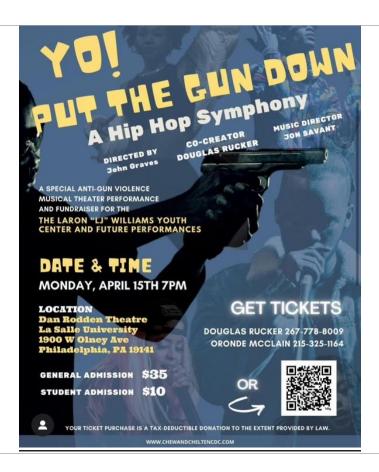
THE MOVE UP CEREMONY is MONDAY, JUNE 3rd

At the Annenberg Center- University of Pennsylvania. 3680 Walnut St.

- -Students need to arrive at 9:30 AM.
- -Ceremony begins at 10 AM.
- \*The Annenberg Center has a no balloon policy. No balloons are allowed inside the building.

\*Students will receive 5 tickets for guests. Tickets will be provided to students a week before the ceremony.

## Community Resources



## Working Papers



Our School Social Worker, Ms. Nicolas, will be distributing <u>Working Papers</u> (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!

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**

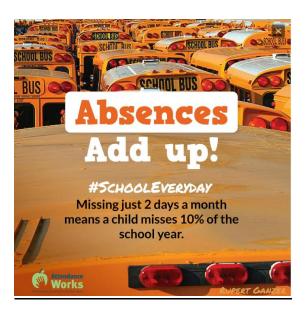
We have some great events lined up for students and their parents. Please ONLY register if you know you can attend, space is limited.

## Family Fitness Fun Day Registration April 20, 2024



Attendance and Tardiness

## **Attendance**



Our 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 you 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 <a href="mailto:support@boyslatin.org">support@boyslatin.org</a>.
- 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

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 parents. 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 schoolissued 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 Code of Conduct 8thGrade **Gym Uniform** Gym Students will have the option to wear gym uniforms. Gym uniforms can only be worn by students who will be Uniform taking gym. During Report Period 4 Eighth 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. The Boys' Latin Gym Uniform can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara **Student IDs** 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. Students who lost their ID's or never received an ID can take photos next week during their lunch period. Quick Ways 1. Locker Support to Support Many of our warriors need practice opening their lockers. Please have your warrior practice Your opening a combination lock by using the following link Combination Lock Practice. You can Warrior 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 every 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 **Arriving on Time** Attendance Students are late if they arrive after 7:59AM. It is imperative that students arrive before 8AM so they and Early can get to class on time. If students arrive after 7:59 they must enter through the Visitor Main **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 Please keep the following in mind when dropping off and picking up your warrior: and **Dismissal 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.