



# PARENT LEDGER

## VOLUME XXXI

**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

**4/29-5/2 PSSA Testing ( 2PM Dismissal on Testing Days)**

**4/22 National Junior Honor Society Induction**

**5/3 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance**

**5/6-5/10 Teacher Appreciation Week**

**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**

**Report Period 3 Award Summit**

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



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



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**



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Honor Roll Breakfast  
Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude







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## Children's Hospital Nursing Pathway Program



PSSA

Testing  
Schedule

## PSSA Schedule

**Things to keep in mind to ensure your warrior is prepared for testing:**

1. **Rest.** Students should be well rested prior to arriving to school for testing. They should get at least 7-8 hours of sleep

2. **Cell phones and smart watches.** Students are **NOT** allowed to have a smartwatch or phone on their person while they are testing. We will be collecting all phones and watches from students prior to testing and their items will be returned once all students are finished testing in their respective classrooms.
3. **Arrive On-Time** Students need to arrive on time so they are ready to test and minimize disruptions in the building.

2023 PSSA MATH AND SCIENCE EXAMS					
Grade	April 29th	April 30th	May 1st	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 3rd
Grade 6	Math 8:00am-2:00pm	Math 8:00am-2:00pm	Normal Schedule 8:00am-3:20pm	Normal Schedule 8:00am-3:20pm	Makeup Testing Normal Schedule 8:00am-3:20pm
Grade 7	Math 8:00am-2:00pm	Math 8:00am-2:00pm	Normal Schedule 8:00am-3:20pm	Normal Schedule 8:00am-3:20pm	Make-up Testing Normal Schedule 8:00am-3:20pm
Grade 8	Math 8:00am-2:00pm	Math 8:00am-2:00pm	Science Periods 1-3 8:00am-3:20pm	Science Periods 1-3 8:00am-3:20pm	Make-up Testing Normal Schedule 8:00am-3:20pm

Jobs for  
Students



[Jews Job Opportunities Ages 12-24](#)





### WorkReady Job Opportunities Ages 14-24



### 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 8<sup>th</sup> Information Grade Activities

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

**-When/Where:** Friday, May 3rd at the Boys' Latin Middle School from 6 pm-9 pm (doors open at 6 pm).

**- Dress code:** Semi formal attire (no hoodies, no jeans, no sweatpants/activewear. Sneakers ARE allowed!)

**-Dance Permission form/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 quest (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](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.

Working  
Papers



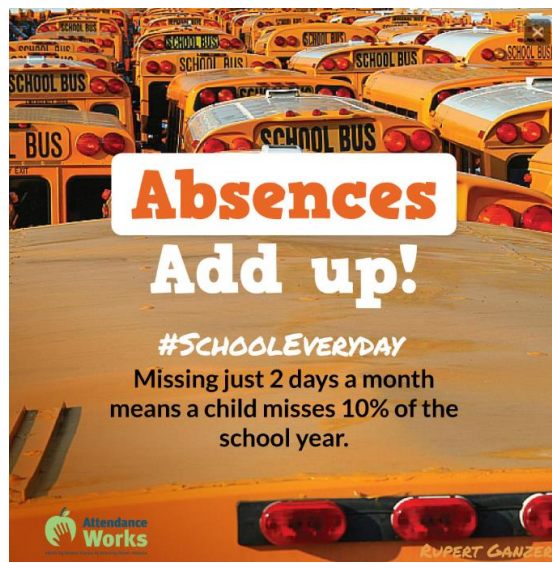
Our School Social Worker, Ms. Nicolas, will be distributing **Working Papers** (from now until the end of May) to select students who qualify to obtain their work permit. With these permits, students can apply to jobs that **hire students at the age of 14 or older**. If students will be applying, the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

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 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!”**



	<p>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. <b>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.</b></p>
Technology Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>.</li> <li>2. In-Person technology support is available to students during their lunch period on <b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>. Our IT specialist is available to middle school students on the stage in the dining hall during each lunch period.</li> </ol> <p>All students and their parents have received the <i>One-to-One Laptop Program Policy</i> and signed the <i>One-to-One Laptop Program Agreement</i>. 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. <b>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</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>
8thGrade Gym Uniform	<p><b>Gym Uniform</b></p> <p>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 4 Eighth 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>
Quick Ways to Support Your Warrior	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Locker Support</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>2. <b>Laptop Charging</b> <b>Please make sure your warriors' laptop is charged each night and they bring it to school every day.</b></li> </ol>

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**

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 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.**