



# PARENT LEDGER

## VOLUME XXXII

### 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

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

**5//8 Progress Reports Emailed**

**5/13-5/17 Mental Health Awareness Week**

**5/23 Leadership Academy Ends**

**5/27 Memorial Day (No School)**

**5/29 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip and RP4 Parking Lot Party**

**5/31 Last Day of School**

#### Final Week of School

**5/28-5/31 Students Dismiss at 12:30PM**

**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**

Follow Us Online



IG Handle: @BoysLatinofPhiladelphia

Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs

Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin](http://www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin)

[www.Facebook.com/BoysLatinofPhilaEFN](http://www.Facebook.com/BoysLatinofPhilaEFN)

**Weekly  
Highlights**

**Lunch Staff Superhero Day May 3<sup>rd</sup>**



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance





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## Principal Appreciation Day





Principal Appreciation Video created by students and staff

Extended Family Network Paint with a Twist









Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Families, I encourage you to join us as we show appreciation for teachers and staff this week. Send a note, email or gift to a staff member this week to show your appreciation for our phenomenal staff.





YMCA  
Summer  
Scholarships


The West Philadelphia YMCA wants to offer a special scholarship opportunity to 15 deserving students from your school. **There are 5 scholarships available per grade.** This scholarship will not only cover the cost of participation in one of our Summer 2024 Youth Sports Programs but also provide a unique platform for personal growth, skill development, and community

engagement. This initiative is a testament to our commitment to making our programs accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstances.

See flyer below for more details. If you would like your warrior to be a recipient of a scholarship [please sign-up here](#). Sign-up is first come, first serve.

**More Information?**

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Advance Leader Sports/Camps  
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**WEST PHILA. YMCA Youth Programs**

- Basketball Small Group Training
- Boxing Training
- Dance
- Football Small Group Training
- Gymnastics

**2024 Summer Session**

Monday – Friday  
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

West Philadelphia YMCA | 5120 Chestnut Street | Philadelphia, PA 19139

Parent Town  
Hall Meeting

[Please Signup Here](#)

2024

# TOWN HALL

Please join us at the board-parent town hall for the board to hear your voice as we prepare for the 2024-25 school year.

Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Middle School  
May 21 at 5 PM  
344 N. Felton Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19139

*Click the link in our bio to RSVP and/or submit a question to the board.*



# Meet our board!



Charles Barrett Adams



Michael Bowman, Esq.



Dr. Kevin Johnson



Albert Oehrle, Esq.



Dr. Nancy Robinson-Garvin



Floyd Simpson



Patrick South



Elaine Wells



Wesley Wyatt



Paul Yakulis

Identifying effective techniques and coping mechanisms to help prevent disorders through education and awareness among our young men

# MENTAL HEALTH IS THE NEW WEALTH

**MONDAY 5/13**  
snacks and facts  
First 50 students present will receive a snack with a mental health fact!

**TUESDAY 5/14**  
speak your truth  
Record video saying, "I pledge to raise more awareness on mental health by ..."

**WEDNESDAY 5/15 3:30-5:30PM**  
you good bro?  
Open discussion on trauma due to gun violence with community partners

**THURSDAY 5/16**  
affirmation day  
Create and exchange words of affirmation

**FRIDAY 5/17**  
go green  
Dress down day for students who completed surveys. Must wear green

For further questions, please contact Social Worker:  
Ms. Nicolas @ Rnicolas@boyslatin.org




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



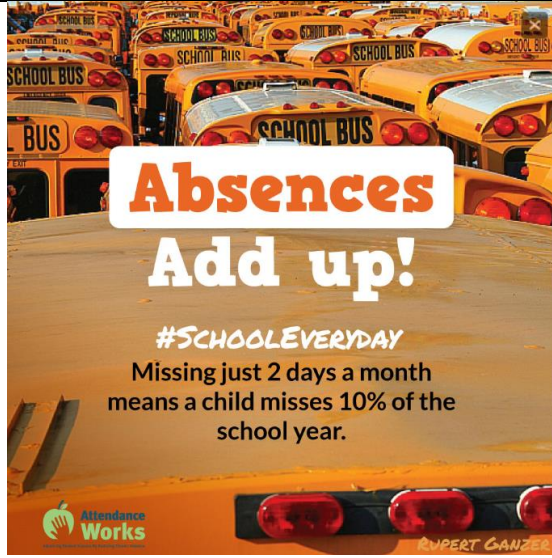
WorkReady Job Opportunities Ages 14-24



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!”**

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 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> 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><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><b>Laptop Charging</b> Please make sure your warriors' laptop is charged each night and they bring it to school every day.</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 Dismissal	<p><b>Arriving on Time</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 Entrance.</b> You can always see your students' attendance on PowerSchool.</p> <p><b>Early Dismissals</b> Students are <b>NOT</b> allowed to be dismissed by phone or email. Only a parent or an emergency contact can pick-up a student for an early dismissal. <b><u>All early dismissals must occur before 2:30PM.</u></b></p>



**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 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.