



# Boys' Latin High School

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## 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.

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Greetings Warrior Nation,  
Happy Sunday and Happy Mother's Day! Please check out this week's Ledger for all upcoming announcements.

#### Important Dates

[Click HERE to access the Boys' Latin Network Calendar](#)

May 13, 14, 17	AP Testing
May 15	Thespian Induction
May 14, 16, 21	Keystone Testing
May 17	Senior Six Flags Trip
May 18	BL Latin Team Traveling to PSU for PAJCL Convention
May 21-23	Senior Finals
May 22-24	Keystone Makeups
May 27	Memorial Day (No School)

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??

On Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, our seniors had their prom! Our Young Warriors showed up and showed out! It was amazing watching them enjoy their last dance as a BL learner and their brotherhood was truly felt!



Shout Out to all of the families that voted and assisted our Young Warriors in securing the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this year's Philly Service Award! Our learners were able to obtain a \$5,000 award for BL through their endearing work! Our Young Warriors were recognized for their work by CHOP this past Thursday.



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### Summit & Capstone

We will not have summits tomorrow. All learners will participate in Capstone tomorrow.

### Keystone Testing

Keystone testing will be taking place starting May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the schedule below for testing.

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Algebra 1 Keystone Exam

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Biology Keystone Exam

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Literature Keystone Exam

Only learners that are testing will report to school (seniors have already fulfilled their testing requirements and will NOT test on any of the days). All learners and families should have received an email with all details regarding testing and if/when your Young Warrior will be testing. Passing the keystones is one of the pathways to graduation, so it is imperative that learner report to school for their testing days.

Learners may dress down during Keystone testing days. Learners will be dismissed at approximately 2pm.

### SUN Bucks Program

A new program called Summer EBT, or "SUN Bucks," has been authorized by a bipartisan U.S. Congress to provide food dollars to low-income families with school-aged children over the summer months. The program is proven to reduce food insecurity and improve children's nutrition during summer break. Please review the attached document for more details

### Board-Parent Townhall

As we prepare for the 2024-25 school year, we cordially invite you to join us for the board-parent town hall. This will be a great opportunity for board members to meet the families they serve, and gain insight for next year's plans. To RSVP and/or submit a question, please click this [link](#). We hope to see you there!

### Scholarship Opportunity for Seniors

Please click on the link below to check out an amazing scholarship opportunity for our 12<sup>th</sup> grade Young Warriors. We encourage all of our 12<sup>th</sup> graders to apply!

<https://scholarship.phillykappas.org/>

### Senior Calendar and Upcoming Events

Please check out the attachments for our May senior calendar and for upcoming event fliers.

### 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

Boys' Latin is now an official Work Permit Issuing Site. 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](mailto: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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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