



# 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](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??

On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, our learners were inducted into the Thespian society during an induction ceremony! Thank you to all of the families that came out to the event!

This past weekend, members of the BL Latin team traveled to Penn State University Park (main campus) for the PA Junior Classical League annual convention to compete in various classical-themed academic, artistic, and athletic competitions (including Certamina!) and participated in classical-themed team-building exercises with other high school Latin students from all over the state of PA. Our learners had a great time and brought home 15 medals!



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### Keystone Testing

Keystone testing will continue this week. We will follow the schedule below for testing.  
Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Literature Keystone Exam

Only learners that are testing will report to school. 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 (NOT during makeup days). Learners will be dismissed at approximately 2pm.

### Keystone Testing Makeups

Keystone testing makeups will take place on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Learners that were not present for Keystones will be required to take their makeups. Learners will be pulled from classes to test.

### Senior Final Exams

Tomorrow the senior final exams begin. If they have a period 1 or period 2 class, then they should report to school for that specific period. Period 1 testing is from 8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and Period 2 testing is from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Seniors may leave after exams.

On Wednesday all seniors who have class periods 3 and 4, will be testing. Period 3 testing begins at 8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and Period 4 testing begins at 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Seniors may leave after exams.

Thursday, May 23, 2024, is a makeup day for any senior who missed their exam day. **Seniors who have not met all of the BL graduation requirements must report to school on Thursday and Friday.**

May 28, 29 and 30 are senior presentation days and graduation practice. Seniors will be given a specific time to come in to do their presentations. Graduation practice is from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and **all seniors must attend.** The senior luncheon is on Thursday, May 30th.

**On Graduation Day, June 3, all seniors must report to Penn Live Arts by 1:00 p.m., there will be no exceptions.** If you have any questions or comments, please send me an email.

### Grades 9-11 Final Exams

Please see the attached document for next week's final testing. Learners must report to school for each period regardless of whether they have a final for the course.

### 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 Postponed

Due to significantly low RSVP rates for the townhall, the meeting has been postponed to the fall. See the attached document.

### 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.

### 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. **In order to get an application process expedited (rush processed) please email Dr. Washington directly at [nwashington@boyslatin.org](mailto:nwashington@boyslatin.org).**

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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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Principal