



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.

Principal:

Eros Uthman-Olukokun

Academic Systems Manager:

Robert Fletcher

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

Important Dates

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

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 1
Closed: Memorial Day	Q4 Benchmarks and S2 Finals (12:30pm Dismissal) 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Project Presentations 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM 5501 Cedar Ave Graduation Practice: Grade 12 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave	Q4 Benchmarks and S2 Finals (12:30pm Dismissal) 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Project Presentations 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM 5501 Cedar Ave Graduation Practice: Grade 12 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave	Q4 Benchmarks and S2 Finals (12:30pm Dismissal) 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Senior Project Presentations 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM 5501 Cedar Ave Graduation Practice: Grade 12 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave Senior Luncheon 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM 5501 Cedar Ave	Q4 Ends Field Day: Grades 9-12 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM 5501 Cedar Ave Last Day: Grades 6-12 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM	SAT Testing 5501 Cedar Ave Sunday 2

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BOYS' LATIN HS??

On Friday, May 24th, our Mural Arts Leadership Academy unveiled the mural that our Young Warriors designed and that has been placed on the 1st floor. The group also debuted the Mural Arts Mentoring Group Documentary which highlighted their journey through the program. We were able to have families present to witness their children obtain awards and share words about their experiences. Shout Out to all of our community members that were in attendance!

On Friday, we also enjoyed our Annual Keystone Cookout Field Day for all first-time Keystone test takers who met tried their best and met all of our expectations! Learners had a blast while engaging in different obstacle courses, eating food, playing different games, enjoying water ice from one of our vendor trucks, and much more!

Announcements

Student Dress Down

As we come to the close of the year and prepare for the summer, we ask that each family speak with their Young Warrior about the importance of making the right choices. We have seen an increase in adolescent incidence that have taken place in the community, and we urge you all to remind learners of the importance of maintaining their integrity when it comes vaping, associating with negative influences, engaging in illegal activities, and etc. We all know the statistics that plague our black and brown boys, and we want to ensure that we are working as a community to remind them of their power and future potential!

Grades 9-11 Final Exams

Please see the attached document for this week's finals testing. Learners must report to school for each period regardless of whether they have a final for the course. Learners will be dismissed at 12:30pm each day this week. Learners will get a grab-and-go lunch at 12:30pm

Move Up Day and Field Day

Friday, May 31st is the last day of school. Learners will have their Move Up day and End of Year Field Day to close out the year!

Summer School & Retention Notices

Final grades will be sent home to families next week. Notices will be sent to families that need to have their Young Warrior attend summer school or that have been retained in the same grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student Dress Down

Learners may dress down this entire week for finals.

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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

Summer Employment Opportunities

Below are some summer employment opportunities for our Young Warriors and school community.

Jevs 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.**

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

Opt-In from
your mobile
now!



Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
67587.

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

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 frontofficehs@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

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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

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 frontofficehs@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. 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, 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