



Parent Ledger Volume II

Welcome Back=== Parent Ledger=====

Salvete Parents

Parent Ledgers will be sent on a weekly basis to keep you informed on all things related to Boys' Latin High School. Please be sure to review the ledger to stay connected to what's happening in the building and our school community



Important Dates

- **9/19 Back to School Night 6PM-8PM**
- 9/27 Kickboard Incentive Dress Down(Students must have pass to dress down)
- **9/30 Progress Reports Issued**
- 10/1 Winter Uniforms begin and Leadership Academy begins
- **10/11 Homecoming Football Game**
- 10/13 Senior Picture Day

Weekly Highlights

HBCU College Fair and HBCU Football Classic Howard vs. Morehouse

Students who received high honors last school year attended the HBCU Classic college fair on Friday in New York City. On Saturday, students who attended the HBCU College Fair had the chance

to experience a HBCU tailgate experience and watch the Howard vs. Morehouse Football game at the Met Life stadium. There was music, food, and a lot people who wanted who the group of young kings were walking through the tailgate.





Kickboard Incentive 40 Free Chicken Finger Platters

This week the highest Kickboard Earners in each grade were awarded a Chicken Finger Platter Pass to get a chicken finger platter at the E&B Store around the corner from the school. We are thankful for partnerships with community businesses to provide unique experiences for our Warriors. We gave out 40 passes! Keep talking with your warriors about making the right choices while in the building to participate in more Kickboard incentives



Important Reminders

Cell Phones and Parent Phone Calls

As a reminder students are **NOT** allowed to use their phones in class or during transitions. Students can use their phones while in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch. There have been instances when students phones have been confiscated from students because parents or guardians are texting or calling students during the day. **PLEASE** do **NOT** call or text your warrior during the school day.



If you need to get a message to your warrior please call the school directly or email our administrative assistant Ms. Sheppard csheppard@boyslatin.org

Conduct off School Grounds and on Public Transportation

A former warrior parent called the school to inform us how a group of Boys' Latin students on the Route G bus were misrepresenting our school by being disrespectful and rowdy on the bus. Please talk with your warrior about their conduct on their way to and from school. We will be working with SEPTA and neighbors to identify students who are violating our code of conduct. **Please be mindful if your warrior is violating our school code of conduct on their way to or from school they can be suspended or expelled from Boys' Latin.**



Fake Early Dismissal Emails

Since the start of the school year there have been a few students who have sent emails posing as their parents or other adults asking us to dismiss their warrior early. This is unacceptable and not safe. Please be aware if your warrior does this they will receive a 2 hour Saturday detention and if it happens again they will be suspended with the intent to expel.

PowerSchool Updates

There's been a lot of confusion with accessing PowerSchool. Over the summer we updated the platform as so we can have the newest version of PowerSchool. Any PowerSchool links from previous years are inactive! Please use the following link instead



<https://boyslatin.powerschool.com>

Here are links to the Google Play/ Apple store for any parents having issues :

Play Store - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.powerschool.portal&pcampaignid=web_share

Apple app store - <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/powerschool-mobile/id973741088>

Laptops

Over the next 2 weeks students will need laptops to participate in important diagnostic testing it is imperative that your warrior has a laptop next week.

NEW STUDENTS== ALL NEW students will receive a school issued laptop **During the first week** of school. You must make a one-time 25\$ payment via the online portal and read the 1:1 Laptop Agreement. The fee is **\$25 Please click the link to make a payment link:**

<https://www.boyslatin.org/for-families/chromebook-fees>

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 link: <https://www.boyslatin.org/for-families/chromebook-fees> **Payment Plan option is available.**

Uniforms

Spring/ Fall Uniforms

All Students are required to be in full uniform on the 1st day of school. Students should be wearing the fall/spring uniform. Boys' Latin maroon polo, khaki pants, black belt, and black shoes(NO sneakers, NO boots) Students will be sent home if they are NOT in full uniform. See images below of both uniforms. Students are permitted to wear Boys Latin hoodies or jackets due the temperature in the rooms



Winter Uniforms

Winter Uniforms will begin on October 1st. The winter uniform consist of the Boys' Latin Blue Blazer, Blue oxford shirt, BL Striped Tie, Khaki pants, black belt and black shoes.

Please begin ordering or purchasing items now to avoid delays.

General Need to Know and Technology Resources

Technology Resources

Important Information and Resources about Boys' Latin Middle School can be found on our school website at [Boys' Latin for Families](#) under Important Information.

Follow Us Online



If you need support with laptops or accessing any of technology platforms please email support@boyslatin.org

School Phone: 215-387-5149 Ext 1

Follow Us Online

IG Handle: @BoysLatinofPhiladelphia

Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin

www.Facebook.com/BoysLatinofPhilaEFN

Dr. Washington's Virtual Counseling

If you need resources or want to connect with Dr. Washington visit her virtual page

[Dr. Washington's Counseling page](#)

Important Need to Know

1. **Early Dismissals-** When necessary, you are able to request an early dismissal for your child. You can make the request using a written note that you send with your child or by emailing me at

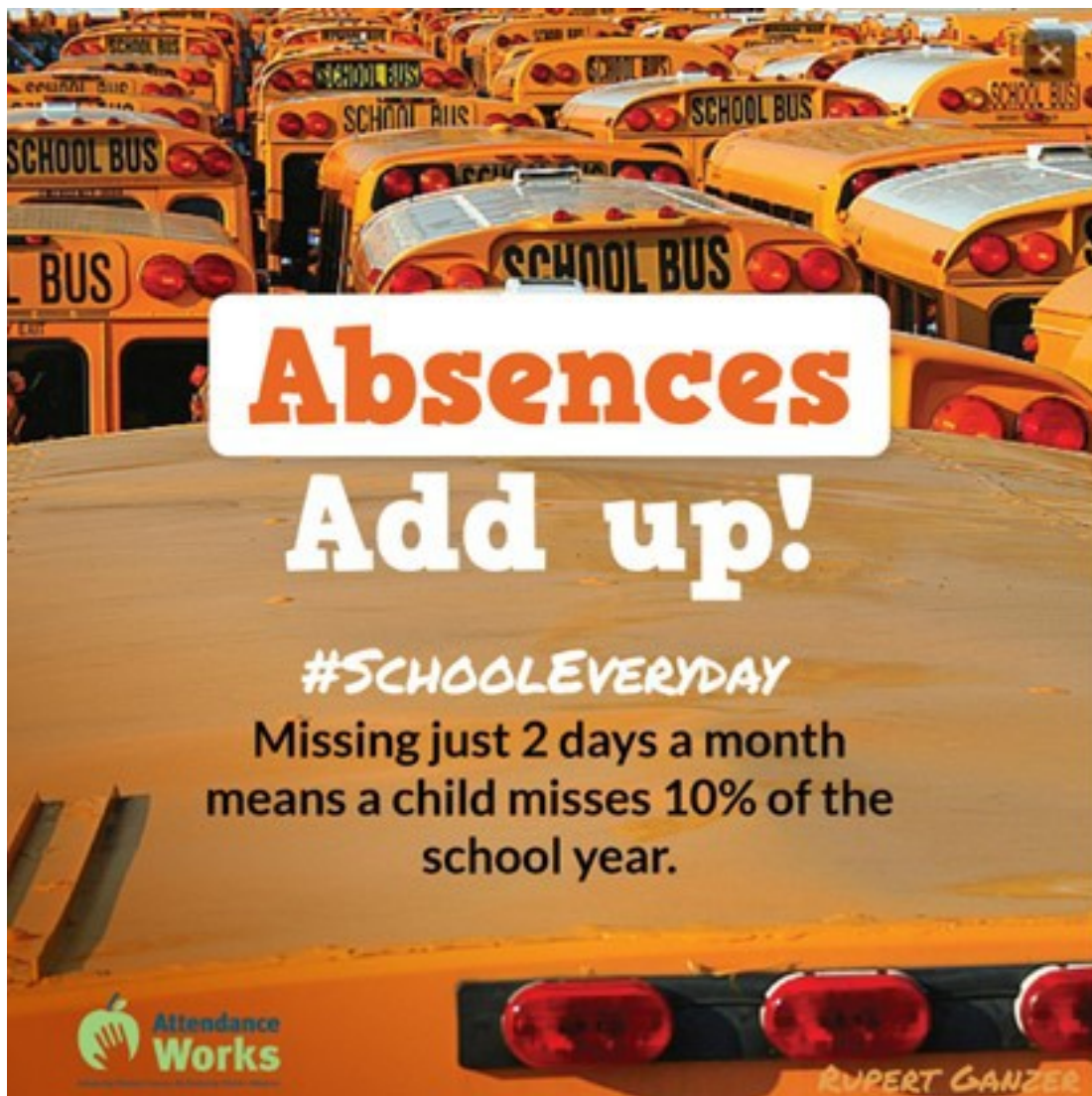
csheppard@boyslatin.org. Some parts of our day are busier than others. For this reason, we ask that all early dismissals happen before 2pm.

2. **Excusing an Absence-** When your child is absent, a written/emailed absent note is required to excuse the absence. You are able to excuse the absence for up to 2 consecutive days with the written note/email. If your child is absent for a 3rd consecutive day, a written/emailed medical note is required. No more than 10 excused absences are allowed during the school year. More details regarding attendance can be found on the attached Attendance Policy.

3. **Transportation-** Only students that live **1.5 miles or more** from the school qualify for transportation and will receive a Septa Fare Card. The fare card is of no cost to families. The School District of Philadelphia determines whether your child is eligible for transportation. If your child is found to be eligible for transportation they will receive (1) YELLOW fare care. Although issues are isolated, please be advised that you may have to provide transportation for your child for up to the first 2 weeks of school if there is an issue with your transportation status. The school district does not furnish us with day passes, vouchers or any other fare items. More information regarding the Septa Student Fare Card can be found [here](#).

4. **Parent/Family Contact Information-** Please make sure that all of your contact information is up-to-date. We use the contact information that you provide to issue early dismissals, emergencies and communication. If you need to change your address, please contact Ms. Sheppard at csheppard@boyslatin.org

Attendance Matters



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.



FROM OUR CEO-----PARENT SURVEY-----

Boys' Latin Survey: We Need Your Voice!



Dear Boys' Latin Community,

I am reaching out to share an update and to enlist your support. This year, we are embarking on an exciting journey to refine our vision for Boys' Latin and create a five-year strategic plan.

- **Here's why:** As we seek to continue to work to ensure the best outcomes for every student, we feel the need (1) to come together around a renewed, common vision for our graduates, and (2) to develop a multi-year plan to achieve that vision.
- **Here's how:** To us, the way we arrive at this vision and plan is every bit as important as the final product. Our process includes opportunities for students, parents, alumni, and staff to participate.

Your involvement in the Boys' Latin process begins today! Your voice and perspective will contribute to our networks vision and priorities. **Please take 10 minutes to complete [this survey](#) by Friday, September 20th.** We appreciate the honesty of your feedback; your responses will be anonymous.

Thank you for investing this time in the future of Boys' Latin.

Principal Parker