



Parent Ledger Volume VII

Important Dates

- **10/21-10/25 Benchmarks**
- **NO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY this week**
- 10/25 Report Period 1 Ends
- **10/28 Senior Credit Review with Family 2:20-4:20PM**
- 10/28 RP2 Begins
- **10/30 PSAT Testing for 10th-11th Graders(No School for 9th Graders)**
- **11/5 Election Day (No School for Staff or Students)**

Weekly Highlights

Fall Fest at Upper Dublin School District

Boys' Latin students participated in the Upper Dublin School District Fall Fest this Saturday. The boys participated in activities such as: Impromptu myth plays, Mythology Bingo, Frisbee and Certamen.



BL Bicycle Club participates in the Philadelphia Annual Philly Bike Ride

5 members of the BL BCYC Bike Club successfully navigated their way through the Philly Bike Ride on Saturday. Coach Wimberly and members of the team completed the scenic 20 mile Philadelphia course! Shout out to Ms. Wimberly and our BCYC Coaches Lana and Habib for their support.



Benchmark Schedule

This week warriors will be taking Report Period 1 benchmarks. Benchmarks count as a summative assessment. Summative assessments are worth 50% of students overall grade. It is imperative that our warriors are present and on time for benchmarks. **Please refrain from requesting early dismissals during this week of benchmark testing.** Please see benchmark schedule below



SY24-25 Quarter I Benchmark and Makeup Schedule

Tuesday October 22nd	Wednesday October 23rd	Thursday October 24th	Friday October 25th	Monday October 28th
ELA & Fine Arts	Science & ELA	Math & Latin	History	Benchmark Make Up Exams for ELA, Math and Science
	Makeup Exams for Fine Arts in Teacher's Class	Makeup Exams for Science in Teacher's Class	Makeup Exams for Math and Latin in Teacher's Class	Make Ups Pulled by Admin Team Make up Exams for History in Teacher's Class
<i>Collection: MS: Mr. James Office HS: Main Front Office</i>	Bubble Sheet & Booklet collection Collection for ELA	Bubble Sheet & Booklet collection Collection for Science	Bubble Sheet & Booklet collection Collection for Math	All remaining Test Booklets and bubble sheets returned by COB

Parent Survey Feedback on A Portrait of A Warrior

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We need your feedback on our draft to ensure it continues to reflect our community's input. **Please note that this is a different survey from the first one that we sent out**, and we greatly appreciate your taking the time to complete this second request.

Link to approximately 5 minute survey: [Link](#)

There's no time like the present to complete it, but the survey will be open until Wednesday, October 30th.

Community Partnerships

Cuts and Conversations

This a barbershop-style conversation on the upcoming election focusing on the significance of Black Men voting in the 2024 election. There is limited seating so please register if you would like to attend.

Organized by David Richardson

HARRIS
for PRESIDENT
PADEMS

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Isaiah Thomas
Philadelphia City Councilmember
Majority WHIP

Kenny Duncan
Barber/Owner, Main Attraction

Anthony Phillips
Philadelphia City Councilmember
District 9

WITH A SPECIAL GUEST

Main Attraction Unisex Salon
Mon., October 21st, 2024
6:30PM - 8:00PM

Chad Fain
Owner, TRPE Media

SCAN ME

[BIT.LY/BLACKMENVOTE24](https://bit.ly/blackmenvote24)

Faheem Alexander
Barber, Faheem's Hand of Precision

Limited Seating

WINTER UNIFORM STARTS TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST

Winter Uniforms

Winter Uniforms will begin next Tuesday 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. **If warriors are NOT in full uniform when they arrive to the building, a parent will be contacted and the student will serve a detention or be sent home.** If you are experiencing financial hardship and need assistance please complete the following assistance form.



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY BEGINS TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST

Leadership academy is extra curricular activities that give students the opportunity to explore and develop their talents. This helps students build a robust resume for college and future careers.

- 9th-11th Grade Students are required to stay for Leadership Academy as it is a **REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR WARRIOR TO GRADUATE.**

- Tuesday and Thursday 3:20-4PM



Leadership Academy



Title 1 Parents Right To Know Notification

Please review important information below.



Title1ParentsRight-to-KnowNotification_072624.pdf

Download
227.1 KB

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

Extended Family Network Webinar

On Friday, November 8, 5:30 - 6:30pm, the EFN for the MS and HS will host an informational webinar covering attendance, PowerSchool, and dual enrollment.



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

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

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](#)

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>

Important Need to Know

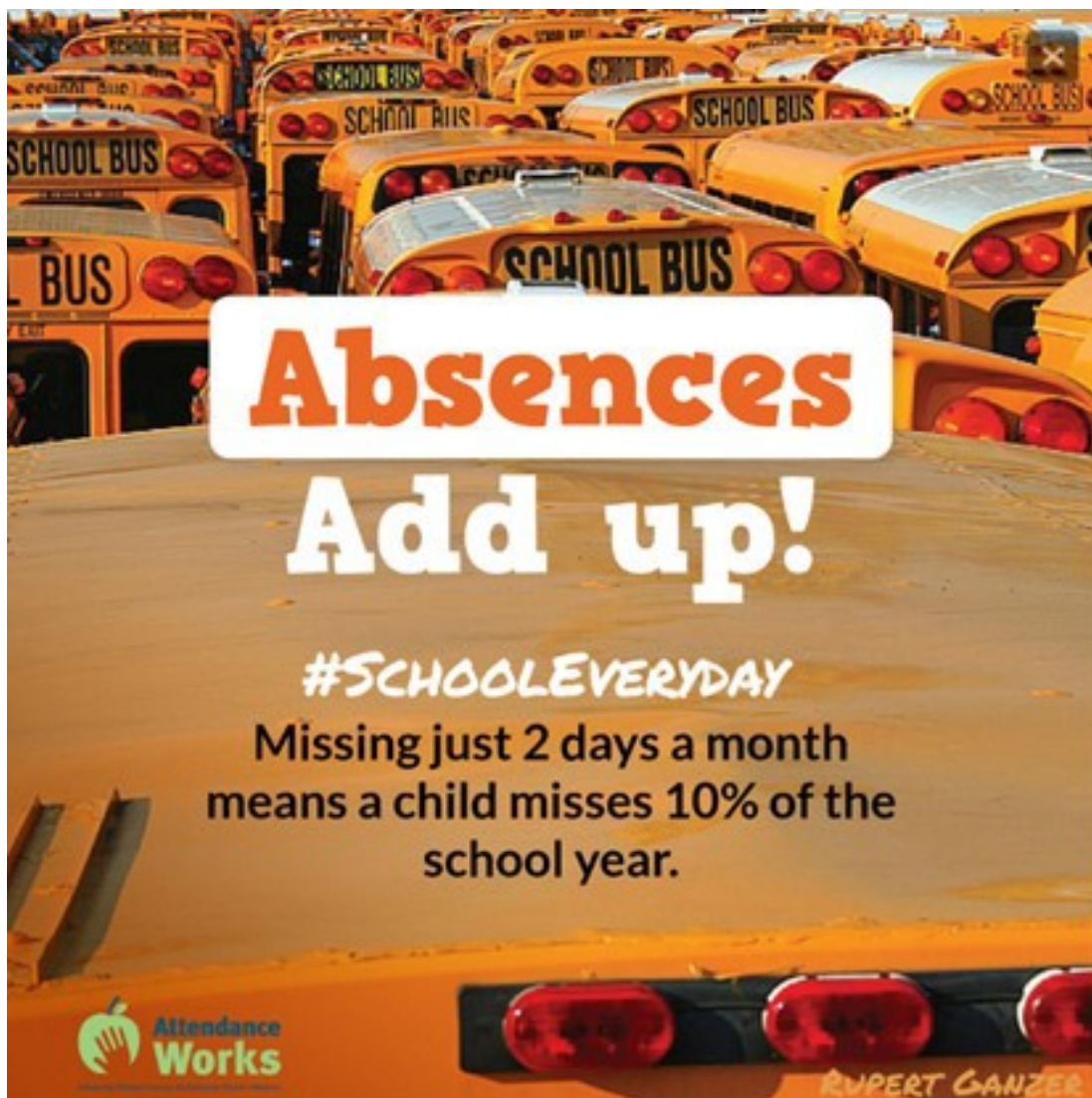
1. **Early Dismissals-** When necessary, you are able to request an early dismissal for your child. You can make the request using a written note that you send with your child or by emailing me at csheppard@boyslatin.org. Some parts of our day are busier than others. For this reason, we ask that all 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.



Principal Parker