



## Parent Ledger Volume XIII

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### Important Dates

- 12/5 Winter Keystone Testing Algebra 10th-11th Grade 2PM Dismissal ( No School for 9th Grade Students) 12th grade students will be present
- 12/10 Winter Keystone Testing Literature 11th Grade 2PM Dismissal ( No school for 9th and 10th Grade Students) 12th grade students will be present
- 12/12 Winter Keystone Testing Biology 10th-11th Grade 2PM Dismissal (No school for 9th grade students) 12th grade students will be present
- 12/13 EFN Jazz Night for Parents 6PM-9PM ( See Flyer Below)
- 12/16 Barbers Who Care Holiday Give Back 2PM-6PM ( See Flyer Below)
- 12/18 Brothers In Sing 6PM (See Flyer Below)

### Winter Keystone Testing

**2024-25 Winter Keystone Exams.** The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency in academic content. Beginning with the Class of 2023, students must demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to graduate or fulfill one of the other pathways provided to graduate. [Please click here for more information regarding the statewide high school graduation requirement.](#) While students do not need to pursue the Keystone Proficiency or Keystone Composite graduation pathways, they are still required to take the Keystone Exams for the purpose of federal accountability as the Keystone Exams are the statewide assessments Pennsylvania uses to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

**PLEASE SEE LETTER BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION**

On December 5th, 10th, and 12th Boys' Latin will administer the 2024-25 Winter Keystone Exams. Please see the schedule below for the testing and student attendance

### Algebra 1

#### **December 5th, 2024**

9th - No School

10th & 11th – Testing 2PM Dismissal

12th – Normal School Day

### Biology

#### **December 10th, 2024**

9th - No School

10th & 11th - Testing 2PM Dismissal

12th – Normal School Day

### Literature

#### **December 12th, 2024**

9th & 10th - No School

11th - Testing 2PM Dismissal

12th – Normal School Day



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## **Barbers Who Care Holiday Give Back**

### **Holiday Partnership Free Haircuts, Free Winter Uniforms and Winter Coats for Boys' Latin Families**

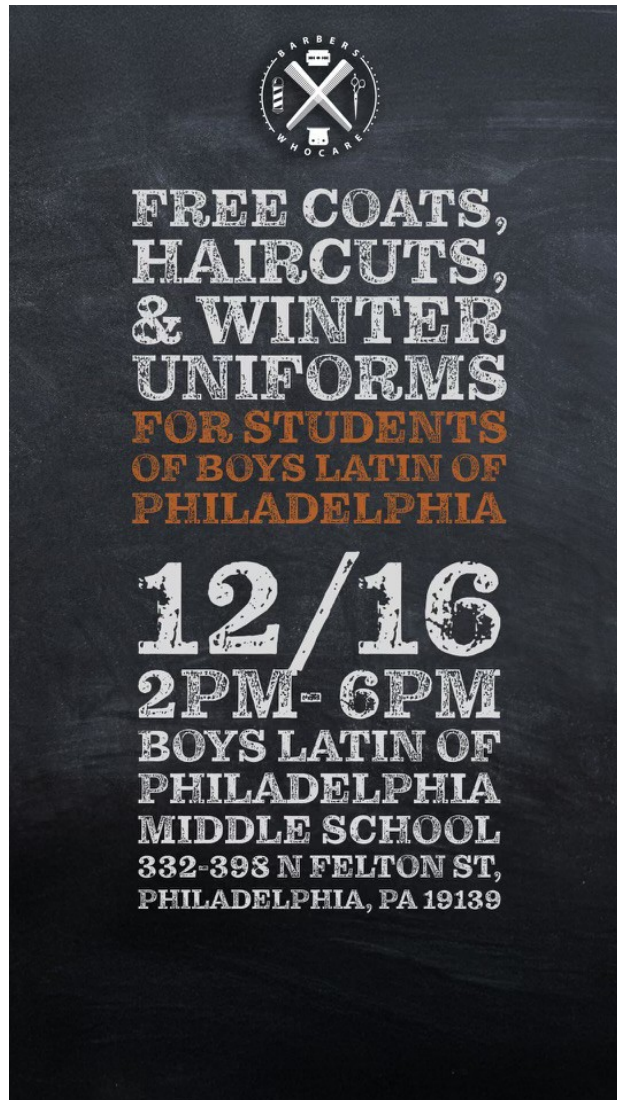
On December 16th we are partnering with Barbers Who Care to provide **a great holiday experience EXCLUSIVELY** for Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Families.

On December 16th 2PM-6PM, Barbers Who Care will be providing FREE Haircuts, FREE Winter Coats and FREE Winter Boys' Latin Uniform items for Boys' Latin students and their families. Please complete the form below to sign-up your warrior or a school-age member of your family below. See important details below.

**1. We have 20 highly skilled barbers led by barber and grooming extraordinaire Kenny Duncan. Haircuts are Unlimited we are able to serve everyone that signs-up.**

2. We will be able to provide 75 coats and uniforms for the 1st 75 students that sign-up. *Please only complete if you plan to attend and if you are in need of items*
2. Parents must be present to order uniforms for Middle School students
3. Families Must sign-up to attend.
4. You must complete a form for each student if you have multiple students

#### Barbers Who Care Holiday Giveback Sign-Up



## EFN Jazz Night

### EFN Jazz Night

Our Extended Family Network and Staff will be hosting a Jazz Night for families. This event will be an interactive event to discuss how music can help with mental health and stress. The cost to attend is \$5 please see link below to register to attend.

<https://www.boyslatin.org/for-families/jazz-night>

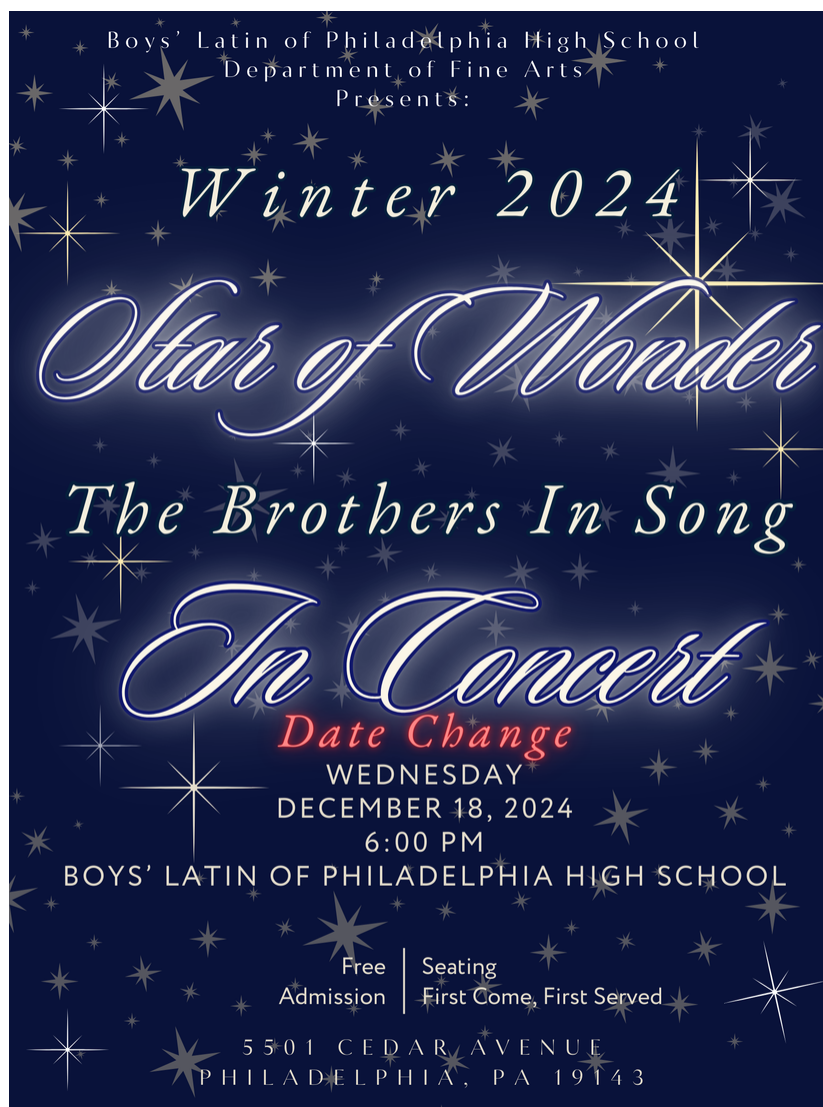


## Brothers in Song Winter Concert

### Brothers in Song Star of Wonder Concert

Please plan to join us for a night of exquisite sounds and harmonies as our Brothers in Song prepare for us for the winter season!!





## Uniform Reminder and Expectations

Many warriors arrive to school missing essential winter uniform items. According to our school handbook if warriors are not in full uniform they must return home. To avoid sending warriors home will allow warriors to borrow certain items please see details and consequences below. Warriors will NOT be allowed to borrow items every day. If you are experiencing hardship and need support with uniforms please let us know.

### Uniform Policy.

- If a student arrives to school without a tie or blazer a student can borrow an item by turning in their cellphone. If a student does not turn in their cellphone they will receive a detention.
- **3 uniform detentions in a Report Period will lead to a suspension and a mandatory parent conference**



## Boys' Latin Board Meeting PARENTS ARE WELCOMED

Our school works best when there is a strong partnership between parents, family members, and all of Boys' Latin's faculty and staff. **To that point, you are cordially invited to attend our next board meeting, which will be held virtually via Zoom on December 4th at 4:00 PM.** [Please use this link to join the meeting on that day.](#) Also, please visit <https://www.boyslatin.org/about/board-of-trustees>

to learn more about our board and view the meeting agenda, which will be available 48 hours before the meeting. As a reminder all board meetings are public. We hope to see you there.



## **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.



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## 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](mailto:csheppard@boyslatin.org)

## 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

Follow Us Online

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



If you need support with laptops or accessing any of technology platforms please email [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org)

School Phone: 215-387-5149 Ext 1

Follow Us Online

IG Handle: @BoysLatinofPhiladelphia

Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs

Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin](http://www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin)  
[www.Facebook.com/BoysLatinofPhilaEFN](http://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](#)

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

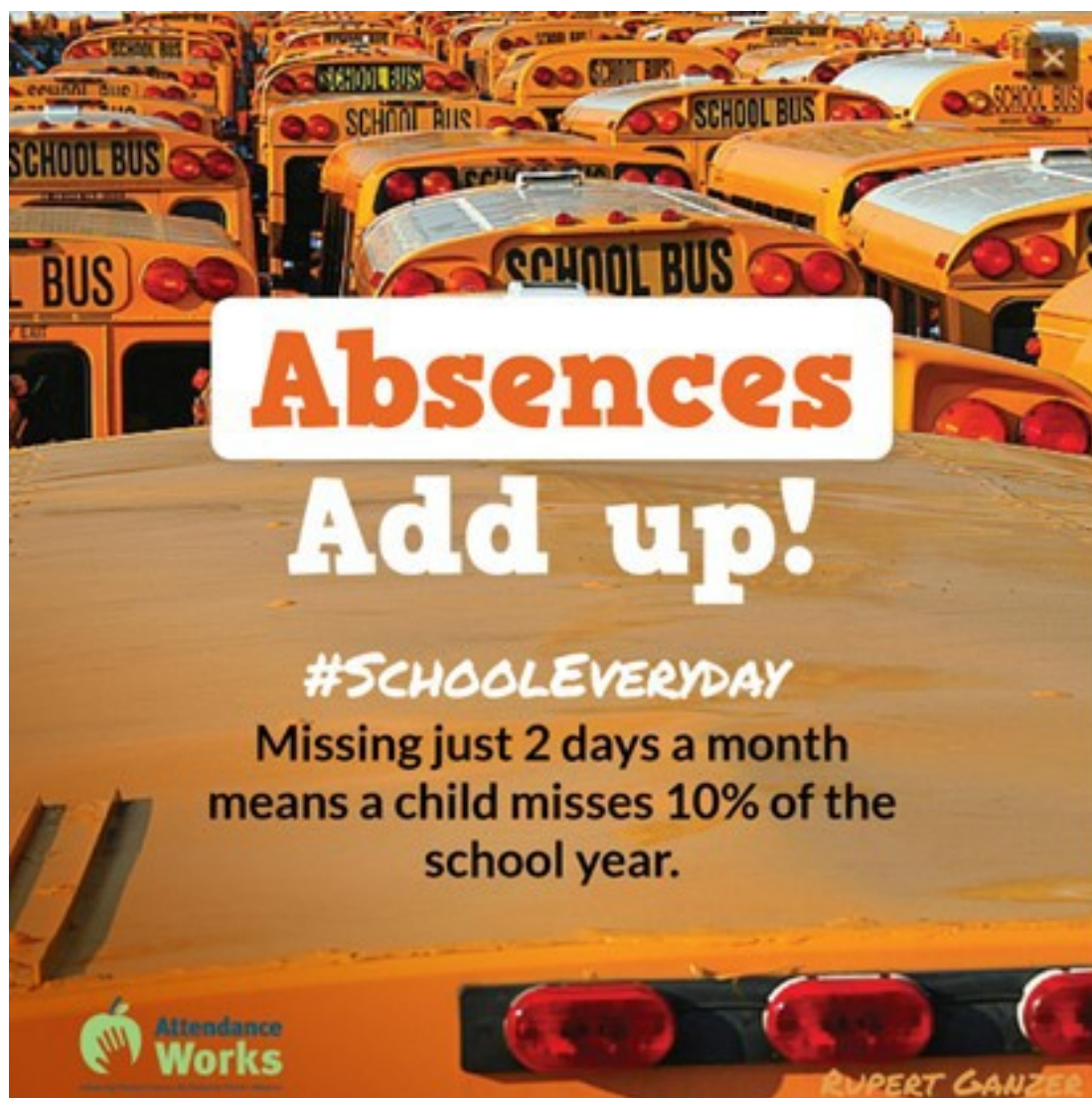


2. **Excusing an Absence-** When your child is absent, a written/mailed absent note is required to excuse the absence. You are able to excuse the absence for up to 2 consecutive days with the written note/mailed. If your child is absent for a 3rd consecutive day, a written/mailed medical note is required. 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](mailto: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**