



## Parent Ledger Volume XV

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### Important Dates

- 12/20 Progress Reports e-mailed
- **12/20-1/6 Winter Break Building Closed**
- 1/6 Virtual Progress Reports Conferences( See Details Below)
- 1/7 Students Return Back from Winter Break
- **1/10 Picture Retake Day**

### Winter Break

**Winter Break for students will be 12/23-1/6.** Students will return back to school on Tuesday, January 7th.



# WINTER BREAK!

## Virtual Progress Report Conferences

We will be holding Virtual Progress Report Conferences for Report Period One to meet with teachers on **Monday, January 6th from 3-6:00PM**. Progress Reports have been emailed to parents. The conference is an opportunity for you to meet with your student's teachers to review your student's grades. **Please only sign-up for conferences with teachers if your student is failing a course. We would like to prioritize meetings with parents whose students are failing.**

**All conferences will be held via Zoom. Please make sure your Zoom account displays the full name you used to schedule the conference. Please arrive at the conference on time.** If you are running late or miss your conference, email your student's teacher to reschedule. Please do not hesitate to email your student's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Sign Up Link: [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Boys\\_Latin\\_PHL](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Boys_Latin_PHL)

The following directions will walk parents / guardians through the signup process:

1. Click the sign up link above. Once redirected to the above webpage please fill in the check-boxes of teachers you wish to meet with and hit "Submit".
2. You will now be directed to the Sign Up page where you will enter Student Name, Parent / Guardian Name, and an Email Address. (Email Address is required for our system to send you a link to actually sign up for a time-slot to meet a teacher.) Hit "Submit" once finished.
3. You will now receive an email with the link to sign up to all pre-selected teacher conferences. Please click either the blue "PTCFast sign-in link:" or "Click here to select conference time."
4. Finally you will be directed to the Time Picker page. All previously selected teachers will be shown with their time slots. Please choose an available time slot for each teacher. When finished scroll down and hit "Confirm Selections." The system will then email you the times you selected.

- Also note each column on the Time Picker page contains that teacher's zoom link in the "Location:" area. Please copy these zoom links down to gain access to conferences

## Picture Retake Day

9th-11th grade students who had their pictures taken during picture day received their proofs or photo package back on December 19th. **If your warrior did not take their picture or you would like to have them re-take pictures, re-take day will be on January 10th . Please see details below.**

**Any student who would like to have their picture retaken should bring back their original picture booklet and give it to the photographer when they go to the camera.**

Any parent that wishes to prepay can click on the link below:

[https://www.barksdalestorefront.com/store/event\\_login/?ac=20191AR](https://www.barksdalestorefront.com/store/event_login/?ac=20191AR)



## Morning Entry and Breakfast Update

When we return from winter break students will have access to school provided breakfast between 7:30-7:50AM. **Students who would like to eat school provided breakfast or the breakfast they purchase from the store MUST arrive between 7:30-7:50AM to eat breakfast.**

## 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**



## 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.



## 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

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](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](https://www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin)

[www.Facebook.com/BoysLatinofPhilaEFN](https://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

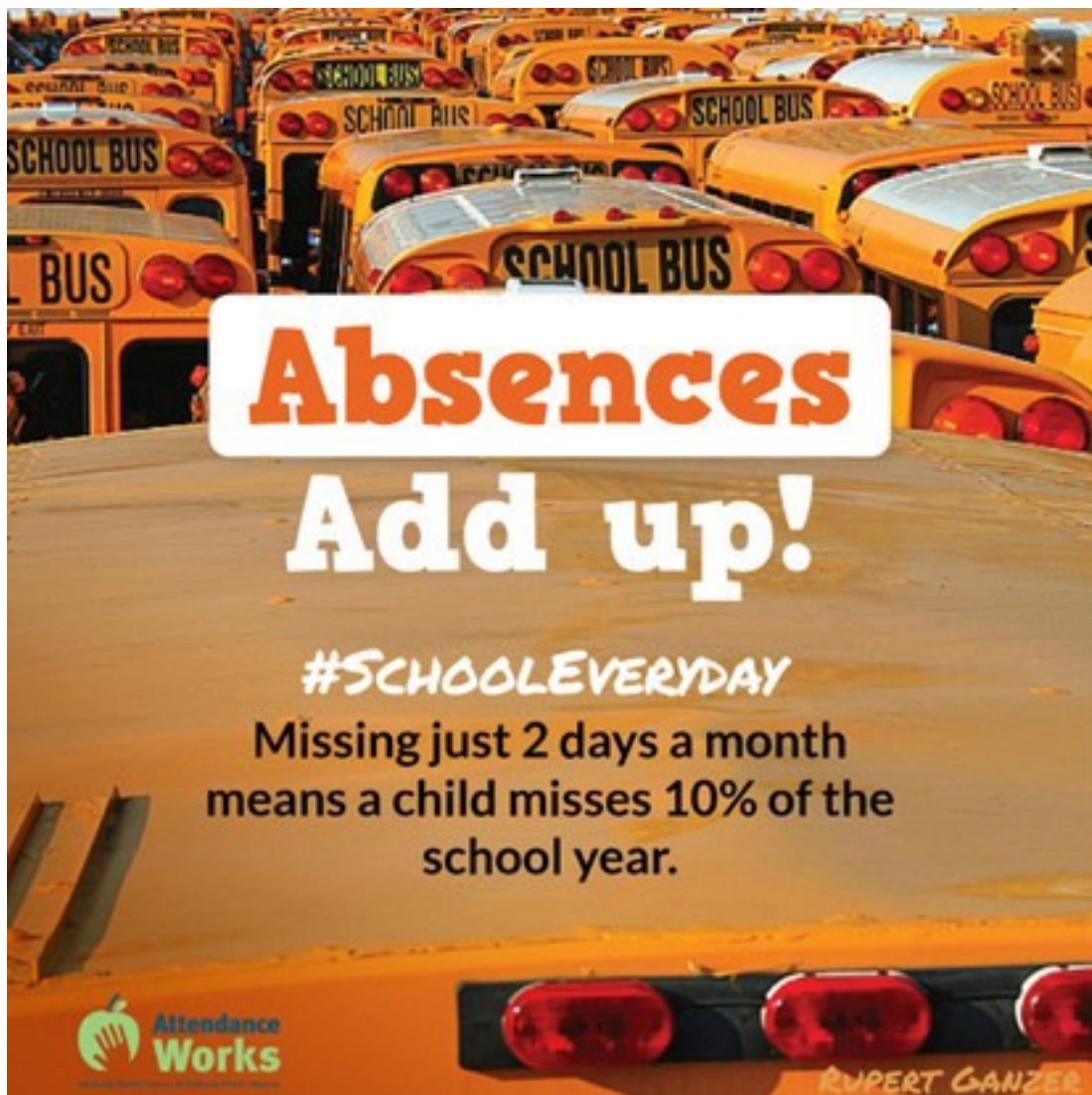
1. **Early Dismissals-** When necessary, you are able to request an early dismissal for your child. You can make the request using a written note that you send with your child or by emailing me at [csheppard@boyslatin.org](mailto:csheppard@boyslatin.org). Some parts of our day are busier than others. For this reason, we ask that all early dismissals happen before 2pm.

2. **Excusing an Absence-** When your child is absent, a written/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](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.



