



Parent Ledger Volume XVII

Important Dates

- 1/13-1/17 New Leadership Academy Selection
- 1/20 MLK Day No School for Students and Staff
- 1/21-1/24 RP 2 Benchmarks
- 1/27 Start of Report Period 3

Summits on The Impact of Vaping

Statistics on Vaping

- **More than 2.5 million high and middle school students in the U.S. use vaping products**
- **Teens are 16 times more likely to use vaping products compared to older adults**

With this data in mind we have instituted stricter policies around vaping in the building or bringing a vape on school premises. The week before winter break we invited **Soldiers For Recovery** to come and speak with each grade about the impacts of vaping and how it is a gateway drug. Our warriors responded well to the session. See a short video below from the presentations. Please continue to have conversations with your warriors about vaping and its negative impacts.



SFR.mp4

Shared with Dropbox

dropbox.com

Benchmark Schedule 1/21-1/24



SY24-25 Quarter II Benchmark and Makeup Schedule

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
January 21st	January 22nd	January 23rd	January 24th	January 27th
ELA & Fine Arts	Math & ELA	Science & Latin	History	Science, Math and ELA Makeup Exams Pulled by Admin Team

Morning Entry and Breakfast Update

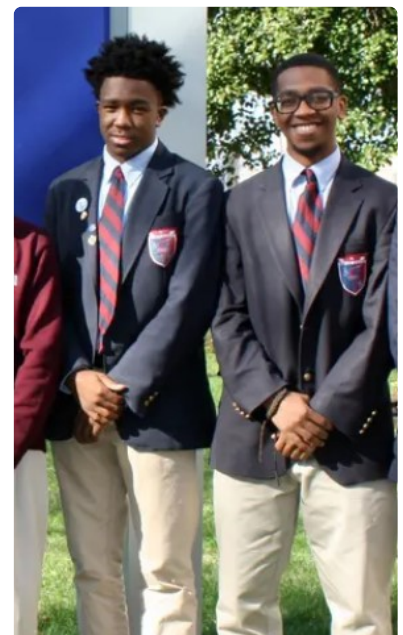
When we return from winter break students will have access to school provided breakfast between 7:30-7:50AM. **Students who would like to eat school provided breakfast or the breakfast they purchase from the store MUST arrive between 7:30-7:50AM to eat breakfast.**

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**



NEW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SELECTION FOR QUARTER 3

Students will have an opportunity to select a new leadership academy beginning tomorrow Monday 1/13

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.



TitleIParentsRight-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



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
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

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

Important Need to Know

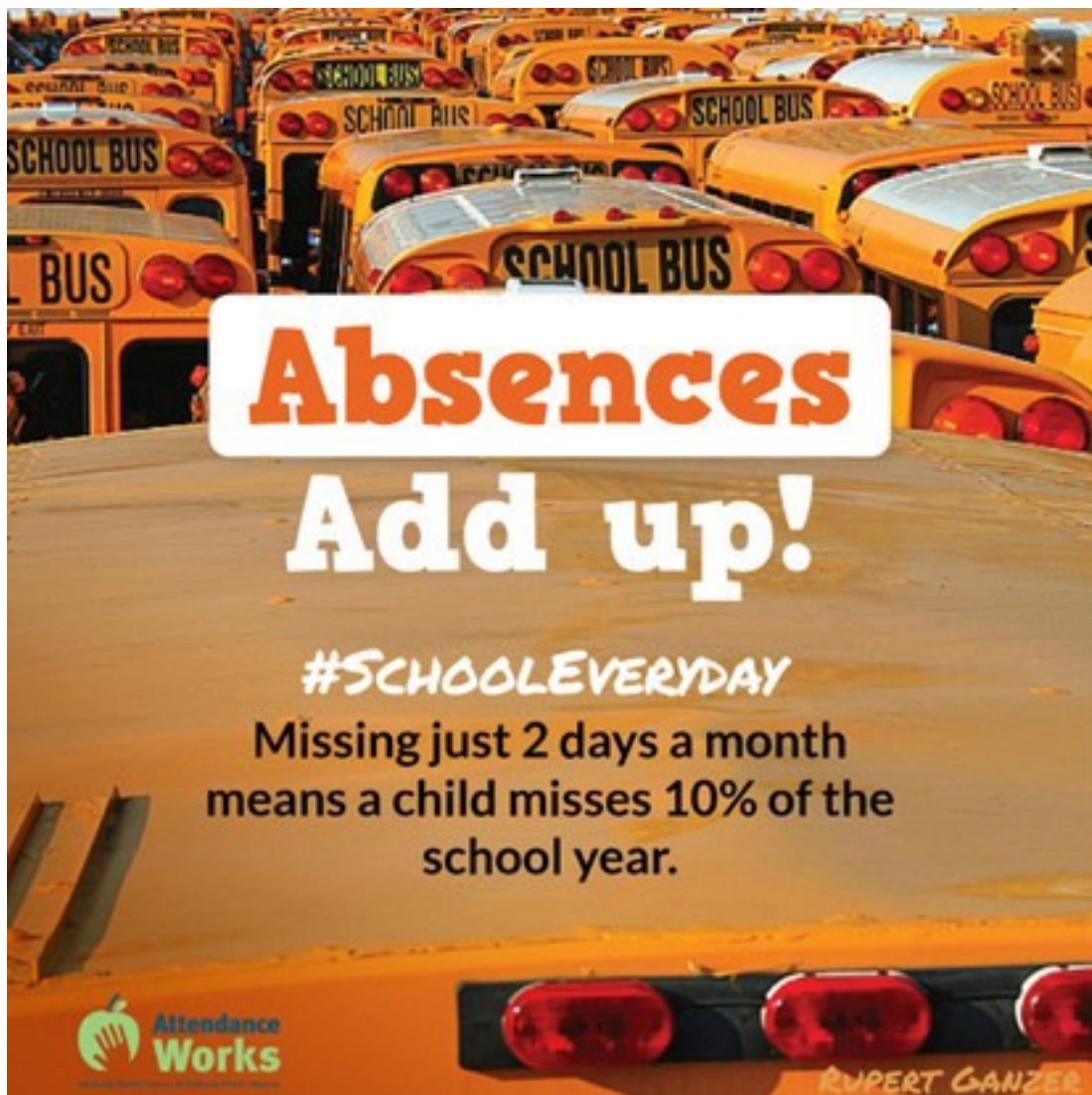
1. **Early Dismissals-** When necessary, you are able to request an early dismissal for your child. You can make the request using a written note that you send with your child or by emailing me at csheppard@boyslatin.org. Some parts of our day are busier than others. For this reason, we ask that all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



