



## Parent Ledger #22: February 2, 2025

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### Principal's Corner

Greetings Warrior Families,

I hope you are having a great weekend! We, first, want to extend our thoughts, prayers, and heartfelt condolences to those impacted by the devastating accident taking place in Northeast Philadelphia over the weekend. We understand the impact that traumatic events have on our community, and we want to assure you that we are here to support however we can. If you and your warrior were impacted in anyway, please reach out to us and we will work together to connect you with resources and support during this time. Although we, as a city, are rebuilding after the devastation, we still believe in providing an atmosphere of joy here at Boys' Latin! This past Friday, our warriors were able to wear Eagles gear in celebration of the Philadelphia Eagles heading to the Superbowl and we held our Battle of the Cohorts for the cohort from each grade with the fewest amount of negative Kickboard Infractions!



Now, we are officially in Black History Month and we have a few exciting things happening this month to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our world! Melanin Mondays, will kick off tomorrow and every Monday in February; we will have a Black History Month Essay Contest for a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. and we will host a special Black History Month show on February 26th!

This week and next week, we have Winter Map Testing and this is the opportunity for our warriors to show us how much they have grown since the Fall! Please see the schedule below:

**Tuesday, February 4th** - ELA Map Testing

**Wednesday, February 5th** - ELA Map Testing

**Tuesday, February 11th** - Math Map Testing

**Wednesday, February 12th** - Math Map Testing

See below for additional upcoming events and as always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have!

Thank you,

Principal Sanford

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## Important Dates & Reminders

**February 3rd - 6th:** Winter MAP Testing

**February 3rd:** RP2 Awards Summits

**February 7th:** Eagles SWAG Day

**February 7th:** Honor Roll Ceremony (*specific invitations will be sent*)

**February 7th:** Boys' Basketball Game - Away (*Warrior vs. Mastery Prep*)

**February 12th:** EFN Homebuyer's Seminar



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## Melanin Mondays

EVERY MONDAY during the month of February, all warriors are permitted to wear All Black OR dress down in dashiki's or clothing that celebrates Black History Month with positive messaging and affirmations, quotes or positive images of celebrated African Americans! Mondays are not regular dress down days, and any students who do not abide by the dress down rules will receive a consequence and will not be permitted to participate for the remainder of the month!



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## Eagles SWAG Day!

To continue the celebration of our beloved Philadelphia Eagles heading to the Superbowl, students are permitted to dress down in Eagles Gear OR Green next Friday, February 7th! Eagles Gear

includes hoodies, sweatshirts, t-shirts, jerseys, sweatsuits, hats and socks. If students are wearing green they majority of their clothing **MUST** be green!

Additionally, we will have a special gameday lunch provided by our lunch provider for all students! GO BIRDS!



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## 8th Grade Reminders

Now that we are almost complete with Marking Period 2, we want to send a reminder regarding 8th Grade dues which are \$120 per 8th Grader. Please see below for pertinent information regarding submitting your payment:



1. Dues cover the cost of the 8th Grade Dance, 8th Grade Trip + Field Trip Tee Shirt + Transportation, Move-up Ceremony, Yearbook and Graduation Gift.
2. Dues must be paid via electronic payment on our website.
3. Dues can be paid in full at one time OR in 3 installments of \$40.
4. **Dues MUST be paid in full by Friday, April 4, 2025**
5. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to pay 8th Grade Dues

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## Extended Family Network Events

**FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP**  
**FROM RENTING TO OWNING**  
**YES, YOU CAN!**

**PRESENTERS**



**Deborah  
Turner**

**REALTOR®  
KW EMPOWER**



**Brandon  
Bailey**

**GO MAGNUM  
LOANS**



**Gregory  
Handy**

**BANK OF  
AMERICA**

Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
344 N. Felton St., Philadelphia 19139  
*Light refreshments will be served!*

**RSVP: [FGIRARD@BOYSLATIN.ORG](mailto:FGIRARD@BOYSLATIN.ORG) BY 2/11**

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Life Center Shelter  
6310 Market St, Upper Darby, PA 19082

**LET'S  
GIVE  
BACK!**

**Monthly Community  
Service Schedule**

Saturday, December 21st  
Saturday, January 25th  
Saturday, February 22nd  
Saturday, March 22nd  
Saturday, April 26th

**Please complete the google form if interested!**  
**For additional questions, please contact Ms.**  
**Delpesche at [jdelpesche@gmail.com](mailto:jdelpesche@gmail.com)**

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**Attendance Reminders**

**Keeping Your Child on Track: Pay Attention To Attendance**

**Semester 1**  
 Quarter 1: 8/26 - 10/25/24  
 Quarter 2: 10/28 - 1/24/25

**Semester 2**  
 Quarter 3: 1/27 - 3/28/25  
 Quarter 4: 4/1 - 5/20/25

**Incentive**  
 students who maintain perfect attendance each quarter - no absences or tardies of any kind - will be presented with a commemorative pin.

**Did You Know?**

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

**Reminders**

- Students are allowed only 10 parent excuse notes for the academic year.
- 3 or more consecutive absences require a doctor's note.
- Truancy court is real, please send in excuse notes to avoid truancy issues.
- Unexcused absences may put your student at risk for failing academically.

**ATTENDANCE**

## Leadership Team Communication

We are always aiming to improve our level of communication and one of the ways to do this is to streamline communication so that all of your questions reach the right member of our team! Please see below on best contacts for all of your questions regarding your warriors:

**Academics, Grading Questions/Concerns, Meetings with Teachers & School Testing:** AP James - [ajames@boyslatin.org](mailto:ajames@boyslatin.org)

**Behavior, School Culture, Kickboard & Incentive Trips:** Mr. Leach - [bleach@boyslatin.org](mailto:bleach@boyslatin.org)

**Specialized Services Support (IEPs, 504 Plans, Related Services):** Ms. Galanti - [agalanti@boyslatin.org](mailto:agalanti@boyslatin.org)

**Social Work, Community Services, McKinney Vento, SEL:** Ms. Nicolas - [rnicholas@boyslatin.org](mailto:rnicholas@boyslatin.org)

**Attendance, Parent Notes, Student ID's, School Records:** Ms. Waters - [mwaters@boyslatin.org](mailto:mwaters@boyslatin.org)



Please be sure to communicate directly with any of the Leadership Team members listed above for the specific areas where you have questions.

## Shuttle Bus Reminders

As a reminder, if your warrior will not be riding the shuttle bus on any given day, please email [msleadership@boyslatin.org](mailto:msleadership@boyslatin.org) by 1pm daily so that we can inform our shuttle bus team!



Additionally, warriors are **NOT** permitted to leave school property to go to any stores once they arrive to school and exit the shuttle bus. Students should exit the bus and come straight into the building to sign in and have breakfast. Students who do not follow this directive will receive a consequence.

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## Winter Uniform + ID Reminders

**As a reminder, ALL students are to be in FULL WINTER UNIFORM each day.** Winter uniform includes, khaki pants, burgundy Boys' Latin embroidered sweater, blue oxford button down shirt, striped tie, black shoes, black socks, black belts and their student ID. Hoodies are not permitted during the school day for any reason. **The only students who are permitted to wear Boys' Latin sweatsuits, at this time, are 7th grade students because they have gym for Marking Period 3.** We will inform all parents when your warriors have gym.



**School Identification (ID) cards are a part of your warrior's school uniform.** To alleviate your son from earning a corrective, forfeiting their opportunity of being invited to school activities/events, please ensure that your warrior has their I.D. each day! This accounts for their daily attendance as well. If students need a new I.D., they must report to **Ms. Waters** at the front desk.

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## Technology Reminders

As a reminder **ALL RETURNING STUDENTS** will be expected to use their laptops and chargers from last year! **ALL NEW STUDENTS** will receive a school issued laptop! Please be sure to pay your Warrior's \$25 laptop fee online to ensure they receive their laptops. If you have not paid the \$25 Laptop fee and your warrior still needs a school issued laptop please [CLICK HERE!](#)



For any technology related questions or concerns students should see any member of the technology team during office hours, for all other technology related inquiries please email [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org)!

### Technology Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays - During Lunch

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## STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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

### **Follow us on Social Media!**

**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)

**School Phone:** 215-387-5149 Ext 1

**Boys' Latin of Philadelphia**

[www.boyslatin.org](http://www.boyslatin.org)