



Parent Ledger Volume XXII

Important Dates

- 2/24-2/28 Black History Month Spirit Week
- 2/25-2/26 Report 2 Award Summits
- 2/28 Harambee Brothers in Sing
- 3/12 Free Haircuts for Mother/Son Blackout
- 3/13 Mother & Son BlackOut Bash

Happy Black History Month

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Weekly Highlights


Divine Nine Career Panel and Step Show


40 of our High School Warriors had the chance to attend Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Nursing Pathway Program Divine 9 Career Panel and Step Show. Students had the chance to learn about Black Greek Letter Organizations and various career paths.

Nursing Pathway Program Presents

*Empowering
The Next
Generation*

**DIVINE 9
CAREER
PANEL &
STEP SHOW**

 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Department of Nursing & Clinical Care Services

 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



Black History Month Spirit Week 2/24-2/28

Students and Staff will have the opportunity to dress down as we engage in a week to celebrate Black Culture and Black Excellence.

Melanin Monday- Students and Staff can wear attire that celebrates Black culture or Black excellence. Shirts or hoodies with positive messaging related to Black culture. See images below

Black Out Tuesday- Celebrate Black Power Movement by wearing All Black Everything

Warrior Wednesday- Grade with the most students in Full Winter Uniform will earn KB dollars

HBCU Thursday- Students and Staff can wear HBCU attire to recognize the significance of Black Colleges and Universities

BL Gear Friday- Students can dress down wearing Boys' Latin gear(T-shirts, hoodies, or jackets)



The graphic is a vertical timeline titled "Spirit Week Agenda" set against a light beige background. At the top left, a brown box contains the text "HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH". To the right is a large graphic of a raised fist in front of a Black, Red, and Green flag, with the words "BLACK HISTOR MONTH" written in bold black letters. The agenda items are connected by a vertical line with circular date markers:

- 2/24 MELANIN MONDAY!** - Accompanied by a photo of two students in black hoodies and a black t-shirt with "MELANATED & EDUCATED" printed on it.
- 2/25 BLACKOUT DAY** - Accompanied by a photo of two students in all-black clothing.
- 2/26 FULL UNIFORM (200 KICKBOARD FOR THE GRADE IN 100% UNIFORM)** - Accompanied by a photo of a student in a red and yellow HBCU uniform.
- 2/27 HBCU THURSDAY!** - Accompanied by a photo of a student in a blue hoodie with "BOYS' LATIN ALUMNI" printed on it.
- 2/28 BL GEAR** - Accompanied by a photo of a student in a blue hoodie with "BOYS' LATIN ALUMNI" printed on it.

At the bottom of the timeline is a checkmark icon. Below the agenda, a paragraph reads: "JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE RICH HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY BY EXPRESSING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, TRENDSETTING, AND FUTURE WORLD-CHANGING INNOVATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MONTH OF FEBRUARY!"

Mother & Son Black Out Bash

We will be holding our annual Mother/Son Dance on March 13th! **Space is limited so please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Ticket price is \$25.00 per couple.** This event always sells out and is ALWAYS a night of fun and elegance. Please click the link to purchase your tickets and register. [Mother/Son Dance Tickets and Registration](#)



Free Haircuts for Mother/Son Black Bash

On March 12th the day before our Mother/Son Blackout Bash in partnership with Barbers Who Care we will be providing free haircuts for all our warriors. **This event is open to ALL Warriors even if they are not attending the BlackOut bash.** Spaces are limited so please sign-up as soon as possible.

[Free Haircut Registration](#)

Men of Courage and Nu Sigma Black History Now Panel

The purpose of "Black History Now" is to expose our young kings to Professional Men that look, walk, and talk just like them, and hear them share their stories. These stories not only inspire but also empower our Young Kings to overcome life's challenges and strive for success. We also have engaging break out groups on topics such as; "Know Your Rights", "Civic Engagement" and "Conflict Resolution" to help define core values to live by. ***Click the Picture to register your warrior. If you would like your warrior to attend you would be responsible for transporting your warrior to and from the event.***

Please view media coverage from last year's event

(<https://www.fox29.com/news/black-history-month-men-of-courage-host-program-connecting-youth-with-black-professionals>)

Panelists

Rodney McLeod- Retired NFL/Philanthropist

Kenyatta Johnson- City Council President
Anthony Kitt- Mr Kitt's Towing and Car Care
Wiz Gamb- Music Production
Jim Lee- Lee Monument
Rashid Beyah- Engineer
Derrick Wood- Law Enforcement
Senzwa Ntshepe- Entrepreneur/Influencer
Rodney Turner- Turner Construction Co
Darry Ridgeway- Real Estate

TEAM INC. PRESENTS MEN OF COURAGE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE NU SIGMA CHAPTER OF
PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

**BLACK
HISTORY
NOW**

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE PANEL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 • 11AM - 4PM
Registration Begins at 10:30am
PARKWAY NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
6200 Crittenden St. • Philadelphia, PA 19138
RSVP FOR EVENT VIA EVENTBRITE

Logos for: TEAM INC., MEN OF COURAGE, PHIBETA SIGMA, SENSURA ROOMS, N CDC, DISTRICT CINDY BASS, and Eventbrite.

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT MENOFCOURAGE15.COM OR
CONTACT US AT MOCINFO15@GMAIL.COM OR 215-554-1417
THIS EVENT MAY BE PHOTOGRAPHED, FILMED, AND/OR RECORDED

Poetry Workshop

POETRY

—Workshop—



\$50
GIFTCARD
FOR ATTENDING



SATURDAY FEB 22, 2025
11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



LONNIE YOUNG
RECREATION CENTER

Calling all students grades 8-12! Discover how poetry can inspire healing and connection at a free workshop led by Poets Laureate & Germantown-based artists Trapeta Mayson & Yolanda Wisher.

#HealingVerseGermantown ignites a powerful dialogue on the streets of Philadelphia, transforming the voices of those touched by gun violence into a healing works of poetry and public art.

Learn more here:



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REQUIRED PERMISSION FORM

Instructions for Student

Please have your parent or guardian fill out this form and return it electronically (photo or scan) via email to info@healingversegermantown.com no later than **February 19, 2025**. This form is required for entry into the workshop and to receive a \$50 giftcard. If your parent/guardian is unable to return this form electronically, please email info@healingversegermantown.com to RSVP and submit this form in person upon arrival to the workshop at Lonnie Young Recreation Center (1100 E Chelton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19138).

This Section to be Completed by Parent or Guardian

- By participating in this activity and/or recording, I acknowledge that my student's materials may be used for documentation and promotional purposes. Selected poems will be featured in the public art exhibition and/or poetry line, with stipends provided. You will be notified if your student's poem is selected. Your student retains full ownership of their work.
- I grant the City of Philadelphia permission to use my student's image and/or its likeness and any photographs and/or videography provided in any and all of its publications, including but not limited to website entries and social media.
- I give permission for my student's poem to be used in a public art installation and/or poetry phone line.
- I am interested in being contacted for my student to share their poetry and/or read their poetry aloud at public events associated with Healing Verse Germantown.
- I am interested in my student being contacted for press, media and news opportunities to share their experience with this project.
- I will be attending the poetry workshop with my student (not required).

Student Name (Printed)

Student School

Parent or Guardian Email

Parent or Guardian Phone Number

Parent or Guardian Signature

Parent or Guardian Name (Printed)



QUESTIONS? EMAIL
INFO@HEALINGVERSEGERMANTOWN.COM

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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.



TitleParentsRight-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

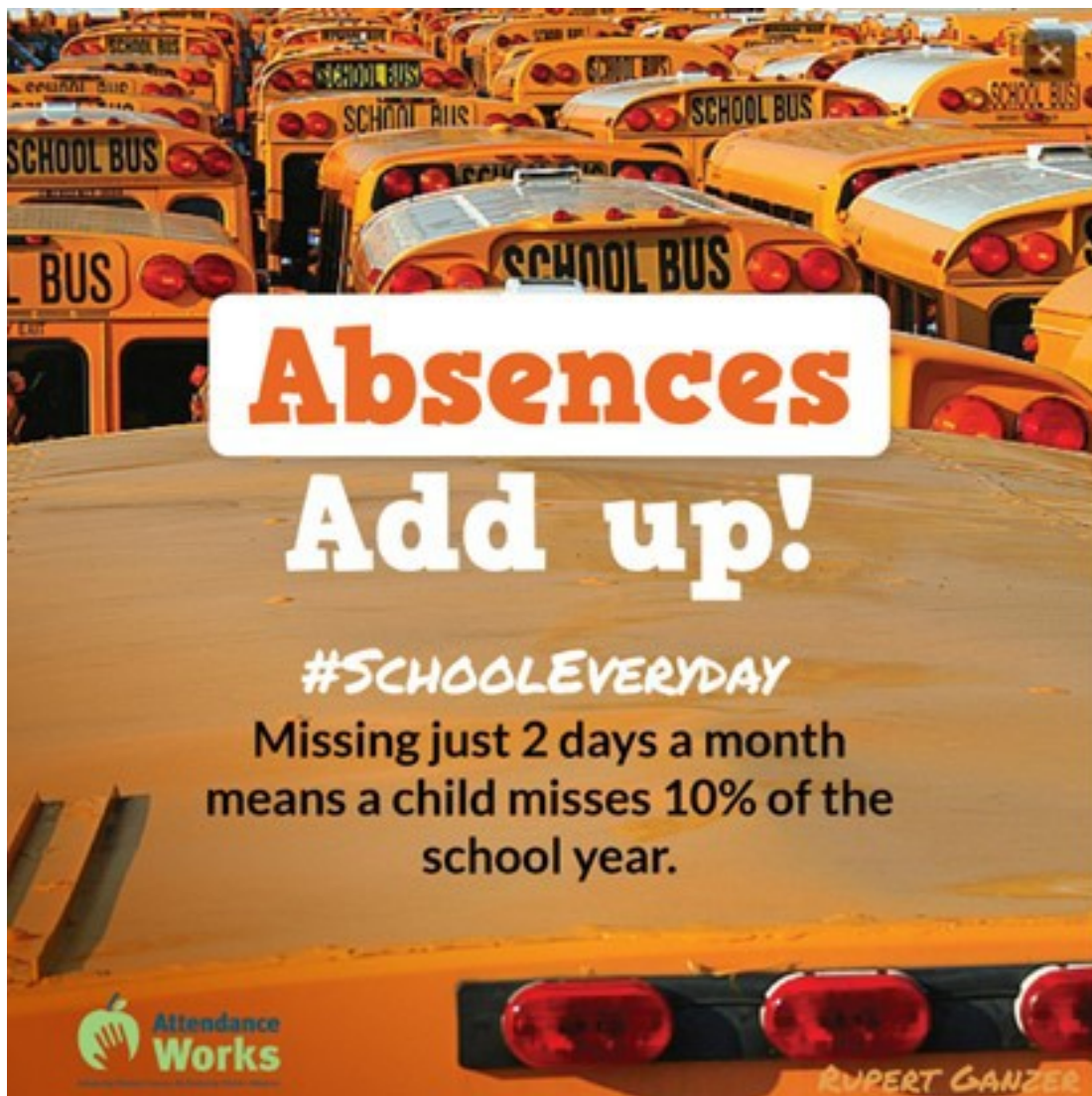
1. **Early Dismissals-** When necessary, you are able to request an early dismissal for your child. You can make the request using a written note that you send with your child or by emailing me at csheppard@boyslatin.org. Some parts of our day are busier than others. For this reason, we ask that all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



