



Parent Ledger #25: February 23, 2025

Principal's Corner

Greetings Warrior Families,

I hope you had a great weekend! Last week we finished up with Map Testing and took a group of 8th grader warriors to Swarthmore College, one of the most prestigious private colleges in the nation! We have our final Melanin Monday tomorrow and we will host a very special Black History program on Wednesday, February 26th here at the Middle School! Progress reports will be distributed electronically this coming week and we will have progress report conferences on Monday, March 3rd! 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



Important Dates & Reminders

Week of February 24th: RP3 Progress Reports Issued

February 26th: Black History Month Program
February 28th: Black History Essays + Art Submissions Due
March 3rd: RP3 Progress Report Conferences
March 13th: Mother Son Dance (*See Details Below*)
March 15th: Boys' Latin Resource Fair
March 20th: BHM Contest Trip to Washington, D.C.
March 28th: Last Day of RP3
March 31st: *SCHOOL CLOSED* Eid al-Fitr



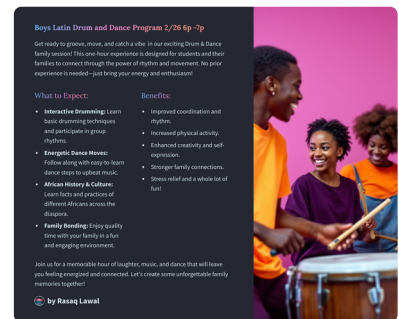
Melanin Monday

We will have our final Melanin Monday for Black History Month, tomorrow, February 24th. Warriors are permitted to wear All Black OR dress down in dashiki's or clothing that celebrate Black History Month with positive messaging and affirmations, quotes or positive images of celebrated African Americans!



2025 Black History Month Program

You are cordially invited to our **Black History Month's** closing program with Rasaan Lawal and AfrVbz! We hope that you can attend this lively, interactive experience full of culture and history, celebrating black history with our warriors! Meet us right here at our middle school this **Wednesday, February 26, 2025 from 6pm - 7pm** (*Doors open at 5:45pm*)!



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register and confirm your attendance and see the flyer for additional information! We hope to see you there!

2025 Mother Son Dance - Blackout Bash!

We are hosting our annual "**Mother Son Dance**" on **Thursday, March 13, 2025 from 6pm - 9pm!** The theme of this year's dance is "*Blackout Bash*", and we are asking all guests to where **ALL Black or Black and Gold!** We are very excited to host this year's dance in our newly built Middle School Gymnasium!

Ticket Cost: \$25 per Mother/Son

To purchase your tickets you can use the QR code on the flyer OR you can [CLICK HERE](#) to pay today! Grab your tickets as they usually sell out fast!

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. To sign up for your warrior's free hair cut [CLICK HERE!](#)



Boys' Latin Resource Fair

Join us on Saturday, March 15th for our first Resource Fair! We will have a host of employers and community resources available! There will also be giveaways, working paper sign ups, internship opportunities and more! And all of this is for our Boys' Latin community! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your warriors as they will have opportunity to get Summer Jobs!

When: Saturday, March 15th

Time: 11am - 2pm

Where: Boys' Latin of Philadelphia (Middle School Gym)



Ramadan 2025

During the holy month of **Ramadan**, we would like to provide space for our Muslim students to pray and give them the option to wear religious garments. **If you would like your student to pray and wear religious garments (Kufis, Thobe, etc.) please [CLICK HERE](#).** If a student is not formally signed up by a parent, they will not be allowed to participate in prayer. Additionally, students who participate MUST wear their FULL Boys' Latin uniform under their thobe. If students are out of uniform they WILL receive a consequence.

Dates: Monday, March 3rd - Friday, March 28th

Time: Daily between 12:20pm - 12:45pm



Prayer will be led by Mr. Glass and Mr. Bey, two of our faculty members who are Muslim. We are excited to provide this space for our warriors during this holy time! To sign your warrior up please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

Behavior, School Culture, Kickboard & Incentive Trips: Mr. Leach - bleach@boyslatin.org

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

Social Work, Community Services, McKinney Vento, SEL: Ms. Nicolas - micolas@boyslatin.org

Attendance, Parent Notes, Student ID's, School Records: Ms. Waters - 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.

Food Delivery Reminders

Students are not permitted to receive Door Dash or Uber Eats deliveries at Boys' Latin of Philadelphia for any reason. Please ensure that students arrive to school with their lunch each day and remember, we provide breakfast and lunch for all students each day!



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 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.

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.

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

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.

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Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs

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