



Summer Parent Ledger - August 7, 2025

Principal's Corner

Greetings Warrior Families,

I hope you are having a great Summer, staying cool and enjoying spending time with family and friends! We are two weeks away from the start of the school year and I am eagerly awaiting the return of our warriors! New Student Academy was a major success and we were truly excited to meet all of our new warriors! Returning families, thank you for your continued partnership and trust in our Boys' Latin community. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!



As we trek closer to the **first day of school, which is Wednesday, August 20th**, please see below for a few very important announcements, events and reminders! **Please remember doors will open for breakfast on the 20th at 7:30am and students will be marked late after 8am!**

Continue to have a great Summer and as always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us!

In partnership,

Principal Sanford

Important Dates & Reminders

August 17th: Back to School Drive - Free Bookbags + Haircuts (*See below for more details*)

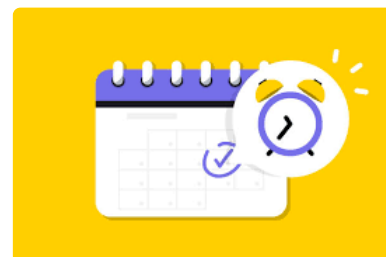
August 18th & August 19th: Materials Distribution Days (*See below for more details*)

August 20th: First Day of School

September 1st: NO SCHOOL (*Labor Day*)

September 2nd: Summer Reading Projects Due

September 3rd: Back to School Night



Parent University Follow Up

Thank you to all of our new and returning families who joined us for Parent University! It truly was a great time to connect and share more about what you and your warrior can expect from the Boys' Latin experience! As promised all of the information shared in the presentation can be found in our **Boys' Latin Student and Family Handbook** which can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE!](#)

Additionally, please see the Frequently Asked Questions that were posed:

1) If you sign up for the transportation, can we receive a Septa pass as well? - Yes, all students who live at least 1.5 miles away from our school are eligible to receive a key card.

2) How are students selected for international trips? - All students whose families sign up and pay the full cost of the trip are eligible to attend. If students have major behavioral challenges, we would use our discretion if we'd permit them to attend.

3) How are students selected for the overnight HBCU College Tour? - The overnight college tour is generally merit based and students have to make honor roll.

4) Will shuttle bus service begin on the first day of school? - Yes, shuttle bus service begins on Wednesday, August 20th.

5) Who do you notify if your child won't be taking the bus 1-day a week? - Please email msleadership@boyslatin.org to inform of any changes to your warrior riding the shuttle bus.

6) How will shuttle bus drop-off affect tardiness? - If students, who ride the shuttle bus, are late due to late pick up or traffic delays we will always adjust student attendance on our end.

7) Is there a suggested school supplies list? - Yes, there is a suggested school supplies list. Please see the image below.


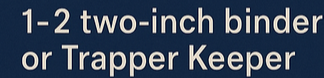
We also distributed a handout with information on the new SEPTA Updates taking affect August 24th, as well as our new attendance incentive! Please see the image below for more details!

Lastly, we are looking forward to our next family event which is "Back to School Night" taking place September 3rd! Please make plans to attend!

BOYS' LATIN

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST



1 Bookbag (preferably cushion back pack for laptop security)

1-2 two-inch binder or Trapper Keeper

5-6 notebooks

1 pencil case
15-20 sharpened pencils
& 5-10 blue or black pens

4-5 highlighters

1 water bottle or canteen

3-4 packs of looseleaf paper

5-8 two-pocket poly folders

SEPTA Service Cuts & Fare Increases – What Families Need to Know

Due to a major budget shortfall, SEPTA will begin reducing service and raising fares starting this August, unless the state provides additional funding.

Key Dates:

- August 24 – 20% service cuts begin (buses, trains, trolleys)
- September 1 – Fare increase of 21.5%

These changes will likely cause delays and longer travel times. Students must plan accordingly to arrive on time. Late arrivals or absences due to SEPTA delays will not be excused. Please take time to review your child's route before the school year begins and prepare accordingly.

Impacted Routes:

Discontinued: 1, 8, 12, 19, 30, 31, 35, 47M, 50, 62, 73, 78, 80, 88, 89, 91, 106, 120, 126, 133, 150, 201, 204, 206, 311, BLVDDIR

Shortened: 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 17, 27, 43, 61, 84, 115, 124, 125

Changed: 38, 64

Student Fare Cards (K–12):

- Still free for eligible students who live 1.5 miles from the school (Students will receive their fare cards on 8/18/2025 or 8/19/2025)
- Valid from 5:30 AM – 8:00 PM on school days
- Students must tap their card for every trip

Attendance Championship + Gaming Tournament

We're launching a fun school-wide competition for students in Grades 6–12 to boost attendance!

How It Works:

- Quarter 1: All students begin with perfect attendance
- Quarter 2:
 - Top 10 students across all grades earn a spot in the gaming tournament
 - Grades compete in an attendance bracket
- Quarter 3:
 - Gaming tournament continues
 - Grades continue competing
- Quarter 4:
 - Final celebration for the winning grade and top gamers!

Gaming Tournament Details:

- Held on select Saturdays in Quarters 2 & 3
- Featuring Tekken 8 and Street Fighter 6
- Supervised by Boys' Latin staff
- Live-streamed via Discord for the BL community

Tournament kicks off on the first day of school – August 20!

Attendance Policy Update:

This school year, our attendance policy reduced the number of parent notes from 10 to 9 to correlate with regular attendance. If a student misses 6 or more days in any one quarter, it will result in an automatic failing grade for that quarter.

AJ Brown Foundation "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE"

We are excited to announce that **AJ Brown of the Philadelphia Eagles** and the **AJ Brown + Barbers Who Cares** have partnered with us to sponsor a **"Back to School + Haircut Drive"** ahead of the start of the school year! The event, taking place **Sunday, August 17th from 1pm - 4pm**, will provide free haircuts, school supplies, food, and more! I hope that you will join us right here in our Middle School Gym for a time of community and giving back as we kick off the school year! **Please see below for very important details:**

Who: Open to ALL Boys' Latin Middle & High School Families

Date: Sunday, August 17th

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Location: Boys' Latin Middle School Gymnasium (344 N. Felton St.)



We will be providing **FREE haircuts**, but you **MUST REGISTER** your warrior(s)! **Please [CLICK HERE to sign your warrior up for a free haircut!](#)**

I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

2025 Materials Distribution Days

On **August 18th & 19th** we will be hosting **Materials Distribution Days for new and returning students!** On these days, students will receive their laptops and other important items needed for the start of the school year! Please make plans to attend and see below for important details:

Date(s):

Monday, August 18th (8th Grade Families)

Tuesday, August 19th (6th & 7th Grade Families)

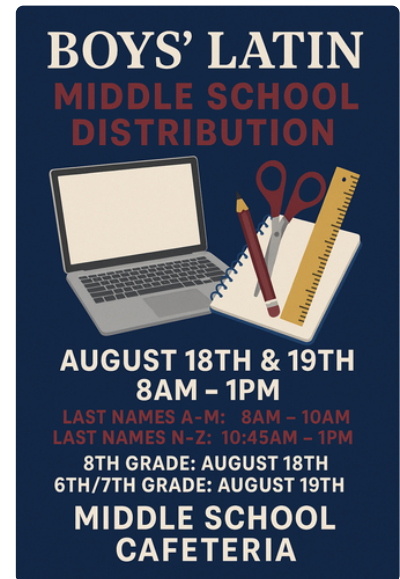
Time: 8am - 1pm (*Both Days*)

8am - 10:15am (Last Names A - M)

10:45am - 1pm (Last Names N - Z)

Location: Boys' Latin Middle School Cafeteria (344 N. Felton St., Philadelphia, PA 19139)

Enter in the morning entry door on Felton Street. There will be markers to indicate the proper entrance.



Summer Reading Project

Below is information regarding our Summer Reading Project which **ALL 6th - 8th students are expected to complete!** It is an exciting opportunity to keep your warriors engaged as they prepare for the next grade and to assist with increasing literacy amongst our students!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the list of novels for each grade

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the Project

ALL Summer Reading projects are due on Tuesday, September 2, 2025!



Uniform Reminders

As a reminder, **ALL STUDENTS** are expected to be in full Spring Uniform beginning on the first day of school, which is Wednesday, August 20th! Full spring uniform includes: Burgundy Polo Shirt with Boys' Latin Logo (*polo shirts must be tucked in at all times*), Khaki Pants, Black dress shoes (*no*

sneakers), Black Belt and Black socks. Please be aware that **students are not allowed to come to school out of uniform** and change into their uniform in school. Additionally, **students are not allowed to change their clothes prior to exiting the school** for dismissal. Students must arrive in full uniform and exit in fully uniform.

Lastly, all students will receive a Boys' Latin lanyard and ID holder that will be a mandatory part of their uniform and must be worn each day.

Regarding gym, you will be notified when your warrior's grade will have gym. Students are only allowed to wear gym uniforms during the marking period when they have gym.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed uniform reminders. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for Boys' Latins official uniform policy located in the Student and Family Handbook!



2025-2026 Enrollment!

We're still enrolling rising 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students for the 2025-26 school year! Please let your family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and others in your networks know that they can apply at www.boyslatin.org/enroll. Please also help us spread the word by following Boys' Latin on **Instagram** (@boyslatinoofphiladelphia), **Facebook** (@boyslatin), and/or **TikTok** (@boyslatinoofphiladelphia).



Extended Family Network

Looking ahead, we are working to build our partnership with you, our Warrior Families! This primarily happens through our Extended Family Network which exists to connect our families through special events, programs and community partnerships! There will be more information coming, but if you are interested in participating in our Extended Family Network please [CLICK HERE](#) and you will hear from Ms. Nicolas our School Social Worker and EFN Coordinator!



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 - nicolas@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.

Technology Reminders

All **NEW** families, please be reminded that there is a **\$25 Chromebook Fee** that must be paid in order for your warrior to receive a laptop for the upcoming school year! If you have not paid the laptop fee, please **[CLICK HERE!](#)** New students will receive Chromebooks on Materials Distribution Day! Please see above for details!



All **RETURNING** families, for any technology related questions or concerns regarding lost or broken laptops please email support@boyslatin.org!

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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IG Handle: @BoysLatinofPhiladelphia

Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin
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