



BOYS' LATIN  
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## Parent Ledger '25-26 Volume II

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### Important Dates

- **\*\*\* 9/11 DATE CHANGE Back to School Night 6PM-8PM\*\*\***
- 9/15-9/17 Progress Reports Emailed to Parents
- 9/22 Virtual Progress Report Conferences 3PM-6PM
- 10/6 1st Day of Winter Uniforms

### Principal's Message

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Happy Labor Day Warrior Parents and Guardians,

Please note that this year **Monday dismissal will be at 2:30 PM** (instead of 2:00 PM). Also, on **August 28th**, an email was sent by our Director of Student Information Systems, **Jack Smith**, with your parent login information for our digital platforms (Schoology, PowerSchool, and Kickboard). If you have not seen it, please check your inbox or spam folder for this important message. You can also send an email to [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org)

Thank you for your attention and support!



## Weekly Highlights

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### Boys' Latin Brothers In Song

This past Saturday, The Boys' Latin Brothers In Song led by music teacher Mr. Golden, participated in a workshop hosted by **The Marian Anderson Historical Society** at the Historic Mother Bethel AME Church in Center City. This workshop exposed our young scholars to the rich history of the Negro Spiritual and its origins, including ties to both AME and Episcopal churches and congregations in the Philadelphia area.



The brothers were tasked with learning six spirituals of varying difficulty levels for a concert that took place the same day alongside members of the local and tri-state community. Dr. Jay Fluellen, the Music Director for MAHS and the workshop's clinician, noted his pleasure with how well the boys represented themselves and the BL community through their willingness, discipline, and overall musical prowess.

Dr. Fluellen particularly commended Curtis France, a senior who serves on the BIS executive board, and invited him to perform, as a soloist, at this Sunday's service at the Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas alongside students from CAPA.



## Back to School Supplies

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Once school starts teachers will share syllabi that will provide information on what materials students will need for specific classes. It would be a best practice to purchase items listed below

#### Items

1-2 Inch Binder or Trapper Keeper

10 - Dividers( if student has binder)

2- Composition Books

3- Subject Spiral Notebooks

2- Pencil Pouch

**Water Bottle/Containers( For Water Station)**

### Throughout the School Year Purchase

Pens and Pencils

## Uniform and School Expectations

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### Uniforms

**All Students are required to be in the full Spring/Summer uniform on the 1st day of orientation.**

Students should be wearing the Spring/Summer uniform. Boys' Latin maroon polo, khaki pants, black belt, and **black shoes( NO sneakers, NO boots)**

- **Students will be sent home if they do not have an appropriate uniform. See images below of both uniforms.**

We have a Spring/Summer uniform and a Fall/Winter uniform. **It is mandatory that all students began wearing the winter uniform on October 6th.** We highly recommend you begin ordering or purchasing winter uniforms NOW. You can purchase items from Flynn O'Hara or Cramer's.

### Other Important Polices

#### Cell Phones

Students are not allowed to use cell phones during class or in the hallways. If students are using cell phones, they will be taken and returned to the student at the end of the day. **Students who refuse to turn over a cell phone will be suspended.**

#### Bookbags and Back Packs

During the day students will be required to leave their book bags or backpacks in their lockers during the day. Students can visit lockers during specific periods to retrieve any important items for their classes or lunch.



## SEPTA Update And Attendance Incentive

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## Important SEPTA Updates & New Attendance Incentive at Boy's Latin

### **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.



**SEPTA Service Cuts Resource Guide.pdf**

**Download**

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## Sign-Up for Latin League

Boys' Latin's [Latin League](#) Varsity and JV teams just wrapped their first-ever national season with a win from both teams. This highly-competitive league competes monthly in trivia contests on Latin vocabulary, grammar, translation, and Roman history, culture, and mythology. Teams have been competing at lunch and after school against teams from all over the Northeast region, and ranked in the top two-thirds of their regional divisions. Any student interested in joining the Latin League next year and helping to bring our team up through the ranks nationally should contact Mrs. Casey at [hcasey@boyslatin.org](mailto:hcasey@boyslatin.org).



# Tylenol and Medication Permission Form

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If you would like the nurse to administer Tylenol and other over the counter medicine please print the form below, sign it and have your warrior return the form to the school nurse.



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Permission to administer Tylenol and other over the counter medicine.

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## General Need to Know and Technology Resources

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### Who to Contact

#### Attendance and Transportation Questions

Administrative Assistant Ms. Sheppard  
Csheppard@boyslatin.org

#### Academic Questions:

History and ELA- Mr. Goodwin lgoodwin@boyslatin.org  
Math, Science, and Latin - Mr. Padilla tpadilla@boyslatin.org  
Electives and Scheduling- Mr. Parker rparker@boyslatin.org

#### Specialized Services Questions:

Ms. Shaki- Ishaki@boyslatin.org

#### Climate and Culture Questions

Mr. Swiggett- Jswiggett@boyslatin.org

#### Laptop/Technology Issues

IT Support - support@boyslatin.org

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**Early Dismissals**- We understand that early dismissals are necessary at times. Here are some things to keep in mind when seeking an early dismissal:

- Some parts of our day are busier than others, for this reason, we ask that all early dismissals happen before 2pm.
- I cannot accept requests over the telephone.
- Students are not allowed to dismiss themselves, even if they are 18 years old.
- Students are also not permitted to leave class to request a dismissal from me.
- To request an early dismissal for your student, please complete [this new form](#) we will be using this school year.

**Excusing an Absence**- This year, there is a new way to excuse your child's absences. The link to the new form can be found below. Please review the following information:

- When your child is absent, an absent note is required to excuse the absence.
- You are able to excuse the absence for up to 2 consecutive days with the parent excuse note.
- If your child is absent for a 3rd consecutive day, a note from a medical professional is required.
- Vacations are not considered an excused absence.
- The number of parent excuse notes allowed for the year has been reduced from 10 to 9. Only 9 parent excuse notes are accepted during the entire school year.
- The form to excuse your student's absence can be found [here](#).

### **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](#).

- If you live outside of Philadelphia, the school district where you reside is responsible for providing transportation for your student. Please visit that school district in-person and apply to their school for "transportation only". Your child is still a student at Boys' Latin, but we do not provide their transportation (this includes lost, stolen or damaged Septa passes).
- If your child was a student at Boys' Latin High School last year and was issued a Septa Student Fare Card, your child will continue to use that same card this year as long as your address qualifies for transportation. It will be activated by the School District of Philadelphia at the beginning of the school year. If that card is lost, stolen or damaged, please email me and I will issue your student a new card.
- If your child has never received a fare card from Boys' Latin or was a student at Boys' Latin Middle School, your child will be issued a new card as long as your address qualifies for transportation.

**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, etc..

- If you need to update any information, please use the following [link](#).

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## Counselor's Corner

### 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](#)



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## 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.

## Clever

Are school uses the platform [Clever](#) to access all of our online platforms which include: PowerSchool, Schoology, IXL, and Kickboard/PowerSchoolBehavior. We HIGHLY recommend that you download the clever app so you can access this information at the click of a button. You can use your warriors login information to login to the platform.



## Technology Resources

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

If you need support with laptops or accessing any of technology platforms please email [support@boyslatin.org](mailto:support@boyslatin.org)

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**Principal Parker**