



## Parent Ledger - September 14, 2025

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### Principal's Corner

Greetings Warrior Families,

I hope you are doing well and had a great weekend! See below for important information and upcoming events!



**Please remember tomorrow is a 2:30pm dismissal! Doors will open for breakfast at 7:30am and students will be marked late after 8am!**

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

Go Birds!

-Principal Sanford

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### Important Dates & Reminders

**September 15th:** 2:30pm Dismissal

**September 15th:** Quarter 1 Progress Reports Issued

**September 15th:** School Play Auditions

**September 17th:** Extended Family Network Zoom Meeting

**September 22nd:** Q1 Progress Report Conferences

**October 1st:** Board Meeting

**October 5th:** Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk

**October 6th:** Winter Uniform Starts

**October 7th:** Leadership Academy + 4pm Dismissal Starts



## Fine Arts Department

A poster for an audition workshop. At the top left is the logo for "BOYS' LATIN OF PHILADELPHIA" featuring a crest with a red and white shield and a blue and white banner. The main title "BROTHER'S ACT" is in large, bold, white capital letters on a dark blue background. Below it, "AUDITION WORKSHOP" is written in white capital letters on a white banner with two yellow stars. The center of the poster features a group of students in school uniforms (blue jackets, white shirts, grey skirts/pants) standing on a stage with red curtains. At the bottom left, a yellow curved banner contains the text "MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH" in bold black letters, with "Afterschool - 2:45 PM, in 305 STEAM" in smaller white letters below it. To the right of this banner, the text "DO YOU HAVE A TALENT?!" is written in bold white capital letters, followed by "COME AUDITION FOR THE SCHOOL PLAY!" in bold white capital letters. At the very bottom, a white banner contains the text "See Mrs. Brice or Mr. Woods FOR MORE INFORMATION!" in bold black letters.

Our Fine Arts Department will be hosting auditions on Monday, September 15th at 2:45pm for our upcoming school play, "Brother's Act"! If you'd like your warrior to audition please email our music teacher, Mr. Woods at [kwoods@boyslatin.org](mailto:kwoods@boyslatin.org) or our Performing Arts teacher, Ms. Brice at [abrice@boyslatin.org](mailto:abrice@boyslatin.org)! Auditions will take place in the STEAM building immediately following dismissal.

# 100 Black Men + Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Saturday Leadership Academy

We are excited to partner with 100 Black Men, Philadelphia Chapter. Through this partnership our Middle School and High School warriors will be exposed to positive male role models outside of our school building. Through this Saturday Leadership Academy our warriors will:

1. Develop social-emotional skills
2. Develop a Positive Racial Identity and Self-Esteem
3. Will explore Life Skill and Personal Development
4. Will explore various career options

The program will start on the **2nd Saturday of October** and will be held every 2nd Saturday of the Month. Please scan the QR code on the flyer for more information and to sign your warrior up!

**BOYS' LATIN OF PHILADELPHIA**

**100 BLACK MEN PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**

**SATURDAY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY!**

**YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM**

PROGRAM IS HELD SEPTEMBER-JUNE  
2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
10AM-2PM

344 N FELTON ST,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA  
19139

**FREE PROGRAM!**

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## "Out of Darkness" Suicide Prevention Walk

On **Sunday, Oct 5th at 8am** our Warrior Nation will be participating in the Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk. All are welcomed to join and individuals can also volunteer to work our table in place of walking. Water, breakfast bars and awareness wristbands will be provided!

1. Google Form for those interested, please [SIGN UP HERE](#)
2. Please join 'Team Warriors' [HERE](#)
3. Students will be given Community Service hours and 50 Kickboard Points for their involvement.



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## 8th Grade Announcements

### 8th Grade Activities

Please be on the lookout for information regarding 8th Grade Activities! You'll receive information on 8th grade dues, the trip, graduation and more!

### Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Final Projects

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to thoroughly review the slides regarding your warriors FINAL PROJECT for Quarter 1 in Physical Education! Please note, this project is mandatory and must be completed by all 8th graders!

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## IMPORTANT SEPTA UPDATE



# THANK YOU, FAMILIES!

Your teamwork during the SEPTA service changes helped us stay on track with attendance—reaching 95% at the middle school and 93% at the high school, right in line with our 95% daily attendance goal. With SEPTA restoring full service on Sunday, September 14, we're excited to keep this momentum going together! For more information about the restoration of SEPTA services please visit [SEPTA.org](http://SEPTA.org).

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## Attendance Updates

**Submitting Notes For Absences - 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 report the absence.
- You are able to excuse the absence for up to 2 consecutive days with the parent 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 notes are accepted during the entire school year.
- The form to report your student's absence can be found [here](#)



**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.
- We cannot accept requests over the telephone for students to leave class early for a pick up unless it is an emergency. This also applies to allow middle school students to travel on their own. Due to safety precautions students must be picked up.
- Students are not allowed to dismiss themselves, even if they are 18 years old. They also will not be released to anyone under 18 years of age or other family members and family friends without parental authorization.
- Students are also not permitted to leave class to request a dismissal from staff.
- Students can only be released to authorized guardians and selected adults that are designated by them. If you have someone other than yourself to you desire to pick up a student and they are not listed as an emergency contact please send email to [mwaters@boyslatin.org](mailto:mwaters@boyslatin.org) to identify who is picking up the student and what time they will arrive. ID is required when picking up students
- Parents / authorized adults must come into the building with ID to sign the Early Dismissal Book.

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## School Breakfast + Lunch

Please ensure that students are arriving to school on time to take advantage of our free breakfast program. Doors open in the morning at 7:30am and breakfast ends at 8:00am.

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## Uniform Reminders

As a reminder, **ALL STUDENTS** are expected to be in full Spring Uniform! 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. ***Please also be reminded that students ARE NOT permitted to wear Crocs to school.***



**\*\*\*WINTER UNIFORM BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH!** Winter Uniform includes: Khaki Pants, Blue Oxford Button Down Shirt, Striped Tie, Boys' Latin Sweater, Black shoes, Black Belt, Black Socks and ID\*\*

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' Latin's official uniform policy located in the Student and Family Handbook!

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## 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](http://www.boyslatin.org/enroll). Please also help us spread the word by following Boys' Latin on **Instagram** (@boyslatinoofphiladelphia), **Facebook** (@boyslatin), and/or **TikTok** (@boyslatinoofphiladelphia).



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## Extended Family Network

We have several exciting Extended Family Network events coming and important information that aim to keep our families connected and well informed! Please see below:

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the *"Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevent Walk"* - October 5th

### Board Meeting:

[Please click here to visit the Board of Trustees page on our website, where you can learn more about our board, including the individual trustees who serve on our board and the board meeting schedule.](#) All board meetings are open to the public and families are encouraged to attend! The next meeting will be held in-person on our middle school campus on **Wednesday, October 1 at 4:00pm.**



### Portrait of a Graduate:

The Portrait of a Graduate is our vision for student success, outlining the knowledge, skills, and attributes students develop while at Boys' Latin so that they achieve success in college and beyond. [Please click here to visit our Portrait of a Graduate webpage where you can learn more and discover how you can support your Warrior to achieve Erudition, Tenacity, Purpose, Accountability, Compassion, and Service.](#)

### Comprehensive Campus Planning Committee:

We are looking for a few parents and family members to serve on our Comprehensive Campus Planning Committee! The committee, comprised of teachers, leaders, students, parents, and trustees, will oversee stakeholder engagement and data-gathering, and draft a comprehensive campus plan. The committee will be formed in September, and meet between October and December. The plan will be presented to the senior leadership team in January and submitted to

the board for approval in February. [If you're interested in serving on this committee, please click here to complete the interest form by September 15!](#) For more information, please contact Colleen Smith at [csmith@boyslatin.org](mailto:csmith@boyslatin.org).

### **Title I Parents Right-to-Know Notification:**

Boys' Latin receives Title I funds included under the regulations of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to ensure that every student successfully meets state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will provide you with important information about this law and your student's education. [For more information, please click here to review the Title I Parents Right-to-Know Notification as posted on the school's website.](#)

This Wednesday, September 17th, please join us for our Extended Family Network informational meeting via zoom! If you're interested in joining this amazing community of families within the Boys' Latin network, [CLICK HERE](#) and join the zoom at 6pm!

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## **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.



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## **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](mailto:support@boyslatin.org)!

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## Update Your Information

Need to update your address, email, phone number or emergency contacts? We have created special link to update all information directly on our website! Please be sure to use this form whenever information needs to be updated!

**CLICK HERE to Update Your Information!**

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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)