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Parent Ledger '25-26 Volume XVIII

Important Dates

- 1/16-1/23 Dr. King Legacy and Leadership Spirit Week
- **1/19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No school for students)**
- 1/20-1/23 Report Period 2 Benchmarks
- **1/23 Report Period 2 / Semester 1 Ends**
- 1/26 Report Period 3/ Semester 2 Begins
- **1/28 EFN Leadership Interest Meeting 6PM**

Saturday School Dates

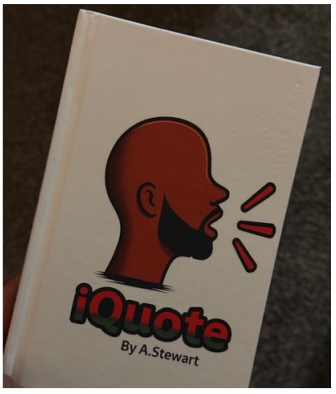
- 2/21
- 3/21
- 4/25

Weekly Highlights

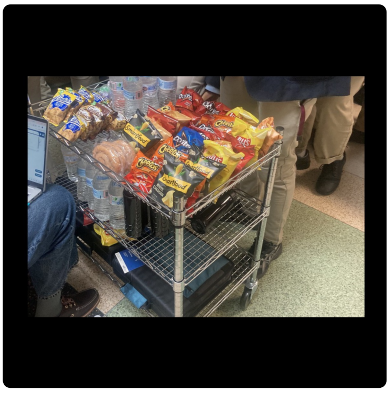
Staff Recognition

Shout out to **Mr. Stewart** who wrote a coffee table book entitled **iQuote. iQuote** was released on January 2nd. The book is filled with meaningful quotes and images for all ages! Congratulations Mr. Stewart.

Shout out to **Coach Fulton** who was honored on Thursday for completing the Open Door Abuse Awareness and Prevention program. The program helps supports students who are dealing with trauma, and trains coaches on how to lead with empathy and help players better manage their emotions.



Culture Updates- Uniforms for the Week of 1/5



Last week, we shared the importance of all students arriving in full winter uniform. This week, we are excited to share that **we saw a significant increase in students arriving at the building in full uniform.** Many students used Kickboard Dollars to purchase ties and belts, demonstrating responsibility and school pride.

We truly appreciate your support in ensuring your student is in full uniform and prepared to seize the day. Please reach out to our culture and climate manager Mr. Swiggett jswiggett@boyslatin.org if you are ordering items and need to submit order slips. Thank you for your continued support!

Temple Math/Science Upward Bound 9th-11th Grade Students

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
College of Education
Upward Bound
Upward Bound Math & Science

Temple's Upward Bound program is hosting an open house to learn more about their program and other offerings that Temple has in order to serve high school aged students. **This program offers SAT Prep, College Tours, High-Impact Tutoring, and Experiential Opportunity to expose our students to potential careers.** The program is for students who are first-generation college-bound (the first in their household to attend a 4-year institution) Students in grades 9-11 can sign-up.

During this event, students/families/school partners will be able to enjoy a light spread of food and hear from some of our current students about their experience with our program so far. There will also be on the spot decisions as well, so once families fill out their application, then we'll be able to determine if they are eligible for our program or not. If they are not eligible for our program, we'll have 5-6 other Temple programs present to serve as alternatives for our families.

Important Details:
Date: January 14, 2026
Time: 5:00PM - 7:00PM (Programming officially begins at 5:30PM)
Location: Tuttleman Learning Center, 1809 N 13th St, Philadelphia, PA 19122
Room 105 - Located on the first floor.
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER Temple's Upward Bound Open House – Fill out form

Extended Family Network- Meeting for Parent Committee

We invite you to sign up for an upcoming **Extended Family Network(EFN) Leadership Interest Meeting**. This meeting is for parents and family members who are interested in learning more about playing a role as a leaders and representatives on school's Extended Family Network Committee.

This not a commitment meeting, but an opportunity to learn and explore how you my get involved in supporting our school community through the being a leader on the Extended Family Network.

The goal of the EFN is to:
· Strengthen parent and family voice
· Promote accountability and trust between families and the school
· Encourage meaningful parent involvement in school decision-making
· Create shared ownership and partnership between the school and families

Whether you are interested in a leadership role or serving as a representative. All backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives are valued. **If you are interested please sign-up using the link below.**
January 28, 2026
6:00PM
This will be a virtual meeting. The Zoom link will be shared with those who register

Extended Family Network Leadership Interest Form

Report Period 2 Benchmark Schedule 1/20

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SY25-26 Quarter 2 Benchmark and Makeup Schedule

Tuesday (1/20)	Wednesday (1/21)	Thursday (1/22)	Friday (1/23)	Monday (1/26)
ELA/ Fine Arts	ELA/ Latin/	History/ Math	Science	Benchmark Make Ups for All Contents in Teacher Class
	Makeup Exams for Fine Arts in Teacher's Class	Makeup Exams for Latin in Teacher's Class	Makeup Exams for History/Math in Teacher's Class	

Attendance Reminder === Early Dismissal Must Be Shared Via Request Form

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.**
- Students are not allowed to dismiss themselves, even if they are 18 years old.
- **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:

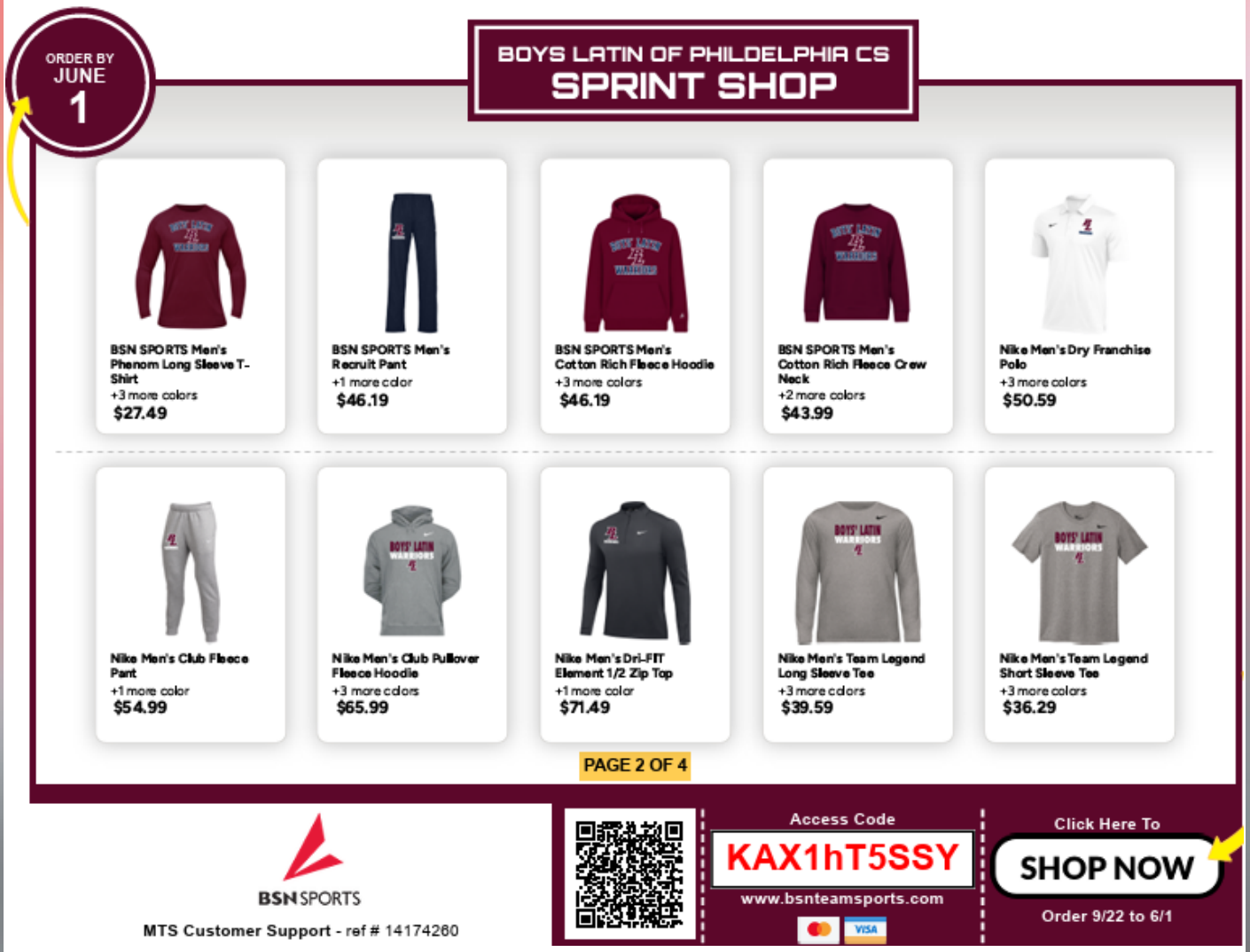
- The form to excuse your student's absence can be found **here**.

Boys' Latin SWAG Store

The wait is finally over!! Boys' Latin has a store and all stakeholders(students, staff and parents) can purchase Boy's Latin gear!! When you purchase items a portion of the proceeds goes to our Boys' Latin sports teams. There are multiple items you can purchase click link below.

Boys' Latin Swag Store

Beginning Monday, November 3rd and every Monday for the remainder of this school year we will have "Warrior SWAG Day" for all students! Students MUST wear their Khaki Pants, any sneakers and any Boys' Latin Swag on top!! This includes any Boys' Latin hoodies, t-shirts, quarter zips, sports gear and any SWAG you purchase from our SWAG Store!



Daily Attendance Failure Policy

If a student is absent unexcused from a **course for more than 14 percent** of school days during a quarter, then the student will fail the course for the quarter. There are currently 45 instructional days for RP1 which means your warrior can not **have more than 5 unexcused absences or they will fail for the quarter.** Please keep the following in mind when it comes to unexcused absences:

- 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.**
- **Only 9 parent excuse notes are accepted during the entire school year.**
- The form to excuse your student's absence can be found **here**.

Portrait of A Graduate Monthly Focus- Accountability

By 11:59pm on Sunday, January 25, please click here to complete a brief survey to share how well you now know and understand the Boys' Latin Portrait of a Graduate.

Portrait of a Graduate | Accountability:
In January, our focus is on Accountability, the fourth pillar of our Portrait of a Graduate: Boys' Latin graduates will lead by example through hard work, honesty, and doing what is right, while taking ownership of mistakes and using them as opportunities for growth. How can you help your student achieve this pillar? Here are some ideas:

- Assign them age-appropriate responsibilities at home, and establish and consistently enforce logical, reasonable consequences for unmet responsibilities and rewards for completing responsibilities.
- Offer guidance and support to help them complete a task, but do not complete the task for them.
- Model personal responsibility by admitting your mistakes, discussing them using "I" statements, and reflecting on what you have learned from them.
- Praise them when they tell the truth or choose to do the right thing, especially when it is difficult.
- When they make a mistake, thank them for telling you about it and ask them what they have learned from the mistake and what action they can take to avoid making a similar mistake in the future.

To learn more about our Portrait of a Graduate, visit our website: https://www.boyslatin.org/about/portrait-of-a-graduate

Leadership Academy

Leadership Academy Has Begun

Greetings Warrior Parents and Guardians,

🎉We're excited to announce the start of Leadership Academy!(LA) 🎉

This program is a vital part of our school experience and is **mandatory for all 9th–11th grade students**, as well as **seniors who still need LA credits to graduate**. Students who participate in fall and winter sports are not required to have an LA.

Sessions will take place from **3:20–4:00 PM**. Participation in this program is **required for graduation**, and it provides valuable opportunities for students to build skills, explore interests, and connect with peers.

We're thrilled that the majority of our students have already signed up! You can view your student's assigned program by checking their roster on **PowerSchool (PS)**.
Thank you for your support as we begin this exciting part of the school year!

Uniform and School Expectations

Parents please begin to purchase winter uniform items. The winter uniform consist of :

- Boys' Latin Blazer
- Blue Oxford Shirt
- Blue and Burgundy Striped Tie
- Khaki Pants
- Black Belt
- Black Shoes

If warriors are not in full winter uniform on October 6th students will be sent home. Please make sure you begin to purchase or order items now so your warrior will have all their items on Monday 10/06.

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.

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.

Tylenol and Medication Permission Form

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.

PDF

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Permission to administer Tylenol and other over the counter medicine.

Download
2.8 MB

General Need to Know and Technology Resources

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- lshaki@boyslatin.org

Climate and Culture Questions
Mr. Swiggett- Jswiggett@boyslatin.org

Laptop/Technology Issues
IT Support - support@boyslatin.org

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- 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**.

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

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.**

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
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Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs
Facebook: www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin
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