



Parent Ledger - August 16, 2026

Principal's Corner

Greetings Warrior Families,

As we begin the **2026–2027 school year**, I am incredibly excited to officially welcome you back to Boys' Latin Middle School!

This year, our theme is **"Remembering Your Crown."** For our young Kings, the crown represents the **excellence, dignity, purpose, responsibility, and potential** they carry every day. We want every Warrior to remember that how he shows up, how he treats others, how he responds to challenges, and how seriously he approaches his education are all reflections of the crown he carries.

Our commitment remains to provide every young man with a **safe, joyful, academically rigorous, and supportive environment** where he is challenged to grow and encouraged to become the very best version of himself.

To our families, **thank you for trusting us with your sons and for being our partners in this important work.** Together, we will celebrate their accomplishments, navigate challenges, and continue preparing our Warriors to lead with **Integrity, Scholarship, and Brotherhood.**

We have an exciting year ahead of us. Warrior families, let's encourage our young Kings to **stand tall, lead with purpose, pursue excellence, and always remember their crown.**

Please see below for a few reminders; and remember tomorrow and Tuesday, we will host our Materials Distribution and **the first day of school for all students is this Wednesday, August 19th!**



Doors will open at 7:30am for breakfast and students will be dismissed at 4pm.

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

In partnership,

Principal Sanford

Important Dates & Reminders

August 17th: Materials Pick Up for 6th & 7th Grade ONLY

August 18th: Materials Pick Up for 8th Grade ONLY

August 19th: First Day of School for ALL STUDENTS

August 20th - September 4th: Fall MAP Testing

September 7th: NO SCHOOL (*Labor Day*)

September 8th : Summer Reading Projects Due

September 15th: Back to School Night

September 21st: NO SCHOOL (*Professional Development for Staff*)



Materials Distribution 2026

Tomorrow, August 17th and Tuesday, August 18th we will host our Materials Distribution Days for all students! During this time, families will be able to pick up your warrior's schedule, important login information, student ID's and other pertinent information! **Please be sure to enter through the second entrance on Felton Street.**

See the schedule below:

Monday, August 17th (9am - 1pm): 6th and 7th Grade Materials Pick Up ONLY

Tuesday, August 18th (9am - 1pm): 8th Grade Materials Pick up ONLY

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2026 MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION



BE PREPARED.
BE FOCUSED.
BE A WARRIOR.



PICK UP YOUR
MATERIALS.
START STRONG.



ONE SCHOOL.
ONE BROTHERHOOD.
ONE GOAL.



DATES: AUGUST 17 & 18, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PREPARED TODAY. EMPOWERED TOMORROW.

WE ARE
WARRIORS



2026 Fall MAP Testing: Start Strong. Grow Strong!

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STRONG START.
STRONG GROWTH.
BRIGHT FUTURE.



MAP TESTING

HELPING OUR YOUNG KINGS GROW!



The **MAP** (Measures of Academic Progress) Test is a computer-adaptive assessment in **Reading** and **Math** that helps us understand what your child knows and what he is ready to learn next.



KNOW OUR STARTING POINT

MAP gives us a baseline to kick off the school year.



PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Helps teachers plan lessons that meet your child's unique needs.



TRACK GROWTH ALL YEAR

We track progress from Fall → Winter → Spring.



PREPARES FOR SUCCESS

Builds skills, confidence and long-term achievement.



TOGETHER, WE WIN

A school + family partnership helps every Young King reach his full potential.



FALL MAP ISN'T THE FINISH LINE—
IT'S OUR STARTING POINT.

Thank you for supporting your son
as we help him learn, grow and lead!

**WE ARE BOYS' LATIN.
WE ARE KINGS.**

The **MAP** (Measures of Academic Progress) Test is a computer-based assessment in **Reading** and **Math** that helps us understand what your son knows, where he needs support, and what he is ready to learn next. MAP is **adaptive**, meaning the questions adjust based on each student's responses, providing a personalized picture of his current academic level.

Fall MAP Testing begins Thursday, August 20th, and is especially important because it gives us a **starting point, or baseline, for the school year!** Teachers and school leaders use MAP data to identify strengths and areas for growth, plan instruction, create targeted small groups and interventions, provide enrichment, set growth goals, and monitor progress from **Fall → Winter → Spring**.

Because MAP results help guide important academic decisions, **every student's effort matters!** Please help your Young King arrive **on time, well-rested, encouraged, and ready to show what he knows.**

Remember: The Fall MAP score isn't the finish line—it's our starting point!

Summer Reading Project

Below is information regarding our Summer Reading Project which **ALL 6th - 8th** students are expected to complete and will count as the first academic assessment of the 2026-2027 school year! 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 8, 2026!



Uniform Reminders

As a reminder, **ALL STUDENTS** are expected to be in full Spring Uniform beginning on the first day of school! 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 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!

2026 - 2027 Enrollment!

Boys' Latin is still enrolling rising 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students for the 2026-27 school year!

If you're up for it, please follow and engage with the school on Instagram (@boyslatinoofphiladelphia), Facebook (@boyslatin), and/or TikTok (@boyslatinoofphiladelphia), and share one of the school's recent posts/reels/stories ([like the one linked here](#)) on your own social media accounts.

If you're not up for sharing on your social media accounts or you do not have social media, no worries! Please consider spreading the message when you're out and about in Philadelphia. Word of mouth is still the most effective student recruitment tool!



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 - rnicholas@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!](#)



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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Twitter Handle: @BoyslatinCs

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/BoysLatin

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