



Parent Ledger - August 23, 2026

Principal's Corner

Greetings Warrior Families,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend! It was an exciting first week welcoming our Warriors back to school, and we are looking forward to beginning our **first full week of instruction together!**

As a reminder, **MAP Testing begins tomorrow.** MAP Testing provides our teachers and school leaders with important information about each student's current academic strengths, areas for growth, and instructional needs. Please help us set our Warriors up for success by ensuring they **arrive at school on time, well-rested, and ready to do their best.**



Uniform Reminder

We appreciate your partnership in helping our Warriors arrive each day prepared and in full uniform. All students should wear:

- Khaki pants
- Burgundy polo shirt
- Black shoes
- Black belt
- Black socks

Shirts must be **tucked in throughout the school day.** Students are **not permitted to wear sneakers unless it is their scheduled gym day.** Additionally, students should **not have bookbag tags attached to their bookbags.**

Finally, please remember that **tomorrow—and every Monday throughout the school year—students will be dismissed at 2:50 PM.**

Please see below for a few additional reminders for the upcoming week.

Thank you, Warrior Families, for your continued partnership and support as we work together to ensure our young men have a strong start to the school year. If you have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Continue to have a great evening on purpose,

Principal Sanford

Important Dates & Reminders

August 24th - September 4th: Fall MAP Testing (*See below for details*)

August 27th: Extended Family Network (EFN) Interest Meeting

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

September 8th : Summer Reading Projects Due

September 12th: Suicide Prevention Walk (*See details below*)

September 15th: Back to School Night

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



Boys' Latin Remembers: Honoring the Life & Legacy of Mr. Marvin Payne

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of our beloved colleague and faculty member, **Mr. Marvin Payne.**

Mr. Payne joined the Boys' Latin community in 2021, serving faithfully in our Specialized Services Department. From the moment he became part of our community, Mr. Payne was so much more than an educator. He was a **mentor, friend, trusted colleague, and a consistent source of joy and encouragement** for both our students and staff.

Mr. Payne had a special gift for making even the most difficult days feel a little brighter. His warmth, humor, enthusiasm, and genuine care for others were unmistakable. He showed up for our young men with compassion and believed deeply in their potential. His presence brought light to our school community, and his impact will remain with us long after his passing.



We are incredibly grateful for the years we were blessed to have Mr. Payne as part of the Boys' Latin family. **He was loved, he made a difference, and he will be deeply missed.**

During this incredibly difficult time, we ask our entire Warrior community to keep **Mr. Payne's wife, children, loved ones, and all those whose lives he touched** in your thoughts and prayers. May they find strength, comfort, and peace as we collectively honor and remember the life and legacy of Mr. Marvin Payne.

Once we receive official funeral information, I will be sure to share with our Boys' Latin family.

2026 Fall MAP Testing: Start Strong. Grow Strong!

BOYS' LATIN
FABER EST QUISQUE FORTUNAE SUAE
OF PHILADELPHIA

**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.

FOCUS. THINK. GIVE YOUR BEST.

**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 official begins tomorrow, August 24th, 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**

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

School Supplies List



BOYS' LATIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WE LEARN. WE LEAD. WE SUCCEED. **WARRIORS PREPARE**

• SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR •

Every student will receive a **locker** so they can securely store materials they are not using throughout the day.

QUANTITY	SCHOOL SUPPLY
1	Bookbag (Preferably cushion back pack for laptop security)
1-2	2-Inch Binder or Trapper Keeper
10	Dividers
5-6	Composition Books or Spiral Notebooks
1-2	Pencil Pouch
15-20 EACH REPORT PERIOD	Pens and Pencils
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	Highlighters
1-2	Plastic or Metal Water Bottle or Canteen (For Water Station)
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	Loose Leaf, College Ruled Lined Paper
2	Scissors
1	Ruler

BE PREPARED. STAY FOCUSED. DO YOUR BEST. BE A **WARRIOR!**

THE RIGHT SUPPLIES TODAY. **BRIGHT FUTURES TOMORROW.**

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO SUPPORT YOUR WARRIOR'S SUCCESS!

Please be sure to have the suggested items on the list ahead of our first full week of school beginning Monday, August 24th. Additionally, **please be sure to purchase your warrior a TI-30 Calculator for his math classes!**

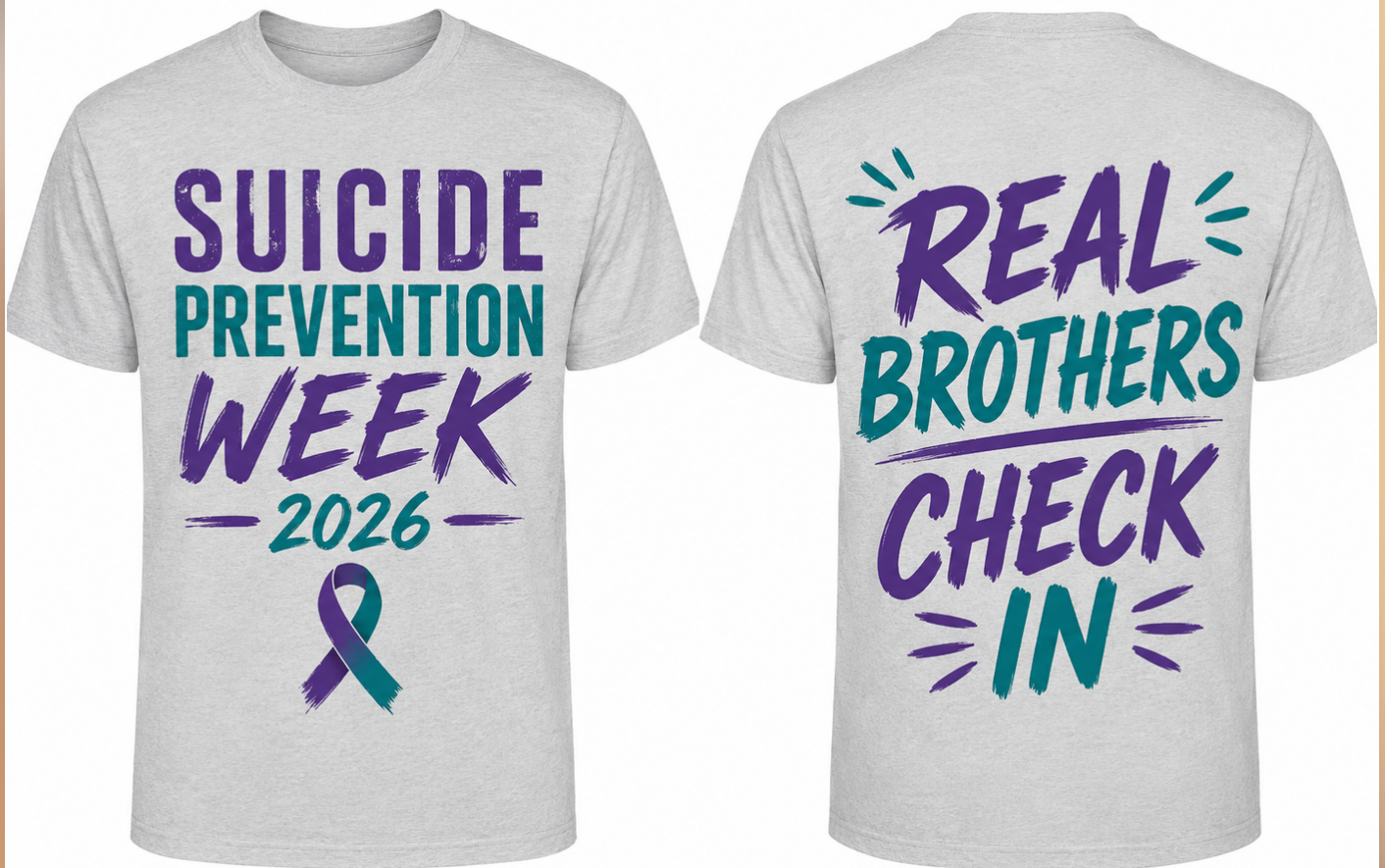
Suicide Prevention Walk 2026

Please [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in registering for the **2026 Suicide Prevention Walk** taking place, **Saturday, September 12th!** You must **register by Monday, September 7th** to participate. See the flyer for more details.

If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, please click the direct link to the vendor below!
<https://www.iamyourbrandman.com/product-page/boy-s-latin-suicide-prevention-tee>

For more information, please reach out to Ms. Nicolas at

rnicolas@boyslatin.org



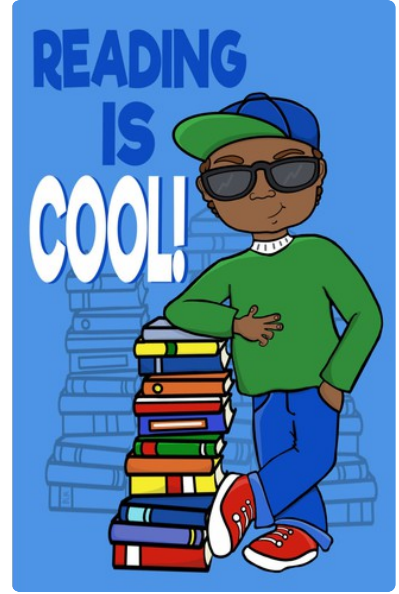
Summer Reading Project

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' Latin's 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!



We will be hosting an official Extended Family Network (EFN) Interest meeting this Thursday, August 27th via zoom!

EXTENDED Family NETWORK

INTEREST MEETING

PARENTS. PARTNERS. POWERFUL TOGETHER.

Join the Extended Family Network (EFN) – our parent group that works together like a family to support our boys, our school, and our community.

INTEREST MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
AT 5:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

Parents can also access the Zoom link via the Parent Ledger.

PLEASE CONTACT
Ms. Nicolas
FOR MORE INFORMATION AT
RNICOLAS@BOYSLATIN.ORG

STRONG FAMILIES. STRONGER FUTURES.

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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