Boys' Latin High School **The Ledger** November 14, 2021

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Greetings Warrior Nation, Happy Sunday! Below are this week's news and announcements!

Important Dates

11/15 First Day of 2nd Quarter
11/16 Trip to State Capitol for 10 Warriors from Civics Classes
11/17 1:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Professional Development in the PM)
11/22 & 11/23 Virtual 1st Quarter Report Card Conferences

Warriors of the Week

Each week, staff will nominate learners for Warrior of the Week who exemplify our three core values of Brotherhood, Integrity, and Scholarship. Our first awardees are:

9th Grade - Kisheen S.: "Consistently on task. Always helps other students when they don't understand something. Helps other students with their ties when they don't know how to tie them. Engaged and thoughtful and does great work. Scholarship, Integrity, and Brotherhood right there!"

10th Grade - Caleb G.: "Caleb is a quiet scholar who is always focused on his learning and personal growth. He asks for help when he needs it, engages in learning every day, shows leadership and maturity in class, and studies so he is prepared in class."

****11th Grade - Khary R.:** "Khary is a hard-working student who is always focused on trying to improve his understanding in class. He also makes sure to stay after school or come to Saturday school when he needs help. He demonstrated brotherhood recently by participating in the Black Youth March for Their Lives."

** Signifies the Ultimate Warrior of the Week

12th Grade - Tylil A.: "He is a young man that works extremely hard to keep his grades up. He is very determined to make this his best year ever, he is quiet and always respectful. He is a person that his peers can look up to, he is never involved in foolishness inside or outside the classroom and he is always in uniform."

Beginning of 2nd Quarter

Monday, November 15th is the first day of the 2nd quarter. Learners will be receiving updated rosters to reflect any changes that may have taken place due to class changes. If your child missed a significant amount of time during the 1st quarter due to quarantining, please contact their educators. Lastly, we will be emailing links for our virtual report card conferences on Tuesday 11/16.

Report Card Conferences

We will host virtual report card conferences to meet with families on November 22nd and November 23rd. Below is the schedule which includes the evening sessions. Virtual Report Card Conference links will be shared via email on Tuesday 11/16. November 22- 2pm-6pm (includes evening conference) November 23 2pm-4pm

Early Dismissal on Wednesday, November 17th

Learners will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Wednesday 11/17. Faculty will participate in professional development in the afternoon.

Choices & Consequences

Please <u>click here</u> to review our Choices & Consequences document that goes into effect on 11/15. The document has been shared and reviewed with all learners.

Uniform Pieces for Sale

At the high school, we have a limited supply of Oxford shirts and ties for sale. Shirts are \$20 and ties are \$15.



Mission

We prepare boys for success in college and beyond, using as our foundation a classical Latin education, the positive influence of brotherhood, and rich relationships. We are a community that values and cultivates critical thinking, personal responsibility, emotional intelligence, and character development.

Vision

Boys' Latin of Philadelphia is a collaborative community of motivated students, supportive families, and dedicated educators. The school serves as a national college-preparatory model for educating boys by nurturing personal responsibility, emotional intelligence, and character development. We empower students to understand their voice and increase their fortitude, shaping scholars who are successful in college and beyond.

Thanksgiving Food & Turkey Giveaway

Representative Joana McClinton and other organizations have teamed up to continue supporting our community during the upcoming holiday. Please review the attached fliers for the food and turkey giveaways which will take place on Friday, November 19th and Saturday, November 20th.

Destination Success Free Virtual Male Conference

Lincoln University is hosting its 2nd annual Destination Success Free Virtual Male Conference, taking place Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 1-4 pm. Registration can be found at this link: <u>https://forms.gle/UQf3o57c7iaACw889</u>

The conference features different workshops from a variety of speakers and panelists ranging from financial literacy to mental health to personal branding. To view the conference schedule, please visit the Destination Success website https://destsuccess.weebly.com/schedule.html

Xavier & Tina Williams Summer Youth Business Academy

Please click on <u>this link</u> to learn more about this great opportunity for 11th & 12th grade with an interest in entrepreneurship! Participants will:

- Be guaranteed scholarship Meals and housing covered
- Learn from EU business faculty & local business owners
- Network with other young entrepreneurs
- Learn to market and sell your original ideas

Updated Family Contact Information

In order to ensure that we have the correct contact information for each family, we ask that you complete the following brief survey which will be used to update family contact information. <u>https://bit.ly/BLcontactupdate</u>

Family Online Platform Logins:

PowerSchool Click here to access PowerSchool. Schoology Click here to access Schoology. Email Click here to access Boys' Latin Email. Kick Board Click here to access Kickboard Schoology Parent/Guardian Access:

To access Schoology, follow the below steps.

- 1. Go to <u>www.schoology.com</u>.
- 2. Click **Sign Up** at the top of the page and choose **Parent**.
- 3. Enter your Parent Access Code, which is: [Parent Access Code]
- 4. Fill out the form with your information.
- 5. Click **Register** to complete.

6.

When you use a Parent Access Code to create an account, you are automatically associated with your child. You can add additional children to your account using the <u>Add Child</u> option.

Gently Used Uniform Pieces

In collaboration with the Extended Family Network (EFN), we are seeking gently used uniform pieces. The pieces will be utilized to support learners and families that may need financial support. If you have any gently used pieces, we encourage you to bring them in so that we may safely clean and distribute them to learners in need. We appreciate your support in aiding our school community!

Early Dismissal

It is imperative that learners attend school every day for the duration of the day (including Leadership Academy). Early dismissals will not be granted past 3:05pm in order to assist school staff in ensuring a safe & swift afterschool procedure. Please email or send in a note to our administrative assistant, Mrs. Walker, with all details for early dismissals so that we can effectively communicate the dismissals with all staff.

COVID Protocols

If you have not already done so, please grant consent for your student to participate in the school's COVID-19 testing program: <u>Pooled Testing Consent Form</u> and <u>Individual Testing Consent Form</u> If your student is vaccinated, please submit proof of vaccination to the High School Nurse, Donna Griffin (<u>dgriffin@boyslatin.org</u>). Please review the attached SY2022 Health and Safety Plan Summary to learn more about the school's plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Boys' Latin High School 5501 Cedar Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19143

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Student Attendance & COVID-19 Cases

<u>Arriving on Time</u>

Learners are late if they arrive after 8:03AM. It is imperative that students arrive before 8AM so they can get to class on time. Families will begin receiving automated messages when your child reports to school late or if they are absent. You can always see your child's attendance on PowerSchool.

Covid-19 and Quarantining Absences

If a student is required to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure the student will be marked AEMD Absent Medical: This excused absence code is to be used when a student is absent for medical purposes.

Student work while Quarantining

While quarantining students will work asynchronously. Students can access work assignments and instructions from teachers on Schoology. Feel free to reach out to the teacher about assignments being posted.

Health and Safety Plan and Pooled COVID-19 Testing

Please Click Here for the Health and Safety Plan. Ways to Support Your Warrior

<u>Face Mask</u>

Ensure your warrior has at least 2 face masks when they leave for school in the morning. We give out hundreds of masks daily. Masks are a part of learners' daily uniform. Please make sure they have a mask

Laptop Charging

Please make sure your warrior's laptop is charged each night and that he brings his charger with him every day along with his computer.

Uniforms

We are aware that Flynn O'Hara is on backorder with uniform shirts and other items. If you have ordered items and it is on backorder, please submit a copy of the receipt to <u>swalker@boyslatin.org</u>. Starting October 1st learners must be in full winter uniform. The full winter uniform includes:

Blue Oxford Shirt Boys' Latin Stripped Tie Boys' Latin Blazer Khaki Pants Black Belt All Black Shoes (No sneakers or boots)

If you are awaiting your shipment from Flynn O'Hara, please submit a copy of the receipt so that your child will not receive a consequence for being out of uniform.

Dismissal

Please do not double park your car on Cedar Avenue. It has caused a very dangerous situation for our students who are walking home and catching public transportation. We also want to respect neighbors and neighborhood traffic flow. We understand that parking is limited, but please **DO NOT** double park.

Lunches

Lunch is served every day. If a learner would like to bring his own lunch, he must bring it to school with him. In order to ensure that staff are effectively supporting lunch, we cannot support lunch deliveries. Again, please ensure that learners come to school with their lunch in the morning.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Best,

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