

# The Ledger

October 4, 2021

Family Edition Vol. III

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

## Important Dates

- 10/4 Early Release Professional Development (Students Dismiss at 1:30)
- 10/11 Indigenous Peoples' Day (Schools and Administrative Offices Closed)
- 10/13 PSAT for grades 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (Grades 9 & 12 will have a virtual asynchronous day)
- 10/16 Saturday School
- 10/18 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Post Graduation Planning Meeting (in-person)
- 10/19 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Post Graduation Planning Meeting (same meeting as the 18<sup>th</sup> but via Zoom)

## **PSAT Testing**

Learners in grades 10 and 11 will be participating in PSAT testing on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Grades 10 & 11 learners will report to school at 8am and will conclude their day by 1:30pm. The PSAT is an important test which is used to determine National Merit Scholars, award future merit scholarships, and it also better prepares learners for the SAT assessment which they will need to gain entrance into the majority of academic institutions. Please speak to your child about the assessment and the importance of taking it seriously.

Grades 9 & 12 will NOT report to the building on Wednesday 10/13. They will remain home and complete asynchronous virtual lessons. The completion of their assignments will determine the attendance for the day.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Planning Meeting**

All seniors are required to attend a program hosted by the College Advising Office on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend as well (a virtual meeting will also take place on 10/19 at 7:30pm via Zoom).

At this meeting, Mrs. Bonner will go over the various forms of financial assistance available to help pay for postsecondary education, including Federal grants and loans, State grants, and institutional assistance offered by colleges. She will provide detailed information about the steps necessary to apply for all of these forms of aid.

## **Senior Portraits**

Boys' Latin Senior Portrait Day is scheduled for October 9, 2021 and October 23, 2021. Portraits will be taken from 9:30 until 3:00PM. There is a \$25 sitting fee and that can be paid when you make the appointment (see attached flyer for all information). Each session includes three poses: casual, cap and gown and tuxedo. Seniors should come dressed in their casual outfit (whatever they want to wear), Barksdale will provide the cap and gown and tuxedo (please have seniors wear a white t-shirt to go underneath). Once pictures are taken you should receive a proof booklet in the mail where you can choose your portrait package. Boys' Latin will choose the picture for the yearbook. If you are not satisfied with your pictures or wish to have your senior retake pictures the Senior Portrait retake date will be February 19, 2022.

## **Back to School Senior Presentation**

Attached you will find the slides that were shared with guardians of 12<sup>th</sup> graders during last week's Back to School Night.



## 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.

## Food Distribution

Please see the attached flier for food distribution which will take place every Tuesday and Thursday on 59<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut. If you need further support, please contact our Social Worker, Yolanda Morales, at [ymorales@boyslatin.org](mailto:ymorales@boyslatin.org)

## Student Attendance & COVID-19 Cases

### Arriving on Time

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

### Face Mask

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 [swalker@boyslatin.org](mailto:swalker@boyslatin.org).

**Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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.

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### **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.

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