

The Ledger

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Family Edition Vol. XX



Greetings Warrior Nation,
Please check out this week's Ledger for all upcoming announcements.

Boys' Latin Key Dates	
January 9	12 th Grade Summit & 2PM Monday Early Dismissal
January 9	Kickboard Incentive Brunch
January 10-12	Keystone Testing 8am-2pm (In-person school only for test takers; asynchronous day for non-testers)
January 13 & 17	Keystone Testing Make-Ups
January 16	MLK Day (No School)
January 18-20	Final Exams
January 20	Last Day of Quarter 2 (Semester 1)
January 23	First Day of Semester 2

Warrior College Acceptances

As seniors get accepted to colleges and universities and provide their acceptance letters to the college advising office, we recognize their amazing accomplishments and give them a tie to commemorate the celebration. We have been celebrating our seniors each day during our morning announcements and have had learners come to the office to personally obtain their ties. Please assist us in congratulating our Young Warriors! We're proud of their accomplishments! Please see the list of our newest college acceptances from this past week! **We have more than 56 college acceptance thus far this school year!**

- Xavier B. Manor College
- Ammar T. Clark Atlanta University
- Camren S.F. Shippensburg University
- Anwar C. North Dakota State University
- Angelo F. Howard University
- Angelo F. University of Redlands
- Anwar C. Kings College
- Anwar C. Point Park University
- Khaleem L. Delaware State University
- Kenneth B. Virginia State University
- Zamir H. Temple University
- Amir N.S. Penn State-Berks
- Taisir P. Millersville University of PA
- Kenneth E.L. Virginia Union University
- Ammar T. Lincoln University-Full Ride

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.

News & Announcements

Summit & Advisory

12th grade will have their summit today while all other grades have advisory.

Keystone Testing

Keystone Testing will take place on January 10th, 11th, & 12th. Keystone testing will run from 8am-2pm. Learners will be dismissed at 2pm. The families of all learners that must take the winter Keystone have been contacted via email. Taking the Keystone Exam is a requirement for all learners within the state of PA.

Please note that only learners taking the assessment will report on January 10th, 11th, and/or 12th. If your child is not slated to take the exam, they will remain home and complete asynchronous assignments in preparation for Final Exams.

Kickboard Incentive Brunch

The top 10 Kickboard earners from each grade for the month of December will be participating in the Kickboard Brunch tomorrow during 4th period. Learners will be pulled at 1:30pm to participate in the incentive brunch. Kickboard is our merit and demerit system used to promote a positive school culture.

Finals Testing Schedule

See attachment for our Final Exam schedule.

Temple University's STEM Summer Research Program

See the attached flier for a great STEM summer opportunity for learners. The deadline for the application is January 27th.

Technology Message from IT Team

Please see the message below that was sent to all learners from the IT team.

Learners are all responsible for the equipment Boys' Latin provides for us. Learners should not leave their Chromebooks or AC adapters laying around unattended. If they are lost, the learner and their family are responsible for replacing it.

If a Chromebook is lost, please let us know ASAP by email at support@boyslatin.org. Do not wait a day, a week, a month to say something. When we are informed it is missing, we will check to see if we can locate it. If we cannot, you are responsible for replacing it. Do not take someone else's Chromebook because you lost yours. This is considered theft and will result in immediate disciplinary action.

To purchase a new Chromebook you will need to go to the [Boys Latin web site](#) (under Families --> Important Information --> Chromebook Fees) and choose the option for "Lost/Stolen Chromebook". Thanks for your time.

Technology Department

Senior Parent Meeting

As we inch closer to spring, we are excited to begin the Senior Project and to prepare for graduation, end-of-year activities, prom, and college matriculation for the Class of 2023. It is important that all seniors and their families fully understand the graduation requirements, including the Senior Project, as well as next steps in the college process.

To that end, **a family member for every senior is required to attend an introductory meeting EITHER on Wednesday, January 11 at 6 pm in person in the Boys' Latin dining hall OR on Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 pm on [Zoom](#)**. Students may attend as well, but at least one parent, guardian, or family member **must** attend **one** of the meetings.

We will discuss the required Senior Project research paper and presentation and an opportunity for professional fieldwork experience, and review a complete timeline of due dates and requirements for the project. We will also review all the next steps in the college process - applying for aid, looking for scholarships, finishing applications, accepting/enrolling, and more. Finally, we will apprise you of all end-of-year plans and requirements, including prom details.

Please plan to attend ONE of the meetings (either in person or on Zoom). Contact Mrs. Casey (hcasey@boyslatin.org) or Ms. Bennett (dbennett@boyslatin.org) with any questions.

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REPEATED WEEKLY REMINDERS

PowerSchool & Kickboard Utilization

1. Please be sure to check your learners' grades on PowerSchool to see any assignments they need to make-up. We recommend doing this on a weekly basis as educators update grades every week.
2. Please check Kickboard to see how your learner is being celebrated or corrected throughout the week. When learners receive 6 corrective behaviors in one week a student will receive a detention
3. If you need login information for your student, please email support@boyslatin.org

Student Laptops & Tech Support

All students and families must submit all technology related (laptop, passwords, chargers login information) issues/ requests to support@boyslatin.org.

In-Person technology support is available to learners during their lunch period on *Tuesdays & Thursdays*. Our IT specialist can be found in room 311

All learners and their parents have received the *One-to-One Laptop Program Policy* and signed the *One-to-One Laptop Program Agreement*. This means all learners and their parents are accountable to the policy. Students must report damage, issues, and concerns related to their school-issued device (Chromebook and Chromebook charger) to the Technology Department within one school day. **Damage due to negligence as well as loss or theft of a school-issued device is the responsibility of the student and their parent. The fee for a lost or stolen Chromebook is \$300.00** and the fee for a lost or stolen Chromebook charger is \$45.00. In the event a school-issued device is stolen, if the student or parent report of the incident is deemed credible, the school will replace the device at no charge to the student or parent. Damage due to negligence or loss of a school-issued device are level two or level three violations of the school's *Code of Conduct*

Student Attendance

It is imperative that your child reports to school each day on time. BL has an attendance policy aimed at maximizing student success. Please review the attached flier which details our attendance policy. We need your assistance in getting learners to school on time. Additionally, please note that learners will receive a detention after 3 school tardies. All excused notes should be sent to frontofficehs@boyslatin.org

Leadership Academy & Office Hours

This is a reminder that Leadership Academy is a graduation requirement. Each learner has been enrolled in a Leadership Academy which takes place twice a week. Learners are also encouraged to take advantage of Office Hours for classes that they need support in.

Water Bottles

Please send your child with a water bottle to school so that they may refill them at the water stations.

School Uniform

Effective October 3rd learners MUST be in FULL winter uniform. The winter uniform can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara online or in-stores and consists of:

- Khaki Poly/Cotton Men's Pants
- Blue Long Sleeve Button-down Collared Shirt
- Navy Polyester Blazer with School Logo
- Black Leather Belt
- Maroon/Navy Striped Tie
- Black Leather Men's Dress Shoes (no sneakers or boots)
- Black Socks

****Please note that learners must be in full uniform. If your family is experiencing a hardship, please contact our School Counselor, Dr. Washington, so that we can best support your family at nwashington@boyslatin.org. Additionally, due to warm temperatures, Warriors may substitute the top-half of the uniform with the Maroon Short Sleeve Collared Shirt with the School Logo until October 3rd.**

Extended Family Network (EFN)

We are ecstatic to continue working alongside our families to create a dynamic educational experience for our Young Warriors. Working with the EFN, we can build a framework for the future and promote mutual understanding, cooperation, and communication among families, educators, and administrators. We can build a school culture that allows for special events, celebrations, and a strong support network. Together we can help create an atmosphere where learners feel excited to come to school and feel encouraged by their entire community. We cannot express how crucial it is to have our families involved in this endeavor.

Please consider becoming an active member of this process. Our Warriors deserve the BEST and our staff would greatly appreciate your support. If you are interested in having a role in building this network, please reach out to efn.hs@boyslatin.org We hope to connect with you soon and schedule our first planning meeting together.

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Front Office Communication

If you need to update any information or have any questions for our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Cina Girard, please email frontofficehs@boyslatin.org so that we can effectively address your questions. If you have further concerns, you may email me directly at [euthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org](mailto: euthman-olukokun@boyslatin.org)

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!

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.

Best,



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