

# Legenda

## Latin for “things to be read”

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News, Notes & Needs of The Washington Latin Public Charter School – 01.07.09

### Word of the Week

The 'Word of the Week' is:

**surreptitious \suh-r-uhp-TISH-uhs; suh-rep-\**

*adjective*

1. Done, made, or gotten by stealth.
2. Acting with or marked by stealth.

Surreptitious comes from Latin surrepticius, "stolen, secret, surreptitious," from surripere, "to take away secretly; to steal," from sub-, "under" + rapere, "to seize, to snatch."

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- Admissions Open House – Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> (Upshur)
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## I. NEWS

### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday, 1/14 Admission Open House, 6:30 -8:00 at Upshur (tell your friends!)

Monday, 1/18 No School – MLK Jr. Day

Wednesday, 1/20 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade art show at Decatur

Friday, 1/22 – End of second quarter and first semester

#### School Delay or Closing Policy

A decision will be made by 6:30 a.m. We will contact families via AlertNow using emails and phone numbers, and the information will also be available on:

the homepage of our school website at [www.latinpcs.org](http://www.latinpcs.org),

WTOP Radio at 103.5FM, 103.9FM, and 107.7FM,

NBC TV Channel 4 and WUSA-TV Channel 9.

If you do not receive a call or email or find any information at these sites, the school will open on time.

Dear Latin Parents,

Seeing the sixth graders walking up to our Decatur campus this week to visit the library was a treat and a reminder of how nice it is to have our two campuses so close to one another. We are discussing ways to have the eighth graders visit the Upper School, too, so that they can get a sense of what they have to look forward to next year both in terms of campus and curriculum.

Eighth grade students and teachers are delighted to be in their new rooms in our MEU. Many thanks to all the parents who remembered the new traffic pattern and entered the alley from Upshur and exited onto Arkansas.

With the end of the semester just a few weeks away, I want you to know that we will announce the names of those who have made the Honor Rolls after the second quarter grades are submitted. At Washington Latin we have two tiers of Honor Roll. Students who earn at least a 3.7 GPA make High Honor Roll; those with a GPA between 3.3 and 3.69 are on Honor Roll.

I have been working on a calendar for the 2010-2011 school year, but I am waiting for DCPS to publish theirs, and it is not yet available. I do know that new student orientation will be on Monday, August 23, 2010 and the first day of class will be Tuesday, August 24, 2010. With Easter on April 24, our spring

break may be at a very different time next year than this, but I will get you the list of major dates as soon as I can.

Both the Latin IV Honors students and the Arabic students are beginning to make plans for their upcoming trips over Spring Break to Italy and Qatar respectively. We are excited to be able to offer these global experiences, which will expand horizons for all involved.

Instead of the Paddles Up! auction we have done the last two years, the Parent Association's major fund-raiser will be a Casino Night on Friday, April 23. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

With warm regards,



Martha C. Cutts  
Head of School

**Reminder about Safe Schools Survey**

Dear Latin parents,

As you know we are going to conduct a school wide behavioral survey as part of our Safe School grant. The new date for testing is January 13th. We sent out a copy of a parental refusal form in the last Legenda. We are re-sending with this reminder: if you DO NOT want your child to participate, please send back signed form by January 11th. This is an ANONYMOUS survey. We are including a link to the actual surveys. Please contact me with questions.

Thank you!

Kate Chieco  
Safe School Coordinator

Middle School and High School versions

[http://www.wested.org/cs/chks/view/chks\\_s/1?x-layout=surveys](http://www.wested.org/cs/chks/view/chks_s/1?x-layout=surveys)

Module C will also be administered to MS and HS

[http://www.wested.org/cs/chks/view/chks\\_s/3?x-layout=surveys](http://www.wested.org/cs/chks/view/chks_s/3?x-layout=surveys)

## ***Notice of Student Survey***

**Washington Latin is participating in the *Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative*. This initiative seeks to create safe schools environments, promote healthy child development, and prevent youth violence and substance use.**

As part of the evaluation of this project, all students are asked to complete the *California Healthy Kids Survey* (CHKS) in January and May 2010. These surveys address health, safety, risk behaviors, and student strengths. The *CHKS* survey gathers important information on physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; school safety; and individual strengths and assets. They will also be asked to respond to questions about how they feel about safety at school, and student and teacher relations. The surveys help the school plan activities and programs that meet your student's needs; understand how the school's programs help your student to succeed; and gain information that can be used to tell the community about your school's successes.

### **Important Information about the Survey**

- **The survey will be administered during an extended homeroom period in mid-January.**
- **The surveys are anonymous.** Your child's privacy is protected. No names will be on the CHKS surveys. All information will be kept confidential.
- **Participation in the survey is voluntary.** You or your child may decide not to take the survey. Your child may also skip questions he or she does not want to answer.
- **The surveys are in the office at your school.** If you would like to review the surveys, there are copies in the office at the school.

***If you agree to let your child participate, you do not need to answer this letter. If you do **NOT** want your child to participate in the evaluation, you should return the attached denial of permission form to the school by January 11, 2010.***

### **From the Director of Admissions**

Washington Latin Public Charter School welcomes prospective families to attend our informational open houses.

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Thursday, March 4, 2010

**6:30 – 8:00 PM - 4115 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (corner of 16th and Upshur Ave)**

Washington Latin PCS is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. All applications received by March 5, 2010 will be included in a random lottery by grade level if the number of applicants exceeds openings.

Please spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors!

# Parent Refusal Form

Return this form only if you **NOT AGREE** to allow your child to participate in the survey. Please complete the form and **RETURN** to your child's teacher or school by January 11, 2010.

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I have been informed, in a language that I understand, about the survey being administered to all students at my child's school as part of the *Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative*. I understand participation is voluntary.

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child to participate in the survey.

Your Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## II. PARENT ASSOCIATION



### **Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program**

The Washington Latin community will team with Nike to assist in a worthwhile program. Today your worn-out sports shoes can live on in something new: a track, a basketball court or a playground. Nike's goal is to use sports shoes, apparel and equipment for new future Nike products. This way the materials we use will go through many cycles of design and use just as bottles, cans and paper do now.

Nike has been making a difference for over 20 years. We are all concerned about our environment and so is Nike. The Reuse-A-Shoe and Nike Grind are asking for our help. Our students, family members, community and friends will assist Nike by collecting at least 200 pair of old tennis shoes. Not only is tennis shoe recycling easy to do, it's also one more way you can become a more conscious consumer.

After your shoes are donated, Nike will take them to the Nike Factory Plant for processing. During this process Nike will use various shoe parts for:

Nike Grind Rubber, made from the shoe's outsole, is used in track surfaces, interlocking gym flooring tiles, playground surfacing and consumer products, such as new footwear outsoles and trim items like buttons and zipper pulls.

Nike Grind Foam, made from the shoe's midsole, is used as a cushion for outdoor basketball and tennis courts, as well as futsal fields.

Nike Grind Upper, made from the shoe's fabric upper, is used in the creation of cushioning pads for indoor basketball, volleyball courts and equestrian surfacing products.

Several collection bins will be placed inside the Upshur Street and 16th Street campuses until the end of the month. We will only collect tennis shoes for one month starting the week of January 4th to January 29th.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzanne Brooks at 202.489.2154 or Charice Williams 202-486-1283. For more information on the recycling program, please visit <http://nikereuseashoe.com>.

## Fundraising Programs Update

### **Box Tops For Education**

Keep clipping and collecting the Box Tops! There is a collection container in the main office of both the middle school and the upper school.

Also, when clipping your BTs please ensure you do not tear the expiration date. BT's without readable dates are not accepted.

**School ID:9626774**

### **eScrips ([www.escrips.com](http://www.escrips.com)) School ID 500016493**

We now have 34 supporters that have registered their Safeway Cards. If you do not have access to the internet to register please contact me and provide your name, address, phone number and Safeway card number and I will input your information in the system.

Don't shop at Safeway? Thinking about online shopping? Through eScrips, you can shop online and support Washington Latin. Go to the eScrips site and shop through the online mall at over 100 merchants, to include Amazon, Macy's, etc. Our school can earn up to 6% at various online stores.

**TARGET- Take Charge of Education** - We have 11 supporters that have designated our school. If you have a Target Red Card please go to the site to designate our school. **School ID 126828**

**Giant A+ Bonus Card** – We now have 22 supporters enrolled. It's not too late to enroll. The program started October 9, 2009. **School ID:05305**

**Campbell's Labels For Education** – Collect labels from the participating products. Go to [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a list of the products.

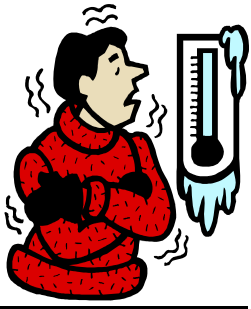
### III. LION SPORT REPORT

January 7, 2010

*Support our Boys JV Basketball team at the Friendship Winter Classic basketball tournament this coming FRIDAY and SATURDAY.*

**Game time on Friday is 7:30pm at the Capital Sports Complex, 6417 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747. Saturday's game will be at 10:00AM or 11:30AM. \$3.00 at the door. Check [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) for game times and directions.**

### Latin 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Education



**PARENTS:** Winter is officially here!!  
PE classes are still outside. ALL students must have the Latin Sweatshirt and Sweatpants by now. Students not wearing the sweats will not be allowed to participate. Please be prepared for class. If your child does not have the Latin Sweatshirt and Sweatpants, please send money with your child to purchase them. They are \$15.00 per piece.

### Dealing with the Cold

Question: How do you cope with the cold weather in Latin PE?

Answer: LAYER UP!!

Layer #1 – Latin T-Shirt and Latin Shorts

Layer #2 – Latin Sweatshirt and Latin Sweatpants

Layer #3 – Winter Jacket, Winter Hat, and Gloves/Mittens

If you get warm, shed a layer!!



## *Latin Athletics*

### **In this Report:**

- 1. Middle School Winter Sports Info**
- 2. Upper School Winter Sports Info**
- 3. Interested in the PLAY!**
- 4. Where do I find Game and Practice Schedules?**
- 5. How do I sign up for alerts for Game and Practice changes?**

### **1. Middle School Athletics**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY: This is to inform you about the upcoming Middle School Winter Athletic offerings at Washington Latin PCS. As a reminder, all students in Grades 7 and 8 are required to participate in ONE season of after-school athletics to fulfill their physical education requirement.

Practice times for the 2009-2010 Winter Season will be as follows:

#### **Basketball—Boys MS Basketball, Girls MS Basketball:**

*\*\*Teams will be posted on Friday, January 8*

*\*\*Each team will be limited to a maximum of up to 12 players.\*\**

Practice Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Practice Times: 3:30PM-4:30PM

Practice Location: Columbia Heights Recreation Center Gymnasium, Girard Street, NW

A Practice/Game schedule will be distributed when teams are made. Complete game and practice schedules can be found on [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net).

**Participants not making the Basketball teams, will have ONE day, Monday, January 11 to move to Winter Conditioning. All rosters will be final on Monday, January 11.**

**Winter Conditioning:** Will be held at and around the Upshur Campus.

Practice Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Practice Times: 3:30PM-4:30PM

Coaches of all programs will have clear expectations and rules, in addition to the ones outlined in the Handbook, that all participants will be expected to follow. Please review the Athletics Section of the Handbook before signing up for the season.

All students who are given the opportunity to participate in a particular sport during a season are expected to attend all practices and games unless officially excused by the Director of Athletics. As in classroom attendance, it is expected that parents will understand and explain the significance of this requirement to their student. Learning to balance coursework and athletics can be challenging, but mastering this process is one of the great benefits of a stringent educational athletic program.

***The school will provide transportation 'TO' practices for Basketball participants. Parents should plan to pick their athletes up at the conclusion of practices at 4:30PM. Transportation will be provided to and from competitions/games.***

Spring Middle School Athletic Offerings will be the following: Coed Tennis, Coed Track & Field, Baseball(Boys), Softball(Girls)

## **2. Upper School Athletics**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY: This is to inform you about the upcoming Upper School Winter Athletic offerings at Washington Latin PCS. As a reminder, the graduation requirement for Latin is for a student to successfully participate in 5 seasons of after-school athletics during their four years in the Upper School.

The following programs are limited to participation by Upper School students ONLY!

Practice times for the 2009-2010 Winter Season will be as follows:

**Basketball—Boys JV Basketball** –Team has already been chosen and the season is already in progress.

**Basketball—Girls JV Basketball** – Team has already been chosen and the season is already in progress.

### **Cheerleading/Step**

**Start Date: Monday, January 11, 2010 – Tryout happens prior to start date!**

Tryout Date is: Thursday, January 6, 2010

\*\*Due to the overwhelming response, it will be necessary to hold a tryout for the team. The will consist of performing two cheers (to be predetermined by the student) and one step routine (to be predetermined by the coach). Tryouts will be held in a fair and open manner conducive to allowing each candidate to show her best abilities and potential.\*\*

Practice Days: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Practice Times: 3:30PM-4:45PM

Practice Location: TBD

For more information, please contact Crystal Williams at [cwilliams@latinpcs.org](mailto:cwilliams@latinpcs.org) or at 312-545-9353

**Winter Conditioning:** Will be held at and around the Decatur Campus.

**Start Date: Monday, January 11, 2010**

Practice Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Practice Times: 3:45PM-4:45PM

Coaches of all programs will have clear expectations and rules, in addition to the ones outlined in the Handbook, that all participants will be expected to follow. Please review the Athletics Section of the Handbook before signing up for the season.

All students who are given the opportunity to participate in a particular sport during a season are expected to attend all practices and games unless officially excused by the Director of Athletics. As in classroom attendance, it is expected that parents will understand and explain the significance of this requirement to their student. Learning to balance coursework and athletics can be challenging, but mastering this process is one of the great benefits of a stringent educational athletic program.

### **3. ATTENTION STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE PLAY:**

The year's Upper School play, open to students in grades 8, 9 and 10, will be 'Our Town' by Thornton Wilder. We are thrilled to be producing this classic of the American theater. Rehearsals will begin right after Spring Break and will culminate with production at the end of May or beginning of June. Please note that participation in the play will very likely preclude participation in Spring sports. Thus, we urge all students contemplating auditioning for the play to complete their Washington Latin sports requirement in this next trimester. Any questions can be directed to: Ms. Hoffmann at [shoffmann@latinpcs.org](mailto:shoffmann@latinpcs.org)

**4. [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) is the place for all upcoming games and practice schedules, directions, etc. Go to the site and search Washington Latin and all the information will be there!!**

### **5. ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL LATIN ATHLETES...**

***SIGN UP NOW FOR THE SPORTS ALERT SYSTEM. THIS IS HOW WE CAN ALERT YOU OF PRACTICE AND GAME CHANGES RIGHT TO YOUR EMAIL OR PHONE!!!!***

Our HighSchoolSports.Net service offers complete and up-to-date scheduling information. The features are available FREE to you to help you manage your athletic schedules.

You can access Washington Latin PCS on HighSchoolSports.Net anytime by clicking on the following link <http://www.highschoolsports.net>, choose our state (DC), then choose our school (Washington Latin).

Today's Events is a list of athletic events happening today.

The calendar shows this week's activities. If you "roll over" an event with your mouse pointer, a small screen will pop-up to provide you with even more information about the event with facility scheduled for the event and transportation depart and return times.

Click on "**Click here to view the Month**" to see the entire current month and to view other months.

"Sync Calendar" immediately syncs the calendar THAT YOU ARE VIEWING to your handheld, desktop, or Microsoft Outlook. If you are viewing the weekly calendar, all events that you see on the weekly calendar will immediately sync. If you are viewing the monthly calendar, then all of the events on the monthly calendar will immediately sync.

Click on "**Advanced Sync**" to sync specific events.

At the bottom of the page are a number of options.

On the left, chose a team from the list. When the team's schedule is displayed, you can download the team's schedule into your handheld or Microsoft's Outlook by clicking on PDA/Outlook Sync.

Clicking on any school's name underlined in blue will take you to MapQuest.com for directions to that school.

This is also where you go to view game scores.

If you sign up for Change Notifications, you will get an email or a message on your cell phone letting you know that a game has been postponed or cancelled.

The first step is to sign up. You will get an email with instructions to complete the sign up procedure and to choose what team you want to receive notices for. You can log in at any school on HighSchoolSports.Net and sign up for any amount of teams. To change what teams you receive notices for, go to that particular school, log in and change your preferences. You can also add your cell phone or pager number or extra email addresses.

***Go Lions!!***

# January 2010

| Sun | Mon                                              | Tue | Wed                                                                  | Thu                                                                          | Fri                               | Sat                                                                                         |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                  |     |                                                                      |                                                                              | 1<br>New Year's Day               | 2                                                                                           |
| 3   | 4<br>Classes Resume                              | 5   | 6                                                                    | 7<br>Latin IV Dinner @<br>Decatur                                            | 8                                 | 9                                                                                           |
| 10  | 11                                               | 12  | 13                                                                   | 14<br>Open House for<br>2010-2011 School<br>Year @ Upshur<br>6:30pm – 8:00pm | 15                                | 16                                                                                          |
| 17  | 18<br>Martin Luther King<br>Day<br><br>No School | 19  | 20<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Art Show<br>6:00pm – 8:00pm<br>@ Decatur | 21<br>PA Meeting @<br>Decatur 6:30pm                                         | 22<br>End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. | 23<br>5th Grade<br>Parent/Teacher<br>Potluck 6:30pm -<br>9:00pm @ Library<br>Decatur Campus |
| 24  | 25                                               | 26  | 27<br>Banking & Finance<br>5:15pm – 7:00pm<br>Upper School           | 28                                                                           | 29                                | 30                                                                                          |
| 31  |                                                  |     |                                                                      |                                                                              |                                   |                                                                                             |