



Student and Family Bulletin for June 4, 2020

Headmaster's Message

You can find the weekly Headmaster's message [here](#).

Alumni from the classes of 1969-2017 have made a video for our seniors. You can view the video [here](#).

Events and Activities

- ***Student Council 2020-2021 Elections June 4 (New)***

On Thursday, June 4th the BLA student body will elect its Student Council representatives for the 2020-21 school year. Please read the candidates' campaign materials at this Student Council website

(<https://sites.google.com/bostonpublicschools.org/bla-student-council/meet-your-candidates>) to prepare to vote. You will receive a ballot link in your BPS email account on Thursday morning, and polls will remain open from 8am-8pm on Thursday. Make sure your voice is heard! —

Contact: Sneha Walia (swalia@bostonpublicschools.org) & Katie Quackenbush (kquackenbush@bostonpublicschools.org)

- ***Mock Trial "Who Done It?" Challenge (New)***

The BLA mock trial team is hosting an online "Who Done It?" competition for prospective members for the 2020-21 team. The challenge will be to "solve" the case of Lee Hizeneye's death. Was it murder, suicide or just an accident? Come to the mock trial team site to access the clues. The competition starts June 3rd and concludes June 17th. Competitors will share their "answers" at a virtual mock trial party on Friday June 19th. Winners and prizes will be announced at the same party. (Site: <https://sites.google.com/bostonpublicschools.org/bla-mocktrial/home>) — Contact: sbrown6@bostonpublicschools.org

- ***Volleyball Sign Up Zoom Meeting (New)***

If you're interested in Girls Volleyball this Fall 2020, please fill out form and attend the informational Zoom Meeting.

Girls Volleyball Sign Up Form -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyzGRmXmNDZTYOUIIN_rFxHP5leqZMiZBYv-R5Rwhz06y2Q/viewform

Zoom Informational Meeting - June 8 at 2:00 pm

<https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/87684789731?pwd=OVA4ZHYwZk80VS9zNUJERHNoRGVMZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 8478 9731 Password: 196749 — Contact: Lok-Tin Yao
(lyao@bostonpublicschools.org)

- ***Vouchers for Free EBooks (New)***

The librarians have vouchers available for 10 free e-books per student. Please reach out to Ms. Lewis (mlewis4@bostonpublicschools.org) or myself for more information. The vouchers are limited and will be distributed on a first come/first serve basis. — Contact: Ms. Estrada, mestrada@bostonpublicschools.org

- ***Student Support for Remainder of the School Year***

Check out our virtual offices for ideas for self-care and resources for you and your families.

Mrs. Sullivan

<https://sites.google.com/bostonpublicschools.org/school-psychologists-office/home>

Ms. Cumberbatch

<https://sites.google.com/bostonpublicschools.org/bla-ms-cumberbatch/home>

- ***The Radical Imagination for Racial Justice***

Funded by New York-based Surdna Foundation, the project is open to Boston artists and cultural organizers above the age of 14 who identify as African, Latino, Asian, Arab, or Native American. For the first year, the program will make a total of 15 grants: 10 grants of \$1,000; two grants of \$25,000; and three grants of \$40,000. Winners of \$1,000 grants will be announced in July; larger grant announcements will be revealed in September. Creatives have until June 8 to apply for first-year grants via

www.imaginejusticeboston.org/apply

Contact: Mr. EJ ceholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org

- ***BLA Democrats Meeting***

BLA's new chapter of the Massachusetts High School Democrats is now meeting every Thursday, from 1:30 to 2:15 via Zoom. Join to get involved with local and national Democratic politics. You'll gain critical organizing and advocacy skills like voter contact, and put them to use for campaigns and causes important to you in the 2020 elections!

Contact: Amishai Goodman-Goldstein, Student Chair (agoodmangolds@bostonk12.org)

- ***Activities with the Climate Team***

The Climate Team (Mr. Doherty, Ms. Ford, Mr. Gomes, Ms. Manchester, and Mr. Martyn) are hosting a series of fun extracurricular activities in the afternoons and early evenings. Students can sign up for activities such as cooking, financial literacy, game night, and exercise below.

7th & 8th grade sign up [here](#).

9th-12th grade sign up [here](#).

- ***Snakes and Dragons on Zoom***

Calling All Animals Lovers! Ms. Lewis will be hosting a virtual afternoon tea with local herpetoculturist Ethan Hildebrand. Mr. Hildebrand will be showcasing a variety of snakes and even a couple of DRAGONS!!! This event will take place on Friday May 8th at 5:00. — Contact: mlewis4@bostonpublicschools.org

- *Cheerleading Tryouts*
Please see [flyer](#) for instructions, meeting times and deadlines for online tryouts — Contact: nvilmont@bostonpublicschools.org
- *Messages to Students:* Staff have been creating encouraging video messages for students. You can view them on the Latin Academy Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/latinacademyboston/> — Contact: Mr. Martyn (rmartyn@bostonpublicschools.org)
- *BLA Virtual Choir:* The virtual choir class will begin Monday March 30th at 2pm and will continue to meet every Monday and Thursday at 2pm for the remainder of the academic year.
 - For those of you unable to join during the beginning of the semester, feel free to tune in as we will be starting fresh from the beginning. Keep in mind that we are starting this virtual classroom in hopes that many of you can join and have something fun, take your mind off of your other stresses, and find this music class to be relaxing.
 - Again, we will meet every Monday and Thursday at 2pm. You will find the zoom link here: Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/838382566> (Meeting ID: 838 382 566)
 - If you have any questions, please reach out to Josaphat Contreras, NEMPAC, Boston Latin Academy, After-School & A Capella Choir Director
 - Call: 281-639-5086
 - Email: musicjrc1@gmail.com
- *Christian Club Weekly Meeting via ZOOM:* The Boston Latin Academy Christian Club will be meeting every Thursday afternoon beginning at 2 PM via Zoom. The link is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9834049419> The meeting ID is 983 404 9419. The Zoom password is: 689216. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Cole (Student Club Lead) at fcile2@bostonk12.org.

Resources

- **You're Invited: Parents of Students with IEPs/504s (New)**
Whether you are a veteran at accessing resources or new to special ed, we all have much to learn from shared experiences - especially in challenging times like these. There's a wealth of knowledge in our own community ... and beyond! Did you know that meetings are held (usually in person but now online) for IEP/504 families in Boston covering a variety of topics relevant to the various needs of students? Get connected to the BLA SPED Parents List Serve today to learn more! — Contact: Kim D. Emery via kimdeelyemery@gmail.com
- **BPS Behavioral Health Services Family Trainings**
Wed, May 20th, 4pm - 5pm, Promoting Healthy Technology Habits at Home, BPS Behavioral Health Services
Thu, May 21st, 1pm - 3:30pm, Resources for Multi-Lingual Families: Supporting Your Children in a Pandemic

Thu, May 28th, 6pm - 7pm, Understanding Social Emotional Learning to Support Your Child

For more information & to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-training-series-supporting-our-students-during-covid-tickets-105827510934> — Contact: Mr. EJ cekholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org

- *Summer Job for Exam School Students*

<https://successlink-boston.icims.com/jobs/18331/boston-public-schools---exam-school-initiative/job>

- *MFA Summer Positions*

The Museum of Fine Arts has 3 paid summer positions for teens. See more information [here](#).

- *Computer Science at BLA*

Boston Latin Academy is investing in our students' study of Computer Science by partnering with Microsoft Philanthropies TEALS. TEALS needs technical volunteers to support BLA in making a difference in our students' future success. If you work in tech and would be interested in volunteering with TEALS at BLA, please contact Linda Nguyen (Lnguyen12@bostonpublicschools.org) or apply at [Microsoft.com/TEALS](https://microsoft.com/TEALS). Please forward this to technical industry professionals in your network.

- *COVID-19 Testing at Dimock Center*

COVID-19 testing is available at The Dimock Center, 45 Dimock Street, Roxbury, in the health circle, if you or your loved ones are showing symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms include fever, chills, cough, body aches, shortness of breath, and loss of taste or smell. Hours of Operation are Monday-Friday 10am-4pm. Please call 617-442-8800 ext. 2683 to make an appointment. — Contact: Katie Mandosa-Hayes (kmandosahayes@bostonpublicschools.org)

- *Free Online & Phone Homework Help Through Boston Public Library*

The Boston Public Library offers free online homework help and mentorship for students K-8, Monday- Thursday, 3:30–5:30 p.m. until June 18.

Register online here: <https://www.uberconference.com/room/bplhomeworkhelp> or access by phone at 720-835-5753 with the PIN 89845. — Contact: Sonia Essaibi, sessaibi@bostonpublicschools.org

- *Remote Resources for Families and Youth from the Boston Public Library*: Links to storytimes, e-book lists, and recreational education can be found [here](#).

- *Paid Summer Opportunity*: The Hyde Square Task for is currently taking applications for their summer paid opportunity in our Jóvenes en Acción program where **rising 9th-11th graders** train in an Afro-Latin art form (either Dance, Music, or Theatre), and have education and civic engagement workshops throughout the summer. Students can apply [here](#).

- *Resources for Undocumented Students and Families*: The Unafraid Educators and the BTU Immigrant Rights group shared these resources for undocumented students and families:

- [COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented Communities](#)
- [Wellness Virtual Gatherings for Undocumented Young People](#)

- 5 Things to Know ([Español](#)) and [English](#) from United We Dream
- [Mental Health Resources](#) gathered by BPS
- *Tech Resources and Links:*
 - For students with **tech needs**, BPS is offering free [chromebooks](#), and the city has shared low-cost [options for Internet connectivity](#).
 - [Home Learning Tips for Students and Families](#) (English, Spanish, for families) - other translations, including ASL, are forthcoming and will be on this page
 - [Tips for Healthy Habits](#) (English, for families)
 - [Protecting Student Privacy Online](#) (website, for teachers)
 - [Using Video in Google Classroom](#) (website, for teachers)
 - [How to Access Google Classroom from Home](#) (website with videos in English, Español, Português and Français)
 - [How to Access Clever at Home](#) (English)
 - [Clever Login Tutorial](#) (visual step-by-step tutorial)
- *City of Boston Informational Coronavirus Website* (In Many Languages): "Information is rapidly changing, and the Boston Public Health Commission will update this post as new and relevant information becomes available. The text includes information in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, and Russian. The city offers guidance and information on the new coronavirus in additional languages at boston.gov/coronavirus, through the Mayor's Health Line at 617-534-5050, and through interpreters available through the city's 311 telephone service.
- *Boston Public Schools Coronavirus Website:* The Boston Public School website [here](#) is one resource that is comprehensive for BPS. bostonpublicschools.org/coronavirus
- *CDC Guidelines around Coronavirus:* The decision to close schools is an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. It will only be effective if people also take steps to follow [CDC](#) recommendations. The [CDC](#) is asking people to do their part or the school closure will not be as successful in limiting the spread of the virus.
- *How to find help & access resources:* See [this article](#) with links to organizations that can provide help and services.
- *Access to Meals:* The City of Boston in partnership with Project Bread, YMCA of Greater Boston, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and other community organizations will also be providing **free meals to school-aged children** at various locations and times across the city. These sites are shown in red on [this map](#) and the specific BPS food locations are [HERE](#) with BLA being one of them. More locations will become available soon. If you need additional food resources, you can contact Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at (800) 645-8333.
- *Mental Health Resources:*
 - If your child or someone in your family experiences a mental health crisis, please feel free to call **B.E.S.T. (Boston Emergency Services Team) at 1-800-981-4357** for guidance.

This toll-free number can be used 24 hours a day, seven days a week to obtain services. Staff at the 1-800-981-HELP Call Center will provide support, information, referral, or arrange an in-person evaluation.

- Please check out the [CDC guidelines](#) for managing stress and anxiety as students navigate through this new virtual learning experience. Here is another helpful document: [How to take care of your Emotional Health](#).

Academic Updates

- *PieRSquared Virtual Math Tutoring*
PieRSquared typically offers free math tutoring for students in the BPS Bolling Building located at 2300 Washington St in Roxbury. While they've suspended in-person tutoring, students are still able to request online tutoring here: <https://www.piersquared.org/> — Contact: Ms. Essaibi sessaibi@bostonpublicschools.org
- *MCAS Testing* - is cancelled for this year. We are awaiting information from the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education to see how this impacts schools in the upcoming year and moving forward. Contact: Ms. Carvalho (mcarvalho@bostonpublicschools.org)
- *AP Update:* All BLA students enrolled in AP courses are expected to take the exams (or submit portfolios for pertinent subjects). Students are able to take exams online from home.
 - Teachers are currently completing the abbreviated curriculum with students through their online instruction and we are confident that they are well-positioned for success. Please encourage your student to connect with their AP teachers with regard to “need to know” content.
 - To learn more about the exams as well as the College Board’s free on-line services , please visit <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>.
 - Any family with a particular concern around AP exams should email our AP coordinator, Mr. Ekholm-Jacobson, at cekholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org
- *SAT Prep:* BLA will continue to offer SAT Prep this spring. [Here is a link to additional information about the prep program](#). If there are any questions, please reach out to Mr. EJ at cekholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org.
- *College and Career Center:* The College and Career Center will continue to support all students, especially juniors and seniors, virtually. Here is more information for [juniors](#) and [seniors](#). Additional information can also be found at the [College and Career Center Website](#). If there are any questions, please reach out to Mr. EJ at cekholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org.
- If families have questions about a specific content or any other area, [please complete this form](#).

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Staff and students can submit new announcements for the Student & Family Bulletin at the following address: <http://latinacademy.org/announcements>. If there are any questions, please reach out to Mr. Martyn at rmartyn@bostonpublicschools.org.

FAMILIES THAT ARE NOT RECEIVING THIS BULLETIN

If you know of a family that is not receiving this bulletin, please ask them to send an email to Ms.

Carvalho at mcarvalho@bostonpublicschools.org so that we can try to update their contact information.