



## BLA Buddies

Welcome to Boston Latin Academy! Changing to a new school is exciting but can be overwhelming for students and their families. Everything is different, and you will have many questions. Here are just a few we often hear:

- How do students get home if they stay after school?
- If students are experiencing academic or social-emotional challenges, how do they get help?
- What happens if students lose their bus passes?
- How do I get updates on announcements and school events?
- What sports are available and how does my child try out for a team?
- What afterschool clubs and activities are offered and how do students join them?

Don't you wish you had a buddy to help you navigate it all?

The BLA School Site Council, in conjunction with the Parent Council, is doing just that. Each new BLA family will be matched with an existing family as part of the BLA Buddies program. Your Buddy contact will be able to answer your questions or point you to someone who can.

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the box at the School Site Council table in the gym. Parent representatives will be on hand to answer any immediate questions you have. We will do our best to match families according to the neighborhoods in which they live and preferred languages.

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*Please print clearly and legibly!*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade for September 2017 (*circle one*):    7<sup>th</sup>        9<sup>th</sup>

**Parent/Guardian contact information:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood you live in \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language – written \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language – spoken \_\_\_\_\_

*Neighborhood and language information will be used to make the best possible Buddy match*

Questions? Please email us at [BLABuddies@gmail.com](mailto:BLABuddies@gmail.com)