

Friday, October 12

### Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, October 17 ----- College Essay Review Session (Grade 12)
- Thursday, October 18 ----- Field Trip to Boston Opera House (Grades 9 and 10)
- Friday, October 19 ----- Half Day (PD)
- Tuesday, October 23 ----- BART Financial Aid Night / College Financing Seminar with MEFA
- Wednesday, October 24 ----- PSATs (Grades 10 and 11)
- Friday, October 26 ----- School Dance
- Wednesday, October 31 ----- Halloween!

\* All dates, events, and details are listed on the [News & Events Calendar page](#) on the School's website.

### Events and General Information:

**Spring 2018 MCAS Results** -- MCAS results were mailed home this week to families of students in grade 7, 8, 9, and 11. Please contact the School if you did not receive the mailing.

**College Essay Review Session** -- On Wednesday, October 17, BART will host our 7th annual College Essay Review Session to help support the BART Class of 2019 on its path to college. Community members and college representatives will be partnered with seniors to review and discuss their college essays. Afterward, guests and students will have a chance to network over coffee and muffins.

**Field Trip to Boston Opera House** -- BART's 9th and 10th-grade History classes will have the unique opportunity to travel to Boston on Thursday, October 18 to see the Broadway show, Hamilton. Students have been working hard for the past 6 weeks to research the American Revolution and prepare original performance pieces. Logistics sheets will be emailed to parents and given to students on Monday 10/15. Great thanks to the Gilder Lehrman Institute for making this trip possible.

**Middle School Health & Wellness Class** -- Over the next few weeks, all middle school students will be learning about (SOS) Signs of Suicide. The SOS Middle School Program uses a universal prevention approach to assist in identification of at-risk youth by addressing the issues of depression, suicide, and self-injury. The primary teaching tool of the program is a video that teaches students how to identify symptoms of depression and suicidality in themselves or their friends. The video encourages help-seeking using an action-oriented approach, instructing students how to **ACT® (Acknowledge, Care, and Tell)** in the face of a mental health emergency.

**College Financing Seminar with MEFA** -- BART is hosting a free financial aid seminar on Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the School. We invite all seniors and their parents/guardians to attend. An experienced [MEFA \(Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority\)](#) representative will provide an overview of the college financing process, including types of financial aid, how to apply, and financing options for your family. Before the seminar, be sure to visit MEFA's website—[mefa.org](#)—to download a copy of the seminar presentation in English or Spanish and to explore other tools and resources to assist you in the college planning process. For more information, please contact Ms. Maselli at [stephanie.maselli@bartcharter.org](mailto:stephanie.maselli@bartcharter.org).

Congratulations to BART Cross Country Wolf Pack for competing in the State Charter School Invitational! 14 of the 15 BART runners earned individual medals. Our middle school girls were the state champions, and our middle school boys were led convincingly by Chris Sunn who beat second place by some 150 meters. Our high school boys narrowly lost to AMSA by a single point 27-28, despite having five runners in front of their fifth. Overall it was a great day spent of laughs, personal records, and celebration!



\* Policy Reminder: When picking up a student from school, you are required to show ID at the front desk.

\* The most up-to-date versions of the Regular, After School, and Late Bus Routes are frequently updated in the Quicklinks Box on the [For Parents](#) and [For Students](#) pages of the School's website.

\* Weekly Announcements are also available on the [Weekly Announcement](#) page of the School's website.