

Friday, October 19

**Dates to Remember:**

- Tuesday, October 23 ----- BART Financial Aid Night / College Financing Seminar with MEFA (6:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, October 24 ----- PSATs (Grades 10 and 11)
- Friday, October 26 ----- Halloween Dance (MS 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) (HS 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, November 1 ----- SEPAC Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, November 1 ----- Field Trip to Westfield State University (Grade 12)
- Friday, November 9 ----- Half Day (PD)
- Monday, November 12 ----- No School (Veteran's Day observed)
- Tuesday, November 13 ----- Student Led Conferences
- Thursday, November 15 ----- Student Led Conferences

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

**Events and General Information:**

**Halloween Dance** -- On Friday, October 26th, the boys' and girls' cross country teams host the Halloween Dance to fundraise for the teams' end-of-the-year banquet and awards. Tickets can be purchased during lunches for \$5 or at the doors for \$7. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the dance. (The Middle School Dance is for grades 6 - 8 only and will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; the High School Dance is 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.) Students may bring an outside guest of similar grade, (forms are available in the student office). Students are encouraged to wear appropriate costumes. Masks, overly revealing outfits, and other inappropriate costumes will not be allowed. Parents and guardians able to chaperone or donate items for the refreshment table should email Coach Griffin ([benn.griffin@bartharter.org](mailto:benn.griffin@bartharter.org)) to arrange drop off. \*Please note, if there are not 20 pre-sold tickets by Thursday, the Halloween Dance will be cancelled.

**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](http://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).

\* 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.