

Friday, November 16

Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, November 21 ----- Half Day / Talent Show
- November 22 and 23 ----- No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- Monday, November 26 ----- CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- November 26 and 27 ----- Basketball Tryouts (3:40 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.)
- Wednesday, November 28 ----- Quiz Team Match at Wahconah High School (6:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, December 6 ----- SEPAC Meeting
- December 3, 4, and 5 ----- Interim Assessment #2
- Friday, December 14 ----- No School (PD)
- December 24 - January 1 ----- No School (Winter Break)

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

Events and General Information:

Please review the School's Inclement Weather Policy -- The School will directly notify you of any snow days, delays, and early dismissals provided that we have your most up-to-date email address and phone number. Information will also be posted on the BART Facebook page, and news outlets will have updated information about school closings. Please note, each school district is independent (i.e., if Pittsfield schools have a snow day, that does not mean BART will have one as well). In this respect, if you feel the inclement weather conditions affect your safety and ability to get to BART, it is ultimately your family's decision whether to attend school that day.

Basketball Tryouts -- Basketball tryouts will take place Monday, November 26 and Tuesday, November 27 from 3:40 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. After school busing will be provided. In order to try out, a recent physical must be on file with the school nurse. Any physical dated before October 26, 2017 is no longer valid. Before tryouts, students must go to the student office to complete and turn in the necessary paperwork. If you have any questions, please email Athletic Director, Jennifer Choquette at (jennifer.choquette@bartcharter.org).

Quiz Team -- The BART Quiz Team is open to all students and meets once a month for trivia-based competitions. The next Quiz Team match is at Wahconah High School on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. Students are responsible for getting themselves to the Quiz Meet, though carpooling is encouraged. Quiz Team meets take place at different schools across the region and are a fun way for students to challenge themselves with trivia, meet new people, and get out of the house in the winter! Quiz Meets are low stakes and always end with pizza. If your student has any interest in participating, encourage them to chat with Ms. Klein (usually found in Achebe 401).

School Talent Show -- On November 21, the entire faculty, staff and student body will attend the Talent Show. Please note that families may not attend this event due to limited space.

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship -- The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and grants students, upon their acceptance, a tuition waiver, for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. Congratulations to BART's John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients: Isaiah Albright, Ruth Bristol, Natalie Celebi, Thomas Cook, Dylan Dermody Battaini, Joshua Donovan, Joshua Doubiago, Matthew Failla, Macie Fitch, Shanique Maloney, Braydon Peterson, Hannah Stringer, Caitlin Terpak, and Abel Ward. To be eligible, students must score at the Advanced level on one of the three Grade 10 MCAS tests (ELA, Mathematics, or STE) and score at the proficient level or higher on the remaining two MCAS tests. Additionally, charter school students have to have combined scores from the three tests that place them in the top 25 percent of students at the school they attend or the district in which they reside.

* 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.