



a college prep charter school

Thursday, December 20

Dates to Remember:

- Friday, December 21 ----- BART Alumni Lunch (12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
- **December 24 - January 1 ----- No School (Winter Break)**
- Thursday, January 3 ----- SEPAC Meeting at BART (5:30 p.m.)
- Friday, January 4 ----- Senior Mock Interview Session (8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)
- Thursday, January 10 ----- Winter Arts & Tech Showcase (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- January 11 and 12 ----- HS Theatre Performance: The Servant of Two Masters (7:00 p.m.)

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

Events and General Information:

Lost and Found -- Please have your student check the Lost and Found located outside the Student Office.

All unclaimed items will be removed from the Lost and Found after Winter Break. Students should check with Ms. Shapiro-VanDusen in the Student Office for missing electronics.

Winter Arts & Tech Showcase -- Friends and families are invited to celebrate our talented students with a night of performances and exhibitions during BART's free Winter Arts & Tech Showcase on Thursday, January 10 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Performances begin at 6:00 p.m.) Performances will include one-act plays, improv, Shakespeare scenes, and a musical revue. Arts and technology projects will be on exhibit in the lunchroom featuring prints, photos, drawings, paintings, and STEAM projects.

HS Theatre Performance: The Servant of Two Masters -- On Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12, join us for the comedy The Servant of Two Masters! The performance starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 BART Students, and \$5 BART Faculty. Children under 10 years of age are free.

BART Alumni Lunch -- On Friday, December 21, the College Office will launch a new tradition of inviting back graduates from the year prior for an alumni lunch to celebrate and discuss the end of their first college semester. From 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., attendees are invited to eat and enjoy lunch, participate in a structured activity, share and reflect what they have been up to, and connect with other members of the BART community. Please contact Kate Merrigan (kate.merrigan@bartcharter.org) with questions.

BART SEPAC -- The Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAC) is BART's volunteer parent and guardian organization dedicated to providing the community with information targeted to the educational development of children with special needs. SEPAC is also a support network and sounding board for families of children with special needs. BART parents and guardians are welcome to come share ideas, thoughts, and ask questions. SEPAC meets on a monthly basis on the first Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. Changes to meeting times will appear in the Family Announcements. To learn more, visit the [SEPAC website](#).

From the Nurse's Office: Please Review BART's Health, Medication, and Screening Policy -- As a reminder, please note that no student may carry any prescription or over-the-counter medication at school. Asthma inhalers and EpiPens are the exceptions, however, they must be registered in the Nurse's Office with physician and parent authorization. Please contact the School Nurse Amy Foote (413-743-7311 ext. 728; nurse@bartcharter.org) with any questions.

Health and Wellness Community Resources: ADHD for Parents -- The Brien Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be hosting 5 or 6 structured group meetings concerning "ADHD For Parents." All sessions will be led by a trained Brien Center therapist and will cover topics such as: how the ADHD brain differs from a neurotypical brain and what that means for your child; tips for changing and managing behavior and how those two things are different; your kid's best source of support and strength; using positives to offset negatives; and more. For more information and to register, please contact Amy Price, Child/Adolescent Therapist, Outpatient Services, at 413-398-1342.

* 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.

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