



**Dates to Remember...**

Friday, April 27.....	Movie & Discussion: <i>I Am</i>
Monday, April 30 - Friday, May 4.....	Spirit Week
Wednesday, May 2.....	Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting (6-8 p.m.)
Thursday, May 3.....	Student Ambassador <i>Dine to Donate</i> Fundraiser (4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
Saturday, May 5.....	CFAC Mother's Day Craft Fair (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Monday, May 7.....	Math MCAS (grades 6 and 7)
Tuesday, May 8.....	Math MCAS (grades 6 and 7)
Tuesday, May 8.....	AP Physics I Testing
Wednesday, May 9.....	Math MCAS (grade 8)
Thursday, May 10.....	Math MCAS (grade 8)
Thursday, May 10.....	Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Friday, May 11.....	Teen Invitational Reception at MASS MoCA (7 p.m.)
Monday, May 14.....	AP Biology and AP Physics C Testing
Monday, May 14.....	Annual Eighth Grade Banquet (6 to 7:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, May 15.....	AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC Testing
Wednesday, May 16.....	AP English Language and Composition Testing
Wednesday, May 16.....	Science MCAS (grade 8)
Thursday, May 17.....	Science MCAS (grade 8)
Wednesday, May 23.....	Math MCAS (grade 10)
Thursday, May 24.....	Early Dismissal (12 p.m.) / Senior Portfolio Presentations
Friday, May 25.....	Early Dismissal (12 p.m.) / Senior Portfolio Presentations
Monday, May 28.....	No School
Tuesday, May 29.....	Math MCAS (grade 10)

**Announcing BART Spirit Week  
(April 30 - May 4):**

Monday, April 30 - Pajama Day  
 Tuesday, May 1 - Ultimate Duo Day  
 Wednesday, May 2 - Colors Day

Grade 6: red  
 Grade 7: orange  
 Grade 8: yellow  
 Grade 9: green  
 Grade 10: blue  
 Grade 11: purple  
 Grade 12: black  
 Faculty/Staff: pink

Thursday, May 3 - Dress Code  
 Friday, May 4 - Superhero/Villain Day

**Events**

- **Annual Eighth Grade Banquet.** Mark your calendar if you have a student in the eighth grade! The Eighth Grade Banquet will be held at the school on Monday, May 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This annual event recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of the grade 8 class and is free of charge to all who attend. Every grade 8 student is allowed to bring up to 2 guests. More information will be made available closer to the event.

- **Handling the Transition to College Life.** Every graduating senior is nervous, excited, and a little bit scared about going off to college even if they don't admit it! Leaving home for college presents a new set of challenges. Please encourage seniors to attend the Adams Community Bank-hosted event *Handling the Transition to College Life* with their parents and hopefully we can ease some of their anxiety and increase their level of excitement about heading out in the fall. The free presentation with Q & A will be at the Orchards Hotel ([222 Adams Road, Williamstown](https://www.adamscommunity.com/222-Adams-Road-Williamstown)) at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 7. Topics will include:
  - Budgeting time
  - Seeking counseling/health services
  - Managing academics
  - Dealing with finances
  - Handling a social life
 RSVP by Friday, May 4, to 413-749-1165 or [kbona@adamscommunity.com](mailto:kbona@adamscommunity.com).
- **MASS MoCA Teen Invitational.** An annual event celebrating artwork from our area's schools, the [Teen Invitational at MASS MoCA](https://www.massmoca.com/teen-invitational) will once again include selected artworks by BART students. There is no charge to attend the opening reception on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. Presentation of awards will begin at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by live music. Those who plan to attend can look forward to huge crowds and a great party! The exhibition will be on view May 12 and 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General museum admission fees will apply at that time.

### TONIGHT: MCLA and BART To Screen *I Am Not Your Negro* in Community Event

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) will present a community film screening of the James Baldwin documentary, *I Am Not Your Negro*, from 5 to 7 p.m. at BART on Friday, April 27. This event is free and open to the public. The film (rated PG-13) will be followed by a discussion, which was organized by Dr. Jenna Sciuto, assistant professor of English at MCLA, and students from her African American Literature course. This collaborative event was organized by faculty and students at MCLA, as well as BART faculty and administrators.

*I Am Not Your Negro*, directed by Raoul Peck, is a 2016 documentary based on Baldwin's 1979 unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. The book was to be a revolutionary, personal account of the lives and assassinations of three of his close friends: Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr. At the time of Baldwin's death in 1987, he left behind only 30 completed pages of this manuscript. In *I Am Not Your Negro*, Peck envisions the book that Baldwin never finished.

### Fundraisers

- **Dining to Donate.** So far this year, BART Student Ambassadors have given back to the community in many ways: organizing a canned food drive to benefit the Pittsfield Salvation Army and the Berkshire Food Bank, spending time with seniors at the Adams Council on Aging, volunteering at MCLA's Day of Service, and reading to children at the Berkshire Museum's "PJ Night." They ask that you consider giving back too by dining at Applebee's Restaurant ([555 Hubbard Ave, Pittsfield](https://www.applebees.com/locations/555-Hubbard-Ave-Pittsfield)) on Thursday, May 3, at their *Dining to Donate* fundraiser. The money they raised will be used for their end-of-the-year luncheon celebration. From 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., participating patrons who present [this flyer](#) to their server will have 15% of their check donated to our students! Stay tuned for more information.
- **BART CFAC Craft Fair Fundraiser: Mother's Day and Spring Craft Fair.** CFAC will be hosting a craft fair at the school on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In order for this to be successful, several volunteers of parents and students are needed to help on Friday and Saturday at the school. [Sign up here](#) to volunteer at the event or to donate baked goods that can be sold at the craft fair. Consider volunteering and/or visiting the craft fair.
- **Cross Country Running Teams.** The 2018 Cross Country Running Teams are fundraising for this coming fall's State Charter School Invitational. The team has attended the past two years, but these trips are not cheap! At over \$1500, the team needs to start raising money now in order to get its three dozen runners there. Whether you have a runner on the team or not, please consider purchasing a **LIMITED EDITION** removable vinyl bumper sticker (4"x7"). Suggested donation is \$15 apiece, and you can show your pride all season long! An image of the sticker is on the order form found [here](#). Questions should be emailed to Coach Griffin at [benn.griffin@bartcharter.org](mailto:benn.griffin@bartcharter.org).