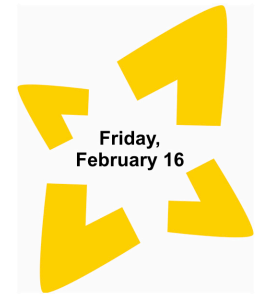




BART

a college prep charter school



Dates to Remember...

Monday, February 19 - Friday, February 23.....	<i>February Break (No School)</i>
Thursday, March 1.....	<i>AP Exam Fees Due</i>
Thursday, March 1.....	<i>Monthly SEFAC Meeting (5:30 p.m.)</i>
Wednesday, March 7.....	<i>Monthly BOT Meeting (6-8 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, March 8.....	<i>Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)</i>
Friday, March 9.....	<i>Middle School Dance (6-8 p.m.)</i>
Friday, March 9.....	<i>High School Dance (8:30-10:30 p.m.)</i>
Monday, March 12.....	<i>CFAC Dinner Fundraiser (8:30-10:30 p.m.)</i>

Get BART Smart
BART's Annual Team Trivia Event
Saturday, April 7
6 to 9:30 p.m.

Trivia night, silent auction, photo booth, and more! Up to 6 players per team, single players welcome too.
 \$70 per player includes drinks, light dinner & dessert by Mezza Catering.

Event information and registration can be found on the **Get BART Smart!** page of the school's website: <http://www.bartcharter.org/v2/news-events/gbs/>

Reports

- **Progress Reports.** We are just about at the mid-term of Quarter 3 (closes on March 30). Progress Reports will be mailed out over February break only to families with a student with a *No Credit* (NC) grade in one or more classes. A digital report will be available to everyone under the Report Cards tab in PowerSchool. Students are encouraged to stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for homework help. To see current grades at any time, log into the [BART PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). For technical support with the Parent Portal, contact Russ Jarowski (russ.jarowski@bartcharter.org).

Meetings

- **Monthly SEFAC Meeting.** The guest speaker at the Thursday, March 1, SEFAC meeting will be Josh Mendel, Director of Recruitment and Outreach from MCLA. Working closely with MCLA's Admissions Department, Josh is responsible for the college's Dual Enrollment Program. He has worked with many students and parents in Berkshire County from their initial thinking about college ("Is it even possible?") through the admission and enrollment process. Mr. Mendel frequently works with students with learning differences to help families understand and navigate these extra layers of a college's application process. Please come for this important session and plan on eating dinner with us. As always, children are welcome! [RSVP](#) appreciated.

Testing

- **Attention AP Students.** The cost of spring Advanced Placement (AP) exams can be found under the Balances tab of a family's [PowerSchool](#) account. Rates are \$85 per exam for students who pay full price for lunch, and \$35 per exam for students who have lunch at a reduced cost or for free. **Payments are due Thursday, March 1, 2018.** Checks should be made out to **BART Charter** and should be given to Ms. Shapiro-Van Dusen in the Student Office. Balances will be updated in *PowerSchool* after a payment is made.

February is Black History Month

Every Friday in February, students can celebrate Black History Month by wearing yellow, red, or green shirt to school with appropriate dress code pants.

Family Workshop

- **Spring 2018 Regional Workshops For Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.** The Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren invites grandparents and kinship caregivers to attend any of the following regional workshops throughout Massachusetts. The workshops are three hours long and include a guest speaker covering topics important to relative caregivers. Presentations will be followed by an information panel, which includes representatives from agencies who work with grandparents raising grandchildren such as DTA, DCF, MassHealth, WIC, Elder Services, and more. For more information, click [here](#).

BART Art & Music

- **Student Work at the Berkshire Museum.** The Crane Room at the [Berkshire Museum \(39 South Street, Pittsfield\)](#) will be hosting the annual exhibit of works by Berkshire County Public School students from March 1 through March 31. An opening reception is planned for Friday, March 2, from 5-7 p.m., as this coincides with the [First Fridays Artswalk](#) in Pittsfield on Friday, March 6. The exhibit will also be listed as part of statewide celebrations of *Youth Art Month*, a program of the Massachusetts Arts. March is also designated *Music in Our Schools Month* by The National Association of Music Educators. Mr. Bergin's woodwind ensemble will perform at 6:30 p.m. at the opening reception on Saturday March 2.

CFAC Fundraisers

- **CFAC Fundraiser to Support Field Day.** CFAC will be hosting a Chicken Parmesan Dinner on Monday, March 12 at Bounti-Fare Restaurant ([200 Howland Street, Adams](#)) from 5 to 7:30. In addition to the chicken, a vegetarian entree will also be available. Take-outs orders can be placed and walk-ins will be welcomed. Please check your child's backpack for tickets and event details distributed earlier this week. Checks should be made out to *BART CFAC*. All ticket stubs and money from sales must be returned by March 6. Check the event description on the [BART FAMILIES](#) Facebook page for additional details. The goal of this fundraiser is to cover the costs of the school's annual Field Day (\$3500!). This end-of-year event includes swimming, canoeing, a cookout, and some friendly competition between the faculty and students. Field Day is for *all* students, so please do your part to help our children have a memorable day by selling as many tickets as possible to family and friends.
- **BART CFAC Craft Fair Fundraiser.** On Saturday, May 5, CFAC will host a *Mother's Day Spring Craft Fair* at the school in order to raise money for our students. The first hurdle is signing up vendors! Craft and retail vendors are needed, along with baked food vendors and food trucks. Please help spread the word so that the fair can be a success and, ultimately, benefit your child's experience at BART. Share the [vendor application](#) and [event flyer](#) online on multiple Facebook pages, or by posting flyers at area businesses, libraries, post offices, and any place with a public informational bulletin board. For more information, contact one of the event coordinators:
 - **Allison Armata, CFAC Event Coordinator**
AllisonRoseV83@aol.com or
(413) 717-1235
 - **Shirley Perkins, CFAC President**
shirleyjoslinperkins@gmail.com
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