



Dates to Remember...

Friday, February 9.....	<i>College Spirit Day</i>
Friday, February 9.....	<i>Early Dismissal (12 p.m.)</i>
Friday, February 9.....	<i>Middle School Dance (6 - 8 p.m.)</i>
Friday, February 9.....	<i>High School Dance (8:30 - 10:30 p.m.)</i>
Wednesday, February 14.....	<i>HS Quiz Team Meet @ BART</i>
Wednesday, February 14.....	<i>Shadow Day (grades 6 and 10 observed)</i>
Thursday, February 15.....	<i>Shadow Day (grade 7 observed)</i>
Friday, February 16.....	<i>Shadow Day (grades 8 and 9 observed)</i>
Monday, February 19 - Friday, February 23.....	<i>February Break (No School)</i>

Events

- **February Equality Dance.** The middle and high school Queer-Straight Alliances (QSA) and CFAC are co-hosting tonight's school dances. The dance for students in grades 6 through 8 will be from 6 to 8 p.m., followed by a dance for students in grades 9 through 12 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. QSA student organizers have named the event "Equality Dance." Tickets are \$5 each.
- **Book Club.** Coach Griffin and members of the cross country running team recently formed the *Wolf Pack Book Club*, which will be meeting monthly. The group recently read and discussed Christopher McDougall's *Born to Run*. In addition to sharing memorable quotes, major plot points and characters, and making a larger connection to the author's argument, team members shared an hour-long discussion on the role of running in their lives as scholar-athletes and the importance of serving as role models and ambassadors for their sport. This month, the group will read the 1885 classic *King Solomon's Mines*, by H. Rider Haggard. To find out more about the *Wolf Pack Book Club*, email Coach Griffin at benn.griffin@bartcharter.org. BART sent ten student works for consideration in the Massachusetts Scholastic Art and Writing awards.
- **Congratulations!** Three students recently won awards a prestigious juried show! Congratulations to:
 - George Crane: Gold Key Award for "Painting Out the Emptiness" (digital art)
 - Morgan Covert: Honorable Mention for "Zombie Mug" (sculpture)
 - Cameron Fusini: Honorable Mention for "Dusk Before Dawn" (printmaking)

As a Gold Key Winner, George's work will be framed and sent for exhibition in Boston and considered for national awards. More information here:

<http://www.artandwriting.org/affiliate/MA001A/>

After School Programming

- **Girls Who Code.** BART is starting its own *Girls Who Code* club. *Girls Who Code* is a national network of programs for students in grades 6 to 12 to explore coding in a fun and friendly way. The aim is to close the gender gap in technology by helping girls in particular to use computer science to impact their community and join a community of supportive peers and role models. Both boys and girls are welcome to join. No experience necessary. Ms. Karin Stack, who has experience in graphic design and website construction, will facilitate during afterschool on Thursdays, starting February 15. Please sign up on the sheet at the student office.

College Planning Event

- **Learn Tips for a Successful College Search!** This free event for parents and students is sponsored by the Adams Community Bank. The earlier you know what is involved, the earlier you can get started. Parents of students in grades 10 and 11 are strongly recommended to attend. The event will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at The Williams Inn ([1090 Main Street, Williamstown](http://1090MainStreetWilliamstown.com)). If you plan to attend, please RSVP with your number of attendees to Kris Bona at the Adams Community Bank via email at kbona@adamscommunity.com or phone at 749-1165, by Friday, February 9.

BART CFAC Fundraiser – Craft Fair

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:

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