



Dates to Remember...

Friday, January 12.....	<i>End of Quarter 2</i>
Friday, January 12.....	<i>Early Dismissal (12 p.m.)</i>
Tuesday, January 16.....	<i>Start of Quarter 3</i>
Tuesday, January 16.....	<i>Arts and Technology Showcase (5:30 - 7 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, January 18.....	<i>Monthly SEPAC Meeting (5:30 p.m.)</i>
Friday, January 19.....	<i>Snowball Semi-Formal Dance (7 - 10:30 p.m.)</i>
Saturday, January 20.....	<i>Theatre Department Fundraiser @ MASS MoCA</i>
Sunday, January 21.....	<i>BART Performance at Williams College (2 p.m.)</i>

BART Information Session: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 (6 - 7:30 p.m.)

Know a family that would like to learn more about our school? Invite them to attend our BART Information Session that will be held at the school at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30. Executive Director Jay White and Principal April West will be giving a brief overview of BART and will answer any questions that families might have about our school. For more information, contact Enrollment Counselor Monique Nottke by email at monique.nottke@bartcharter.org or phone at 743-7311, ext. 732.

Fundraising

- BART Actors Fundraising Performance.** Students in Ms. Trainor's Advanced Acting students invite everyone to a staged reading of Ann-Marie MacDonald's comedy, *Good Night Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)*. The performance will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, at the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance at Williams College ([1000 Main St. Williamstown](#)) in the Adams Memorial Theatre. Tickets will cost \$10 at the door. The cast will include BART student actors Natalie Celebi, Caitlin Terpak, Miles Fippinger, Shanique Maloney, Hannah Stringer and Riley Rivard. In addition to the reading, there will also be refreshments and drinks for sale during intermission. The students hope to raise enough funds for a field trip, participation in a theatre arts workshop, and/or to enhance an upcoming productions at the school.
- BART Theatre Department.** The BART Theatre Department will be running the coat check for tips on Saturday, January 20, at [MASS MoCA's Free Day](#). All of the funds raised will go towards future school productions and theatre-related field trips for the school's drama students. MASS MoCA is located at [1040 MASS MoCA Way](#) in North Adams. If you go, be sure to check your coat and say "Hello!"

Events

- The Snowball Semi-Formal Rescheduled.** No worries! Tonight's dance has been rescheduled and will now be held on Friday, January 19. *The Snowball* is an annual night of dancing, games, food, and photos. It will be held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for a single ticket, \$20 for a couple's ticket. Students planning to bring one outside student guest (must be of like age) must bring a completed guest permission slip.
- Arts and Technology Showcase.** Join us on Tuesday, January 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at an event showcasing and celebrating our students' work from their first semester arts and technology enrichments and elective courses. On display will be original drawings, paintings, ceramics, sculpture, STEAM projects, and forensics projects. Live performances will include "The Brothers Grimm Spectacularathon" performed by the drama students, and music selections (classical, computer game theme, and rock and roll) will be performed by the middle school and high school rock bands. Students are very excited to share their work with everyone!
- BART Seniors to Co-Host Blood Drive.** From 12 to 5 p.m. today, Friday, January 12, BART seniors and The Red Cross are co-hosting a blood drive in the school's multi-purpose room. Donating blood saves lives, takes only 8 to 10 minutes, and the human body completely replaces the volume of donated blood within 24 hours! After donating, a person should plan to relax for 15 minutes (or more if necessary) and enjoy the complimentary snacks provided by the Class of 2018. To be eligible to donate, a person must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with consent from a parent or guardian), weigh over 110 pounds, and be in general good health. Walk-ins are welcome.

Parent Involvement

- **SEPAC January Meeting.** Join us for crock-pot soup and crusty bread to warm us all on a cold night! SEPAC will be meeting on Thursday, January 18, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will be presenting an update on the state of special education at BART and will also provide some information on the recent Coordinated Program Review. All are invited to attend.

Report Cards

- **Quarter 2 Report Cards.** Quarter 2 and Semester 1 grades close this week on Friday, January 12. Report cards will be sent home at the end of next week on Friday, January 19. On Tuesday, January 16, students will begin new electives and enrichments, and - schedules will be distributed in homerooms that morning.

Advanced Placement Exam Fees Can Be Found on PowerSchool.

Parents and guardians of high school students currently enrolled in one or more Advanced Placement (AP) courses can now find the cost of their child's spring AP exam(s) under the Balances tab in their family's PowerSchool account. Colleges often award course credit when a 3 or higher is earned on an AP exam, but students should check with their college of interest as to what the policy is for that specific school. Things guardians need to know include:

- Rates are \$85 per exam or \$53 per exam for students currently enrolled in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program.
- Payments can either be made in cash or with a check made out to BART.
- Payments must be handed to Ms. Shapiro-Van Dusen in the Student Office no later than **Thursday, March 1.**
- **Materials will not be ordered for unpaid exams!**

For more information about AP exams, [here is a link](#) to the College Board's (collegeboard.org) AP Bulletin (students received a copy before vacation). Please reach out to BART Data and Assessment Coordinator Mr. Longe by phone (ext. 713) or email at brenden.longe@bartcharter.org with any questions. He would be happy to answer them.