



Dates to Remember...

Tuesday, January 30.....	<i>Information Session (6 - 7:30 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, February 1.....	<i>2018-19 Enrollment Deadline</i>
Thursday, February 1.....	<i>Science Fair (grades 8 through 12)</i>
Friday, February 2.....	<i>Science Fair (grades 6 and 7)</i>
Wednesday, February 7.....	<i>Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting (6 - 8 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, February 8.....	<i>Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)</i>
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>

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

Do you 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.

Events

- **Science Fair.** BART's annual Science Fair teaches students about the scientific process and how to conduct research. Since the beginning of January, students have been preparing for the fair, using a project workbook designed by the science department. Students are asking questions, conducting research, carrying out investigations, collecting data, analyzing and interpreting data, and constructing an explanation to be presented at the fair. The science department is excited by the work students are doing and believe this experience will encourage stronger science growth in our students. The Science Fair will be open to families during following times:
 - Grades 8 & 12: Thurs, Feb 1 (9-11 a.m.)
 - Grades 9, 10, & 11: Thurs, Feb 1 (1-3 p.m.)
 - Grades 6 & 7: Fri, Feb 2 (9-11 a.m.)
- **February Equality Dance.** The middle and high school Queer-Straight Alliances (QSA) and CFAC are co-hosting the school dances on February 9. There will be a dance for students in grades 6-8 from 6 to 8 p.m. followed by a dance for students in grades 9-12 from 8:30-10 p.m. QSA student organizers have named the event "Equality Dance." Tickets are \$5 each, will be sold during lunches leading up to the day of the dance, and will also be available at the door. The QSA asks parents/guardians to help make the evening enjoyable for all who attend by donating baked goods/drinks that can be sold at the refreshment table. If you are able to provide something, please drop it off at the school before the end of the day or when bringing your child to the event.

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 item vendors and food truck food vendors. 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 (coming soon!) 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 or
(413) 442-4738

College Planning Event

- **Come Learn Tips to Be Successful with Your College Search!** Joshua Mendel from MCLA and Kate Heekin from Williams College will be discussing important information related to the college search including choosing how to apply, important deadlines, the application process, essay writing, and interviewing skills. 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. Therefore, attending is strongly recommended to the parents of students in grades 10 and 11. The event will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at The Williams Inn (1090 Main Street, Williamstown). 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.

Congratulations

- **Norman Rockwell Museum.** Congratulations to the following high school students whose work will be shown at The Norman Rockwell Museum's *32nd Annual Berkshire County High School Art Show*. The exhibition, which showcases the top 10 artworks from each Berkshire County high school, will be on view from Saturday, February 3, through Sunday, March 4. There will be an opening event on February 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. Students and their families are welcome free of charge to visit the museum and the opening reception on that day. During the run of the exhibition, students will be able to see the High School Art Show free of charge, but regular admission will be charged for visiting the rest of the galleries. Students whose artwork will be shown are:
 - Madison Corkery
 - Sal deBethune
 - Trinity Sullivan
 - Macie Fitch
 - Ayannah Sheerin
 - Victor Palestino
 - Alison Sanchez
 - Morgan Covert
 - Juliana Valois
 - Abel Ward

February Shadow Days.

If you know of a family interested in learning more about BART, please tell them about our February *Shadow Days* (times below). Shadowing in our classes provides a child the opportunity to meet our dedicated faculty and experience our rigorous, college preparatory curriculum. We will also be offering guided tours for parents at this event. Pre-registration is required for our *Shadow Days*. For more information, or to register to attend (required), parents can contact BART Enrollment Counselor Monique Nottke at 743-7311 (ext. 732) or monique.nottke@bartcharter.org.

Shadow Days fill up FAST! Encourage families to call *immediately!*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRADES OBSERVED</u>
• Wednesday, February 14, 2018	8:30 AM to 11 AM	6 and 10
• Wednesday, February 14, 2018	12:30 PM to 3:30 PM	6
• Thursday, February 15, 2018	9 AM to 12:30 PM	7
• Friday, February 16, 2018	8:30 AM to 12 PM	8 and 9