



**Dates to Remember...**

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| Friday, January 5.....     | <i>Snowball Semi-Formal Dance (7 to 10:30 p.m.)</i>    |
| Monday, January 8.....     | <i>Money Matters Field Trip (grade 8)</i>              |
| Tuesday, January 9.....    | <i>Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser</i>                    |
| Tuesday, January 9.....    | <i>Arts &amp; Technology Showcase (5:30 to 7 p.m.)</i> |
| Wednesday, January 10..... | <i>HS Quiz Team Meet @ Taconic HS (6:30 p.m.)</i>      |
| Thursday, January 11.....  | <i>Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)</i>                |
| Friday, January 12.....    | <i>College Spirit Day</i>                              |
| Friday, January 12.....    | <i>End of Quarter 2</i>                                |
| Friday, January 12.....    | <i>Early Dismissal (12 p.m.)</i>                       |
| Monday, January 15.....    | <i>Start of Quarter 3</i>                              |
| Thursday, January 18.....  | <i>Monthly SEPAC Meeting (5:30 p.m.)</i>               |
| Saturday, January 20.....  | <i>Theatre Department Fundraiser @ MASS MoCA</i>       |

**Advanced Placement Exam Fees Can Be Found In 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 in 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](http://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](mailto:brenden.longe@bartcharter.org) with any questions. He would be happy to answer them.

**Fundraising**

- **Senior Class Fundraiser with Papa John's Pizza.** On the second Tuesday of each month, please help the *Class of 2018* raise funds by ordering from *Papa John's Pizza* (North Adams or Lenox locations only). When ordering by phone, in person, or online, you must use the BART promo code: **BARTSENIORCLASS**. A portion of the money from your order will be donated to the Class of 2018. Remaining Tuesdays for the fundraiser include:
  - Tuesday, January 9
  - Tuesday, February 13
 Please ask a senior for an informational flyer or email any questions to Ms. Watroba, Senior Trip advisor, at [stephanie.watroba@bartcharter.org](mailto:stephanie.watroba@bartcharter.org).
- **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!"

**Parent Involvement**

- **SEPAC January Meeting.** SEPAC will be meeting on Thursday, January 18, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Invitations/reminders will be emailed after the break. In the meantime, SEPAC wishes you a peace-filled and restorative holiday season!
- **A Message from CFAC.** CFAC wishes the BART Community a wonderful winter break and thanks everyone for their support so far this school year. Together we are supporting activities for our children!

## Field Trip

- **What a Difference This Day Can Make in a Girl's Life.** On Wednesday, January 10, girls in grade 8 from across Berkshire County (including students from BART!) will be participating in the annual *Money Matters* workshops hosted at the Miss Hall's school in Pittsfield. The day's events will be led by professional women mentors who will guide our girls through discussions, activities, and games designed to teach them how to establish smart financial habits in order to be independent and choose their own lifestyles. In addition, the impact of higher education on their future earning potential will also be emphasized.

## Events

- **The Snowball Semi-Formal.** All BART students are happily invited to the annual winter semi-formal, *The Snowball!* Join us for a night of dancing, games, food, and photos. The dance will be tonight 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 completed guest permission slip.
- **Arts and Technology Showcase.** Join us for a celebration of art, music, and theatre. Family and friends are invited to the school on Tuesday, January 9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a showcase of projects from the first semester's 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!
- **January Quiz Team Meet.** High school students can play on the school's quiz team whenever they are available. Interested students should be at a meet's location (usually held on the second Wednesday of each month) by 6:30 p.m. Once there, players compete in teams in trivia contests for approximately an hour. There is usually free pizza for all of the competitors, too. Students with questions should find Coach Keogh. Parents can email their questions directly to Coach Keogh. Quiz Team is a lot of fun and a great way to spend a Wednesday evening. The league's first meet this year will be held Wednesday January 10, at Taconic High School ([96 Valentine Road, Pittsfield](#)).
- **College Spirit Day.** Half days at BART are also *College Spirit Days*. Students who wear a college shirt to school on Friday, January 12, will be allowed to wear blue jeans, as well.

## Senior Internship Placement

One of BART's graduation requirements is an 80-hour professional internship. This year's seniors have a wide range of interests! (See below.) If you know of an area business that would appreciate an eager-to-learn student, please email their contact information to BART College and Internship Placement Counselor Stephanie Maselli, at [stephanie.maselli@bartcharter.org](mailto:stephanie.maselli@bartcharter.org).

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| Acting/Theatre                               | Forensics                    |
| Actuarial Science                            | Computer Game Design         |
| Art (Visual, Performing, and Management)     | Musical Theatre              |
| Business                                     | Nursing                      |
| Computer Science                             | Political Science            |
| Documentaries/Journalism                     | Political Science (Military) |
| Engineering (Astronautical, Civil, etc.)     | Psychology                   |
| English                                      | Social Work                  |
| Environmental Policy                         | Surgery                      |
| Exercise Science (Training, Nutrition, etc.) | Tattoo Artist                |
| Family Law                                   | Zoology                      |