



Last Day of 2017-18 School Year: Friday, June 15, 2018

First Day of 2018-19 School Year: Monday, Aug 20, 2018

Dates to Remember...

Friday, May 11.....	Teen Invitational Reception at MASS MoCA (7 p.m.)
Monday, May 14.....	AP Biology and AP Physics C Testing
Monday, May 14.....	Annual Eighth Grade Banquet (6 - 7:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, May 15.....	AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC Testing
Wednesday, May 16.....	AP English Language and Composition Testing
Wednesday, May 16.....	Science MCAS (grade 8)
Thursday, May 17.....	Science MCAS (grade 8)
Saturday, May 19.....	High School Prom (7 p.m. at The Williams Inn)
Wednesday, May 23.....	Math MCAS (grade 10)
Thursday, May 24.....	Early Dismissal (12 p.m.) / Senior Portfolio Presentations
Friday, May 25.....	Early Dismissal (12 p.m.) / Senior Portfolio Presentations
Friday, May 25.....	Musical Performance (7:30 p.m.)
Saturday, May 26.....	Musical Performance (7:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 28.....	No School
Tuesday, May 29.....	Math MCAS (grade 10)
Thursday, May 31.....	Local History Presentation (4 - 6 p.m.)

Prom: Saturday, May 19.

The 2018 BART prom theme is "Red Carpet." Prom is open to all BART high school students and will be held on Saturday, May 19, at The Williams Inn ([1090 Main St, Williamstown](http://www.williamsinn.com)) from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to arrive early for outside photos with peers and parents. Tickets cost \$30 for a single, and \$50 for a pair of tickets. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will NOT be available for purchase at the prom. A pasta dinner with dessert will be included in the event. Tickets go on sale the week of May 7 and can be purchased either during lunches or from Ms. Calderara. Attending students are allowed to bring one outside guest. All guests must be in high school and have a completed Guest Permission Form (available when buying tickets).

Events

- **MASS MoCA Teen Invitational.** An annual event celebrating artwork from our area's schools, the [Teen Invitational at MASS MoCA](#) will once again include selected artworks by BART students. There is no charge to attend tonight's opening reception at 7 p.m. Presentation of awards will begin at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by live music. Those who plan to attend can look forward to huge crowds and a great party! The exhibition will also be on view May 12 and 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General museum admission fees will apply at that time.
- **Annual Eighth Grade Banquet.** Mark your calendar if you have a student in the eighth grade! The Eighth Grade Banquet will be held at the school next week on Monday, May 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This annual event recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of the grade 8 class and is free of charge to attend. Every grade 8 student is allowed to bring up to 2 guests. More information will be made available closer to the event.
- **Musical Performances.** The BART Theatre Department will be presenting *The Addams Family*, a musical comedy showcasing the students from Ms. Trainor's Musical Theatre production class. Directed by Ms. Trainor, with musical direction by Mr. Bergin and choreography by Natalie Celebi (Class of 2019), performances will be at the school on Friday, May 25, and Saturday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, and \$3 for BART students.

- **SLCs and Portfolio Presentations.** With the end of the school year approaching, advisors will soon be contacting parents to schedule either a Student-Led Conference or a Portfolio Presentation. As a reminder, Portfolio Presentations happen in gateway grades 8, 11 and 12. SLCs happen in all other grades. Presentations showcase accomplishments and reflection on student learning and growth. We look forward to seeing you!
- **Local History Showcase.** Beginning last quarter, Mrs. Calderara's tenth grade American History class took on a sizeable research project on Berkshire County. Students chose a building or plot of land to research as far back as possible using various tools: the internet, local libraries, town or city halls, Registry of Deeds of central and northern Berkshire county, conversations with local historians, or interviews with people connected to the project's building or land. Students will present their final projects (a five-page research paper and a creative project) at a Local History Showcase open to family and friends to attend. The showcase will be held at the school from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 31. We hope everyone will join us and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our area.

Reminder

- **Uniform Required.** We remind everyone that the early dismissal days scheduled for Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 are not College Spirit Days. Students will be required to follow the dress code. Neither college shirts nor jeans will be allowed.

Fundraisers

- **BART Art Greeting Card Fundraiser Launched This Week!** Each year, BART selects student artwork to print on greeting cards. 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser go toward printing the annual yearbook. There are prizes for top sellers including a FREE yearbook for any student who sells at least three packages of cards! If you have not seen it already, please ask your student(s) for the order form so you can see the cards being sold this year. Orders will be accepted from now until Friday, May 18.
- **Cross Country Running Teams.** The 2018 Cross Country Running Teams are fundraising for this coming fall's State Charter School Invitational. The team has attended the past two years, but at over \$2500, these trips are not cheap! The team needs to start raising money now in order to get its three dozen runners there. Whether you have a runner on the team or not, please consider purchasing a **LIMITED EDITION** removable vinyl bumper sticker (4"x7"). Suggested donation is \$15 apiece, and you can show your pride all season long! An image of the sticker is on the order form found [here](#). Questions should be emailed to Coach Griffin at benn.griffin@bartcharter.org.

Reports

- **Progress Reports.** We are just about at the mid-term of Quarter 4. Progress reports will be sent next week 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 Mr. Jarowski at russ.jarowski@bartcharter.org.

A Message From the Library

- **BART Library Overdue Materials Notices.** Families of students currently with an item checked out of the school's library for more than two weeks should expect to receive an overdue notice. If your family receives a notice, please check your home or your student's backpack for the missing item. If found, please either bring in the overdue item for renewal or return it in order to avoid replacement charges. Students with any questions about overdue materials should speak with [Mr. Jarowski](#) in the Library as soon as possible.