



Dates to Remember...

Saturday, May 5.....	CFAC Mother's Day Craft Fair (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Monday, May 7.....	Math MCAS (grades 6 and 7)
Tuesday, May 8.....	Math MCAS (grades 6 and 7)
Tuesday, May 8.....	AP Physics I Testing
Wednesday, May 9.....	Math MCAS (grade 8)
Thursday, May 10.....	Math MCAS (grade 8)
Thursday, May 10.....	Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
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)

Events

- Handling the Transition to College Life.** Every graduating senior is nervous, excited, and a little bit scared about going off to college, even if they don't admit it! Leaving home for college presents a new set of challenges. Please encourage seniors to attend the Adams Community Bank-hosted event *Handling the Transition to College Lifewith* their parents and hopefully we can ease some of their anxiety and increase their level of excitement about heading out in the fall. The free presentation with Q & A will be at the Orchards Hotel ([222 Adams Road, Williamstown](https://www.orchardshotel.com)) at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 7. Topics will include:

 - Budgeting time
 - Seeking counseling/health services
 - Managing academics
 - Dealing with finances
 - Handling a social life

RSVP by Friday, May 4, to 413-749-1165 or kbona@adamscommunity.com.
- MASS MoCA Teen Invitational.** An annual event celebrating artwork from our area's schools, the [Teen Invitational at MASS MoCA](https://www.massmo.org/teen-invitational) will once again include selected artworks by BART students. There is no charge to attend the opening reception on Friday, May 11, 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 be also 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 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 all who attend. Every grade 8 student is allowed to bring up to 2 guests. More information will be made available closer to the event.
- BART to Perform at The Colonial Theatre.** Tonight the BART Theatre Department will be performing two musical numbers from the school's upcoming production of *The Addams Family* at [Berkshire Theatre Group's](https://www.berkshiretheatre.com) annual [Encore! An Evening to Celebrate High School Musicals](https://www.berkshiretheatre.com/encore). To be performed at The Colonial Theatre ([111 South Street, Pittsfield](https://www.colonialtheatre.com)) at 7 p.m., this evening will feature ten-minute performances from this year's Berkshire County high school musicals. Ticket proceeds benefit [BTG PLAYS!](https://www.btgplays.com), Berkshire Theatre Group's year-round education program. Tickets are \$15 (adults) and \$10 (children 16 and under).

- **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](#)) 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).
- **Musical Performances.** The BART Theatre Department will be presenting *The Addams Family*, a musical comedy that showcasing the students from Ms. Trainor's the 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.

Fundraisers

- **BART CFAC Craft Fair Fundraiser: Mother’s Day and Spring Craft Fair.** CFAC will be hosting a craft fair at the school on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In order for this event to be successful, several volunteers of parents and students are needed to help on Friday and Saturday at the school. [Sign up here](#) to volunteer at the event or to donate baked goods that can be sold at the craft fair. Consider volunteering and/or visiting the craft fair.
- **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 these trips are not cheap! At over \$1500, 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.

Science Fair Update

- **Middle School Science Fair Update.** 11 BART middle school students competed at the Regional Science Fair on Friday, April 27, against 124 other area student projects. Congratulations to those students who qualified to move on to the MA State Science Fair on Saturday, June 2, at Wooster High School:
Honorable Mentions:
 - Wylie Jones: *Finch Food Fun: Exploring Evolution*
 - Viviana Lanphear: *How does soil affect the pH of water?*
 Third Place:
 - Abigail Scholl: *Designing a More Breathable Swim Cap.*
 - Abigail Webster: *Frankenplants (Grafting Plants Together for More Produce in a Smaller Space)*
 Second Place:
 - Madison Ostrowski- *Building Bridges for our Future*
 - Cameron Durocher & Ben Jowett- *Creating a Algae Brine Shrimp Mino Ecosystem*

Reports

- **Progress Reports.** We are just about at the mid-term of Quarter 4. Progress reports will be sent the week of May 14 but only 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 Russ Jarowski (russ.jarowski@bartcharter.org).