



a college prep charter school



Dates to Remember...

Friday, Oct 13.....*No School*
Wednesday, Oct 25.....*PSATs*
Friday, Oct 27.....*End of Quarter 1*
Monday, Oct 30.....*Start of Quarter 2*

Who to call / When to call

When parents or guardians have concerns, they can reach out to the appropriate BART employee by dialing (413) 743-7311 and the extension.

- **Your Child's Advisor** Concerns about a class or the child's progress in school. E-mail is the most reliable way to communicate with a faculty member. E-mail addresses are contained in the faculty / staff biographies on the People page of our website, www.BARTCharter.org. Start with your child's advisory if you are unsure of whom to call.
- **April West, Principal** (ext. 721). Concerns about a teacher or major academic concerns.
- **Erin Hattaway, Assistant Principal** (ext. 712). Concerns about discipline, bus safety, ELL or ESL support.
- **Susan Lubell, Director of Special Education** (ext. 742). Concerns about your child's IEP.
- **Erin Egan, Health and Wellness Coordinator** (ext. 730): Concerns about your child's social/emotional needs, or your child's 504 plan.
- **Russ Jarowski, Technical Support** (ext. 714): Support using *PowerSchool*.
- **Elizabeth Daniels, Front Office** (ext. 700.): To report a change in address or contact phone numbers, report an absence, or to request an early release. BART's policy states that students must bring in a note from a guardian on the morning of an early release explaining the reason for leaving early and the time they will be picked up by an adult.

Events

- **Annual BART Science Fair.** The science department has made some major changes to this year's science fair process. 32 students have signed up for a science fair enrichment and they are already working hard on their projects. Students who did not sign up for this elective will be completing a science fair project over the month of January. Science Fairs will be held on Thursday, February 1, for grades 8 through 12 and on Friday, February 2, for grades 6 and 7. More details to follow.

Assessments

- **October Interim Assessments.** Earlier this week, students across all grades took their first round of interim assessments. Make ups will be run on Monday, October 16.
- **PSAT.** On Wednesday, October 25, students in grades 10 and 11 will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). Every year, students at BART take this exam as a way to practice and gain information about the skills that colleges look for via the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). BART covers the costs for the PSAT, so there is no charge to families. Classes will be cancelled for students in grades 10 and 11 for the first half of the day. Classes will resume after the exam.
- **School Health Screening Program.** The Nurse's Office will be conducting the following health screenings over the next two months:
 - Grades 6,8,9: Postural Screening only
 - Grade 7: Vision, Hearing, BMI, and Postural
 - Grade 10: Vision, Hearing and BMI

NOTE: The purpose of a postural screening is to find early signs of spinal problems. Female students are asked to wear a bathing suit top, sports bra, or sleeveless tee under their uniform on the day of their screening in order to allow for a more accurate observation. Guardians will not be contacted if nothing unusual is found. Guardians may request in writing that their child not participate in the school screening program. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these screenings, please contact the school nurse at ext. 728.

Fundraising

- **Born IV Blues Fundraiser.** *Born IV Blues*, featuring BART students Diego Mongue and Josiah Joyce, will be performing a concert with the *Misty Blues Band* (headed by BART parents Gina Coleman and guitarist Jason Webster) at St. John's Episcopal Church ([35 Park St. Williamstown](#)). Admission is FREE. Donations will be accepted to help both bands' travel expenses for their upcoming trip to Memphis, TN, so they can participate in the *International Blues Challenge*. Come support our students and parents while enjoying a super night of high-intensity music!
- **CFAC Dinner and Movie Card.** Many people supported the year's first CFAC fundraiser and made it a success. Over \$2000 was raised! The *Dinner and Movie* cards should arrive and be delivered to the students by Friday, October 27. A special thanks to the highest seller in middle school, Kaitlyn Varcoe, and the highest seller in high school, Charles Waltermire. They will both receive a \$25 gift card to the Regal Cinema. Thanks to everyone who helped get this year off to a strong start.

Lady Wolves Soccer Update

The BART *Lady Wolves* soccer team played hard against Buxton School on September 18. Hayley Caufield and Kimberly Perkins both scored in the first half. Also during the first half of the game, Anny Lopez made a great cross to Kimberly, thus enabling Kimberly to score a goal. While the *Lady Wolves* made several shots, the rest of the first half of the game was scoreless. The second half was a little more back and forth as the teams started to wear down. Unfortunately, Buxton School scored off a penalty kick when Heather Perkins (goalkeeper) dove to block a shot but the ball bounced off the goal post, thus getting Buxton on the score board. The final score was BART 3 : Buxton School 1. Special shout out to new players Isabelle Diagnault, Kaylana Balardini, Darlenis Balero-Caldron, Keya Robertson, and Ayanh Sherrin. The players stepped up and playing most of 80 minute game. The teams's next game was against Four Rivers Charter Public School on September 29. After a lot of back and forth, with both defenses keeping shots to a minimum, the first half of the game ended with no score. The second half saw a more determined BART offense. Despite their limited number of substitute players, the *Lady Wolves* sensed that if they wanted it badly enough this game could be theirs. With about 15 minutes left, Kimberly came done the left side and took a high lob shot that went over goalie's head and won the game for our team with a final score of 1 to 0. Special shout out to MaiLee Diagnault on playing center midfielder for the entire game. The BART *Lady Wolves* soccer team is now 2 – 2 for the season.