



**Dates to Remember...**

Wednesday, Oct 25.....	<i>PSATs</i>
Friday, Oct 27.....	<i>End of Quarter 1</i>
Friday, Oct 27.....	<i>Middle School Dance (6-8 p.m.)</i>
Friday, Oct 27.....	<i>High School Dance (8:30 - 10:30 p.m.)</i>
Monday, Oct 30.....	<i>Start of Quarter 2</i>
Wednesday, Nov 1.....	<i>College Financial Planning Seminar (7 p.m.)</i>

**Events**

- **College Financial Planning Seminar.** Senior parents and students are invited to attend a free seminar on paying for college, which will be held at BART at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1. This seminar is offered through the MA Educational Financing Authority ([MEFA](#)), the Commonwealth's authority on planning, saving, and paying for college. Richard Davis, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Williams College, will provide an overview of the college financing process, including types of financial aid, how to apply, and financing options for your family. If you plan on attending, please contact Stephanie Maselli with the number of attendees by Monday, October 30. She can be reached by email at [stephanie.maselli@bartcharter.org](mailto:stephanie.maselli@bartcharter.org) or by phone at 743-7311 (ext. 717).
- **Halloween.** A reminder that students are required to follow the school's dress code on Monday, October 31st. There is no Halloween exception to the school's dress code.
- **Dances.** On Friday, October 27, the cross country running teams and CFAC will co-host a Halloween Dance. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the dance. Tickets can be purchased during lunches for \$5, or at the dance for \$6. Students may bring one outside guest of like grade. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate costumes; masks, overly revealing outfits, and other forms of inappropriateness will not be allowed. Parents and guardians able to chaperone or donate items for the refreshment table can sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44abac2ba4fe3-halloween/16904846>. This dance is a fundraiser for the team's end-of-year banquet and recognition awards. Hopefully everyone can join us! Questions can be addressed to Coach Griffin by email at [Benn.griffin@bartcharter.org](mailto:Benn.griffin@bartcharter.org).

**Assessments**

- **PSAT.** Next week, students in grades 10 and 11 will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) on Wednesday, October 25. 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 now through November:
  - Grades 6,8,9: Postural Screening only
  - Grade 7: Vision, Hearing, Body Mass Index (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.