

**Dates to Remember...**

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>
Thursday, Nov 9.....	<i>Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting (6 - 8 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, Nov 9.....	<i>Monthly SEPAC Meeting (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, Nov 9.....	<i>Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)</i>
Wednesday, Nov 15.....	<i>HS Quiz Team Meet @ PHS (6:30 p.m.)</i>

**In the Classroom**

**Middle School Health & Wellness Class.** Over the next few weeks all middle school students will be learning about (SOS) Signs of Suicide. The SOS Middle School Program uses a universal prevention approach to assist in identification of at-risk youth by addressing the issues of depression, suicide, and self-injury. The main teaching tool of the program is a video that teaches students how to identify symptoms of depression and suicidality in themselves or their friends. The video encourages help-seeking using an action-oriented approach, instructing students how to ACT® (Acknowledge, Care and Tell) in the face of a mental health emergency.

**Meetings**

**Next Month's SEPAC Meeting: 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9.** Originally scheduled for November 2, next month's SEPAC meeting has been moved to Thursday, November 9, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The November meeting will include a "Dinner and Discussion" offering chili, cornbread and an informative discussion on special education supports for college students. Focusing on nearby colleges BCC, MCLA, Landmark College, the evening will also offer information relevant for transitioning to any higher education institution. As always, children are welcome at SEPAC meetings, as well. Please come!

**Dr. White to Present at Next Month's CFAC Meeting.** Dr. Jay White, BART's New Executive Director, will be introducing himself to attendees at next month's Community Family Advisory Council (CFAC) meeting with plans to also speak about his vision for BART's future. CFAC meetings are open to any interested parents and guardians to attend. CFAC meetings are held at the school on the second Thursday of every month. Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9. For more information, please contact CFAC President Shirley Perkins by email at: [shirleyjoslinperkins@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyjoslinperkins@gmail.com).

**Report Cards**

**Report Cards.** First quarter report cards will be mailed home to families next week. If your family does not receive this by November 1, please contact Ms. Daniels at [elizabeth.daniels@bartcharter.org](mailto:elizabeth.daniels@bartcharter.org) or 743 7311 (ext. 700) so she can confirm your family's mailing address. After reviewing with their child, parents or guardians with questions or concerns should contact their child's advisor. They would be happy to speak with you.

## After School

**Basketball.** On Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3:45 to 4:40 p.m., Mr. Holey and Ms. McGovern are currently running an after school basketball program. Unaffiliated with the BART *Wolfpack* basketball team, this is a great opportunity for students to hone their skills and get out some energy. The program will be limited to 15 students per session. Students are required to sign up at the Student Office every time they plan to attend. The program will run into November until the beginning of basketball season, and will start up again after the regular basketball season has ended. Please email Mr. Hoely directly with any questions: [gordon.holey@bartcharter.org](mailto:gordon.holey@bartcharter.org).

**Clubs.** BART currently has special interest clubs meeting after school from 3:45 4:40 p.m. on select days. Students who stay after for one of these activities may take a 4:40 p.m. bus home. NOTE: After school bus routes have different stops than our regular beginning and end of day routes. Current routes can be found in the *Quicklinks* boxes located on the *For Parents* and *For Students* pages of our website. Through out the school year, parents should review these routes with their child in order to determine which stop to use whenever staying after school.

### **Middle School QSA**

Meets first and third Tuesday of every month

Advisors: Ms Lenski ([emma.lenski@bartcharter.org](mailto:emma.lenski@bartcharter.org))  
Ms Daignault ([christina.daignault@bartcharter.org](mailto:christina.daignault@bartcharter.org))

### **High School QSA**

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of every month

Advisors: Ms Lenski ([emma.lenski@bartcharter.org](mailto:emma.lenski@bartcharter.org))  
Ms Daignault ([christina.daignault@bartcharter.org](mailto:christina.daignault@bartcharter.org))

### **Cultural Awareness**

Meets every Thursday

Advisors: Mr Ahamad ([jamal.ahamed@bartcharter.org](mailto:jamal.ahamed@bartcharter.org))  
Ms Daignault ([christina.daignault@bartcharter.org](mailto:christina.daignault@bartcharter.org))

### **Science Journal Club**

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month

Advisor: Dr. White ([j.white@bartcharter.org](mailto:j.white@bartcharter.org))

### **American Sign Language Club**

Meets every Tuesday

Advisor: Ms Watroba ([stephanie.watroba@bartcharter.org](mailto:stephanie.watroba@bartcharter.org))

## Bus Reminder

**A Message from the Bus Company.** BART's bus drivers have asked us to remind families that students cannot expect to be seen by their driver when waiting inside a car or their home. Students must continue to stand at their bus stops in the same spot they have been since the first day of school in order for a driver to know they are waiting to be picked up.

## 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 and 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 7437311 (ext. 717).

**Dances.** Tonight the cross country running teams and CFAC are cohosting a Halloween Dance. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the dance. Tickets can be purchased at the dance for \$6. 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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44abac2ba4fe3_halloween/16904846). This dance is a fundraiser for the team's end of year banquet and recognition awards. See you tonight!

**Halloween.** A reminder that students are required to follow the school's dress code on Tuesday, October 31. There is no Halloween exception to the school's dress code.

**BART Class Rings.** On Monday, November 13, and Tuesday, November 14, a representative from Jostens will be hosting an information table in the cafeteria during the high school lunches. Students who would like to know more about how to order a high school ring are invited to stop by during their lunch to ask questions or to pick-up an information folder. Students can also design a custom ring or other jewelry online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com). A \$50 deposit is required when placing an order.