



BART

a college prep charter school



Dates to Remember...

Monday, Oct 9.....	<i>No School</i>
Tuesday, Oct 10.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Wednesday, Oct 11.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Wednesday, Oct 11.....	<i>Quiz Meet (6:30 p.m. @ Lee HS)</i>
Thursday, Oct 12.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Thursday, Oct 12.....	<i>College Essay Review</i>
Thursday, Oct 12.....	<i>Monthly Booster Club Meeting (5:30 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, Oct 12.....	<i>Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)</i>
Friday, Oct 13.....	<i>No School</i>
Wednesday, Oct 25.....	<i>PSATs</i>
Friday, Oct 27.....	<i>End of Quarter 1</i>
Monday, Oct 30.....	<i>Start of Quarter 2</i>

We Want to Hear From You!

At Family Night on Tuesday, September 12, we administered a survey that helps us learn from parents and guardians while supporting BART's participation in a large grant. We are extending the window to gather responses from as many families as possible. We would deeply appreciate it if you could respond to the survey linked below by October 13. The entire survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. When finished, email Amy Shapiro-Van Dusen (amy.vandusen@bartcharter.org) with the subject line "Family Survey Completed" and include the name of your student(s), and we will provide them with a one-day Jeans Pass good one week from the day it is issued. Thank you for your time!

Survey Link: <http://www.schoolclimate.net/survey/schools/parent.asp?caseid=1173561&survey=4>

Note: Parents/guardians may work together, but one survey per family, please.

Meetings

- **Monthly Athletic Booster Club Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12.** BART's Athletic Booster Club is a group of parents and guardians whose children participate on any of the school's sports team. The club welcomes parents with ideas, motivation, and time to help.
- **Monthly CFAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12.** Come meet new BART Executive Director, Dr. Jay White at next week's Community Family and Advisory Council ([CFAC](#)) meeting. This a group of energized and creative parents who plan upcoming special events and programs at BART, similar to PTG/PTA/PTO at other schools. Parents and guardians who attend will receive either a Jeans Pass or a Professional Dress Pass for their child(ren).

Events

- **College Essay Review.** On Thursday, October 12, BART will host its seventh annual *College Essay Review Session*. This event supports the BART Class of 2017 on its path to college by assisting them with one of the most difficult aspects of the college application process. Seniors will work individually with community volunteers to review their personal essays. This is a great opportunity for our students to hone their essays and be sure they are clearly addressing the prompt while still appealing to a broad audience. There are still a few volunteer spots open for adult community members who would enjoy partnering with our students to bring their essays to the next level! If you are able to volunteer, please contact one of the event's coordinator Ms. Leah Thompson at leah.thompson@bartcharter.org

Teams

- **BART Quiz is back!** This year marks BART's sixth year participating in the *Berkshire Quiz League*. Quiz meets are a fun way for high school students in grades 9 through 12 to represent their school, meet other high school students, and show off their "useless" knowledge. There is no commitment, so students can play whenever they are available. Interested students should be at a meet's location (usually held on the second Wednesday of each month) by 6:30 p.m. Once there, players compete in teams in trivia contests for approximately an hour. There is usually free pizza for all of the competitors, too. Students with questions should find Coach Keogh. Parents can their questions directly to Coach Keogh at Sean.keogh@bartcharter.org. The league's first meet this year will be held Wednesday, October 11, at Lee Middle and High School ([300 Greylock Street, Lee](#)).

Fundraising

- **Boys Soccer Team Fundraiser.** Everyone can still support the boys soccer team through their pizza fundraiser currently underway now through tomorrow, Saturday, October 7. When ordering a pizza online or by phone, identify your order as "BARTBOYSSOCCER," and the team will receive a donation worth 20% of the cost of your order. This fundraiser is only being run by the *Papa John's Pizza* stores located in North Adams ([856 State Road](#)) and [Lenox \(439 Pittsfield Road\)](#). Thank you for your support.

Reports

- **Progress Reports.** We are at the mid-term of Quarter 1 (closes on October 27). Progress reports will be sent out this week only to families with a student with a No Credit (NC) grade in one or more classes. 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 the school. He can be reached by email at russ.jarowski@bartcharter.org.

Assessments

- **October Interim Assessments.** On October 10, 11, and 12, students across all grades will take their first round of interim assessments. Interim assessment periods are an opportunity for students to practice rigorous, grade-level assessments. Teachers then use student results to improve instruction. ELA assessments are scheduled for Tuesday, mathematics on Wednesday, and science on Thursday. 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.

[The Community Resources for Students and Families](#) is a resource for families that allows BART to share notifications and information. A listing of local outside mental-health providers and agencies supporting health and wellness, it also includes links to sites that cover topics such as grief resources, youth substance abuse, and more.