



BART

a college prep charter school



Dates to Remember...

Saturday, Sept 23.....	<i>Car Wash/Bake Sale (off-site) (11AM to 3PM)</i>
Monday, Oct 2.....	<i>Picture Re-Take Day</i>
Monday, Oct 9.....	<i>No School</i>
Tuesday, Oct 10.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Wednesday, Oct 11.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Thursday, Oct 12.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Thursday, Oct 12.....	<i>College Essay Review</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.

Events

- **College Essay Review Session.** On Thursday, October 12, BART will host our sixth annual College Essay Review Session to help support the BART Class of 2018 on its path to college. Community members and college representatives will be partnered with seniors to review and discuss their college essays. Afterwards, guests and students will have a chance to network over coffee and muffins.

Learning Opportunity

- **BART is Pleased to Participate in the Peer Leadership Training Program.** A select group of our students have been invited to participate in the *District Attorney's Eighth Grade Peer Leadership Training Program*. This highly regarded program is built around the principal belief in the value and ability of young people to bring about positive change in themselves and their peers. Facilitated by District Attorney staff certified in peer mentor training, the program employs interactive training techniques, discussion, media, role-play, activities, and teamwork to engage and educate students. Critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, and self-reflection skills are applied to address topics including communication, public speaking, peer pressure, conflict resolution, healthy relationships, bullying, social media, stereotyping, discrimination and substance abuse.

Reminders

- **PowerSchool to Replace Paper Progress Reports.** Because *PowerSchool* affords families the ability to monitor student grades in real-time, BART will not send home progress reports in the middle of each quarter. Report cards will be sent out at the end of each quarter as a permanent record of final, closed grades each reporting time. If you do not yet have a *PowerSchool* account, please reference this [user guide](#) on BART's website. For further assistance setting up *PowerSchool*, please contact Mr. Russ Jarowski at the school by phone (ext.751) or by email at russ.jarowski@bartcharter.org.

Fundraising

- **Dance Results.** CFAC thanks all the parents/guardians that brought in food and drink for the dance or volunteered to chaperone. Close to \$300 was raised to benefit the BART Community.
- **Dinner and a Movie Card Fundraiser Has Ended.** The *Dinner and a Movie Card* fundraiser has come to an end. If you still have fundraising materials or money from sales at home, please send it in as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone for all of their hard work!
- **Car Wash and Bake Sale Fundraiser.** There will be a car wash and bake sale to benefit the boys soccer team.
 - Date: Saturday, September 23
 - Place: Stop & Shop ([876 State Road, North Adams](#))
 - Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Cost: \$5
- **Boys Soccer Team Fundraiser.** *Papa John's Pizza* is helping the BART boys soccer team with a fundraiser running from Saturday, September 23, (the day of their car wash) through 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.

College Information Events

- **Come Learn Tips to Be Successful with Your College Search!** Join MCLA's Joshua Mendel for a free event for students and parents sponsored by the Adams Community Bank. Mr. Mendel will discuss important information related to the college search including choosing how to apply, important deadlines, the application process, essay writing, and interviewing skills. This information session is strongly recommended to parents of students in grades 10, 11, and 12. The earlier you know what is involved, the earlier you can get started. The information session will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, at The Williams Inn ([1090 Main Street, Williamstown](#)). If you plan on attending, please contact Kris Bona at Adams Community Bank with the number of attendees by Monday, September 25. She can be reached by email at kbona@adamscommunity.com or by phone at 749-1165.

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.