



**Dates to Remember...**

Monday, October 2.....	<i>Picture Retake Day</i>
Wednesday, October 4.....	<i>Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting (6-8 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, October 5.....	<i>Monthly SEPAC Meeting (5:30 p.m.)</i>
Monday, October 9.....	<i>No School</i>
Tuesday, October 10.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Wednesday, October 11.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Thursday, October 12.....	<i>Interim Assessment #1</i>
Thursday, October 12.....	<i>College Essay Review</i>
Thursday, October 12.....	<i>Monthly Booster Club Meeting (5:30 p.m.)</i>
Thursday, October 12.....	<i>Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)</i>
Friday, October 13.....	<i>No School</i>
Wednesday, October 25.....	<i>PSATs</i>
Friday, October 27.....	<i>End of Quarter 1</i>
Monday, October 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](mailto: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.

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**Meetings**

- **Monthly SEPAC Meeting.** Come meet new BART Executive Director, Dr. Jay White at next week's SEPAC meeting. Please come hear him speak about BART and how he envisions the future of our great school. There will be ample opportunity for question time. We welcome you to bring your children. The meeting will be held at the school at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5.

**Events**

- **Picture Retake Day.** A second *Picture Day* will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Monday, October 2. Students who did not have their photo taken, or who would like to have their picture retaken (all original photos must be returned), can be photographed at this time.
- **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.

## Fundraising

- **Boys Soccer Team Fundraiser.** *Papa John's Pizza* is helping the BART boys soccer team with a fundraiser running from now 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.

## Staying Informed

- **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](mailto:russ.jarowski@bartcharter.org).
- **Calendar Available.** Field trips, college representative visits, school dances and more can be found on the [Calendar & Announcements](#) page of the school's website.
- **Resources.** [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.

## 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.