



BART

a college prep charter school



Dates to Remember...

Thursday, November 9.....	Early Dismissal (12 p.m.)
Thursday, November 9.....	Monthly SEPAC Meeting (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)
Thursday, November 9.....	Monthly CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Friday, November 10.....	No School (Veteran's Day)
Monday, November 13.....	Class Ring Information Table in HS Lunches
Tuesday, November 14.....	Class Ring Information Table in HS Lunches
Wednesday, November 15.....	HS Quiz Team Meet @ PHS (6:30 - 8 p.m.)
Friday, November 17.....	Hurricane Relief Fundraiser (4 - 5:30 p.m.)

Teams

- **Cross Country Awards Banquet.** The Eighth Annual Cross Country Awards Banquet will be held at the school from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5. The 2017 season marks the team's eighth continuous season of competition and its most competitive yet! The ladies' team went 52-0 in league competition and capped off their season with their second undefeated championship! Boys went a program best 49-8 and earned their best ever performance at championships as a team, earning a second place plaque. Dinner will be potluck-style with awards for varsity runners as well as team-voted P.R.I.D.E. Awards. Cake and coffee will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please email Coach Griffin at (benn.griffin@bartcharter.org).
- **HS Quiz Team.** 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. Interested students should be at a meet's location by 6:30 p.m. Once there, players compete in trivia contests for approximately an hour, followed by free pizza for all of the competitors. Anyone with questions can reach out to the team's coach, Mr. Sean Keogh, by email at Sean.keogh@bartcharter.org. The next meet will be held Wednesday, November 15, at Pittsfield High School ([300 East Street, Pittsfield](http://300EastStreet.com)).

Events

- **BART Class Rings.** On Monday, November 13, and Tuesday, November 14, a representative from [Jostens](http://Jostens.com) will be hosting an information table in the cafeteria during 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. A \$50 deposit is required when placing an order.
- **Classroom Guests.** On November 7, Officer Darrin Derby of the Pittsfield Police Department visited and spoke to the ninth grade on what it is like to be a police officer, what does it take to work in law enforcement, and the community outreach he does in Pittsfield. Officer Derby toured the school and had stayed to have lunch with the ninth grade.

From the Nurse's Office

- **Flu Season Is Here!** Please make arrangements to get your child and family vaccinated, since the flu shot can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, missed school due to flu, and flu-related hospitalizations. Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctors' offices, clinics, health departments, and pharmacies.

Donations / Fundraising

- **Hurricane Relief Dance.** BART freshmen are sponsoring a dance in order to raise funds for Puerto Rico hurricane relief efforts. The event will be at the school on Friday, November 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. BART performers will provide live music for dancing, and refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets are on sale at \$5 per person. Students may bring one (1) guest of like age with a signed Guest Permission Slip. For more information, please contact the event's advisor, Mr. Trumble. He can be reached by email Eric.trumble@bartcharter.org.
- **Pet Food Drive.** Ms. Calderara's ninth grade advisory is collecting pet food and pet-related items for the Berkshire Humane Society (BHS) during the month of November. Students will be receiving copies of BHS's [most wished for items](#). Please review this list for items already in your home that could be donated to this worthy cause. Questions about the drive should be emailed to Ms. Calderara at d.calderara@bartcharter.org.
- **Non-Perishable/Canned Food Drive.** Halloween is over, and Thanksgiving is around the corner. This means it is time for the annual BART Student Ambassador *Non-Perishable/Canned Food Drive*! The Student Ambassadors are asking all BART students take this opportunity to show their gratitude for our community by bringing in as many non-perishable items as possible. The drive is currently underway now through Friday, November 17. At its conclusion, the donated items will be distributed between the Berkshire Food Project (North Adams) and the Salvation Army (Pittsfield location). Parents and guardians with questions can contact the ambassador's advisor, Ms. Thompson, via email at Leah.thompson@bartcharter.org.
- **CFAC December Cash/Gift Calendar Student Fundraiser.** Next week, CFAC will be distributing cash/gift fundraising calendars to all students. Students are expected to sell two calendars each (\$10 apiece) between now and Thanksgiving. Students must return the buyers' information stubs and the money from the sales to their homeroom teachers no later than Monday, November 27. During the month of December, daily winners will be notified by phone and also announced in the CFAC Facebook group [BART FAMILIES](#). Winners during a given week will need to come to the school on the Friday of that same week in order to claim their prizes. Shortly before the December break, CFAC will run a *Seller's Raffle* comprised of the names of those students who sold calendars. Student will be entered as many times as the number of calendars they have sold. Students wishing to increase their chances of winning by selling beyond the expected two calendars can request more at the Front Office. For more information, please contact CFAC President Shirley Perkins at shirleyjoslinperkins@gmail.com.
- **Senior Class Fundraiser with Papa John's Pizza.** On the second Tuesday of every month, please help the Class of 2018 raise funds by ordering from *Papa John's Pizza* (North Adams or Lenox locations only). When ordering by phone, in person, or online, you must use the BART promo code: *BARTSENIORCLASS*. A portion of the money from your order will be donated to the Class of 2018. Remaining Tuesdays for the fundraiser include:
 - Tuesday, November 14
 - Tuesday December 12
 - Tuesday, January 9
 - Tuesday, February 13Please ask a senior for an informational flyer or email any questions to Ms. Watroba, Senior Trip advisor, at stephanie.watroba@bartcharter.org.