



# BART

a college prep charter school



## Dates

Mon, Sept 4.....	<i>No School (Labor Day)</i>
Tues, Sept 5.....	<i>After School Homework Help begins</i>
Wed, Sept 6.....	<i>Picture Day</i>
Wed, Sept 6.....	<i>Monthly Board of Trustees meeting (6-8 p.m.)</i>
Thurs, Sept 7.....	<i>Monthly SEPAC meeting (5:30 p.m.)</i>
Fri, Sept 8.....	<i>College Spirit Day</i>
Fri, Sept 8.....	<i>Early Dismissal (12 p.m.)</i>
Tues, Sept 12.....	<i>Family Night (6-7:30 p.m.)</i>
Wed, Sept 13.....	<i>Cross Country Running Meet (Home)</i>
Thurs, Sept 14.....	<i>Athletic Booster Club meeting (5:30-6:30 p.m.)</i>
Thurs, Sept 14.....	<i>Monthly CFAC meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)</i>
Fri, Sept 15.....	<i>Middle School Open House (9-11 a.m.)</i>
Fri, Sept 15.....	<i>Middle School Dance (6-8 p.m.)</i>
Fri, Sept 15.....	<i>High School Dance (8:30-10:30 p.m.)</i>
Sun, Sept 17.....	<i>Cross Country Running Team Bottle Drive (offsite)</i>

### **Spread the Word About Our Middle School Open House!**

BART will sponsor two enrollment open houses for families of middle school students on Friday, September 15. BART will provide families with children in middle school grades 6 through 8 a 90-minute introduction to BART and its successful approach to engaging, innovative education. After a tour of the school’s state-of-the-art educational facility, the visiting middle school children will be able to sample classes in science, music, mathematics, or even the art of papermaking.

“Visiting classes exposes prospective students to the engaging learning environment for which we are known,” states Jay White, BART’s Executive Director. “We enrich their visits by having them shadow a current BART student through those classes. The prospective students see not only what our academic program is like, they also get a real feeling for our BART community.”

BART enrolls students on a space-available basis in grades 6 through 10. Limited space for immediate enrollment is currently available in grade 6. Those interested in participating may register by contacting Enrollment Counselor Monique Nottke by phone at [413-743-7311](tel:413-743-7311) (ext. 732) or by email at [monique.nottke@bartcharter.org](mailto:monique.nottke@bartcharter.org).

## Events

- **Picture Day.** Book that haircut, because Picture Day will be next week on Wednesday, September 6. Students may bring a different shirt to wear for their picture but are still required to come to school in uniform. Parents or guardians available to help for some or all of the photography sessions scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. can [sign-up here](#).
- **Back to School Dance.** The BART *Lady Wolves* soccer team will be hosting a Pro-Sports theme dance on Friday, September 15. The middle school dance (for grades 6-8) will be from 6 to 8 p.m., the high school dance (grades 9 through 12) from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale during lunches for \$5 the week of the dance and also for \$6 at the door. Wear your favorite sports team outfit. There will be awards for best themed outfit as well as games, pizza, and music requests.

## Get Involved

- **Board of Trustees Meeting on Wednesday, September 6.** BART families are invited to sit in and observe some of the behind-the-scenes work that shapes our school and keeps it running.
- **Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting (SEPAC).** Open to all BART parents and guardians, the first SEPAC meeting of the year will be held at the school from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 7. Megan Cooper, Transition to Adulthood Counselor at [AdLib](#) in Pittsfield, will be this month's guest speaker. Transition to Adulthood (TAP) is a new program designed to assist students' transition into the "real world," such as a transition from high school to college, to work, and/or to living independently within the community. All students who have an IEP or 504 Plan are eligible for this program. Even if you have a middle school student, it is not too early to think about this issue, especially if there are disabilities to consider.
- **BART Athletic Booster Club to Hold First 2017-18 Meeting on Thursday, September 14, at 5:30 p.m.** The Athletic Booster Club is a group of parents with children on any BART sports team. The club will discuss possible fundraisers with a fall sports team's coach that requests help. The club welcomes parents with ideas, motivation, and time to help.
- **CFAC to Hold First 2017-18 Meeting on Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m.** The Community Family and Advisory Council ([CFAC](#)) is a group of energized and creative-thinking parents who plan upcoming special events and programs at BART, similar to PTG/PTA/PTO at other schools. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Parents and guardians who attend will receive a "jeans pass" for their child(ren).
- **Thank You!** The BART *Lady Wolves* soccer team would like to thank everyone who supported last week's car wash and bake sale fundraiser. The team raised over \$400!

## General Information

- **2017-18 Bus Routes.** The morning arrival times of our [bus routes](#) have recently been revised by our bus drivers. Families should no longer refer to the hardcopies that we included in August's back-to-school mailing. For the rest of the school year, families should refer to the routes included in the *Quicklinks* boxes on the [For Parents](#) and [For Students](#) pages of our website.
- **Morning Drop Off.** Students who are driven by a parent/guardian to school are to be dropped off in front of the building. Only buses are permitted to drive around the back of the building during pick-up and drop-off times. **Parents choosing to park and wait offsite for a child may not use the post office parking lot for this purpose.** The post office has a high amount of traffic during the day and needs to be clear at all times for its patrons and delivery drivers.
- **Back-to-School Forms Needed.** At the beginning of August, a back-to-school mailing including various forms for families to complete and return was mailed to your home. If you have not done so already, please complete these necessary forms and send them in with your child as soon as possible. Contact [Ms. Nottke](#) at 743-7311 (ext. 732) if additional copies are needed.

## Homework Help

- **After-School Homework Help Starts on Tuesday, September 5.** BART's After-School Homework Help will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40 to 4:40 p.m. starting on Tuesday, September 5. The most up-to-date versions of the [After School Bus Routes](#) are posted in the *Quicklinks* box on both the [For Students](#) page and the [For Parents](#) page of the school's [website](#)

## Fundraising

- **CFAC Dinner and a Movie Card Fundraiser.** Last week, homeroom teachers distributed to your children seller information for the current CFAC fundraiser. For only \$20, buyers will receive a card with a personal membership number for registering online ([www.thedinnerandmoviecard.com](http://www.thedinnerandmoviecard.com)) in order to access hundreds of discounts on everything from groceries to camping supplies. The *Dinner and a Movie Card* can be used anywhere from Massachusetts to California by just typing in a zip code. The Regal Cinema, Applebee's, Zucchini's, Mario's, Gala Steakhouse & Bistro, McDonalds, and many Lee Outlet Shops are only a small subset of businesses that offer savings. Let's work together to make this fundraiser a HUGE success.
- **Sunday, September 17: Bottle Drive!** The *BART Wolf Pack* cross country running team will be holding a can and bottle drive at the Adams Redemption Center ([56 Commercial Street](#)) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, September 17. The boys and girls 2017 cross country teams are looking for any and all beneficial donations. If you cannot make it to the Adams Redemption Center during the above times, please contact Coach Benn Griffin to arrange for a pick-up (local only) on September 17, or to find out how to drop off donations the day before the drive. Coach Griffin can be reached by email ([benn.griffin@bartcharter.org](mailto:benn.griffin@bartcharter.org)) or by phone/text at [\(518\) 435-5590](tel:5184355590). Thank you for your support!

**HOME CROSS COUNTRY MEET**  
**Wednesday, September 13**

The *BART Wolf Pack* will be hosting the [RVAL](#) opening season meet for the boys and girls cross country running teams on Wednesday, September 13. The meet will be at the Greylock Glen (Gould Road, Adams). Coach Griffin is looking for parents who could help make this a great opening to this year's season:

1. Volunteers are needed to help as course marshals to direct runners. If you are available from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, please email Coach Griffin ([benn.griffin@bartcharter.org](mailto:benn.griffin@bartcharter.org)) or text/call [\(518\) 435-5590](tel:5184355590). The course is [found on Gould Road](#) (Adams, MA) approximately 2 minutes from BART. Races start at 3:00 and 3:30 p.m., starting and ending at the gazebo at the Greylock Glen.
2. Food donations are needed for the roughly 150 expected runners. Possible items include bananas, granola bars, chips, pretzels, and oranges. Donations can be dropped off on Monday, September 11, or Tuesday, September 12, at the school's Front Desk. Items should be labeled "*For XC Meet.*" If attending the meet, please [email](#) Coach Griffin to arrange a drop-off time on the day of the meet.