



BART

a college prep charter school



Dates to Remember...

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 Next Week's 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. Our Open House will include a tour of the school's state-of-the-art educational facility, and visiting middle school children will be able to sample classes in music/drama, visual art, or S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics). These prospective students will not only see what our academic program is like, they will 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.

Events

- **Family Night at BART.** *Family Night* is a great opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about plans for the 2017-18 school year. *Family Night* will be Tuesday, September 12, from 6-7:30 p.m. After a brief opening statement by Principal April West, families will visit classrooms to meet teachers. Families of senior students are invited to a *College Application Information Session* to be held during the first 30 minutes of *Family Night*. This will be followed by optional one-on-one "mini-conferences" to discuss the slate of colleges to which seniors are planning to apply.
- **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. Families who would like to donate items to be sold at the refreshment table or to help chaperone can sign-up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44abac2ba4fe3-back>
- **Picture Re-take Day.** Students who missed having their picture taken on Wednesday, September 6, can expect to have their picture taken on Monday, October 2.

Get Involved

- **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 the fall sports teams' coaches who have requested 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).

Dress Code

- **BART Uniform.** By now all newly enrolled students in grades 6 through 8 should have their required BART tee-shirts. A copy of the school's dress code was enclosed in the

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) 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 noon 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) or by phone/text at (518) 435-5590. 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) or text/call (518) 435-5590. The course is [found on Gould Road](#) (Adams, MA) approximately 2 minutes from BART. Races start at 3 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

back-to-school mailing. Families can refer to this when there are any questions about what students are allowed to wear.

to arrange a drop-off time on the day of the meet.

Policy Changes for School Access and Student Pick-Up

In a continuing effort to improve our school's safety practices, we advise families and students of the following policy changes:

- All visitors arriving to pick up a student for an early release will be asked to show a picture ID.
- If a student needs to be released early from school but the family needs someone other than a guardian to pick up the student, one of the following is required:
 - the guardian has sent in a note stating who will be coming to get the student and at what time
 - the guardian called the school's Front Desk (ext. 700) in order to give permission to release the student to someone other than the guardian.