



BART

a college prep charter school



Dates to Remember...

Sat, Aug 26.....	<i>Booster Club Car Wash/Bake Sale (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)</i>
Wed, Aug 23.....	<i>Field Trip: Berkshire Community College (grade 12)</i>
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>
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, Set 15.....	<i>Middle School Dance (6-8 p.m.)</i>
Fri, Set 15.....	<i>High School Dance (8:30-10:30 p.m.)</i>

Events

Picture Day. Book that haircut because Picture Day will be Wednesday, September 6. Students may bring a different shirt to wear for their picture but are still required to come to school in uniform.

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 6-8 p.m., the high school dance (grades 9-12) from 8:30-10:30 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.

General Information

Food! Glorious Food! *Bounti-Fare Catering* is returning this year to provide meals that are both healthy and tasty. Menus will be posted throughout the year on the school's website in the *Quicklinks* box on the For Students page. They will also be posted at iBerkshires.com and announced on WNAW (1230 AM) every morning.

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.

Reminder for Grade 6 Parents. If you have not yet returned the *Internet Permission Form* that was included in the August back-to-school mailing, BART cannot provide your child with access to the network they will need for classes this term. Please contact Ms. Nottke at 743- 7311 (ext. 732) for an additional copy.

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 on 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 any fundraisers with which a fall sports team's coach has 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). was included in the August back-to-school mailing, BART cannot provide your child with access to the network they will need for classes this term. Please contact Ms. Nottke at 743- 7311 (ext. 732) for an additional copy.

BART Annual Report is Available for Viewing. We have posted our *2016-2017 Annual Report* on the *Who We Are* page of our website. Feel free to contact Dr. White at 743-7311 (ext. 705) if you have any questions about what is contained in the report. Thank you to all of the parents who provided their feedback to the school through the 2016 End-of-Year Parent Survey! Your feedback is included in the report (and has been used to guide some of our improvement planning over the summer!)

The BART Asbestos Plan is Available for Viewing. Fortunately, we know there is no asbestos at BART. However, we are required by law to maintain an Asbestos Management Plan on file that is available to parents and employees for their review. If you would like to see our plan, please stop by the Main Office and ask Ms. Nottke for the school's copy. If after reading it you have questions, Dr. White is available to discuss it and can be reached at 743- 7311 (ext.120).

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 will soon be posted in the *Quicklinks* box on both the For Students page and the For Parents page of the school's website.

Fundraising

CFAC Fall Fundraiser. For only \$20 the *Dinner and a Movie Card* will gain you access to hundreds of discounts on dining, shopping, movies and so much more. The students need your support in making our fall fundraiser a huge success. Seller information has been distributed to the students so check those backpacks. Everyone's help is needed.

Car Wash and Bake Sale Fundraiser. There will be car wash & bake sale to benefit the *Lady Wolves* soccer team this weekend, Saturday, August 26, at the Stop & Shop located at 876 State Road in North Adams from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$5

Policy Reminders

Texting or phoning during the school day. BART's policy is for student safety and applies to middle school and high school students. Students may not use cell phones or similar devices enabled to call or send text messages during the school day, even to communicate with a parent. If parents need to contact students during the school day, they should either call the front desk (ext. 700) or the student office (ext. 710). We will be happy to help convey any messages and/or put you in direct communication with your student. If your student texts or calls you from their cell phone during school hours, please call them back at the extensions above and instruct them to use the school phones as permitted.

Fragrances not allowed. Perfume, cologne, strong-smelling body sprays and lotions are common irritants/chemicals that can adversely affect the health of certain individuals. Exposure to fragrances can trigger asthma, allergic reactions, migraine headaches, and other severe health ailments in people who are sensitive to these irritants/chemicals. BART is committed to the health and safety of all students and employees. Minimizing the use of fragrances at school is a key step in creating a healthy environment for all. Please help your child be aware of the health needs of others and refrain from wearing, using or spraying strong-smelling fragrances while at school.

All planned and unplanned absences require a note. On the morning of an unplanned absence, a parent or guardian must call Ms. Daniels (743-7311, ext. 700) at the school so she can record the absence correctly. A note is required for a planned absence or as a follow-up to an unplanned absence. Notes must come from either a parent, a guardian or a doctor and explain why the student should be excused. Phone calls do not excuse a student from being absent. Only certain documented absences may be marked as excused; families should refer to the *2017-18 Student Handbook* found on the For Students page of our website for more details.