



BART

a college prep charter school

Boy, that first week
went by fast!



- **Dates to remember:**

- * Monday, August 29 - After- School Programs start
 - * Thursday, September 1 - Picture Day
 - * Friday, September 2 - Half Day (students dismissed at 12PM)
 - * Friday, September 2 - College Colors Day
 - * Monday, September 5 - No School (Labor day)
 - * Wednesday, September 7 - Cross Country Running meet @ 4:30PM
 - * Wednesday, September 7 - Board of Trustees meeting @ 6PM
 - * Friday, September 23 - Half Day(students dismissed at 12PM)
- **Picture Day is Thursday, September 1.** Better book that haircut now because Picture Day will be Thursday, September 1. Even though students may bring a different shirt to wear for their picture, they still need to come to school in their uniform.
 - **What is *College Colors Day*?** On Friday, September 2, students who wear a college shirt or sweatshirt to school will be allowed to wear jeans. Of course, anyone who wears a college shirt does not have to. Jeans must be free of rips and tears.
 - **Students are expected to have their uniform shirts by next week.** Links to the uniform vendor's [website](#) can be found in the Quicklinks box on both the [For Students](#) page and the [For Parents](#) page of the school's website.
 - **After-school programing starts on Monday, August 29.** BART's After School Program starts next week & will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:35 to 4:40PM. Free snacks will be provided for students who participate and a copy of both the [After School Program](#) and the [After School Bus Routes](#) can be found in the Quicklinks box on both the [For Students](#) page & the [For Parents](#) page of the school's [website](#).
 - **BART's Cross Country Running Team starts second season!** The first meet of the school's second competitive season will be against Pittsfield HS (location Reid Middle School). Students who want more information about the team should speak to Ms. Choquette or Coach

Griffin. Information can be found on the cross country team [wiki](#), as well.

- **Internet permission forms needed.** The [Internet Permission Form](#) mailed home to families at the beginning of August must be completed & returned to the school as soon as possible. If you have not done so already, please fill it in & send it in with your child on Monday.
- **All planned & unplanned absences require a note.** When a student will be or has been absent from school, she is required to bring in a note from either a parent, guardian or doctor explaining why she should be excused from school that day. Phone calls do not excuse a student from being absent. Only certain documented absences may be marked as excused; families should refer to the [BART Student Handbook](#) for more details.
- **Food! Glorious food!** *Bounti-Fare Catering* is returning this year to provide both hot and cold meals that are both healthy *and* tasty. [Menus](#) are posted on the school's [website](#) in the Quicklinks box on both the [For Students](#) page & the [For Parents](#) page. They are also posted at [iBerkshires.com](#), on local cable stations, and announced on WNAW every morning.
- **BART families are always welcome at the monthly Board of Trustees meetings.** The next meeting of the BART Board of Trustees is Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00PM at the school. BART parents are always invited to sit in and observe some of the behind-the-scenes work that shapes our school and keeps it running.
- **Please help us enforce the school's rules around texting or phoning during the school day.** Simply put: there is *NO* texting permitted during the school day, even between a parent & child. If parents need to contact students during the school day, they should call the school & we will be happy to help convey your message. If your child texts or calls you from their cell phone during school hours, please let us know so we can help ensure that the proper channels for communication are followed.
- **Parking lot safety rules must be followed.** When in the school's parking lot, please follow the painted arrows specifying the direction of traffic & do not drive past a bus when it is either loading or unloading students. Driving past a loading bus is not only unsafe for our students but also illegal. If you know you will need to leave before our buses depart, please make arrangements with your child where to meet outside of the school's parking lot.
- **Where are students who drive allowed to park?** If a BART student drives himself to school, he is required to park behind the school in the back corner furthest away from the building. This will help ensure that we always have spaces available near the front door for school visitors.
- **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 Mrs. Dunn for the school's copy. If after reading it you have questions, [Ms. Bowen](#) is available to discuss it and can be reached at 743-7411, x120.
- **Make BART's For Parents page your home page.** Many important documents & links can be found in the Quicklinks box on the [For Parents](#) page of our [website](#). Families can always look to the [website](#) for much of the information they will need throughout the school year.

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