



# BART

a college prep charter school

## College Financial Aid Night

7 p.m.  
Tues, Nov 29.



### ***Dates to remember:***

- \* *Friday, November 18* - Dinner & a movie @ BART (6 p.m.)
- \* *Wednesday, November 23* - Student Talent Show (10-11 a.m.)
- \* *Wednesday, November 23* - Early Dismissal (12 p.m.)
- \* *Wednesday, November 23* - Report cards to be mailed home
- \* *Thursday, November 24* - No school (Thanksgiving)
- \* *Friday, November 25* - No school
- \* *Tuesday, November 29* - College Financial Aid Night (7 to 8:30 p.m.)
- \* *Wednesday, November 30* - Student-led conferences (3:30 to 7 p.m.)
- \* *Thursday, December 1* - Student-led conferences (3:30 to 7 p.m.)

### ***BART has seats available in grades 7, 8 & 9.***

If you know a family interested in enrolling at at BART or perhaps someone who would like to learn more about why we are the only school district in all of Berkshire County to be "high growth" in both ELA and math for the *third year in a row*, please suggest they call or email BART's Enrollment Counselor [Monique Nottke](mailto:Monique.Nottke@bart.org) (743-7311, ext 132).

- **BART's annual notecard sale is underway!** This is the school's most popular annual fundraiser! Student artwork has been professionally printed onto high-quality notecards and is currently being sold in 8-packs for \$10. Money raised from the card sales will be used towards the production costs of the annual student-designed yearbook; any student who sells 3 packages of cards will receive a FREE yearbook at the end of the school year! There are also prizes for the top sellers: an iPod shuffle or a \$50 iTunes gift card. The only catch: all orders must be turned back in to advisors by Friday, November 18. All orders of BART CARDS will be available for distribution on December 8 - in time to give as holiday gifts to family & friends!
- **Seniors to hold fundraiser for the school.** On Friday, November 18, BART's senior class will be hosting a special event at the school to raise money towards the purchase of some new young adult novels for BART's library. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. For the cost of \$3 per ticket families can enjoy a movie and get 2 slices of pizza & a drink for dinner! Check out the "[Events](#)" tab of the school's [Facebook page](#) for movie choices and more!
- **Move it! Move it!** There is a new dance class at BART with Marit Wilson. On Tuesdays and Thursdays after-school students can come to the room named for the great modern dancer, [Martha Graham](#), and explore the artform Ms. Graham helped create. We will move fast, slow, simple, big and small. We will use traditional movement techniques like modern, ballet, and yoga to speak with our bodies and tell our stories. It doesn't matter if you aren't flexible or you haven't danced before. We will work hard, sweat, and then rest. Come on and move it!
- **Come see the Student Talent Show.** Students will be sharing their talents in dancing, singing, poetry recitation & more at the annual fall trimester talent show at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23. This event is open to family & friends, so we hope you can join us in the atrium for a little music and more. Bravo, everyone!
- **College Financial Aid Night will be on Tuesday, November 29 (7-8:30 p.m.).** BART will be hosting College Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, November 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (Snow date: December 8) This informative evening is designed to help families of college-bound high school seniors learn everything they need to know about financial aid and paying for college. Carrie Dempsey, from [MCLA's](#) Financial Aid department, will present. The focus will be on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) and the [PROFILE](#) forms, and everything a family needs to do to make college affordable. Now is the time to get this crucial information; all families of seniors are urged to attend. Please email [Barbara Robertson](#) or call her at the school at 743-7311, x127 for more information.
- **Please call when you child will be absent.** Did you know that the school needs to confirm *every* absence of *every* student *every* day? That can be a lot of calls home for Ms. Dunn at the front desk. To make things more manageable for the school, please remember to call in whenever you are keeping your child home due to an illness, appointment, etc. This would really be appreciated. Thank you.
- **Student Led Conferences coming up.** The student led conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 30, and Thursday, December 1, between 3:35 and 7 p.m. The purpose of BART's student led conferences is to give all students an opportunity to share their work from the fall trimester with both their family and advisor. Parents should expect a phone call this coming week from advisors to schedule a time for their student's conference. We look forward to hearing the students share their successes!
- **Check your mail.** Report cards will be mailed home on the last day of the fall trimester, Wednesday, November 23. After parents and guardians review the report card with their child(ren), it should be signed and returned to the school on Monday, November 28. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please call or [email](#) your child's teachers at the school. They would be more than happy to discuss your concerns.
- **How to stay informed about statewide charter school issues.** The school will be providing parent directory information to the [Massachusetts Charter Public School Association](#) so they can keep parents up to date about state issues that could impact charter schools and, importantly, our funding. If you wish to OPT OUT and the school NOT share your directory information with the MCPSCA, please put your request in writing or complete [this form](#) and drop it off in the main office or send an e-mail to [Julia Bowen](#). Thank you!
- **BART fleeces on sale!** Just in time for the cold weather, BART fleeces are now being sold on the school's [uniform website](#). Right now, fleeces are only available in black & come in varying styles. These are considered uniform items, so students will be allowed to wear them in the building during the school day.
- **Shop with BART in mind.** The *Tools for Schools* shopping program at our area's Price Choppers has helped BART families earn points that can be used to purchase much needed equipment for our school. If you have not registered your *AdvantEdge* card already, please [register to support BART](#). Our school's code is 27845. Note: If you have enrolled in this program in the past, please know that you will need to re-register your card.