



# BART

a college prep charter school

## Arts & Technology Showcase

6 p.m.  
Thurs, Nov 17.



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

- \* *Friday, November 4* - Early dismissal (12 p.m.)
- \* *Monday, November 7* - Speaker Series (in grade 7)
- \* *Tuesday, November 8* - Speaker Series (in grade 6)
- \* *Tuesday, November 8* - Fundraiser distribution (3-5 p.m.)
- \* *Tuesday, November 8* - BART CARD fundraiser begins
- \* *Wednesday, November 9* - Speaker Series (in grade 8)
- \* *Wednesday, November 9* - Guests from Montserrat College of Art
- \* *Thursday, November 10* - Science Fair (grade 7)
- \* *Friday, November 11* - No school (Veteran's Day)
- \* *Thursday, November 17* - Arts & Technology Showcase (6 p.m.)
- \* *Friday, November 18* - Diversity Day (Spotlight on France)
- \* *Friday, November 18* - Senior organized school fundraiser (6 p.m.)

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

If you know a family interested in enrolling 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 (743-7311, ext 132).

- **Time to pick up your fundraising goodies!** The fundraiser items students sold earlier this month will be in & sent home with students on Tuesday, November 8. They will be available for pick up in the atrium between the hours of 3:30 & 5:30 p.m. If orders are small enough, students will bring them home on the bus. If a student cannot carry their items home, parents should contact [Ms. Nottke](#) (x132) to make other arrangements. **IMPORTANT: SOME ORDERS HAVE PERISHABLE ITEMS AND MUST BE PICKED UP ON NOVEMBER 8.** There is NO space to store refrigerated items at the school.
- **Parent perspective needed.** On Tuesday, November 8, the Charter School Office from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will conduct a site visit at BART. The site visit is one component in the on-going review process of all charter schools in Massachusetts. During their visit, they would like to meet with 6-10 parents to hear their perspective on the school. If you are interested in participating in a parent focus group at 9 a.m., please contact [Julia Bowen](#) at 743-7311, x120. Thank you!
- **BART's annual notecard sale to begin on Tuesday, November 8.** Probably the school's most popular annual fundraiser, the *BART CARDS* sale will begin next week. Student artwork has been chosen and the top 8 submissions will be professionally printed onto high-quality notecards to be 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 and 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!
- **BART Speaker Series continues.** The next wave of speakers will be visiting BART on Monday, November 7 through Wednesday, November 9, from 3 - 3:30 p.m. The aim of this series is to have local professionals talk with BART students about their careers and how their education helped create opportunity and success for them along the way. Next week's speakers include:
 

*Jay Anderson* - President and CEO of [The Pittsfield Cooperative Bank](#). Mr. Anderson is a long time banking professional from Pittsfield who recently took over this community-oriented bank. As one of Pittsfield's up and coming young businessmen, Mr. Anderson will talk to the grade 7 students about his experiences and the steps he took from a successful college career to directing a multi-million dollar bank.

*Patrick Hanavan* - A wily marketing executive, Mr. Hanavan works for [Extreme Reach](#), a marketing firm that utilizes the latest video and HD technology helping companies throughout the country get their message to customers. He's worked in video and television mediums throughout his career and has mastered many layers of technology and changing audiences. He will talk with our grade 6 students about constantly learning and mastering new technology and how his education has continued to present opportunities.

*David Allen* - Adams resident David Allen holds several college degrees including a PhD in Psychoacoustics. (What that is, we're not sure.) Mr. Allen spent the bulk of his career serving the Central Intelligence Agency, working on communications in the field throughout the world and in Washington DC. He is credited with creating several communication portals and has worked at the highest level of government. He will talk to our grade 8 students about how his extensive education has helped make his career possible and how he was forced to constantly learn and innovate throughout his career.
- **Montserrat College of Art coming to BART.** On Wednesday, November 9, [Montserrat College of Art](#) will be coming to speak to BART's AP Art Class. Montserrat is a small, dynamic, and exciting art school, located in Beverly, MA. Wednesday's session will focus on "*Building the Art Portfolio*" and "*Why Go to Art School?*"
- **Grade 11 Environmental Studies students to continue a year-long field project of the Hoosic River.** Students in Ms. Herliczek's science class will continue carrying out various water quality assessments of the Hoosic River and its tributaries on November 9, including macroinvertebrate monitoring and general water quality monitoring with sensing probeware. The students will be presenting their data and research findings to the BART community and the local community in the spring. Students should bring a change of clothes (including socks), raincoat, water & a light snack. They should also wear sturdy shoes for hiking, layered clothing for cool weather conditions and will be allowed to wear jeans. [Permission slips](#) need to be signed & returned to the school no later than Tuesday, November 8.
- **Middle School Science Fair to be held on Thursday, November 10.** Grade 7 will be presenting their projects at the first science fair of the school year. Families and friends of these budding scientists are invited to view the projects between 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. We hope you can attend and see their hard work.
- **Seniors to hold fundraiser for the school.** On Friday, November 18, BART's senior class will be hosting a special event at BART to raise money towards the purchase of some new young adult novels for the school's library. The evening will be begin at 6 p.m. and for the cost of a \$3 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!
- **Arts & Technology Showcase on Thursday, November 17.** As the first trimester comes to its end, BART presents the artistic feats of the students at our fall trimester Arts & Technology Showcase. The showcase will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, and is open to the public. This year, high school arts electives students will perform a variety of dramatic and musical acts in the BART atrium while a wide array of student watercolors, still-life drawings, digital photos, musical compositions, and animations are displayed throughout the building. The BART Chorus will also make their school-year debut! Gallery opens at 6 p.m. with performances beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, to celebrate the talents and hard work of our students.
- **Note from the Nurse's Office:** Hearing and Vision Testing for grade 6 and 9 students will be occurring during the month of November. If any concerns come to light as a result of a student's testing, information will be sent home on how to follow-up with further testing.
- **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.

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