



BART

a college prep charter school

**Taylor Mali
to perform for
FREE @ BART**

**7 p.m.
Wed, Dec 7.**



Dates to remember:

- * *Wednesday, November 23* - Student Talent Show (11-12 p.m.)
- * *Wednesday, November 23* - Early Dismissal (12 p.m.)
- * *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.)
- * *Monday, December 5* - Washington, D.C. trip Info Session (6 p.m.)
- * *Tuesday, December 6* - Monthly SEPAC meeting (6 p.m.)
- * *Tuesday, December 6* - Monthly CFAC meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- * *Wednesday, December 7* - Taylor Mali performance (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 (743-7311, ext 132).

- **Taylor Mali to perform FREE community performance at BART on Wednesday, December 7 @ 7 p.m.** Renowned slam poet and educator advocate [Taylor Mali](#) will be coming to BART to teach in our classrooms and to host a free community performance in the BART atrium. A former teacher and one of the most well known poets to emerge from the poetry slam movement, Mali has used his voice to [advocate on behalf of teachers](#) around the world. With too many accolades to list here, Mr. Mali has appeared several times on the "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry" program and has been a member of seven national slam poetry teams, four of which went on to win their respective titles. BART is unbelievably proud to be hosting Mr. Mali for his sure-to-be-inspiring and entertaining performance.
- **Correction: Student Talent Show at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23.** Students will be sharing their talents in dancing, singing, poetry recitation & more at the annual fall trimester talent show at 11 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 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.
- **BART high school students are invited to Washington, D.C.** Many Americans find themselves moved and changed by their first visit to our nation's capitol. That's why we are so excited to provide our high school students with their own experience of Washington, D.C. We are planning a four-day trip over spring break. Mr. Bridges (the trip's advisor & head chaperone) & the group will be leaving early on Monday, April 16, and returning in the evening on Thursday, April 19. The itinerary will be *packed* with informative & inspirational stops including the Smithsonian Museums, the National Archives, Ford's Theatre, the White House, and more! An information session that will include announcing the trip's itinerary, fund raising ideas, and information about travel expenses and scholarship opportunities to help defer those costs will be held on Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m. at the school. Parents of high school students are also invited to come with and help chaperone. This is a great opportunity - and the more people who sign-up will help bring the costs down! We hope you can join us.
- **Please call when your child is 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 next week.** 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!
- **Thank you to the students of the Class of 2012.** On Friday, November 18, members of BART's senior class held a pizza dinner & movie night at the school with the goal of raising money for the school's library. Their teamwork in planning and running the evening's event was inspiring and raised over \$175 to be used towards the purchase of new young adult titles for all of BART's students to enjoy. Thank you, seniors. Everyone will appreciate your efforts long after you graduate.
- **Next CFAC meeting will be December 6.** The Community and Family Advisory Council ([CFAC](#)) is a group of energized & creative-thinking parents who plan upcoming special events and programs at BART. Meetings are held monthly at the school and new members are always welcome. Parents who attend will receive a "jean's pass" for their child(ren).
- **Happy Thanksgiving.** BART is thankful for the hard work of its students and the unwavering support of their parents & guardians. Have a happy holiday, everyone.