



BART

a college prep charter school

**Deadline to
register for
the DC trip
has been
extended!**



Dates to remember:

- * *Wednesday, January 25* - "No Name-calling Day" @ BART
- * *Thursday, January 26* - Spanish dinner outing (5:30-6:45 p.m.)
- * *Friday, January 27* - Early dismissal (12 p.m.)
- * *Wednesday, February 1* - Deadline for DC Trip
- * *Wednesday, February 1* - Monthly Board of Trustees meeting (6-8 p.m.)
- * *Thursday, February 2* - Monthly CFAC meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- * *Thursday, February 2* - Monthly SEFAC (6 p.m.)

**Stay informed
about snow days**

BART will make every effort to make decisions regarding snow delays and cancellations by 6:30 a.m. Announcements will be posted on the [BART Facebook page](#), broadcast on TV stations WNYT (Albany channel 13) and WTEN (Albany channel 10), as well as on radio stations WBRK, WUPE, and WBTN.

Washington DC Trip Updates:

- **Deadline for BART's trip to Washington, DC has been extended to February 1.** Students are meeting during the school day to plan fundraisers to help them travel to DC this April. The students' trip is being planned by [Smithsonian Student Travel](#) and the [itinerary](#) is packed with lots of great stops. To help with planning, here is some important [information](#) and additional things parents should know:

- *BART's Tour ID #: 1187074*
- *Cost: \$775 for students (if more than 25 people sign-up the price goes down!)*
- *Dates: Monday – Thursday, April 16-19 (spring break)*
- *Payment Plans: The enrollment deadline is today (Jan 20) & families need to contact the [Smithsonian's customer service department](#) (1.888.333.9756) to set up their own personalized payment plan*
- *Information: Tour packets are available in the student office*
- *Revised Deadline: February 1!*

To stay informed about the many helpful fundraisers and upcoming organizational meetings being planned, we advise joining the trip's [Facebook group](#). Interested families who would like more information can either speak with a [customer service representative at Smithsonian](#) (have the trip's ID number handy!) or call or email [Ms. Nottke](#) (x132), the trip's coordinator, or [Mr. Bridges](#) (x174), the trip's advisor.

Upcoming Events & Field Trips:

- **BART is clearing out the coatrooms.** Before leaving for the winter break, students were instructed to take home any & all clothing items from BART's coatrooms. The next step of the school's purging of unwanted clothing was on Friday, January 13, when students reviewed the still unclaimed items one last time and parents were invited to the school to do the same. Now that everybody has had an opportunity to look for any lost items, all of the remaining unclaimed clothing will be packed-up and donated to Goodwill at the end of today, Friday, January 20.
- **BART students to "black out" bullying.** [Governor Patrick has declared January 25, 2012 is "No Name-calling Day"](#) in MA and is encouraging students across the state to wear black to show their commitment to "Black Out Bullying". BART's student-led Civil Rights Committee will be sponsoring "Black Out Bullying" day on January 25 by providing any student who wants one with a black ribbon to show their commitment to end bullying. (School dress code policies still apply on this day.)
- **Spanish student meet-up at Coyote Flaco.** On Thursday, January 26, all high school students are invited to join Ms. Weiskotten and Mrs. Dostal at Coyote Flaco in Williamstown for a Latin Dinner. The first, second, and third place winners of this year's *Latin Dance Competition* will eat for free! Others should expect to spend between \$15 and \$20 for dinner/drink and tip. Students must arrange their own rides to the restaurant at 5:30 p.m. and home at 6:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact [Mrs. Dostal](#).
- **BART ART to be displayed at Norman Rockwell Museum.** BART students have had work selected for exhibition in the [26th Annual Berkshire County High School Art Show](#) at the [Norman Rockwell Museum](#) in Stockbridge. The exhibit will include paintings (watercolor and acrylic), digital images, drawings, and photographs; all art will be on display February 4 through March 6, 2012. We are very proud of this accomplishment & hope everyone can make it to the museum.
- **BART's next Shadow Day.** Shadow day for students interested in enrolling at BART will be on Tuesday, February 7. Students interested grades 7, 8 & 9 for this school year or the upcoming school year are invited from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Students interested in enrolling in grade 6 for the 2012-2013 school year are invited to visit the school from 12 to 3 p.m. Preregistration is required and can be completed by calling Monique Nottke at 413-743-7311, x132. The deadline to transfer mid-year or apply for the 2012-2013 school year is February 15.

Area Programs

- **Free fun at MASS MoCA.** [MASS MoCA's Annual FREE Day](#) will be on Saturday, February 11, & include art-making, tours of the galleries and free gallery performances - and a Mermaid Parade in the morning! It is going to be a great day of family activities that will be free from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

New @ BART

- **Middle school government election results are in!** In a short, but clean, election cycle, BART middle school students elected thirteen of their peers to represent them in the first middle school student government in school history last week. Seventh grade mathematics teacher Ms. Moore was elected as the faculty middle school representative. The group will convene once a week during the school day, and once a month after school along with the high school government to take on school-wide issues. Please congratulate them and let them know we will now be holding them to a very high standard as representatives of their middle school.

Your opinion counts!

How to vote for *MA Teacher of the Year*.

The Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking nominations for the 51st annual [Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program](#). The Teacher of the Year should be an exemplary educator who demonstrates professionalism, leadership, excellent communication skills, and an outstanding and measurable commitment to student achievement and to the teaching profession. Anyone (students, parents, colleague, etc.) may submit a nomination. To do so, send a letter or email to [Deborah J. Walker of DESE](#), by Friday, February 3, explaining why you feel the teacher deserves to be considered.

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