



BART

a college prep charter school

**Deadline to
transfer into BART
for this school year
is Feb 15!**



Dates to remember:

- * *Wednesday, February 8* - Quiz team meet at PHS
- * *Friday, February 10* - Early dismissal (12 p.m.)
- * *Friday, February 10* - Blood Drive (Organized by the Class of 2012) (1-6 p.m.)
- * *Wednesday, February 15* - Deadline to enroll at BART for 2012-13 (12 p.m.)
- * *Wednesday, February 15* - Deadline to enroll at BART for 2011-12 (12 p.m.)
- * *Friday, February 17* - Activity Night (Organized by the Student Govt) (6-8 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](#), included in the "crawl" along the bottom of many area TV stations, and also on local radio stations WNAW (1230 AM) & WUPE (100.1 FM).

Washington DC Trip Updates:

- **DC in 2013.** Unfortunately the spring break trip to Washington DC does not have enough student interest to happen this April and has regrettably been cancelled! However, we have our sights set on spring break of the 2012-2013 school year! Now students have a head start on fundraising thanks to those students and parents who generously donated their time at the Barnes & Noble book fair to raise over \$800 towards the trip! If you think your child would like to go to Washington DC in 2013, please contact Ms. Nottke (x132).

Upcoming Events & Field Trips:

- **BART ART to be displayed at Norman Rockwell Museum.** Ten BART students 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; the show runs from Saturday, February 4 through Tuesday, March 6, 2012. BART is very proud of our student artists encourages everyone to see the exhibit. Congratulations Casey McKeever, Dyllan McLearn, Dalton Lampro, Anna Berti, Kati Clark, Carlin Sweeney, Caitlin Moriarty, Jamie Kaczowski, Ashley Volf and Maxx Poirot.

- **BART's next Shadow Day on Tuesday, February 7.** Shadow day for students interested in enrolling at BART will be on Tuesday, February 7. Students interested in 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 Wednesday, February 15.
- **Class of 2012 to host blood drive.** On Friday, February 10, the BART Senior Class will be hosting a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross in the school's atrium. Donors will receive a voucher for free tax preparation for the month of March courtesy of [Liberty Taxes, Inc.](#) There are currently open seats for willing donors during the 3-6 p.m. time slot. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration would help us prepare and better serve you during your donation. Registration can be accomplished [online](#) or by phone at 1-800-733-2767. If you would like to know more or have any questions, just ask a BART senior or [Mr. Griffin](#) (743-7311, x150). We hope to see you there!
- **Student Government to host Activity Night @ BART:** On Friday, February 17, from 6-8 p.m. the BART high school student government will host *Activity Night @ BART*, turning classrooms into entertainment-themed rooms featuring an X-Box game room, dance parties, carnival games, volleyball and more. All of the rooms will be planned, staffed and managed by members of the BART Student Government. Guests will be required to purchase tickets to participate in the different games or activities. All money raised will go toward the student government fund which helps pay for dances, student-led activities, and other student-led events throughout the year at BART. Mark your calendars and look for more information as the event draws closer.

Area Programs

- **Free fun at MASS MoCA.** [MASS MoCA](#)'s Annual [FREE Day](#) will be on Saturday, February 11, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., & will 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 [freeday](#) of family activities that will be [free](#).
- **College Financial Aid Seminar at South Adams Savings Bank.** Getting in to college is only part of the challenge. The other part is figuring it out how to pay for it. That is why [South Adams Savings Bank](#) will be hosting a financial aid seminar from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15 at the bank (2 Center St, Adams). The event will be led by [Paul Boyer](#), Director of Financial Aid at Williams College. This event is open to all students and parents who are interested in learning more about how to pay for college. Registration by Monday, February 13, is recommended and can be done by [emailing](#) or calling the bank at 749-1165.

New @ BART

- **Next Quiz Team meet to be held on Wednesday, February 8.** The next meet for the BART Quiz Team will be at Pittsfield High School (300 East Street) on Wednesday, February 8. The team will need to arrive at PHS by 6:30 p.m and the competition begins at 7 p.m. The team's coach, Mr. Keogh, will arrange for carpools so nobody misses for lack of transportation. Some parents have already volunteered to drive but if your child still needs a ride, please feel free to contact Mr. Keogh via [email](#) or by calling him at the school.

Important Information from our Nurse

- Ms. Skidmore (our school's nurse) has found that a number of students are carrying their own medications in their pockets or backpacks throughout the day & would like to remind parents about the school's health policies. Please review BART's medication policies (per the Department of Public Health) and help your child observe them:

1. *The school nurse (RN) is the only person authorized to administer medication in school. Other designated personnel may be authorized to give medication when on a field trip or in a life-threatening situation. Parents may come to school to give medication to their children in the absence of the nurse. A Registered Nurse is present in school every day from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*
2. *All prescription medication(s) given at school, need(s) written authorization from a physician and the parent/guardian.*
3. *All over-the-counter medications need written authorization from the parent/guardian.*
4. *All medication must be brought to school by an adult and must be in its original pharmacy-labeled container. **No baggies or envelopes can be accepted.***
5. *With the exception of asthma inhalers and EpiPens (and those only with signed permission from physician and parent/guardian), **no student may carry medication of any kind** (prescription or over-the-counter, this includes cough drops).*
6. *Medication left behind will be discarded after five school days.*
7. *In the event of a one or two-hour delay, please give morning doses at home before child comes to school, as if there were no delay.*

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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