Dates to Remember:

- Friday, January 17 ------------------ End of Q2
- Friday, January 17 ------------------ Snowball (7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)
- Monday, January 20 ------------------ No School, MLK Day
- Tuesday, January 21 --------------- Start of Q3
- Tuesday, January 21 --------------- BART Basketball Home game (3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, January 22 ----------- BART Basketball Away game at Hartsbrook (4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
- Friday, January 24 ------------------ Half-Day, Professional Development
- Friday, January 24 ------------------ A Midsummer Night’s Dream (6:30 p.m.)

*All dates, events, and details are listed on the Community Calendar on the School’s website.*

Events and General Information:

Q2 Report Cards -- Quarter 2 grades close on Friday, January 17. Report cards will be mailed out the following week.

No School 1/20 -- There is no school on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Q3 Begins 1/21 -- Quarter 3 begins Tuesday, January 21.

Half-Day 1/24 -- There is a half-day on Friday, January 24. It is acceptable for all students to wear jeans if they also wear a college t-shirt.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream 1/24 -- The 8th grade Drama elective class will present William Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* on Friday, January 24, 6:30 p.m. at the School. This event is free and open to the public.

Student Ambassador Book Drive -- The BART Student Ambassadors are running a book drive through the month of January, supporting the on-going effort of populating the BART Library with new books for students to read. Please consider donating a book from the Amazon Wishlist, which was created by the BART student community.

A Note from our School Nurse -- Winter is in full swing here at BART, as are the many different germs that can cause illness for you and your family. Please take a moment to review the guidelines as to when to keep your child home from school. Additionally, please encourage your child to frequently wash hands and to refrain from sharing food/drinks to help minimize exposure to germs. Please reach out to Nurse Foote with any questions or concerns at amy.foote@bartcharter.org or 413.743.7311 ext 728.

A Note from our Director of Technology -- Beginning January 21, every student will be assigned an individual Chromebook. While students will have complete access to their Chromebook throughout the day, they are to be used at school and for school work only. This 1:1 computer program will help reinforce the skills necessary for success in college and beyond. Please discuss with your child the responsibilities and advantages of this program, and review the Contract of Shared Responsibility. If you have any questions, please contact JP Henkel, Director of Technology, at jp.henkel@bartcharter.org.

A Note from our Health and Wellness Coordinator -- Northern Berkshire Community Coalition (nbCC) is hosting an event, "What Do I Say? How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex and Sexuality" on Monday, January 27, 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in North Adams. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required, refreshments are served. Find more information here.
**Lost and Found** -- A reminder that the lost and found lives outside of the Student Office. Students are encouraged to check the lost and found for any items they might be missing. Labeling student’s sweatshirts, lunch boxes, and the like can help eliminate items ending up in the lost and found.

**Enrollment Deadline** -- The next enrollment application deadline for the 2020-2021 school year for grades 6-10 is Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Enrollment policies and procedures are included with the enrollment application, available online. More information on the BART’s enrollment process can be found [here](#). Contact [enrollment@bartcharter.org](mailto:enrollment@bartcharter.org) or 413.743.7311 ext 732 with any questions.

**Policy Reminders:**

**ID Policy** -- When picking up a student from the School, you may be required to show ID at the front desk.

**Bus Routes** -- We are operating at a **NO** bus pass situation for all buses. Additionally, please make sure that your student is standing outside, in a visible place, not in a vehicle, at least 10 minutes before pick-up time.