Dates to Remember:

- Friday, March 15 -------------------------- No School (PD)
- Monday, March 18 ------------------------ 10th/11th Grade Barrington Stage PMP Performance (9:26 a.m. - 10:21 a.m.)
- March 18 - 19 ---------------------------- Ultimate Frisbee Tryouts at BART (3:40 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.) (Grades 8-12)
- Tuesday, March 19 ------------------------ Multicultural Alliance Special Guests (3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 20 ------------------- BART Quiz Team Meet at Monument Mountain (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Friday, March 22 ------------------------ Festival Latino / Festival de Música Latina (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)
- Friday, March 22 ------------------------ St. Patrick’s Day School Dance (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, March 24 ------------------------ Can & Bottle Drive at 56 Commercial St, Adams (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
- Monday, March 25 ----------------------- Interim Assessments #4 (Math/AP)
- Tuesday, March 26 ---------------------- CFAC Meeting at Berkshire Athenaeum in Pittsfield (6:30 p.m.)
- March 26 - 27 ---------------------------- 10th Grade ELA MCAS
- Friday, March 29 ------------------------ End of Q3
- April 3 - 5 ----------------------------- Field Trip to NYC (10th-grade)
- Saturday, April 6 ----------------------- Get BART Smart! (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
- Monday, April 8 ------------------------ Field Trip to NACAC College Fair (11th-grade)
- Tuesday, April 9 ----------------------- “After the College Acceptance” Event at the Williams Inn (7:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, April 11 --------------------- Field Trip to American International College (9th-grade)

* All dates, events, and details are listed on the News & Events Calendar page on the School's website.

Events and General Information:

Ultimate Frisbee Tryouts -- Students in grades 8-12 will be able to try out for Ultimate Frisbee on Monday (3/18) and Tuesday (3/19) after-school at BART from 3:40 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. Before tryouts, all students must (1) complete and turn in the required Athletic Paperwork Forms and (2) have a valid physical on file with the School Nurse. Athletic Paperwork Forms are available in the Student Office. Physcials must be within 13 months of the tryout start date. Please contact Athletic Director Jennifer Choquette (jennifer.choquette@bartcharter.org) with any questions.

Multicultural Alliance: Special Guests John Goodson and Jenn Smith -- Next week, the Multicultural Alliance will have special guests John Goodson and Jenn Smith in attendance on Tuesday (3/19) from 3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. All students are invited to attend. Jenn Smith, a journalist for the Berkshire Eagle, will chat with students about the value of having a Multicultural Alliance at the School. John Goodson, a local rapper, will return to BART to speak with students about his music career and more. For more information, please contact Ms. Barreto (erica.barreto@bartcharter.org).

BART Quiz Team Meet -- On Wednesday (3/20), the BART Quiz Team will meet at Monument Mountain in Great Barrington from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Quiz Team meets take place at different schools across the region and are a fun way for students to challenge themselves with trivia, meet new people, and get out of the house this winter! Quiz Meets are low stakes and always end with pizza. Please contact Ms. Klein (sarah.klein@bartcharter.org) with any questions.

St. Patrick’s Day School Dance -- The BART soccer team is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day dance, open to all grades, next Friday (3/22) from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the School. Tickets can be purchased in advance during lunches for $5 or at the door for $7. All proceeds from this event will go towards new jerseys for the soccer team. Students may bring an outside guest of a similar grade (forms are available in the student office). Please contact Deanna Trumble (deanna.trumble@bartcharter.org) with any questions or if you would like to donate food or drink items for the refreshment table.
Festival Latino / Festival de Música Latina -- On Friday (3/22), BART will celebrate Latin heritage with the 8th Annual Festival de Música Latina! We are excited for Alan Franco, a dance instructor from Berkshire Salsa, to share his passion for Salsa Dance, Bachata, Kizomba, Cha-Cha, and Merengue with the BART community once again. From 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., high school students will participate in a dance contest for the chance to win gift cards and certificates. This event was made possible by BART CFAC, the School’s Community and Family Advisory Council. Please contact Ms. Weiskotten (mayra.weiskotten@bartcharter.org) with any questions.

Can & Bottle Drive -- BART seniors are hosting a can and bottle drive on Sunday (3/24) from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Adams Redemption Center located at 56 Commercial Street, Adams to help fundraise for this year’s senior field trip to Boston. Those interested in donating cans and bottles should contact Thomas Cook (thomasjcook28@gmail.com) to coordinate drop off or pick up on the day of or leading up to the Sunday 3/24.

From Mrs. Bulmer’s English Class: Message for 6th-grade Parents -- Students recently finished reading the epic poem "Beowulf" and have been working on writing a five paragraph essay. The paper is due at the beginning of class next Wednesday, March 20. Please remind your child to put it in their book bag on Tuesday night. Their essay materials are on Mrs. Bulmer’s google classroom website. Ask your child to log in through their account. Additionally, students should be completing book journal number eight on March 28; please ask them how many they have completed!

BART CFAC -- The next CFAC meeting will be held in the Athenaeum Room on the second floor of the Pittsfield Library on Tuesday (3/26) at 6:30 p.m. The room will be open at 6:00 p.m. for those who want to arrive early. For more information about CFAC, join the BART CFAC Facebook group. Contact Erin Hattaway (erin.hattaway@bartcharter.org) with any questions.

Enrollment Deadline -- The next enrollment application deadline for the 2019-20 school year for grades 6-10 is Thursday, April 18, 2019, 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 at www.bartcharter.org/enrollment/process. Contact enrollment@bartcharter.org with any questions.

Get BART Smart! -- BART is holding its annual fundraiser, Get BART Smart, on Saturday, April 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the School. This fundraiser is a trivia night featuring a silent auction and more! Tickets are $70 per person and include a light dinner and drinks by Mezze Catering. The School invites companies to sponsor this well-established and well-attended event. For more information, visit http://www.bartcharter.org/v2/news-events/gbs/ and register to play today! Please contact Leah Thompson (leah.thompson@bartcharter.org) with sponsorship inquiries.

Policy Reminders:

Message from the Nurse’s Office: When Should I Keep My Child Home? -- Although spring is quickly approaching, please be advised that nasty germs and bacteria are still hanging around! There have been reports of flu and other viruses in the BART community, so please be sure to keep your child home if they are ill. Please refer to the “When Should I Keep My Child Home?” guidelines or contact the School Nurse, Amy Foote (amy.foote@bartcharter.org) with any questions.

ID Policy: When picking up a student from School, you are required to show ID at the front desk.

Winter Weather Alert: Parents and guardians should stay in front of the School and out of bus lanes. As snow may impact visibility in some areas, please exercise caution and continue to watch carefully for students crossing our driveway and getting into cars. Also, please be aware of ice buildup on the building. Thank you.

Bus Routes: We are operating at a NO bus pass situation for all buses.