Friday, November 8

**Dates to Remember:**
- Monday, November 11 --------------- Veterans Day, No School
- November 12 and November 14 ------ Student-Led Conferences (4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, November 14 ------------ CFAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- November 13 - November 14 ------- 10th grade Math MCAS retest
- Friday, November 15 -------------- Half Day, Professional Development
- Friday, November 22 ----------------- 8th grade field trip to Williams College Museum of Art
- Wednesday, November 27 ------------- Half Day, Thanksgiving Break
- November 28 & November 29 ------- No School, Thanksgiving Break

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

**Events and General Information:**

**Veterans Day 11/11** -- There is no school on Monday, November 11 in observation of Veterans Day.

**Student-Led Conferences 11/12 and 11/14** -- Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) are running from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14. Please contact your student’s advisor if you need to schedule a time for your student’s SLC. A supervised space will be provided on-site for your students to wait for their SLC.

**CFAC Meeting 11/14** -- The Community Family Advisory Council’s (CFAC) monthly meeting is Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. at BART. Please contact CFAC at bart.cfac@gmail.com with any questions.

**Half-Day 11/15** -- There is a half-day on Friday, November 15. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

**Half-Day 11/27** -- There is a half-day on Wednesday, November 27. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Break 11/28 and 11/29** -- There is no school on Thursday, November 28 or Friday, November 29 in observation of Thanksgiving. Have a safe and happy holiday!

**A Note from our Tech Director** -- Please be alert of a concerning trend in social media. The website, omegle.com, pairs users at random to video chat. This site was identified by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force as a known gateway for predators to gain access to child targets. BART's network blocks this and similar websites, but a number of students have confided that they use it on their phones or other personal devices at home. I encourage parents to have open and honest conversations with their children about safe technology use. Study after study has concluded that the best way to keep children safe online is for adults to maintain an open line of communication with their children about online activities. There are a number of these "chat-with-strangers" services available, most without requiring a login or any age verification. In addition to omegle, please keep an eye out for your child's use of ome.tv, chatki.com, emeraldchat.com, omegle.webcam, bazoocam.org, and chatroulette.com. If you have any questions about keeping children safe online, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at jp.henkel@bartcharter.org or visit the [ICAC resources page](#).

**A Note from our Health and Wellness Coordinator** -- Over the next few weeks, all middle school students will be learning about Signs of Suicide (SOS) in Health & Wellness (Fitness) Class. The SOS Middle School Program uses a universal prevention approach to assist in the identification of at-risk youth by addressing the issues of depression, suicide, and self-injury. The main teaching tool of the program is a video that teaches students how to identify symptoms of depression and suicidality in themselves or their friends. The video encourages help-seeking using an
action-oriented approach, instructing students how to ACT® (Acknowledge, Care and Tell) in the face of a mental health emergency. Please contact Erin Egan with any questions or concerns at erin.egan@bartcharter.org.

**Enrollment Deadline** -- The next enrollment application deadline for the 2019-20 school year for grades 6-10 is Thursday, December 5, 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 [here](#). Contact 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.