Friday, November 15

**Dates to Remember:**

- Friday, November 15 --------------- Half Day, Professional Development
- Friday, November 22 --------------- 8th grade field trip to Williams College Museum of Art (9:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.)
- Wednesday, November 27 --------- Half Day, Thanksgiving Break
- November 28 & November 29 ------ No School, Thanksgiving Break
- December 2 - December 20 --------- Student Ambassador Canned Food Drive
- Thursday, December 5 ----------- BART Basketball away game (4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, December 5 ----------- SEPAC meeting (5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)
- Friday, December 6 --------------- BART Basketball home game (4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Friday, December 6 --------------- Game Night (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

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

**Events and General Information:**

**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!

**Student Ambassador Canned Food Drive 12/2 - 12/20** -- The BART Student Ambassadors are hosting a canned food drive from December 2 to December 20. Proceeds from the drive go to the Salvation Army food bank in Pittsfield and the Berkshire Food Project in North Adams. Please take care not to donate expired food.

**BART Basketball 12/5** -- BART Basketball has a game against Buxton School on Thursday, December 5, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the North Adams Amory, 206 Ashland Street.

**SEPAC Meeting 12/5** -- The monthly Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) meeting is Thursday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. at the School. Please contact Susan Lubell, Director of Special Education, with any questions at susan.lubell@bartcharter.org.

**BART Basketball 12/6** -- BART Basketball has a game against the Putney School on Friday, December 6, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the North Adams Amory, 206 Ashland Street.

**Game Night 12/6** -- The Senior Class of 2020 is hosting a Game Night on Friday, December 6 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the School. This event is open to BART students only of all grades. Come and have a fun night with friends! Tickets go on sale from December 2 to December 6 at lunches. Tickets are $5.00 at lunch and $7.00 at the door. Game Night will include:

- Video games like Mario Kart open for casual play
- Board games, card games, and table-top games
- Face painting
- A Super Smash Brothers tournament -- please note: There is a $2.00 entry fee required for the tournament that needs to be paid before the event. This fee can be paid during lunchtime sales
A Note From The Nurse’s Office -- As the winter season is quickly approaching, the cold/flu season has arrived! Please refer to the “When Should I Keep My Child Home?” guidelines and also read through the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines of how you and your loved ones can stay healthy this year:

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs that can cause respiratory illnesses like flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.

CFAC Shop-to-Donate at Five Below 11/17 - 11/23 -- When you shop at Five Below in Pittsfield between November 17 and November 23, you can support CFAC. In order for proceeds to go to CFAC you must present the fundraiser flyer. This flyer is available here. Physical copies are available in the Student Office.

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 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.