

The Bulletin

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CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES

March 26, 3:30-4:45 PM

Basketball Teams vs. Faculty at Cowell Gym (Late bus schedule in effect, parents are welcome to attend)

March 27

Spring Athletics Begin

March 30

Community Supper for Gracie's and Joe's Team

March 30, 7-10 PM

10th grade-sponsored Spring Dance (bring a canned good!)

April 2

Mexican Exchange Students Arrive

April 3, 7-8 PM

Parent Meeting: Will Slotnick, Wellness Collaborative (details below)

April 5, 6:30-8:30 PM

Coffee House (details below)

April 6

Community Supper for Eamon's and Aurie's Team

April 12 & 13

Parent Conferences (Sign Up details below)

April 13, 7 PM

Sweetback Sisters in Concert at Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls

The Academy's "On the Road" will open (details below)

Reminder Regarding Tardiness and Absence:

Parents, please call the main office by 8 AM whenever your child will be late, or if he/she will not be in school due to illness or any other reason.

Important Safety Reminder:

For student safety and better traffic flow, please drop off and pick up students in front of Grinnell Hall (east building). Drive in at the east end and exit at the west end.

For other important dates and events, including athletics, please refer to the Academy's calendar, found on the website at <http://charlemont.org/newsevents/school-calendar>

HILLSIDE ORGANIC PIZZA FUNDRAISER: MARCH 26-APRIL 6

Academy parents have organized a fundraiser to support the 2012 Annual Fund.

We all eat pizza, don't we?

Consider purchasing your next pie(s) from The Academy at Charlemont. In addition, neighbors, friends, and co-workers would likely be happy to buy these delicious, nutritious and convenient pizzas at the same price they would pay at a pizza restaurant. Other local organizations have had great success with this fundraiser so we think we can help the Academy in a meaningful way with this sale.

Please help support the Academy by selling these local, organic pizzas. Many varieties are available, including gluten-free. Hillside Pizza in Bernardston will provide pizzas for us to sell at their retail price. The Academy keeps \$4 (or more) for each \$15 pizza sold. All proceeds go to the Annual Fund to support Academy programs.

Order forms will be placed in student mailboxes on Monday, March 26th. Read the forms to see the wide range

of pies available. The pizzas come boxed and wrapped, ready to cook or freeze.

Students and families should take orders and collect payment for the pizzas from March 26th to April 6th, then turn in order forms by April 6th.

Parents: pick up the pizzas you sold at the Academy on Thursday April 12th or Friday April 13th during parent conferences.

Students: please remember to put your name and the name of one of your team leaders on your order form, and have checks made out to "The Academy at Charlemont."

As an added incentive, the chore team that sells the highest number of individual pizzas will win an ice cream sundae party!

Please contact parents [Monica Pulci](#) or [Jill Selleck](#) with any questions.

WELLNESS COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM FOR PARENTS: APRIL 3, 7:00-8:00 PM

Will Slotnick returns to campus to meet with students and parents in early April. Student sessions are scheduled for April 3 and 4. The Wellness Collaborative emphasizes the importance of healthy choices, and encourages students to recognize the impact of their choices on their overall well being.

A discussion with parents will be held on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 PM.

COFFEE HOUSE: APRIL 5, 6:30-8:30 PM

Come to the Academy at Charlemont Coffee House on Thursday, April 5th from 6:30-8:30! The Coffee House gives students an opportunity to share short stories, poems and songs in a friendly acoustic setting. Students can read their own work, or pieces by their favorite authors and songwriters. The Coffee House is open to all Academy families and friends. Come see and hear what everyone's been up to this year. For information please contact [David Chalfant](#).

THE SWEETBACK SISTERS IN CONCERT: APRIL 13, 7 PM AT MEMORIAL HALL IN SHELburne FALLS - A BENEFIT FOR THE ACADEMY AT CHARLEMONT

Tickets are on sale for the [Sweetback Sisters'](#) April 13 concert to benefit The Academy. Visit our [secure page](#) to purchase tickets online, or stop in at Boswell's Books (Shelburne Falls), Elmer's (Ashfield), World Eye Bookshop (Greenfield), or Turn It Up (Northampton). You can also call Jen Rizzi at school to reserve and pay for your tickets. Advance purchase prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. The day of the show, prices will be \$20 and \$15 respectively.

SIGN UP FOR PARENT CONFERENCES

[Click here](#) to sign up for Parent Conferences April 12-13. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred times, but the scheduling is tight and your patience is appreciated.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE ACADEMY AT CHARLEMONT

For 2012 The Academy will offer a variety of exciting programs including soccer for elementary and middle/high school aged students, drama, and art. For more information and registration instructions, [click here](#).

NETWORK OF COMPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS NEWS

During the spring break, five Academy students visited Network member schools throughout the country. They went to the Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia, and one each to Palmer High in Colorado Springs, CO, the Bentley School in Lafayette, CA, outside San Francisco, and the Bush School in Seattle, WA.

If your family would like to host visiting Network students in the future, please contact Network advisor Sabine

Mauri. This is an excellent way to learn about a different part of the world and for you and your child to make one more connection with interesting and diverse young people.

This summer, The Academy and The Putney School are going to co-host the annual Network conference. Twenty advisors and their families will come to visit the Academy, learn about our school and take a campus tour. Visit the [Network of Complementary Schools](#) website to learn more.

ACADEMY STUDENTS EXHIBIT PHOTOS IN NORTHAMPTON

An exhibition of pieces by Photo III students (Aurie Ingraham-Adie, Colin Grinnell, Grace Hall, Graeme Sloan, Max Kitchell, Milo Farley, and Sawyer Thompson) is at GoBerry in Northampton, 80 Main Street. See their work during February and March: Sundays-Thursdays, 12 PM to 10 PM, Fridays and Saturdays to 11 PM.

TUTORING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Daniel Pac's tutoring services are now available to Academy families. Mr. Pac, who has previously taught physics and statistics at the Academy, offers one-on-one tutoring in Math, Science, English, and History. Tutoring sessions may also focus on study skills, organization, and developing academic strategies for students with ADHD and other diagnosed learning challenges. Whenever possible, Mr. Pac will tutor students at school during a free period. Please [contact him](#) directly for more information.

HBH MENU March 26-April 6

Click [here](#) to view the HBH menu for the next two weeks.

The Academy is on Facebook!

Keep up with what's happening at The Academy on our [Facebook Page](#). "Like" us to stay up-to-date and join the conversation.

Lost and Found

In an effort to keep lost clothing and other items to a manageable minimum, parents are requested to label children's clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. Initials or a name on the collar or waist would be helpful. We donated four bags of unclaimed clothing to the Salvation Army last year. Unclaimed Lost & Found items will be donated at March Break and after graduation.