

# The Bulletin

The Academy at Charlemont  
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## Reminders and Events

January 27

Community Supper for Graeme's and Bea's Team

February 3

Community Supper for Eamon's and Aurie's Team

February 7

College Counseling Meeting for Parents of Juniors, 6 - 7 PM

10th and 11th Grade Parents' Roundtable Discussion,  
facilitated by school psychologist Duncan Laird, 7:15-8:15 PM

February 9-11

Julius Caesar (details below)

February 17

Red Carpet Masquerade Dance sponsored by the 9th Grade,  
7 - 10 PM ~ please bring a canned good!

## IMPORTANT UPDATES:

The due date for financial aid applications for returning students is February 10.

The Red Cross Blood Drive originally scheduled for February 24 has been RESCHEDULED to May 22.

## **Reminder:**

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

*For other important dates and events, including athletics, please refer to the Academy's calendar, found on the website at [www.charlemont.org/school-calendar](http://www.charlemont.org/school-calendar).*

## **Summary of Trustee/Parent "State Of The School" Meetings, January 17 and 19**

Last week, Trustees met with parents twice, to provide a briefing on the "state of the school". A summary of the presentation has been sent by email to all parents, and is also available [here](#). In the next few weeks, members of the Board of Trustees will call all parents, whether or not you were able to attend one of the meetings. The purpose of these calls is to provide another opportunity for questions and feedback. We value and appreciate your participation and look forward to talking with you further. Thank you for being a part of our community, and for the commitment and sacrifices you make to send your children to The Academy.

## **Admissions - Your Referrals are Important**

There is still time to meet the admissions deadline for next year (February 15) and arrange a visit. Please refer families with children who are looking for the very things that you value about The Academy: rigorous academics in a safe, creative environment, and a place where students are encouraged to find their voices and speak their minds as they forge their identities.

Don't forget the [recruitment initiative](#), too. Please send prospective students and families to our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#), for a glimpse into The Academy.

Lots of prospective students are visiting now, often two per day. If you know anyone who is thinking of visiting, please encourage them to contact [Sandy Warren](#) as soon as possible. The February deadline is coming up quickly.

## **Julius Caesar, February 9-11 at The Academy**

Make your reservations for The Academy's annual winter drama production, under the direction of [Shakespeare & Company](#) of Lenox, MA. Plan to attend any of these four performances: 7 PM on February 9, 10 and 11, or a 2 PM

matinee on February 11. Please call Jen Rizzi in the main office at school (413.339.4912) to reserve your seats. Tickets for the evening performances are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. The matinee is free for all, but those with reservations will be seated first.

## **Academy Students Exhibit Photos in Greenfield through February 17**

Milo Farley, Max Kitchell, Sawyer Thompson, Ge Zhou, and Henry Walker-West are showing work at Artspace Community Art Center, 15 Mill Street, Greenfield. The exhibition runs from January 17th-February 17th. The Gallery is open 1-6 M-F. The opening reception takes place February 10th 5:30-7:30.

## **GROVE Ad Sales Begin**

The annual ad campaign for the Academy yearbook, the Grove, begins next week. Each student who sells at least one ad receives a free yearbook, and the classes who achieve the highest sales are rewarded with lunch and sundaes.

Students who sold ads last year will have until Friday, February 3, to sell those same ads. New students will also be given information about businesses who bought ads last year and might want to do so again.

Many times parents or other family members want to place a congratulatory message in the yearbook for their graduating senior. These "ads" may be sent in with the student or, if the message is to be a surprise, information can be sent directly to [Jane Grant](#), yearbook advisor.

The prices for ads remain unchanged:

Patron (simple listing of name at back of book) - \$25.00

1/8 page (business card size) - \$30.00

1/4 page (4X5) - \$40.00

1/2 page (8X5) - \$75.00

Full page (8X11) - \$125.00, and includes a copy of the yearbook

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Grant at school. Thank you for your help in encouraging your student to make this campaign a successful one.

## **Annual Fund Giving Update**

As of today, we are grateful to report donations have been received from approximately 50% of parents for this year's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund giving cycle ends June 30, 2012, so there's plenty of time to contribute.

Trustees have asked families to do their best to "give or get" a minimum of \$1,000 to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund.

Parent giving to this fund demonstrates to those outside the immediate community that those most directly impacted by The Academy's program support it wholeheartedly. Please help us reach 100%!

Your donations really count at The Academy, and every gift matters. You can make a one-time gift to this year's Annual Fund, or make monthly or quarterly payments toward a total pledge.

Please make your online gift today at our [secure donation page](#).

*Thank you for being a part of The Academy, and for your generous support.*

## **Opportunities to Host International Students**

We are already looking at international students for next year. If you and your family have a particular country in mind, we can request some applicants from that country. For example, if you would like to have a chance to practice your French, we can look for someone from a francophone country. Please contact [Sandy Warren](#) with your interests, as the applications are beginning to come in.

Sandy is also the person to talk with if you're interested in hosting next year, either full-year PAX students, two-month German students from Erding, or students visiting for two weeks through the [Network of Complementary Schools](#).

## **HBH Menu January 30 - February 10**

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

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

### **"For the Love of Work" March 9, 12:30 - 3:00 PM**

"For the Love of Work", a program inaugurated last year through the efforts of current and alumni parents, will be held again on March 9. Guest speakers from diverse fields of work give presentations to students about their careers, and the paths that brought them there. These dynamic speakers were passionate about their careers, told engaging stories and gave Academy students some ideas about what's possible for life after high school. It's an interactive experience, and met with rave reviews last year from both students and guests.

We look forward to another successful "Love of Work" day in March. New ideas for speakers are very welcome, and if you are free that day, we encourage you to volunteer. Help us make it another memorable day!

Please contact [Martha Tirk](#) with ideas or to volunteer.

## **Academy Logo Clothing for Sale**

Academy students or family members interested in Academy logo clothing can order from a selection of tee shirts, sweat shirts, and sweat pants. Items are made to order, so please contact [Charlene Neeley](#) for more informative descriptions, or to place an order. Click [here](#) for an itemized price list.

Payment for clothing can be added to your monthly student invoice or you may send in a check at the time you place your order.

## **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.

## **Student Safety and Lost and Found**

### **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.

### **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.