



The Bulletin

The Academy at Charlemont
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HBH Menu:

November 21-25: No School

November 28: Manicotti

November 29: Soup and Sandwiches

November 30: Hawaiian Chicken

December 1: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pickles, Chips/ Veggie Burger

December 2: Chicken, Vegetable, Fried Rice

Upcoming events of note:

November 21-25: Thanksgiving Break

November 28: Winter Athletics Begins

December 2: Community Supper

Important Notes from David Perry

College Counseling Program: The parents of seniors are invited to meet with Amy Grieger and David Perry on December 1 at 6:00 in The Academy Common Room. Ms. Grieger is the former Director of College Counseling at NMH and is currently working at Smith College in the Admissions office. After a short presentation about where we are in the process, Ms. Grieger and Mr. Perry will answer questions. A similar presentation will be held in the spring for the parents of juniors.

Round-Table Discussion: The Seventh grade parents are invited to meet with School Psychologist, Duncan Laird on December 6th from 7 to 8 in The Academy Common Room.

Juniors and seniors and their parents will receive a related, age appropriate discussion on December 1 at 7:15 in The Academy Common Room.

Mr. Laird will open with a talk about developmental issues facing this age group and will then entertain questions. Additional sessions for the parents of other classes are scheduled throughout the year.

College Financial Aid Workshop: Academy families are invited to a presentation by the Smith College Office of Financial Aid at Northampton High School on December 6 from 7 to 8. The parents of juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend.

Winter Concert - One Night Only:

Mark your calendars for Thursday December 15th at 7:00 PM!

This year we will be holding our Winter Concert at Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls. This is a beautiful venue with room enough for anyone you'd like to bring along. It's the perfect setting to showcase the kids' hard work and remarkable achievements so please invite aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends and anyone else who would appreciate a wonderful night of music.

As always the show is free to everyone and you're invited to a reception in the Hall after the show. Please contact Academy Music Director [Dave Chalfant](#) with questions

Polyglot:

Polyglot, so called because of our tradition of singing seasonal carols in many different languages, is The Academy's annual celebration of the winter holidays. Polyglot takes place on December 16th this year. After a couple of classes in the morning, participating students will scurry around the campus following clues left them by their Secret Santa. Often we are treated to foreign-language plays, and storytelling is always a part of the day. At midday we will all sit down to a big turkey dinner which is prepared by the faculty and served by the juniors; each class, in fact, will contribute to the dinner by bringing in an assigned food item and performing some task associated with the dinner. After lunch we gather in the recital hall to sing carols, and then we spend a few minutes taking down the holiday decorations and preparing the school for vacation. Polyglot is also a day when recent alumni/ae of the school are apt to drop by and re-connect with their former teachers and schoolmates.

Pieropan's Christmas Tree Farm

Pieropan's Christmas Tree Farm is offering a great program where you can cut your own tree and support The Academy at the same time. Present

this [Pieropan's Christmas Tree Farm Coupon](#) at the time of your purchase, and Pieropan's will donate \$6.00 to The Academy. Feel free to forward the coupon to your friends and family members!

**From the Coordinator of
International Student Programs**

Thank you to Charlotte Meryman (Sawyer Thompson's mother) for connecting us with the Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg. Yan (China) and Anni (Germany) gave a wonderful presentation to Jen Black's third grade on Thursday and they thanked us with a song!

Please help us find other elementary classrooms where our international students can present. Bea (Italy) and Miikka (Finland) are both very interested in scouting and would love to visit a troop and share their experiences as well. Besides these students, Katja (Germany) and Ge (China) would love to visit a school. We can be very flexible about the time.

Interested schools can email [Sandy Warren](#) to make the arrangements.

Moonlight Magic in Shelburne Falls:

On Friday, November 25, The Academy's own "Deep Fried" will perform as part of Shelburne Falls' annual Moonlight Magic celebration. Deep Fried members are Erin Wooldridge, Noah Jacobson-Carroll, Claire DiLeo and Alex Bigelow. The band will play twice that evening. From 6:00-6:30 they will play at Mo's Fudge Factor then again at 7:30 or 8:00 at a venue to be determined. For more information about the celebration and up to date performance schedules visit the [Shelburne Falls Area Business Association](#) online.

8th Annual Cornucopia Auction-THANK YOU!

We are pleased to announce that this year's Cornucopia Auction raised over \$17,000 for student programs at The Academy!

Grateful thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the evening a truly successful one!

The student baskets and photographs especially added to the offerings of local products and services. The food and beverages were incredibly delicious - thank you members of the Senior and Junior classes for serving food and helping with the live auction!

A special thank you to Karen Blom for four years of inspired and inspiring leadership for this special event. Karen's tireless good humor and creative energy has been the foundation of its success year after year.

And to those parents who are moving on or graduating after long-term involvement - Charlotte Meryman for heading up the publicity, Juliet Jacobson for advertising and graphics, Barbara Westwood for soliciting underwriters and Janice Sorenson for organizing the hall set up - your collective years of volunteering for the auction are greatly appreciated and will be missed.

As these parents depart after years of serving on the committee, we are looking for new members and ideas.

There will be a 2012 planning meeting sometime this winter. Getting involved in this event is a great way to meet new parents and to understand how important building and sustaining our community is. See you next year!

Successful Blood Drive!

65 units of blood were collected at the Academy blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 16. They have the potential of saving or helping the lives of as many as 195 people! Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make this a successful drive, especially to those who waited so patiently for their turn to give.

Our next drive is scheduled for May 22. We hope to see many of you there!

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.

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 Christmas Break, March Break, and after graduation.