



# The Bulletin

The Academy at Charlemont  
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## **HBH Menu:**

December 5: Assorted Mac and Cheese

December 6: Chicken Fajitas

December 7: Ribs/Veggie Riblets/Rice

December 8: Beef or Vegetarian Chili/corn bread

December 9: Pesto or Alfredo Pasta

December 12: Hot dogs/Knockwurst or Smart dogs, pickles, chips

December 13: German lunch

December 14: Reubens

December 15: Stuffed Shells

December 16: Polyglot

## **Winter Open House: January 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

The January Open House is a good opportunity for families who are thinking of The Academy for 2013-2014, but also for families who have just learned about us. There is still time to meet the admissions deadline (February 15) and arrange a visit. Don't forget the recruitment initiative, too. We want to reward you for your recruitment efforts!

Lots of prospective students are visiting now, often two a day. If you know anyone who is thinking of visiting, please encourage them to contact Sandy Warren. The February deadline is coming up quickly.

## **Upcoming events of note:**

December 2: Community Supper - Nick's and Sara's Team

December 6: HOS Candidate Visit

7th Grade Parent Night  
College Financial Aid Workshop in the Little  
Theater at Northampton High School

December 8: HOS Candidate Visit

December 9: 10th Grade Trip to Yale

Community Supper - Graeme's and Bea's Team

December 13: HOS Candidate Visit

December 15: Winter Concert

December 16: Polyglot

**Calendar Change:** School will start Wednesday, January 18, after Martin Luther King Day instead of on Tuesday, as is currently noted on the calendar.

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

**Winter Concert at Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls:**

**December 15, 7:00 PM:**

*Can you help with a donation of cookies and/or cider?*

With a bigger venue and a more central location, we hope that this year's concert will be both more comfortable and more accessible!

Please bring neighbors, friends, extended family, and anyone who you think might be interested in The Academy.

In keeping with longstanding Academy tradition, we plan to have a time for post-concert conversation over cookies and cider. Many families have already volunteered to bring refreshments, but we can always use more. If you'd like to contribute cookies and/or cider, please contact Leanne Dowd to let her know what you can bring ~ and thank you for your support!

**Polyglot December 16:**

During our annual Polyglot celebration, the entire school enjoys a midday, sit-down turkey dinner which is prepared by the faculty and served family-style by the juniors. Each class will contribute to the dinner by bringing in an assigned food item and performing some task associated with the meal.

### **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!

### **Annual Giving to The Academy**

Every year The Academy reaches out to parents, grandparents, alumni, alumni parents and friends for our Annual Fund campaign. It is through the generosity of our community that we are able to meet the diverse needs of our school community, and provide a challenging and nurturing educational environment.

As you well know, The Academy is dedicated to providing rigorous, classical academics in a small, nurturing environment focused on graduating exemplary citizens. At our school, students are encouraged to "find their voice and speak their mind" with joy - and with respect for others. We encourage critical thinking, and motivate our students to make a difference in their world.

Parent participation in the Annual Fund is critical to its success. It demonstrates to those outside the immediate community that those most directly impacted by The Academy's program support it wholeheartedly.

Please make an online, tax-deductible gift today by visiting our secure donation page, or please contact the Development Office for more information about ways to give.

Thank you for your generous support!

### **Trustee/Parent "State Of The School" Meetings in January**

Parents are invited and encouraged to join trustees to learn about our new Head of School, and for an update about The Academy's marketing efforts, Annual Fund campaign, and finances. Please mark your calendars for one of these dates:

Tuesday, January 17 at The Academy

OR

Thursday, January 19, at in Northampton, place TBA

Both meetings will be held from 7 to 8 PM, with a brief presentation followed by Q & A.

These sessions are designed as a follow-up to last year's "Town Hall" meetings and will be held regularly going forward, in an effort to provide an institutionalized opportunity for information sharing.

Trustees look forward to seeing as many parents as possible, and are grateful for your input and support. If you have any questions or thoughts to share in advance of these meetings, please contact David Epstein. ([david@epsteinig.com](mailto:david@epsteinig.com))

### **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. Holiday delivery may be possible, but is not guaranteed.

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. [Click here](#) for items and a price list. To place your order, or for questions, contact Charlene Neeley. ([cneeley@charlemont.org](mailto:cneeley@charlemont.org))

### **Tutoring at The Academy**

Daniel Pac's tutoring services available to Academy families. Mr. Pac, who has previously taught physics and statistics at the Academy, offers personalized tutoring sessions in most Academy subjects. Whenever possible, he will tutor students at school during one of their free periods. Please contact Daniel Pac directly for more information.

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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.