



# The Bulletin

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Please note that the FRTA WILL NOT RUN on January 2 due to its holiday schedule. Students and families who ride the FRTA will need to make other arrangements for that day.

## **HBH Menu:**

### **HBH Menu January 2-January 13**

January 2: Stuffed shells

January 3: Baked chicken, Spanish rice, corn

January 4: Quesadillas

January 5: Breakfast for lunch

January 6: Pesto and Alfredo linguini

January 9: Spaghetti and meatballs or veggie sausage

January 10: Hot open face turkey sandwiches

January 11: Chicken, egg, ham salad, pickles, chips

January 12: Exams/Pizza

January 13: Exams/Pizza

## **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.

### **Important News for Senior Humanities Students**

In the week after the winter break and before exams, the seniors will read a play in Humanities Seminar which was inadvertently omitted from the book order list on the website, and which they need to have for class on January 2nd. Here are the details:

**Title: Bacchae**

**Author: Euripides**

**Translator: Paul Woodruff**

**Publisher: Hackett**

**ISBN-10: 0872203921 (or ISBN-13: 978-0872203921)**

**This book is easily available new or used from online booksellers. It is important to have this translation and none other: this one has a mugshot of Elvis Presley on the cover!**

**Call Cornelia Reid if you have questions (774-5146). We apologize for the delayed notification.**

### **It's not too late to make your Annual Fund Gift!**

As the calendar year is coming to an end, it's not too late to make a tax-deductible gift to The Academy for 2011!

Please make your online gift today by visiting our secure donation page. Every gift matters, and every donation entered before 11:59 PM on January 31 will be acknowledged as a 2011 tax-deductible gift.

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.

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 visit [www.charlemont.org](http://www.charlemont.org) today to participate. Of course, the 2011-2012 Annual Fund closes on June 30, 2012, and we are grateful for all gifts received by that date.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**Upcoming events of note:**

- January 2        No FRTA buses
- January 2-7      Late buses will run
- January 4        F Block All-School Program at 2 PM -  
All family members are welcome:  
Michael Moushabeck-Arabic Music
- January 5        Homeschoolers Open House  
Last day of fall studio block classes
- January 9-13     Early buses only/exams
- January 16-17    No school/Staff Days
- January 17 & 19 Parent/Trustee Meetings (see below)
- January 22        Open House for Prospective Students  
(see below)

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

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

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

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.

#### **Carpooling for Families/Students with No Winter After-School Activities Scheduled**

The Academy would like to invite families and students who do not participate in winter activities to call Jen Rizzi in the Main Office at 339-4912 if they would like to be included in developing car pools.

#### **Please Return Library Books**

'Tis the time of year to look around for long-lost library books. All library books must be returned before exams, which are coming up shortly after winter break. Check under your bed, have a chat with the dust bunnies, and see what you can find.

#### **Academy Logo Clothing for Sale**

**Corrected Email Address:** Charlene Neeley's email address has been corrected via the link below. If you sent her an email regarding Academy clothing, please use the updated email address to resend the information. 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)

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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.**