

February 24

AAC Coffee House has been **POSTPONED**; new date TBA

February 28

8th and 9th Grade Parent Night, 7 PM
Roundtable discussion with School Psychologist Duncan Laird
(details below)

March 1

Re-enrollment deposits due
Baseball Field Information and Planning Session, 6PM (details below)

March 2

Community Supper for Colin's and Milo's Team

March 5

Revised transportation schedule for the last week
before Spring Break (details below)

March 7

Winter Sports Awards, 2 PM

March 9

"For the Love of Work" Day (details below)

March 25

School resumes after Spring Break, spring sports schedule begins, late buses begin

Spring Concert - Change of Date CONFIRMED

The Academy Spring Concert will take place on Thursday, May 24, at 7 PM at Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls. This is a NEW DATE.

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>.

**Afternoon Transportation Schedule:
Two options through March 1,
EARLY BUSES ONLY March 2-9**

The Academy will continue to offer two afternoon transportation options through March 1st. **FOR MARCH 5 - 9, BECAUSE BERKSHIRE EAST IS CLOSED WEEKDAYS AND BASKETBALL SEASON IS OVER, ALL BUSES WILL LEAVE THE ACADEMY AT 3:15.**

NOTE: After the Spring Break, all buses will resume a 5:15 departure schedule Monday through Thursday and 3:15 on Friday. This schedule begins March 26th, the start of the spring sports season.

**8th and 9th Grade Parents' Roundtable
Discussion with Duncan Laird, February 28**

8th and 9th grade parents are invited to meet with Duncan Laird, our school psychologist, to discuss developmental issues and share strategies for managing issues ranging from homework stress to sleepovers. This informal roundtable discussion will take place on Tuesday night, February 28th at 7 in the Common Room.

Baseball Field Information and Planning Meeting, March 1

We're gearing up for baseball season, with home games scheduled for the first time!

As we look toward spring, we are looking for parent support to finish the work necessary to make the field playable for this season. Much of this will need to be accomplished during Spring Break.

Please join the conversation on March 1. Skills, tasks, and equipment needs will be discussed. Please contact [Jesse Porter-Henry](#) with any thoughts or questions.

"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.

Six exciting speakers will talk with students this year:

Rosemary Caine - noted harpist, writer of musicals, and designer

Peter Cleary - a web-based software designer with a rich career history

Michael Cohen - the founder of Light Life Foods will talk about how his entrepreneurship led to the successful development of this business

Marina Goldman - a former Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone who, as a nurse, goes back frequently to work on women's health issues there

Peter Jones - an educational travel consultant

Kathleen Young - the owner of Young and Constantine Gallery in Shelburne Falls who will speak about building a business around one's art expression

These dynamic speakers are passionate about their careers, and eager to share some ideas about what's possible for life after high school with Academy students. It's an interactive experience, and met with rave reviews last year from both students and guests.

Network of Complementary Schools News

Over spring break, five Academy students will visit Network member schools throughout the country. Two will go 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.

For the next two weeks, a senior from the Bentley School will visit The Academy. He will be staying with Magistra Reid's family and comes to Charlemont to learn about New England, maple sugaring (with the Steele-McCutcheon family) and, weather permitting, to learn how to ski.

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.

Host Families Needed for Mexican Guests

We are looking for hosts for our Mexican exchange guests during the first and second weeks of April. This is an excellent opportunity to welcome an international student into your home without committing to a long period of time. We believe we will need homes for five girls. If interested or for more information, please contact [Jane Grant](#).

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.

Annual Benefit Concert: The Sweetback Sisters April 13 (7 PM) at Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls

Mark your calendars for a night of great music and community! As always, Academy student musicians will open the show.

[The Sweetback Sisters](#) are a popular band, and tickets for this show will be in high demand. For a limited time, tickets are available exclusively online for Academy families, faculty, staff and trustees.

Purchase your tickets in advance [HERE](#) before March 1, when online, phone, and retail sales will be open to the public.

Portraits of *Julius Caesar* Cast Members, DVD Available

All drama portraits are for sale for \$10 each. Please contact senior photography students [Graeme Sloan](#), [Sawyer Thompson](#), or [Milo Farley](#) to place your order.

DVDs of the production may be ordered by contacting [Elijah Rottenberg](#). The cost per copy, billable on student accounts, is \$20.00

GROVE Ad Sales Winners; Ads Still Being Accepted

The Sophomores scored a resounding win in the Grove ad sale competition. They will be treated to lunch (pizza, wraps, or grinders) and ice cream sundaes before spring break. Joining them for sundaes will be the Seventh Grade, who sold the second largest number of ads, and the Seniors, who raised the second largest amount of money. Congratulations to these three classes and many thanks to all of the students who sold ads.

Although the class competition has ended, ads are still being accepted until Spring Break.

There is still time to place a congratulatory ad or message for a graduating senior as a surprise; contact [Jane Grant](#) to do so.

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 February 27 - March 9

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.