

CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES**April 6**

Community Supper for Miikka's and Katja's Team

April 12

7th Grade Field Trip to Clark Art Institute (details below)

April 12 & 13

Parent Teacher Conferences

April 13 7 PM

The Sweetback Sisters in Concert at
Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls
The Academy's "On the Road" will open (details below)

April 20

Community Supper For Sawyer's and Ge's Team
Gracie Hall's All-Girl Sleepover (details below)

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>.

BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE - WORK DAY TOMORROW!

Progress on the baseball field continues!

Look for a full progress report soon on our website, but for now consider being a part of this effort.

Please join Tom Shaw and Kamal Souccar and others on the field tomorrow morning (Saturday, April 7) at 9 AM or after to help prepare the infield for play!

Bring spades, shovels, stone rakes, aluminum rakes, metal rakes, and wheelbarrows -whatever you have along those lines will be helpful. IF anyone happens to have (or

have access to) a chain link fence drag, please bring it along. Tom and Kamal will be on site with machines, finishing the stripping of the soil and getting the subsurface ready, in preparation for spreading the infield mix.

Hand work that will be required includes spading the edges of the skinned areas, particularly at any curved or rounded areas and generally getting the subsurface prepared for the infield mix. Once we start to spread and back drag the infield mix with the machines, it will need to be hand raked and dragged smooth so that it can be rolled.

Please contact Athletic Director [Jesse Porter-Henry](#) or [Tom Shaw](#) for questions or to let them know you'll be there.

Thanks for considering helping in this way.

ACADEMY BENEFIT CONCERT NEXT FRIDAY, APRIL 13 JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING & SPREAD THE WORD!

[The Sweetback Sisters'](#) April 13 concert to benefit The Academy promises to be lots of fun!

Spread the word to family and friends via email and Facebook (like The Academy at Charlemont on Facebook to find the event to share).

Get your tickets in advance online on our [secure page](#), or stop in at Boswell's Books (Shelburne Falls), Elmer's (Ashfield), World Eye Bookshop (Greenfield), or Turn It Up (Northampton). You can also call Jen Rizzi at school to reserve your tickets at pre-show prices.

Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. The day of the show, prices will be \$20 and \$15 respectively.

In addition to great music by both The Sweetback Sisters and The Academy's own "On The Road", there will be a **FABULOUS RAFFLE** and **HOME-BAKED GOODIES** will be for sale.

The growing list of great raffle prizes includes:

- Kayaking for Two with Zoar Outdoor
- Green River Festival Tickets (2)
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- Gift Certificate to The Bakers Oven in Shelburne Falls
- Flowering Perennial Shrub donated by Patricia Donohue
- Decadent Chocolate Cake, donated by local baker and Culinary Institute graduate Cheryl Dukes
- A Wine Sampler
- Berkshire Sweet Gold Maple Syrup donated by the Steele-McCutchen family

For a whole "night out" note that The Blue Rock Restaurant at 10 Bridge Street is offering a pre-show menu which will guarantee you'll make it to Memorial Hall by 7 PM. Please [contact them](#) directly for reservations as seating is limited.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR ACADEMY SENIORS

The following is a partial list of colleges and universities where our seniors have been offered admission: American University, Bard College, Brown University, University of California - San Diego, University of California - Santa Barbara, Clark University, University of Colorado at Boulder, Connecticut College, Eckerd College, Green Mountain College, Hawaii Pacific University, Ithaca College, Lewis & Clark College, University of Maine, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, University of Massachusetts - Boston, University of Miami, Mount Holyoke College, New England College, University of New England, New York University, Northeastern University, Oberlin College, Parsons The New School for Design, Prescott College, University of Rhode Island, Roger Williams University, Suffolk University, Syracuse University, Tufts University, University of Vermont, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Wesleyan University and Willamette University.

CONGRATULATIONS to members of the Class of 2012!

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

There are many opportunities available to those who may be interested in hosting an international student. In addition to the students from Mexico who have been on campus this week, we are welcoming four other international students for the remainder of the year: tenth graders Saskia Inzaurrealde from Switzerland (hosted by the Donohue-Meyer family) and Philip Bleses from Germany (hosted by the Browns), and ninth graders Alex Sarage from Bolivia (staying with his grandmother Linda Sarage in Greenfield) and Marine Secchi from France (hosted by the Poirier-DiLeo family). Many thanks to these host families for allowing us to have these terrific young people at The Academy.

Remember Katha and Niklas? Next year we will again welcome two tenth grade students, a boy and a girl, from Erding, Germany for the months of November and December. The acceptances will go out to these students next week. We would prefer families with a tenth grader for these students. This is an excellent way to try hosting without committing to a whole year.

Thinking of hosting an international student? Sandy Warren is actively recruiting host families for next year and would be happy to explore the possibilities with you. The students are: a senior boy from The Netherlands for second semester, and full year placements for a junior girl from Thailand, a junior boy from Mexico, a sophomore girl from Spain and probably two girls from China, a senior and a junior. Generally we look for families with students in different grades than the international students. International students add immeasurably to school life and to lives of families who host them. There are modest family stipends in some cases, but the experience is priceless!

A summer hosting opportunity is available through Ann Newsmith, our contact at our partner agency PAX. Expand your family's horizons this summer by welcoming a student from Spain into your home through the STEP -to - U.S.A. program. These boys and girls, who range in age from 14 to 17, arrive Wednesday, June 27, for a 3 ½ week home stay. Host siblings are welcome to join the students in a variety of weekly

activities. Two families could share hosting for one student, too!

Please contact [Sandy Warren](#) for more information on any of these programs.

SEVENTH GRADE TO CLARK ART INSTITUTE, APRIL 12

The 7th grade will be traveling to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute on April 12 to learn about French Impressionist art. **Please remember to bring a lunch.**

ALL-GIRL SLEEPOVER AT THE ACADEMY, APRIL 20-21

Calling all Academy girls: come be a part of the first sleepover in Academy history! The sleepover is hosted by Senior Gracie Hall as part of her Senior Project exploring friendships, relationships, social pressures and the teenage girl experience. There will be a potluck supper, movies, games, karaoke, temporary tattoos and more!

All Academy girls are invited and encouraged to attend. Grab your sleeping bag and a pillow and join in the fun! Girls should plan to go home at the end of the school day and return for the the sleepover at 7:00 pm. Pick up will be Saturday April, 21 at 10:00 am.

CSA FARM SHARE OPPORTUNITY

Windy Ridge Farm of Hawley has leased two acres of land from The Academy on the upper field, where organic veggies will be grown this summer. They offer for CSA produce shares and will arrange for a regular pick up at school if there is sufficient interest. More information can be found at the [Windy Ridge Farm](#) website.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE ACADEMY AT CHARLEMONT

For 2012 The Academy will offer a variety of exciting programs including soccer for elementary and middle/high school aged students, drama, and art. For more information and registration instructions, [click here](#).

NETWORK OF COMPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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.

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.

SENORA ES UNA ABUELA, OTRA VEZ

Senora Grant and her husband Steve are pleased to announce the April 5 arrival of Jenna Jane Grant, daughter of Joshua '94 and Annette Grant of Willimantic, ME. Jenna joins Ashlie, Jarrin and Baylynn. Felicitaciones to the Grant Family!

HBH MENU APRIL 9 - 20

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 after graduation.