

# ADVANCED MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

## TICKETS 1/2 PRICE

**Tickets to the Born Without Bones Concert can be purchased from homeroom teachers**

**\$5.00 ADVANCE**

**\$10.00 AT THE DOOR**

**JANUARY 22, 1:00-3:00 at THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS 512 Forest St. Marlboro**

**The show will open with a performance by:**

**“Anomaly” starring AMSA’S own:**

**Mitch Mclean: guitar,**

**Mary Lyon: vocals,**

**Andrew Donabedia: guitar,**

**David Rivard: Bass,**

**Yang Zeng: Drums**

## COME HEAR THIS UP AND COMING BAND BEFORE THEY LEAVE TO TOUR THE US!



**All proceeds will go directly to support the AMSA Drama Club. Come have some fun and hear some great music!**

## Link to the latest AMSA ASSEMBLY

<http://youtu.be/UXi4di9pGBg>

This video was produced by 10th grade students: Manoosh Abtahi, Joel Wilner and Thomas Sohmers. Check out some of the fun your student is having: hear Annaleis sing, an introduction to the student counsel by Gabby. See a National Honor Society introduction by, Artem, Kati and Jerry, sisters Morgan and Amanda unveil their work on the new AMSA Flag. Laugh when you see the student/faulty uniform fashion show do’s and don’ts!

## 2011-2012 THE YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

Many families have generously donated to the annual giving campaign-THANK YOU! It is important we have 100% participation in order to qualify for some grants. Please say YES when our student volunteers call you. All funds go directly to student activities and student scholarships.



## DATES to REMEMBER

1/21: Valentine’s Day Dance grades 6-8

1/22: Born Without Bones Concert

1/24: Special Education Advisory Meeting 6:45, lower school cafeteria

1/25: “No Name Calling Day”

1/27: End of Quarter

2/7: 8th Grade Parent Night-High School 6pm, upper school cafeteria

## **AMSA Basketball Clinic Boys & Girls Grades 6-9**

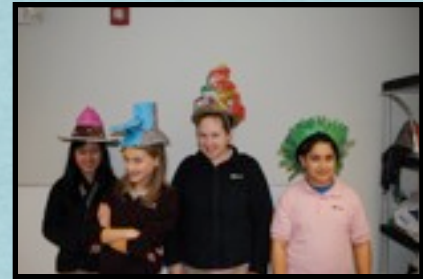
Special Olympics – 512 Forest St.  
Marlborough, MA  
February 21-23, 2012  
Time: 9:00 – 12:00, Cost: \$75

This clinic is organized by Coach David Gallagher (Varsity Boys Head Coach) and Coach Dennis Zilembo (Varsity Girls Head Coach). Other AMSA basketball coaches and varsity players will help run the camp. The clinic will be geared towards the development of individual skills as well as the same team concepts in use by the varsity programs. Players will be divided by grade and ability. Participants will learn skills such as:

Shooting Technique, Dribbling, Passing, Boxing Out, Rebounding, Setting Screens, Give & Go, Individual Defense, Team Defense  
2 on 2/ 3 on 3. For more information:  
d.gallagher@amsacs.org

## **AROUND CAMPUS**

### **ARTIST OF THE WEEK**



Our 8th grade artists just completed a long term project in which they created sculptural hats out of paper (plus a few other materials for decoration). The project was based on the work of the Hawaiian artist Moses who creates similar hats out of paper bags

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

This March will mark the third induction of AMSA students into our chapter of the National Honor Society. After second quarter report cards are released, students in grades 10 and 11, who have a 3.7 unweighted GPA, will receive an invitation to apply for membership. Students should take the application process seriously and provide personal examples of service, leadership, and character. AMSA's five member faculty council will then review applications, considering each student's leadership, character, and service. Students who are selected for membership will participate in an induction ceremony in March, 2012.

Students in grades 9 & 10 can make sure they are in the best position to apply by keeping their grades high, participating in community service, and looking for leadership opportunities. Being a student of good character is essential. Faculty Advisors: Mrs. Jessica Bowen and Mrs. Kristen Lapierre-Small

**Current National Honor Society members offer tutoring through AMSA. If you are in need of a tutor for your child, please contact [tutoring@amsacs.org](mailto:tutoring@amsacs.org)**

### **Travel to Ireland**

April 2013. All students, staff, families and friends are welcome to travel.

Come to an informational meeting this Thursday right after school, at 3:45 in room 319 in the Lower School. If you have any questions or cannot make it to the meeting email Mrs. Duffy [r.duffy@amsacs.org](mailto:r.duffy@amsacs.org) or Ms. Sheehan [c.sheehan@amsacs.org](mailto:c.sheehan@amsacs.org). Or visit the tour webpage [http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=DU-1110323&utm\\_source=RecCenter&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=SharedLink](http://www.eftours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=DU-1110323&utm_source=RecCenter&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=SharedLink)

### **LUNCH PROGRAM**

The February menu is online and ready for your orders. Please order early! We would appreciate any donations of Clorox wipes.



### **Travel to England and Scotland**

April 2013 Come to an information meeting on Monday January 30th 3:30 and 5:30 in room 805 the white building. For more information see Mr. Fortier or Mrs. Sinacola.



## PTO NEWS

### Latin Club

The canceled meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, January 23. Students will get more info to help them prepare for the state convention and watch Forum Romanum. Join Favonius, Julia Pauli, and weatherman Aulus Severus for the all-Latin news from the March 1, 86 BC. Just what was our friend Sulla up to on that date? Meet in the Lower School cafeteria; a teacher will bring you to room 100 at 3:35. Pick up your students after 4:40.



### Certamen

Certamen practice for Advanced, Intermediate, and 8th grade Novices will take place on Wednesday, January 25 from 3:30-4:45; please go directly to room 100 at 3:30. This is our last practice before the BLA Certamen! Are you studying? Making flashcards? This will be a great competition, so be ready! Certamen players and serious Roman history enthusiasts: the deadline for the National Roman Civilization Exam has been extended. You can sign up until January 31, and we will move the test date into March to allow more prep time. See Mrs. Sinicola for more details.

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade AMSA students/parents: This Saturday (1/21) from 7-10PM, at the Special Olympics in Marlborough will be our Valentine's Dance! We look forward to a great night of dancing, games, and fun! In order to make this night extra special we are requesting your help. We are still in need of donations of treats (that you can drop off with your child), or your time! Please visit the volunteering link on our web page to see where you may be able to donate.

Valentine's Dance for the Upper School will be Saturday February 11, from 7-10pm at the Special Olympics. AMSA Students are allowed to bring one guest to attend the semi-formal dance with signed permission slip. Students need to have the form completed and signed and returned to the school by 2/10 in order for guest to attend. Parents we could use your assistance please visit Volunteer Spot through the volunteering link on our web page to sign up to donate your time or goodies!

It's time to start planning your exhibits for our International Festival, which will be held on March 24 at Special Olympics. This year we'll add the "AMSA-onian" Museum of Arts and Sciences, featuring student projects from across AMSA's curriculum. Of course there will be amazing entertainment, gourmet cuisine, colorful fashion and interesting displays. Sign up through the volunteering link on our webpage, or contact Jennifer Hulton at 508/303-2499 or [jkhulton@verizon.net](mailto:jkhulton@verizon.net).

PTO Fundraising AMSA COOKBOOK Keep those recipes coming! Just send in a photocopy to school addressed to Claudia Berdecio c/o AMSA PTO. Questions? Contact Claudia at [cberdecio722@hotmail.com](mailto:cberdecio722@hotmail.com) or 508-202-8933. Box Tops - the February 2012 collection is approaching. You can turn in your Box Tops from January 30th until February 15th, 2012. We will have a school-wide goal to collect 5,000 Boxtops (that is \$500!). With over 950 students and all our fabulous teachers and staff, that is just 5 Box Tops a person to achieve this goal! Look for Box Tops on Betty Crocker cooking products, on Cheerios, Chex and lots of other cereals, on brands like Kleenex, Cottonelle, Scott, Nature Valley snacks, Land O Lakes, Pillsbury and many other products. Another easy way to earn a few Box Tops is to go to [http://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/clickandearn/?b=chrome/?WT.ac=FMA\\_ClickandEarn](http://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/clickandearn/?b=chrome/?WT.ac=FMA_ClickandEarn). Create and account with our school (listed as ADVANCED MATH SCIENCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL) and watch a short video (2 or 3 minutes), take a survey, etc. The Box Tops earned are credited straight to our school! Keep clipping, the next collection is coming! Help AMSA earn money & school supplies by signing up for a Target Red Card or saving bottle caps or codes for the My Coke Rewards program! For more information, check out the fundraising link on our webpage.

### "No Name Calling Day" Wednesday, January 25th

Governor Deval Patrick has designated January 25th as "No Name Calling Day" in Massachusetts to increase public awareness of the devastating effects of verbal bullying, to encourage students to use positive dialogue and to pledge not to use hurtful names. Across the state and at AMSA students are encouraged to wear black on Wednesday, Jan 25 as a sign of their commitment to "Black out Bullying". Students should dress in black shirts (no sayings or pictures) with jeans, or black/khaki pants. Please help AMSA to promote this important message by talking to your children about the importance of respecting others' differences and "no name calling"; and by encouraging them to wear appropriate black clothing.

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### Inaugural Middle School Math Tournament!

The High School Math Team is planning a math tournament on Wednesday, March 14 (Pi Day!). This tournament will take place in the Upper School cafeteria from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. All AMSA sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are invited to attend.

The competition will consist of an individual and a team round. Food (pizza pie) for sale will be available to eat before the awards presentation.