

# ADVANCED MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY

## CHARTER SCHOOL



### STUDENTS BEAT FACULTY IN AN INTENSE WIN OF 7-6

by Dasha Zhadanovsky, Senior  
Students and parents gathered to watch the first Student-Faculty Soccer game on Tuesday, November 15th of 2011. Mr. Lubawski drew laughter from the crowd as he ran out in a long cape and Bob Marley like dreads, comically tripping over the cape now and then. After the introduction of both teachers and students, the game was on. Both teams wanted desperately to win, and the stakes were high for both: students yearned for redemption while teachers strove to keep their winning streak going. Alec Boyle heroically stopped the first goal from entering the net, and the student morale rose. Mr. Amaral scored a perfect goal from halfway across the field as the game  
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### ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN has started thank you to those families who donated generously last night!!

Please be generous when students call for your annual donation. If you would prefer to donate and NOT receive a call, from our students [click](#)

### 2011-2012 THE YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

### NEW YORK TRIP for 10th Grade

AMSA's 10th grade will be traveling to New York City in May. The final deadline to register is December 12. If you are interested, don't wait to register. If we don't meet the minimum the trip will be cancelled. This is sure to be an exciting trip lead by AMSA teachers. Register online at [www.worldstrides.org](http://www.worldstrides.org) and use our trip ID# 73980, or call 1-800-468-5899, for contact: [a.richards@amsacs.org](mailto:a.richards@amsacs.org)

### New Uniform Links on our Web Site!

Did you know that both Land's End and Donnelly's Uniforms now have links right from the AMSA web site? You can easily find these links on our home page at [www.amsacs.org](http://www.amsacs.org). Look at the top right side of the home page and you will see Portals, click here to find the links to Land's End and Donnelly's School Uniform web pages for approved AMSA uniforms. Happy Shopping!!

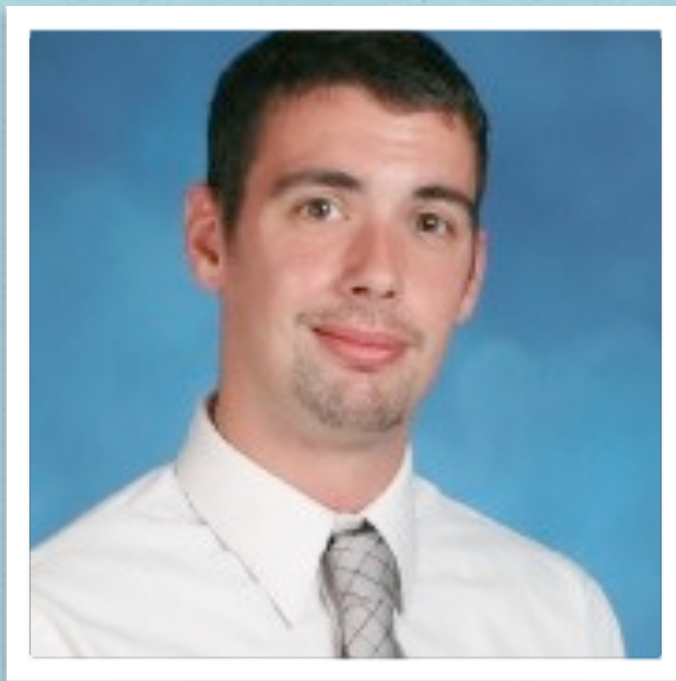
### DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 18: Roller Kingdom  
Nov. 19: Harvest Dance  
Nov. 29: 8th, 9th 10th grade parent coffee-college information session  
Nov. 30: NC Etymology Exam  
Dec. 7: PTO Meeting  
Dec. 12: Deadline to register for NYC trip, 10th grade students  
Jan. 12: 11th grade parents-college information night (see below)

Join us in our fundraiser for Transverse Myelitis research! In honor of our Chemistry teacher, Mr. Kiniry, we will be holding a Mr. Kiniry Spirit Day on December 16th. We will be selling T-shirts that students can wear on this day. If you have a T-shirt, you can wear it if you pay \$1. If you don't have a T-shirt, you can still "dress down," but you must pay \$3! All the profits from T-shirt sales and "dress down" day will be donated to The Transverse Myelitis Association (myelitis.org). The price of each T-shirt is \$10. Order TODAY

<http://www.amsacs.org/pdf/mrKiniryDay.pdf>

## AROUND CAMPUS



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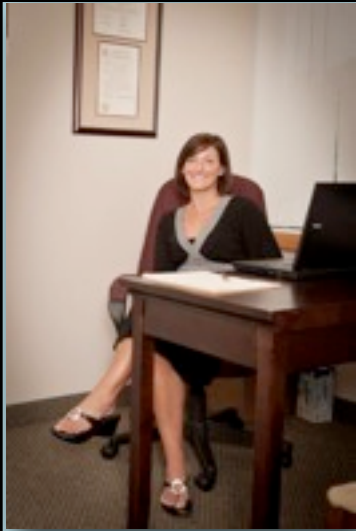
### FROM THE LATIN DEPARTMENT

Certamen Glory: On 11/ 12, AMSA certamen players traveled to Yale University for the first Tournament of Champions and earned kleios competing against teams from FL, TX, NY, and NJ as well as New England. The Advanced Team of Meghana Vagwala, Rahi Punjabi, and Artem Nurlat were joined by Nicole Bray, the sole player flying in Wisconsin. The AMSA Advanced team faced tough competition, but they bested all the area teams and finished second only to Florida's Oak Hall School, home of the National championship team. The Intermediate Team of Amol Punjabi, Liz Teixeira, Tim Morrissey, and Katie Hodge finished in first place, as did the Novice Team of Anton Zverev, Ashwin Varghese, Hope Clairmont, and Greg Reimonn.

Our second novice team of Arjun Baronia, Satwik Mekala, Shreya Murthy, and Liz Goldberg was edged out of the finals by only 15 points. In addition, Amol and Hope were named most valuable players for their levels. Congratulations to all the participants! Certamen is off to an impressive start with such dedicated scholars. Thank you to our drivers— Mr. Vagwala and Mrs. Morrissey—and to the many parents who drove two hours to cheer on their students. AMSA definitely had the largest cheering section during finals! Euge!



Latin Club Events: Don't miss out on the certamen fun—we are having a tournament right here on 12/ 10! The deadline for signing up for the first AMSA Certamen Tournament is 11/ 18. Even though the event takes places at AMSA, you do need to submit a permission slip. Get your teams together and sign up—the cost is \$2 per player. The next all club meeting is 12/ 5. We will be playing Roman games. There is a second meeting in Dec. the annual Saturnalia Party on 12/19. In order to prepare for the party, you must RSVP by turning in a Saturnalia permission slip by 12/1. Parents who can help out at either event should contact Mrs. Sinacola or Ms. Lewis. **T-SHIRTS ARE IN!!**



### **From the College Counseling office:**

- For parents of 8th, 9th, and 10th graders:

Please join us at a coffee and informational session in the College Counseling Office on November 29 at 9:00am. We will be discussing the parts of a college application. If you are interested in attending, please email Elizabeth Jackson at [e.jackson@amsacs.org](mailto:e.jackson@amsacs.org)

- For parents of 11th graders:

Mark your calendars! The AMSA College Counseling Office will be holding our Junior College Kickoff Meeting on January 12 at 7:00pm in the Upper School Cafeteria. More details will follow soon.

## **PTO NEWS**

### **FOR ALL PTO EVENTS/ FUNDRAISERS GO TO:**

[click here](#)

Please join us at our next meeting and used uniform sale on December 7th! For information about upcoming events, fundraising programs and volunteering opportunities, check out the PTO webpage [http://amsacs.org/parents\\_student/pto.html](http://amsacs.org/parents_student/pto.html).

Mother Nature put a damper on our **Halloween Bash**, but that won't stop our AMSA Students! We have a new revised dance for grades 6 - 8! Come to The Snow Ball Dance, December 3, 7 - 10 pm at the Hudson Boys & Girls Club. Casual Dress, AMSA students only. Parents - we would like your help in donating either your time or treats! Please sign up through the Volunteering link on the PTO webpage.

Join your friends for fall fun at the **Harvest Dance** for grades 9 - 12, Saturday November 19th, 7 - 10 pm at Special Olympics. Volunteers needed! To sign up, follow the Volunteering link on the PTO webpage.

Share your holiday spirit by working a shift at our **Barnes and Noble gift wrapping fundraiser** on December 2nd and 4th. Student volunteers welcome! To sign up, follow the Volunteering link on the PTO webpage.

For ongoing fundraising programs, including, QUIZNOS Sub and Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards, follow the fundraising **link at the top of this column** to the PTO webpage.

## **INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK**

Try something delicious and different for your family! With the AMSA International Cookbook, you'll be able to try family-tested recipes. Also, the AMSA International Cookbook would make a great gift for family and friends. It will also raise funds for student programs, scholarships, school equipment and more. But it will only be possible if you share your recipes, too. Enter as many as you would like - our goal is to get at least 500 recipes and our deadline is November 18th. It's easy, just follow these simple steps:

1. Go to the typensave® Login Page. Or type <http://www.typensave.com/>
  2. Enter the contributor (your full or family name), the group login "amsacookbook" and the password "bvtmh"
  3. Click on Add Recipe and follow the entry form.
  4. For Recipe Subtitle, enter which country the recipe is from. Continue following the prompts.
  5. At the end click on Preview Recipe and press Save.
- Please send in your recipe contribution today and help make AMSA's International Cookbook a success! Questions? Contact Claudia Berdecio at [cberdecio722@hotmail.com](mailto:cberdecio722@hotmail.com) or 508-202-8933.

### **LUNCH PROGRAM**

The Epicurean December menu is open for orders. If your child will be on a full day field trip, please do not order lunches. The mandatory cut-off is November 23rd, order early!

# AMSA SPORTS



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## 1ST ANNUAL STUDENT VS FACULTY SOCCER GAME

continued to grow in intensity and tension. Suddenly, the pressure got to Mr. Brucato and, ignoring all rules, he picked up the ball and ran as fast as he could to the goal. No one could stop him; he was on fire. No one except the referee that is.

Throughout the game, humorous and witty commentary from Bill Warner, Mitch McLean, and Menachem Lattke kept many laughing. The first period ended with a gut-wrenching tie of four to four. Supporters of both teams were eager for the second period to start. Adam Budzinski started off the second period by leading students with a morale boosting chant of "Eagles! Eagles! Eagles!" and the game resumed. The students were on fire, blocking and scoring goal after goal. At three minutes left of the period, faculty was trailing behind by two points: students were in the lead six to four. Fueled by the desire to win, two teachers managed to get the ball past the



exhausted goalie. Mr. Bengiovani scored the fifth goal, and Mr. Crouse managed a corner kick which miraculously bounced off of Mary Lyon's knee and earned the teachers a second unbelievable goal. Students and teachers were unsatisfied with the neutral tie, and chaos broke out as students and parents alike rushed to form a circle around the players. Mr. McAdams and Alec Boyle showed off their goalie skills as each team was awarded five penalty shots. Igor Pessoni, Jeremy Brugg, Linda Budzinski, and Ryan Newbury earned the students four points, while on the teachers side only Mr. Amaral and Ms. Jagielsky were able to keep the teachers from utter shame. The game ended with a very pleased student body and the disappointment of teachers who had gotten used to winning.



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