

# AMSA UPDATE

September 29, 2011



**Special thanks to our generous PTO for providing a wonderful lunch for Professional Development Day!**



Sudarshan Thirumalai, grade 8, has been learning Carnatic vocal music from the Anubhava School of Music, Framingham, MA for the past 9 years. He has also been learning Mridangam (Drums) for the past 6 years and Carnatic violin for about 2 years.

Carnatic music is considered one of the oldest systems of music in the world. It is a very complex yet comprehensive system of music that requires great skill and virtuosity, both artistically and technically. Congratulations Sudarshan!

- Parents please do not forget to call the absentee call-in line(508-597-2400 ext. 9) by 9:00am if your child will be absent or if they will be arriving late to school. If we do not receive a message, we will call to verify the absence.
- Reminder – last call to register for After School Clubs- more seats available in Robotics ([click](#))
- Students interested in auditioning for the Mass Music District Festival, [click here](#)
- Enrollment application now available for siblings [click here](#)



## **Meet one of our Amazing students!**

Victoria Fater, 7th grade, had the honor to represent Massachusetts at the 2011 State Games of America that were held in San Diego, CA. out of the five figure skating events she medaled in three and received high achievement ribbons in two. Victoria has also participated in Little New England Championships recently and won 2nd place overall in pre-juvenile free style category.

## **Latin Club**

Latin Club: Bonum opus (good work), to club members who walked in the UMass Cancer Walk last Sunday. Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Sinacola, and walk participants are still collecting donations for this good cause. You can also show your support by wearing a bracelet, which are available for a donation of \$1. See Shebati or Selah if you would like one. Club registration for 2011-2012 is due Friday, September 30. The next all club meeting will be Monday, October 3. Permission slips for the Kick-off Event are due October 5. Stop by room 100 if you need either form or go to the club website: [www.amsa.majcl.org](http://www.amsa.majcl.org).

Certamen players: if you and/or your parents did not receive a certamen reminder email this week, you are not on the distribution list. Please contact Mrs. Sinacola at [n.sinacola@amsacs.org](mailto:n.sinacola@amsacs.org) immediately so that you will receive regular updates. The next certamen practice is Wednesday, October 5, from 3:30 to 4:40 in room 100

## **Computer Science Department**

Calling all digital divas, web chix & coder girls!

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women active and interested in computing and technology. We are looking for next generation of technical talent.

Award winners receive cool prizes, gadgets, scholarships and all girls can join a community of fellow technically-inclined young women.. Applications are accepted 9/15-10/31.

<https://awardportal.ncwit.org/register.php>

## **Museum of Science Camp-In**

AMSA's 5th annual Museum of Science Camp In is Friday, November 4th. Exclusively for 6th Graders.

Please click here to fill out the attached permission slip and hand in with your payment to Mrs. MacAdams by October 14th

## **PTO EVENTS**

Volunteers Needed! To help volunteer at AMSA PTO events, please register/sign up at [volunteerspot.com](http://volunteerspot.com) (link below):

Roller Kingdom - Monthly - Next AMSA Skate Night Friday, October 14 Collect admission at the door.

Halloween Bash – Hudson Boys & Girls Club 7-10 pm 10/29 open to all AMSA students. Help decorate, bring treats, chaperone and more. For flyer, [click here](#).

To sign up <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/352345634124448050>

## **FUNDRAISING**

BJ'S - AMSA's Annual BJ's Membership Drive Fundraiser starts October 3 and runs through October 17!

4 Great Reasons to Join or Renew

1. Get \$10 off BJ's \$50 Annual Membership Fee
2. FREE Additional 3 Months of Membership
3. FREE Second Membership Card
4. PLUS, BJ's will donate \$5 of your Membership fee to AMSA

\*It doesn't matter when you last renewed, BJ's will add 15 months to your current expiration date! This special offer is not valid online or at any BJ's Club location. [Click here for application](#).

Please make checks payable to BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.- no cash accepted. Completed applications and payment should be returned to Laura Wilner/PTO. [Click here for application](#). Make extra copies for friends, family or neighbors! Last year AMSA PTO earned \$450 through this simple fundraiser.

Questions? Please contact [laura.wilner@comcast.net](mailto:laura.wilner@comcast.net).

Box Tops for Education - Clip those Box Tops coupons! Look for Box Tops on brands like General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Bisquick, Juicy Juice, Yoplait, Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty and Avery office products, just to name a few! Send the Box Tops into your child's homeroom from October 3 through October 17. There will be special prizes to the homeroom in the lower school and upper school which collect the most Box Tops coupons! Last year, AMSA earned more than \$800 with just one Box Tops collection!

Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards program - Register your Stop & Shop card and help AMSA PTO earn money! You must re-enroll your card for the 2011-12 school year.

To register your Stop and Shop card, you can go to any Stop & Shop customer service or please click this link:

[https://www.stopandshop.com/our\\_stores/bonus\\_bucks/designate\\_school.htm?execution=e1s1](https://www.stopandshop.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/designate_school.htm?execution=e1s1) <[https://www.stopandshop.com/our\\_stores/bonus\\_bucks/designate\\_school.htm?execution=e1s1](https://www.stopandshop.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/designate_school.htm?execution=e1s1)> .

### **AMSA First International Cookbook**

Get out your favorite family recipes for our first International Cookbook! To get started, please follow these simple steps:

1. Return to the typensave® Login Page<<http://www.typensave.com/login.asp>>.
2. Enter the contributor (your 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.

Maximum of 2 recipes per family. Questions? Contact Claudia Berdecio at [cberdecio722@hotmail.com](mailto:cberdecio722@hotmail.com)<<mailto:cberdecio722@hotmail.com>> or 508-202-8933. We can't wait to see your recipe and try it at our homes as well. Thank you!

## **Used Uniforms**

Please keep those donations coming! We'll have our next sale at October's PTO meeting.

Next PTO Meeting Wednesday, October 26!

## **Travel with AMSA**

This message is for our new 6th graders mostly and certainly for all. We still have some spots available for the Europe trip. An informational meeting regarding the April 2012 trip to London and Paris will be held in the Lower School room 319, on Monday, October 3, at 5:30pm for interested new travelers only. The tour number is: [www.eftours.com/1048238](http://www.eftours.com/1048238). For more information please contact Ms. Sheehan(room301) or Ms. Safina(room 302). All are welcome