

AMSA PTO

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Happy Holiday Season, AMSA Community - so much to share so please read on...








Upcoming events

Holiday Basket Donations Needed for The AMSA Faculty

Holiday Party -

Be part of the long-standing tradition for our AMSA PTO to create beautiful, themed gift baskets for raffle prizes at the **Faculty & Staff Holiday Party**. This is a fun way to say "Thank you" during the holiday season.

Basket Signup [Click here](#) to see **suggested basket**  **ideas!** Looking for some **INSPIRATION**...Consider donating a fun, **themed gift basket & collaborating with a friend/AMSA parent**...OR... take a page from some other AMSA parents who collect baskets from their town - Maynard, Hudson, Marlborough, Clinton and more...this is a community event!

      **Assemble - Holiday Baskets! AMSA Parents & Students** are invited to help put together the teacher basket donations - **as one community!**  Join us on **Sunday, Dec 10th**, AMSA Lower School Cafeteria arrive at 1pm & stay until it is done. Please [sign up](#) to volunteer!

You can **donate some interesting items** to help fill a basket —think sports tickets, health & wellness, Red Sox fan gear, museum passes, board games, backyard games, BBQ tools, mugs, restaurant gift cards, wine, craft beer, gourmet chocolates, coffees, holiday items, fun gifts from your favorite gift shop, and pretty much anything else you think would be fun! OR—maybe ask your boss for an **exclusive item from your place of work?**

Do you want to help the PTO collect donations from local businesses? Think about all of those stores **you frequent as a customer**, it could be **an easy ask** to get a gift card or item donation...**sign up here** if you want to help collect (we want to coordinate this together so we don't ask the same store twice)!

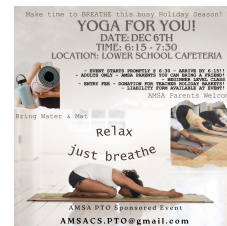
*Baskets & basket items can be dropped off - **Yoga for You event or Basket Assembly on Dec 10th** - please sign up your donation item or basket by **December 9**, or you can email amsacs.pto@gmail.com to make other arrangements Monetary Donations might be easy during this busy time - **click here**, and PTO Volunteers can shop for you!*

Our AMSA teachers **ALWAYS** look forward to this and appreciate the acts of kindness from their families!

Thank you for your contribution & being an active member of the AMSA community! 🙏



Yoga for YOU!



Take a little time **just for you** during this busy hustle & bustle time of year. Join us on **Wednesday, Dec., 6th** at the AMSA Lower School Cafeteria **please arrive by 6:15!** Bring a mat, water bottle for a moment to pause & breathe. You don't have to be an expert - beginner level class or just come and lay on your mat for 60 minutes! You can bring a friend too!

A donation for the Teacher Holiday Baskets is kindly requested instead of an entry fee.

And special thanks to AMSA parent, **Kathy Hirsh**, 🙏 for teaching the class & donating their time & talent for our AMSA community. **THANK YOU!**

See event on **Facebook to confirm attendance!**

Past PTO Events

On **Saturday, November 4th** the AMSA PTO put on a **Uniform Sale, Holiday Pie Distribution & Savers Drive**. THANK YOU to all the VOLUNTEERS!

We earn just over \$300 from our SAVERS Drive and the PTO has made the decision that we will no longer hold a Savers Drive going forward. The effort & reponse to hold the event does not commensurate with the amount earned.

Volunteer to support **YOUR** AMSA PTO! If you have an idea for a fundraiser or event we would love to hear from you, however we do need more active volunteers to help **organize** events. Please [sign up here](#) - **TODAY!**

Our next community meeting in January will **focus** on the current/upcoming projects the PTO supports & the urgent need for more active parent involvement. Programs such as: **FAME, Sponsor a Senior, and After Prom/All-nighter** are coordinated by parents with students moving on this & next year.

If we do not have more parents step up to lead & coordinate events those events will disappear. Many hands make light work so please carve out some time & bring some friends to help you. 😊

Special Announcement

AMSA Parent Board of Trustees Representative -  

Let's welcome our newly appointed AMSA Parent BOT Representative - **Dwayne Stanley**. 🙌🙌🙌

We are very excited Dwayne is **taking this active role** within our community, his experience, as a previous PTO President, along with his professional profile made him the right fit for the AMSA Community at this time. Dwayne will have the opportunity to personally introduce himself to the AMSA Community, in the coming weeks, which will include a personalized direct contact email address for parents. In the meantime, if any parent would like to reach out to Dwayne please contact the AMSA PTO email, AMSACS.PTO@gmail.com.

The AMSA PTO Board wants to extend our **THANKS to EVERYONE** that applied for this position.

We appreciate your interest & continue to encourage your exploration into some of the other areas to support our AMSA Community. As stated above, the **AMSA PTO** is in need of volunteers that will take the lead on events/programs, the **Board of Trustees has several committees** that encourage parental involvement, and the **IMAGINE committee** is looking for parent volunteers.

To inquire about the BOT Committee's opportunities, email amsa.bot.chair@amsacs.org or bot.governance@amsacs.org.

A special thank you to **Laura Burgess**, our outgoing AMSA BOT Parent Rep, we appreciate your dedication to the AMSA community and the positive engagements you created during your time in the role. We look forward to seeing you within the community at other events. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing many of you soon!

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Warm Regards,

The AMSA PTO Board

Melissa Eng-Pascual - President
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