

# Parent Newsletter

January 25, 2026



Winter has definitely arrived this weekend! ❄️ We hope everyone is staying safe and warm as we settle into the coldest part of the season.

Even with the snowy weather, there's plenty to look forward to: our **Winter Game Night** is coming up this Friday and we are excited to celebrate **Cultural Day** the following Friday. **Please see below for how you can help with these great events!**

## Upcoming Dates

- 1/30: Winter Game Night
- 2/6: Cultural Day
- 2/6: Community Service Day
- 2/10: Academic Showcase
- 2/10: Winter Concert

## **PTO Meeting Information**

PTO Meetings are held the first Monday of every month via Zoom, from 6:00-6:45. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 2nd. Connection info is below:

### PTO Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 949 775 3403

Passcode: 1SYauh

## **PTO Updates**

### **Cultural Day: February 6th**

We are thrilled to host our students on Feb 6th!

Dear parents,

February 6, about 2 weeks from now, we will celebrate Cultural Day, honoring two wonderful countries: **Japan** by the Pitner family and **Guatemala** by the Wyrick family. Our school is a melting pot of cultures, with **20 different countries, meaning an abundance of wonderful cultural traditions**. We need parent volunteers during the event to guide kids through the planned activities. Join us and help us make it an easy and enjoyable experience for everyone. Don't forget that all volunteers' hours are counted. For more information about the type of help we need, follow the link ➔

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44AFAF2CA3FC1-61287885-cultural#/>



## Game Night: Friday, January 30th

**When:** Friday, January 30th; 7:00-9:00 PM

**Cost:** \$5.00; Proceeds go to support student activities

This winter, instead of the usual dance, the PTO is hosting a Game Night! This will be a relaxed setting with some light snacks and lots of games! Don't worry, we're not giving up our dances - the Spring Dance is still scheduled for May 1st when we will celebrate our 8th Graders in a big way! We're just mixing things up a little this winter.



Game night will have something for everyone. Basketball, 4 square, gaga ball, spikeball, and other physical games will be available in the gym. A variety of chill games, such as Heads Up, Pictionary, 5 Card Stud, Monopoly, and a whole lot more will be available in the cafeteria. Students are welcome to bring their favorite games from home, too! As this is a new event, we will not be hosting outside friends this time.

All students who attend will be entered into a raffle filled with prizes to help them host their own epic Game Night!

**Donations and Volunteering:** This event will be more low-key than a typical dance. We will provide light snacks, but not a huge spread. We are in need of a handful of volunteers to oversee the games. Chaperones are welcome to hang out or join in and play! We would love to have 1-2 volunteers that are comfortable reffing basketball. **Please sign up to volunteer or provide snacks here: [ASMS Game Night!](#)**

RSVP is not required, but it does help us plan a successful event. Please mark your child's attendance here - [ASMS Event: Game Night!](#)

## PRISM Scholarship Concert: April 1

**Thank you so much to parents who attended and/or reached out re: Prism Scholarship Concert!!**

**For those that couldn't make it, here's some info and be sure to keep an eye out for ways to pitch in.**



### ❖ What is the PRISM Scholarship Concert ?

PRISM is a Talent Show and fundraiser! Specifically, our school-wide talent show, where students can choose to perform for their friends and family! This is a fun night, that is really about what makes our kids unique. Additionally, they get to encourage each other and come together as an ASMS community.

We utilize this amazing opportunity to run a fundraiser designed to support future student scholarships. We want everyone in our community to have a chance at the amazing education our own children enjoy. We raise funds by hosting a silent and live auction – the kids especially love the live auction! Don't worry, you're not required to participate in the auctions, though we hope you consider it!

### ❖ What kinds of acts can the students perform?

ASMS students can sing, dance, play an instrument, or choose another fun talent to show; however, it must be approved by the school. Students can perform on their own, with a fellow student, or with a group.

### ❖ What is our fundraising goal?

Our goal is flexible - we have a minimum amount we hope to raise to cover basics, but more support means more opportunities for the students - so truly, every contribution makes a difference. We have students from so many surrounding communities and it only serves to enrich student life at ASMS.

### ❖ What participation is required for students and parents?

Participation is not required for students OR parents. Students can choose to audition via the Music department (information will be communicated to students in late winter). There is no required participation for parents per se but we very much appreciate parents who are willing to help support this very important cause. There are many ways you can assist – we need help promoting, gathering donations, and helping during the event.

Everyone is welcome to come watch - even if you're not performing!

### ❖ How much time will this take for volunteers?

Commitments vary. We try to respect everyone's time, as it is our most precious resource! We will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius soon with specific roles and details.

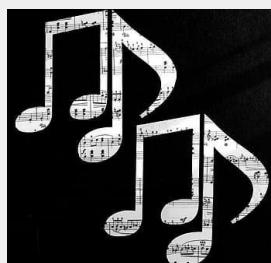
### ❖ What are the key dates?

We will begin planning the event in late January. By mid-March we should have a solid idea of what items will be available at the event. Mid -March through April 1st we begin raffle ticket sales and start fine tuning the event details. The finale is the event itself on Wednesday, April 1st.

### ❖ Are donations tax-deductible + can employers match gifts?

All financial donations and donations-in-kind are tax deductible for New York State and federal taxes in the year in which the donations are made. ASMS can provide tax receipts upon request. Check with your employer regarding their policy on matching gifts.

We look forward to working with you all to make this a great event for our kids and our community!



## Community Updates

### Rugby Clinics



# RUGBY CLINICS

Join us for an exciting sport experience of competitive rugby for all students in grades 5-12. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** and all abilities are welcome.

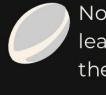
## Clinic Dates and Locations

Sunday 1/11 at Watkins Glen HS 4-6pm  
Sunday 1/18 at LECOM Event Center 5-7pm  
Sunday 1/25 at LECOM Event Center 5-7pm  
Sunday 2/1 at Watkins Glen HS 4-6pm  
Sunday 2/8 at LECOM Event Center 5-7pm  
Sunday 2/15 at Watkins Glen HS 4-6pm  
Sunday 2/22 at Watkins Glen HS 4-6pm  
Sunday 3/1 at Watkins Glen HS 4-6pm  
Sunday 3/8 at LECOM Event Center 5-7pm

**Regular Season**  
**March 9 - June 7**

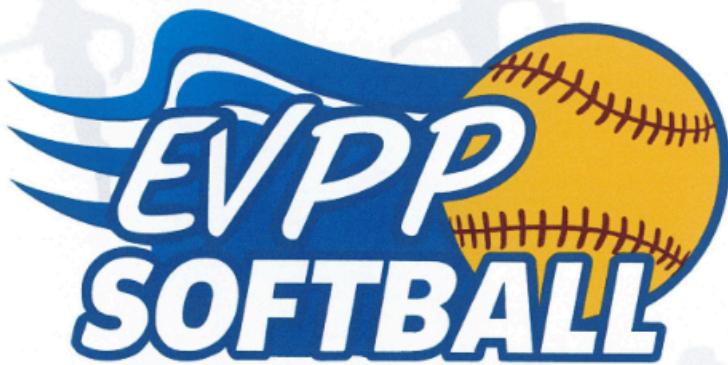
 Boys and Girls grades 5th - 12th. All area school districts

 Nationally certified coaches with years of experience at youth level

 No Experience Needed! Come and learn the fastest growing sport in the US!

 Competitive high school teams that play across NYS and East Coast

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ON AND OFF THE FIELD  
SPRING 2026  
SIGN-UPS BEGIN NOW**

**AGES 5-16\***



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FEBRUARY AND  
MARCH**



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## Corning-Painted Post Little League Baseball



Corning-Painted Post Little League Baseball  
Registration is now open!

T-Ball Ages 3-4 &  
Coach Pitch Ages 5-6 \$75,  
League Ages 7-12 \$95,  
League Ages 13-16 \$100

Register today at [CPPLL.org](http://CPPLL.org)  
Registration closes 2/28/25

Save the date:  
Player Assessments March 7&8  
Opening Day May 2nd @ 9am

Scan here  for the Little League age chart.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or suggestions! - ASMS Parent Organization

### PTO Board

#### Current Team

- ★  President :  
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- ★  Newsletter:  
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