


AVMA Friends and Alumni Monthly Digest

May 2022

Hi everybody!

We've reached May, which means it's the last month of school for the seniors and the second-to-last Monthly Digest of the season. We've got a little more preview than review in this edition, so let's get to it.

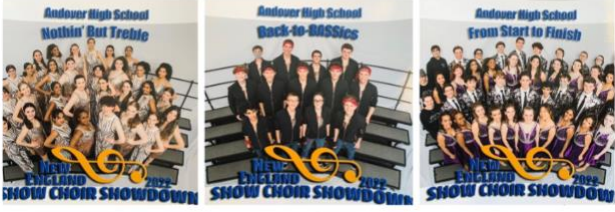
AVMA Tasty Tuesday TOMORROW! At Pazzo Pizza in Andover. We break from the general chronological order of the digest for this breaking bit of news: **the last AVMA Tasty Tuesday of the year is ***tomorrow!***, Tuesday May 3rd, at Pazzo Pizza in downtown Andover.** Hours are 4:00-8:30 PM, the promotion applies to dine-in and take-out orders, no special code or secret handshake necessary to participate. Just show up (or call up) and get your grub on! You know it's also Teacher Appreciation Week: what better way to show your teachers you care than by buying them pizza? Even if they don't like Italian food, who cares? It's the thought that counts. Hope to see you at Pazzo Pizza tomorrow as we look to close out this year's Tasty Tuesday circuit on a high note!



Support the Andover High School Show Choirs!

Pazzo Pizza Company
Tuesday, May 3
4:00pm- 8:30pm

A percentage of all sales will be donated to
Andover Vocal Music Association!



Waltham Eastern Show Choir Festival Wrap-up. On April 2, the show choirs finished out the 2021-22 competition season at the Eastern Show Choir Festival in Waltham. While FSTF's attempt at three straight gold medals came up just a bit short, we did continue our streak of Best Soloist awards (Jack Mohr), and we hope to have started a new trend by bringing home for the first time TWO band awards, for Best Instrumental Soloists (Declan Scully, Alex You, and Arjun Chandra) AND Best Student Brass section! That's a development we may need to keep an eye on next year!

If you missed out on the performances, you can catch the livestream recording of all three of our show choirs at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jVHxi8s36s>. BTB is the first act up, then NBT goes about 2 hours in, and finally FSTF at around the 4 hour 30 minute mark.



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AVMA Tasty Tuesday at Bartlet Street. We opened this update with the details on our next Tasty Tuesday, and now let's talk about the Tasty Tuesday we had on April 5 at Bartlet Street, the new restaurant that went in where King's Subs used to be. Thanks to you **we raised another \$203 for AVMA!** According to Bartlet Street, thanks to Tasty Tuesday, they saw a spike in their typical Tuesday traffic, and they're eager to work with us again next year on more Tasty Tuesdays. On behalf of AVMA *and* Bartlet Street, thank you for coming out and supporting both the program and a new local business!

AVMA Spring Car Wash Sat May 14 9 AM-2 PM (Rain Date Sun May 15). It's been over seven months since the AVMA Fall Car Wash, so your car must be completely filthy by now. Fortunately, the AVMA Spring Car Wash is right around the corner! It'll be Saturday May 14 from 9 AM to 2 PM in the West Middle School parking lot. If it rains on Saturday, the car wash will be on Sunday. Swing by with as many cars as you can (legally) put your hands on and let AVM wash them and entertain you! The Fall Car Wash was a huge success – let's see if we can top it next weekend. See you there!

AVM Alumni Cabaret Wednesday May 25 at the Collins Center. This is still a go – we hope you've started working on your numbers!

That'll do it for this edition of the digest. Don't forget all the other ways you can easily support AVMA:

- **Scrip/RaiseRight.** Scrip/RaiseRight is a fundraising program in which you purchase gift cards from any of hundreds of stores and businesses through them, and a percentage of the value of the gift cards get donated back to AVMA. The stores we're talking about are all the ones you've heard of: Starbucks, Apple, Best Buy, the Gap, Stop & Shop, Chili's, Panera, you name it. And **we're talking some pretty significant cash back percentages – 10%+ in many cases, with occasional promotions taking things as high as 20%.** Scrip/RaiseRight offers up a really easy way to support AVMA without really costing you any more than you were going to spend on purchases in the first place. And it's open to everybody!

To sign up for Scrip and RaiseRight, follow these instructions:

1. Go to <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login/Enroll> and use enrollment code **DLEE76C872773.**
2. Download the RaiseRight app on your smartphone.
3. Visit <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse> to see all the different vendors and the rebate percentages for each.



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- **AmazonSmile.** AVMA also participates in AmazonSmile. Similar to Scrip/RaiseRight, AmazonSmile is a super easy way to donate back to AVMA each time you make a purchase on Amazon. To set up AmazonSmile to benefit AVMA, [follow these instructions](#), and be sure to select Andover Vocal Music Association as the organization you want to support. Then, each time you buy anything on Amazon, .5% of the purchase price will be donated back to AVMA. It doesn't seem like a lot, but over time, with enough people participating, it adds up!
- **Links.** We rely primarily on social media to get the word out on happenings and events and to otherwise communicate with the rest of the community. So if you haven't done so already, please give a subscribe or a like or a follow to the:
 - **AVMA YouTube Channel:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGreFvbQIEKB_OrD7RLNY0g
 - **Andover Vocal Music Association public Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/AHSVocalMusic>
 - **AVMA Twitter Account:** https://twitter.com/andovervma_org

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We hope to see you at Pazzo Pizza tomorrow, at the car wash next weekend, and at the Alumni Cabaret on May 25. Thanks for reading!

The AVMA Board