



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 19, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



December

- Mon 12/19 CRS/LLE Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Thu 12/22 DMS Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Fri 12/23 Holiday Class Parties
- Fri 12/23 Holiday Recess – Half Day
- Mon 12/26 – Fri 12/30 Holiday Recess – No School

2023 January 2023

- Tue 1/3 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Fri 1/6 Spirit Friday
- Thu 1/12 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am
- Fri 1/13 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/16 MLK Day – No School; PD for Staff
- Fri 1/20 Spirit Friday
- Fri 1/27 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



Rest and recharge for 2023!



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com.



To access the PTO Directory and the Store, go to the App Store and download the **Membership Toolkit app**.



Stay up to date by visiting our website at www.demarestpto.org. Like us on **Facebook** at Demarest PTO and follow us on **Instagram** at demarestpto.

*Demarest Parent Teacher Organization
A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years*

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Well **Demarest Families**, it's a wrap! This is the **final** Presidents' corner of **2022**. That definitely went fast, maybe because we are getting old? Hummmmm, no way. Must be because we had too much fun.

First and foremost, we thank everyone who participated in our **no homework night fundraiser**. We hope you enjoyed your Middle Eastern delicacies, while you supported the PTO. We sure loved our **Zendiggi**. In fact, we even made an epic unboxing video of our order (available upon request).

As we move forward, we also want to take a moment to reflect on this year. 2022 brought back so many things that we have missed, and we are so thrilled about that. As we move into 2023, we hope for similar and even more. It's so wonderful to see all of your smiling faces again. HINT: volunteer opportunities await.

This year, as it comes to a close, we will be celebrating our teachers and staff. The **annual Staff Appreciation Luncheons** are this week, and they are set to be beautiful. There is no true way to express our thanks, so we hope this event shows the gratitude of our community. We extend a huge thank you to our committee, who worked so hard to spoil our beloved faculty.

Now don't be too sad that the year is ending, there is still a lot to come! Buckle up Demarest, 2023 is going to be a rockstar year. We have Winter Enrichment, Spring Fundraiser, DMS Musical, and so much more. We can't wait for it to start, and we can't wait for you to join us!

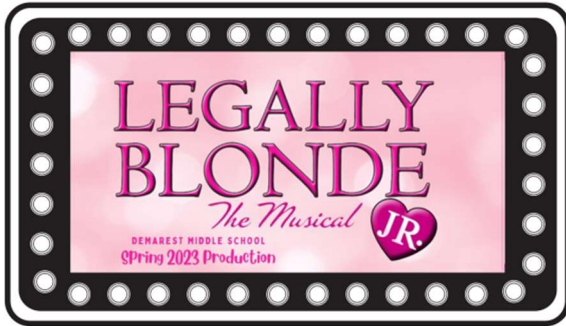
We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! If you have not yet joined the PTO, sign up here (demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com).

Have a great week,
Vanessa and Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND THE PTO PROUDLY PRESENT



SHOW DATES: MARCH 30 & 31ST

Rehearsal Dates are on the following **Wednesdays** at 3:15pm to 5:15pm: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 and **Friday, 3/10, 3:15pm to 5:15pm. Mandatory dress rehearsal** is on **Wednesday, 3/29, 3:15pm to 6pm.** You may not miss more than 2 rehearsals, and they must be cleared beforehand.

Registration Info: Register on Membership Toolkit.

Families must be PTO members to enroll. Parts will not be announced until after registration. **Fee is \$180** for cast members. Crew registration and details will be given at a later date. Please email juliefeyn@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

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Access the **Membership Toolkit Directory** for the **2022 – 2023** school year! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Programs, PTO Committee positions, and more.



parties and play dates!

Looking for a great opportunity to join in and help the PTO? We are seeking a new **Committee Coordinator** for the **Demarest 5K!** Please contact Grace Lee at secretary@demarestpto.org for more information regarding this position.

CRS, LLE & DMS



Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors every **Friday** to get points for the week!



CONTACT US

The best way to contact us is by emailing president@demarestpto.org. We may not get to any other form of communication (such as Facebook Messenger) on a timely basis. If you are interested in submitting news for the newsletter, please email ptonews@demarestpto.org by Friday of each week.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: www.demarestlibrary.org and subscribe to Miss Cara's newsletter for weekly email updates.

Register for programs at: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

Chess Club (all levels)

Saturdays, 10:00 to 11am @ the Demarest Library
Registration is not required and players of all levels are welcome. Chess Club will now run from 10:00 to 11:00am and will meet on most Saturdays in the children's room. Players 7 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Demarest CRS/LLE - SACC Demarest



SACC Demarest

The YMCA is still looking for at least two people to work for our Demarest SACC program.

Contact Sharon Twiddy at
SharonT@wyckoffymca.org

201-891-2081 ext. 149

Teen Advisory Board

Homework Help/Reading Buddies Program will be suspended until after the new year.
Please contact the TAB if you have any questions at DemarestTAB@gmail.com.

Interested in Cub Scouting?



JOIN TODAY

Fun! Friends! Adventure!

Girls & Boys, Grades K – 5, are invited to join the Cub Scouts. Now is a great time to **START SCOUTING!**

Adventures include camping, model building and racing (Pinewood Derby), Field trips, games and achievements with your den and overnights at museums and aquariums.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed strictly!
Scouting Questions? Contact Cubmaster Leslie Correa at cmclosterpack20@gmail.com or Committee Chair Andrew Correa at bigbearpack20@gmail.com. You can also contact Demarest Parents Kathleen Doshi (kazwebb@gmail.com) and Maxine Nakamura (wallybella@hotmail.com).

Demarest Middle School

CALLING ALL

☕ *Coffee Lovers* ☕

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ON A MISSION TO HELP REDUCE THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS!

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP BY SAVING & DROPPING OFF USED K-CUP COFFEE PODS TO THE WOODEN BOX NEAR THE CORNER OF NORTHWOOD AVE. & PIERMONT RD.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RECYCLING 10,000 PLASTIC PODS!



COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Closter Nature Center



Closter Nature Center
154 Ruckman Road, Closter NJ

December Holiday Break Nature Program



Need something fun and educational for the kids to do during the holiday break? We'll have four days of nature exploration and discovery here at the Closter Nature Center. Come join Nature Marc at the Closter Nature Center for some outdoor science fun! Please dress for the weather, as we will be outside for most of the sessions. We will move into the cabin for severe weather.

Monday, December 26th - Thursday, December 29th

9:00 am - 10:30 am (1st to 3rd grade)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm (PreK-4 to Kindergarten)
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (4th to 6th grade)
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (1st to 3rd grade)

PreK-4 to Kindergarten \$80 for Members / \$100 Non-members
1st to 6th Grade \$100 Members / \$120 Non-members

Register on Community Pass: <https://register.communitypass.net/Closter>

Questions email programdirector@closternaturecenter.org
or call 201-800-2008.

After-School Nature Program sponsored by

 **Rockland Electric Company**