



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 25, 2024

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



November

Wed 11/27 Thanksgiving Recess – Half Day  
 Thu 11/28 –  
 Fri 11/29 Thanksgiving Recess – No School



December

Wed 12/4 Holiday Boutique – CRS  
 Wed 12/4 DMS Musical Auditions, 3:15pm  
 Thu 12/5 Holiday Boutique – DMS  
 Fri 12/7 Spirit Friday  
 Wed 12/11 Holiday Boutique – LLE  
 Fri 12/14 Spirit Friday  
 Tue 12/17 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm  
 Wed 12/18 Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
 Fri 12/20 Spirit Friday  
 Fri 12/20 Holiday Craft & Snack Party – CRS, LLE  
 Mon 12/23 Holiday Class Pizza Parties  
 Mon 12/23 Holiday Recess – Half Day  
 Tue 12/24 –  
 Tue 12/31 Holiday Recess – School Closed

## NOTEWORTHY



**Winter Enrichment** registration is still open!  
 Visit [www.flexacademies.com](http://www.flexacademies.com) for registration.



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at [demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://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](http://www.demarestpto.org). Like us on **Facebook** at Demarest PTO and follow us on **Instagram** at demarestpto.

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hello Demarest Families, welcome to a **short holiday week!** We hope you all had a fantastic weekend.

Let's kick off the week with some well-deserved shoutouts: To the **5th & 6th Grade Dance Committee**—thank you for turning the **DMS Gym** into the **ultimate party zone!** Over 145 5th and 6th graders (and teachers!) lit up the dance floor at a **glow-tastic soirée**, and it couldn't have happened without our incredible volunteers. You made the night truly unforgettable!

And a massive **thank you** to our amazing **Book Fair volunteers!** From setup to breakdown—and every hour in between—your time and dedication brought smiles to countless young readers.

Speaking of thanks, as we prepare to loosen our belts for that second (or third) helping of pie this Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to **celebrate you**—the **MVPs** of our **PTO lineup!**

Whether you've been helping out at events, lending a hand in classrooms, crafting our communications, planning activities, or simply showing up with an extra roll of tape when we needed it most, your efforts are the marshmallows to our sweet potatoes: they make everything better (and gooier—and we all know, the gooier the better!).

From leading the charge at events to working your behind-the-scenes magic, you've made our school community the ultimate stuffing. Like whipped cream on pumpkin pie, your contributions are the extra dollop of sweetness that completes it all.

So, here's to you, our **amazing volunteers!** May your **Thanksgiving** be filled with love, laughter, and plenty of leftovers. **We're thankful for you!**

Happy Thanksgiving!  
 Batool & Lauren  
**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

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

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Wear your Demarest School spirit wear or school colors (red & white) every Friday to earn spirit points!

THE CLASS THAT SHOWS THE MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT IN EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT!

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/DEMARESTSPIRIT](https://tinyurl.com/demarestspirit)

### SAVE THE DATE

DEMAREST PTO  
SPRING GALA  
MARCH 14, 2025

ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

The PTO Spring Fundraiser Committee would love to hear your ideas! Come share your thoughts on sponsorships and auction items as we brainstorm together. Join us **Thursday, 12/5**, from **7:45pm – 9pm!** Signup to volunteer:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D44ACA72BA6FB6-53159331-demarest](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D44ACA72BA6FB6-53159331-demarest)

## AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

PRESENTED BY FLEX ACADEMIES

WINTER 2025 REGISTRATION  
OPENS **MONDAY, 11/18**

LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS  
REGARDING CLASS DESCRIPTIONS  
AND WINTER SCHEDULE IN YOUR  
EMAIL THIS WEEK!

CREATE A FLEX ACCOUNT  
AT

[WWW.FLEXACADEMIES.COM](http://WWW.FLEXACADEMIES.COM)

AND BE SURE TO SAVE YOUR  
PAYMENT METHOD NOW FOR  
FASTER REGISTRATION!

questions?

email [info@flexacademies.com](mailto:info@flexacademies.com)

Please be sure to create a FLEX account, add a saved payment method, and add your child's info under "Add a Relationship" in advance so that your registration process goes smoothly. \*Winter class description and schedules can also be found at [www.demarestpto.org](http://www.demarestpto.org).

A poster for "Disney Descendants: The Musical" featuring a large red and yellow "D" logo. The text includes "DMS AND DEMAREST PTO PROUDLY PRESENT", "Disney DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL", and "MARCH 20 & 21, 2025".

**AUDITIONS**  
Click HERE to sign up: <http://bit.ly/3OgnEH7>  
December 4 @ 3:15 - 5:15

**REHEARSAL DATES**  
The Following Wednesdays @ 3:15 - 5:15 PM:  
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 26, Mar 5

<b>Extended Rehearsals:</b>	<b>Mandatory Dress Rehearsal:</b>
Mon, Mar 10 @ 3:15 - 6 PM	March 19 @ 3:15 - 6:15 PM
Weds, Mar 12 @ 3:15 - 6:15 PM	

**REGISTRATION**

Once auditions are complete, please register on Membership Toolkit. Families must be PTO members to enroll. Parts will not be announced until after registration. Cast Member Fee is \$200. Crew registration and details will be given at a later date.

Cast may not miss more than 2 rehearsals, and absence or early departure must be cleared beforehand. Additional absences or multiple early departures may result in reassignment of your role.

**QUESTIONS** [DMSVP@DEMARESTPTO.ORG](mailto:DMSVP@DEMARESTPTO.ORG)



## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

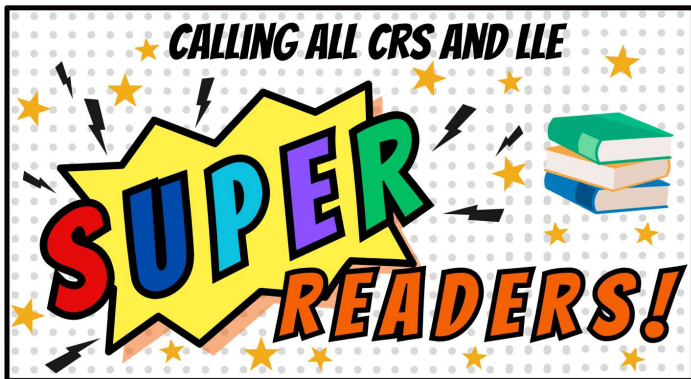


### Volunteers needed!

Be a part of **International Heritage Day 2025** and help represent a country! You don't have to be from the country you're representing!

Always a highlight of our school year, International Heritage Day (IHD) celebrates the diversity of our community. Various countries are represented each year by families wanting to share world cultures with our kids through food, games, and activities. The date for IHD 2025 is **Saturday, 3/8** at **Luther Lee Emerson School**. If you are interested in representing a country or volunteering to help a country, please let us know by emailing:

[heritageday@demarestpto.org](mailto:heritageday@demarestpto.org)



**UNLEASH YOUR  
READING SUPERPOWER!**

**AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR OUR VERY FIRST**

**READ-A-THON!**

**JANUARY 13-26, 2025**

Demarest PTO Presents  
**Holiday BOUTIQUE**

CRS - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH  
DMS - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  
LLE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

All students will visit with their class during school hours for the opportunity to shop.

Families are welcome to shop from  
3:15pm - 4:30pm

**| GIFTS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS |  
TOYS | HOLIDAY CHEER**

A festive illustration featuring a white polar bear wearing a red scarf and a green hat with a red pom-pom. To the right of the bear is a white castle with red accents. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and green holly leaves with red berries. The text "KIDS' KASTLE" is written in red, block letters at the bottom of the illustration.

**COMING SOON!** Holiday Boutique at all three schools!



Access to [Membership Toolkit Directory](#) is open for the **2024 – 2025** school year! The Demarest PTO is an amazing non-profit organization, focused on **supporting our children and schools**. It's easy and fast to join at [www.demarestpto.org](http://www.demarestpto.org)! Join today and start reaping the benefits! PTO Membership includes eligibility for **PTO Committee positions**, **discounted admission** for certain PTO-sponsored events, access to our **online directory** of PTO member families, and more! Be sure to purchase your membership today!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Drop Off Box  
Demarest Public Library

# GOT GIFTS?

Got a gift you didn't like? Bought something you never used?...  
**DONATE** it to help parents who can't afford to buy gifts for their family.

Collecting **NEW** clothes, shoes, games, toys, books, household items, etc for **The Gift Pantry**  
(new initiative of Dumont Food Pantry)

# DEMAREST HOLIDAY CONCERT & TREE LIGHTING

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DECEMBER 3  
7-8:30 PM  
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@ THE GAZEBO  
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PHOTO OP WITH SANTA!!  
YOUTH PERFORMERS!  
HOT CHOCOLATE!

## YOUTH CODE CLUB

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We're starting a code club for the kids of Demarest in December 2024.

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Fill out our interest survey below so that we can find the best days and times for our community.

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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhteSA1lonKFE0GVaOLysqBGzD1CDDpmgll0cLwVgOkcgggA/viewform>



The Demarest Public Library is hosting a STEM4ALL series: 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 4:15–5pm for students in Grades 5–8.

Each class will start with a presentation, followed by fun, interactive experiments that educate the students in STEM related topics such as circuits, engineering/architecture, team building, energy, and chemistry.

Please contact the library for more information.



## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

# Tutor.com

ONLINE TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP PROVIDED TO DEMAREST K-8 STUDENTS FREE OF CHARGE!



### 1.) GET ACCESS TO A TUTOR QUICKLY!

Need homework help? Want a study session before a test? Parents and students can schedule a session or get instant access to a tutor just by logging on!

### 2.) TUTORS AVAILABLE IN ALL CONTENT AREAS!

Tutoring is available in language arts, world language, math, science and more for grades K-8.



### 3.) DROP OFF ESSAY REVIEW

Working on a writing assignment? Students can submit their writing to a tutor and receive constructive feedback within 24 hours!

### 4.) HIGH QUALITY TUTORS

Tutor.com thoroughly vets all of its tutors. Students can interact with a tutor via a typing chat or voice chat feature. There is no video. Tutors use online whiteboards and other visuals to assist students.



### 5.) EASY SIGN ON WITH GOOGLE

Students can access Tutor.com by logging into their school Google accounts, clicking on the Google grid in the top right corner of their Google Drive, and finding the Tutor.com icon.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE DEMAREST SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMEPAGE!**

<https://nj01001706.schoolwires.net/Page/4450>