



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of March 6, 2023

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MARCH

- Tue 3/7 Spring Fundraiser Meeting, 8pm
- Tue 3/7 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Wed 3/8 First Day of DMS Book Fair
- Thu 3/9 Last Day of DMS Book Fair – Family Fun Night
- Fri 3/10 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/14 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Thu 3/16 No Homework Night Fundraiser - Andiamo
- Thu 3/16 PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, Zoom
- Fri 3/17 Spirit Friday
- Fri 3/24 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/28 CRS Me & My Dance @ LLE, 5:30pm
- Thu 3/30 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/31 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/31 Spirit Friday



APRIL

- Tue 4/4 LLE Me & My Dance @ LLE, 5:30pm
- Fri 4/7 – Fri 4/14 Spring Recess – No School
- Sat 4/22 International Heritage Day, TBD
- Fri 4/28 Spring Fundraiser, Montammy

NOTEWORTHY



Meet us at the **DMS Book Fair Family Fun Event!** Also, note the change in the date of our **PTO Meeting** – moved to **Thursday, 3/16!**



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

Happy Monday to our Demarest Families, we hope your weekend was great! Personally, we're still recovering from **Crazy Hat Day** and definitely needed a rest. Good thing, because this is a busy week.

This week brings us the **DMS Book Fair!** If that isn't enough in itself, we present the **2nd Annual Family Fun Event (Thursday from 3:15-5pm)**. Please see the flyer for the full details, as it's not to be missed. Where else can you read, snack, AND see a cutting edge theatrical performance? Bet you were thinking **at your local middle school**. Well, you were right!

Speaking of the book fair, there is also a way to support your teachers! You can **donate to your LA teacher's e-wallet**. What better way to support a love of reading and show love for your teachers. Sounds like a win-win. Check your email for details on how to contribute.

This may sound like a lot of action, but there is even more to come! We have dances galore! We have the **DMS musical**, the **Spring Fundraiser**, and **opportunities to volunteer**. What more can you ask for?! Speaking of volunteering, the **8th grade graduation dance** is coming up faster than you know. A volunteer committee will be formed in the next couple of weeks. If you're interested in getting involved, stay tuned to this newsletter.

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! So, whether you have only a few hours here and there or if you have a lot of time throughout the week to spare, we will find something that works. If you have not yet joined the PTO, sign up here (demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com). Please volunteer and get involved, the PTO welcomes you!

Have a great week,
Vanessa and Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



DMS Book Fair is THIS week!!! **Wednesday, 3/8** and **Thursday, 3/9**. Each grade level will attend the book fair during the day following a schedule provided by the school. Cash, checks, credit card and Apple Pay accepted.

If you would like to make a **contribution** towards the **LA and reading teachers' classroom libraries**, copy/paste the links below to the grade level digital book fund:

5th Grade:

https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&wall_etId=45203f8c-7863-42c2-a562-6a172f11ae01

6th Grade:

https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&wall_etId=116d75cc-8dec-46bd-9d2d-a12f74144f60

7th Grade:

https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&wall_etId=edbc4db8-5429-4537-82b5-874129f90dfe

8th Grade:

https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&wall_etId=8429a8ab-f193-45af-b6a0-1aae914391b1

DMS Family Fun Book Fair event on **Thursday, 3/9** from **3:15pm until 5pm** for all DMS families!!!

– **Mr. Regan along with some of our very own DMS teachers will be present.** This will be a great opportunity to mingle while shopping for books and helping our school!

– **Enjoy exclusive performances** by Mr. Regan and the Legally Blonde Cast!

– A **"Teacher Class Wish List" table** will be available at the Book Fair for parents to purchase books selected by our teachers to be donated to their LA or reading classrooms.

– The PTO will be hosting a **hot chocolate** ☕ and **s'mores** 🍪 **truck!!!**

If you would like to **volunteer to help at the book fair please visit our sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4bafab2ca1fd0-2023#/>

****Parking** for the Family Event is available on Northwood Street or St. Joseph's church across the street.*

Consider sharing your love with those who need it most!

GOT BOOKS?

DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS TO CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKIYE

MARCH 6TH-10TH

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BINS LOCATED BY THE FRONT OFFICE AT DMS OR AT THE BOOK FAIR IN THE DMS GYM

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO DONATE BOOKS AFTER SCHOOL AT THE FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BOOK FAIR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH 3:05-5PM

SPRING FUNDRAISER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEETING: TUESDAY MARCH 7-8-9 PM

MEET NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, THE PARENTS OF YOUR CHILDREN'S CLASSMATES

HELP US SECURE SPONSORS & RAFFLE ITEMS

ENJOY REFRESHMENTS BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY HELP SUPPORT THE PTO AND OUR SCHOOLS

EMAIL SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG TO RSVP & RECEIVE MEETING LOCATION DETAILS

** NEW DATE **

Save the Date! Our **Spring Fundraiser Gala** will be held on **Friday, April 28, 2023** at the **Montammy Golf Club!**



DONATE

The **PTO** needs your help!!! Have an **auction item to donate?** Big or small, all donations are invaluable! Please email us at:

springfundraiser@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

Demarest PTO Presents
- Me & My Dance -

LIVE DJ | PHOTOBOOTH | PIZZA

**GLOW
PARTY**

\$25 per student and adult guest

K-1st Grades: Tues March 28th 5:30-7:00 PM

2nd-4th Grades: Tues April 4th 5:30-7:00 PM

@Luther Lee Emerson School Gym

MORE INFORMATION
crsvp@demarestpto.org



2022 Tax Notice – Child & Dependent Care Expenses

Attention families who participated in the “Demarest PTO SACC Program” from January to June 2022:

Please use the following Demarest PTO information for tax reporting.

501c3 Tax ID: 74-3175958

Address: 568 Piermont Rd, Demarest, NJ 07627

This Tax ID is NOT APPLICABLE for the 2022-2023 Wyckoff YMCA SACC or the Demarest PTO Enrichment Program.

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND THE PTO PROUDLY PRESENT



SHOW DATES: MARCH 30 & 31ST

CRS, LLE & DMS

SPIRIT
Friday 

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



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. Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO-sponsored events. Members can also access our online directory of



PTO member families for 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

COMMUNITY NEWS

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>

Feedback from Students and Parents

100% of participants are glad that Demarest offers this service!

90% of students feel Tutor.com has helped them feel more confident with their schoolwork!

"David C. was an amazing tutor and helped me understand my homework so much better."

Review from a student user

For more information, please visit the Demarest School District Homepage!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

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

Demarest Public Library

Teen

Advisory

Board

Demarest Public Library/Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Upcoming March Events

Homework Help

Mondays & Wednesdays
3:30 to 4:30 PM
@the Demarest Public Library
in the children's section

Teen volunteers from the Teen Advisory Board will be available Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm, at the library, to help students from grades K-4 with homework.

No sign-up is necessary. This is not 1:1 tutoring. Volunteers will work with students in small groups and provide basic support with homework assignments.

Questions?
Please contact the TAB at
DemarestTAB@gmail.com



Food Collection for Neighbors



Hunger and food insecurity are still on the rise. This monthly collection helps our neighbors. **Dumont Food Pantry** serve its 300 families and **Norwood Food Pantry**, its 75 families. Food

collections are typically the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month @ **8am – 7pm**. How to: Just sign up for any Monday. Click on the link below. And drop off at 8 John Street, Demarest (table by garage)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a4aa2ea1fb6-dumont#/>

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!



Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: www.demarestlibrary.org. Register for programs at: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest