



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 3, 2025

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Thu 2/6 Last Day to Order Valentine's Cookie Kits
- Fri 2/7 Last Day for Read-A-Thon Forms Due to Teachers
- Fri 2/7 Spirit Friday
- Tue 2/11 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 2/12 CRS Read-A-Thon Celebration Assembly
- Thu 2/13 LLE Read-A-Thon Celebration Assembly
- Fri 2/14 Spirit Friday
- Fri 2/14 Valentine's Day Class Party
- Fri 2/14 DMS Hot Chocolate Party
- Mon 2/17 – Fri 2/21 Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed
- Fri 2/28 Spirit Friday



MARCH

- Wed 3/5 – Thu 3/6 DMS Book Fair
- Fri 3/7 Spirit Friday
- Sat 3/8 International Heritage Day
- Tue 3/11 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Wed 3/12 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Thu 3/13 No Homework Night Fundraiser, TBD
- Fri 3/14 Spirit Friday
- Fri 3/14 Spring Fundraiser Gala, Alpine CC, 8pm
- Tue 3/18 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Thu 3/20 – Fri 3/21 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/21 Spirit Friday
- Mon 3/24 Half Day
- Tue 3/25 CRS Me & My Dance, LLE, 5:30pm
- Fri 3/28 Spirit Friday

## NOTEWORTHY



Principal's Challenge registration open! Spring Gala tickets on sale!



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at [demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com).

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

**Happy Monday**, Demarest Families! We've officially flipped the calendar to February—how did that happen so fast? Feels like we were just making New Year's resolutions (and maybe already breaking them).

First up, **Lunar New Year** assemblies—WOW. These performances were next-level! Huge thanks to all the parents and students who helped plan such an incredible event. Each school had its own assembly, and every single one was a showstopper!

Meanwhile, over at **LLE**, every student received a copy of **Save Me a Seat** as part of the school-wide **One Book, One School** initiative. The kids are all in on this story, and the excitement over the nightly mystery readers is real! Your **PTO** was thrilled to **provide the books** to each student—because if there's one thing we love, it's getting kids hooked on reading.

Speaking of reading... the **Read-A-Thon** tracking may be done, but don't close the book on this just yet! It's pledge time—gather those pledges and get **everything turned in** by **Friday, 2/7**. Check out the detailed flyers below for all the key dates and info.

And that's not all—there's plenty more excitement ahead, including the **Principal's Challenge**, **Valentine's Day Cookie Kits**, the **Spring Gala**, and the **DMS Book Fair**! Keep reading below for all the details!

Wishing you a fantastic week ahead!

Batool & Lauren

**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**

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

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**Demarest 5k**  
 run for your health

**DEMAREST 5K & PRINCIPALS CHALLENGE**  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Principals Challenge dates/times available on website  
[www.Demarest5k.org](http://www.Demarest5k.org)

**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025**

Register at [Demarest5k.org](http://Demarest5k.org)  
 Register early before price increases

Questions?  
 Email [Demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:Demarest5k@demarestpto.org)



Get ready for the **2025 Principals' Challenge** and the **Demarest 5k**! This year will be the 40th running of the race and we are excited to start training. Dust off your running shoes and check out [Demarest5k.org](http://Demarest5k.org) to register! Any questions? Don't hesitate to email [Demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:Demarest5k@demarestpto.org). Happy Running!

**GOT PICS?**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD READING IN THE READ-A-THON SLIDESHOW, PLEASE CLICK ON THE QR CODE OR EMAIL IT TO [READATHON@DEMARESTPTO.ORG](mailto:READATHON@DEMARESTPTO.ORG).

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CALL4PHOTOS](https://tinyurl.com/call4photos)



**FEB 3 - FEB 7** **COMING UP THIS WEEK WITH THE READ-A-THON**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
 STUDENTS HAND IN COMPLETED READING TRACKER AND (IF APPLICABLE) PLEDGE SHEETS TO TEACHERS AND SELECT A COMPLETION PRIZE


BEGIN COLLECTING DONATIONS FROM PLEDGES. EMAIL [READATHON@DEMARESTPTO.ORG](mailto:READATHON@DEMARESTPTO.ORG) WITH THE SUBJECT LINE "DONATION SUMMARY: STUDENT'S NAME AND GRADE" IF YOU WOULD LIKE A SUMMARY OF ALL DONATIONS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR STUDENT(S).

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
 ALL PLEDGE MONEY MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA ZELLE, SQUARE, TOOLKIT, OR CHECK BY TODAY IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED FOR TOP PRIZE CONSIDERATION!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
 READING TRACKER SHEETS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO TEACHERS BY TODAY TO BE COUNTED FOR TOP PRIZE CONSIDERATION!

SUBMIT PHOTOS, QUOTES, OR TESTIMONIALS VIA FORM TO ADD TO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY SLIDESHOW

SHARE THIS QR CODE TO EASILY COLLECT DONATIONS



GET READY TO CELEBRATE YOUR HARD WORK! CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY  
 WED, FEB 12 (CRS)  
 THURS, FEB 13 (LLE)

Questions? Email [readathon@demarestpto.org](mailto:readathon@demarestpto.org)

FEBRUARY 3 2025

STUDENT EDITION #3

CRS AND LLE

**2025 READ-A-THON**  
 READING IS MY SUPERPOWER!

### YOUR MISSION IS ALMOST COMPLETE!

COMPLETE THESE LAST STEPS TO FINISH YOUR MISSION

- 1 RETURN READING TRACKER SHEETS**  
 MAKE SURE ALL YOUR MINUTES ARE RECORDED AND RETURN YOUR TRACKER SHEET TO YOUR TEACHER BETWEEN FEBRUARY 3 AND FEBRUARY 7.
- 2 RETURN PLEDGE SHEETS**  
 If you found pledges, return your Pledge Sheet to your teacher between February 3 and February 7.
- 3 COLLECT PLEDGE MONEY**  
 REACH OUT TO YOUR PLEDGES AND COLLECT ALL DONATIONS BY FEBRUARY 6. SHARE THIS QR CODE FOR PAYMENT OPTIONS!
- 4 GET READY TO CELEBRATE AT THE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**  
 CRS - WED. 2/12  
 LLE - THURS. 2/13

### IMPORTANT NOTES

Deadlines to ensure your minutes and donations are counted for Top Awards consideration:  
 Reading Tracker Sheet: February 7  
 Pledge Sheet: February 7  
 Pledge Money (submitted through payment options): February 6

It is your responsibility to ensure donations are submitted by the February 6 deadline. If you would like to check on donations that have been submitted for your student(s), email [readathon@demarestpto.org](mailto:readathon@demarestpto.org) with the subject line "DONATION SUMMARY: STUDENT'S NAME AND GRADE"

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

# Valentine's Day Cookie Kit Fundraiser

Decorate cookies while helping us raise money! 20% of all cookie sales will go back to our school!

COOKIE KITS COME WITH WITH SIX LARGE COOKIES, THREE COLORS OF ICING, AND VALENTINE'S DAY SPRINKLES (AS PICTURED BELOW). KITS ARE \$12 EACH, ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY FEB 6TH

PICK UP AT THE TRAIN STATION THURS FEB 13 FROM 2:30-4PM

Allergen Information:  
Cookies contain WHEAT, DAIRY and EGG.  
Icing contains EGG.



Support the Demarest PTO! You can order [Valentine's Day cookie decorating kits](#) from [Flavor Labs](#) now! Purchase using link below until [Thursday, 2/6](#):  
<https://theflavorlabs.com/products/dem-vday-cookiekits>.  
Pick up on [Thursday, 2/13](#) at the [Train Station](#) between [2:30pm – 4pm](#).



Mark your calendars for the [DMS Book Fair](#) - [Wednesday, 3/5](#) and [Thursday, 3/6](#). Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their LA classes. All DMS families are welcome to attend and shop the book fair at our [Family Fun Event](#) on [Thursday](#) from [3:05pm – 5pm](#). Families will have the opportunity to meet with Principal Regan, as well as many DMS teachers! Explore and purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS teachers...stay tuned for more exciting details!

YOU'RE INVITED!

# THE DEMAREST PTO SPRING GALA

ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

Friday March 14, 2025

8PM-11PM

FOOD | DRINKS | RAFFLES | LIVE AUCTION

Tickets available for purchase NOW on membership toolkit!  
Cocktail Attire

[Demarest PTO 2025 Spring Gala](#) – Tickets on sale now! Join us on [March 14th](#)! [Early Bird](#) pricing available starting today! Sponsorship opportunities still available that include two tickets to the event.

Go to [demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](https://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com) to purchase today!

## DEMAREST PTO 2025 SPRING GALA ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

OUR RAFFLE & AUCTION HELP RAISE THE MOST MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

HELP US RAISE FUNDS  
WITH GREAT DONATIONS!

CONSIDER DONATING...

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR STORES | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES |  
DINING | TRAVEL EXPERIENCES | LUXURY RETAIL GOODS |  
TICKETS TO MUSIC | SPORTING EVENTS | EXPERIENCES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

EMAIL:

[SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG](mailto:SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG)

For more information on how to contribute email [springfundraiser@demarestpto.org](mailto:springfundraiser@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



The PTO is seeking 1 volunteer for the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Committee**. If interested, please email

[secretary@demarestpto.org](mailto:secretary@demarestpto.org). Please note that you **must** be a PTO member to volunteer for any PTO positions.



### Volunteers needed!

The date for **International Heritage Day 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).

CRS, LLE & DMS



Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors (red and white) every **Friday!** Email with the new fall lineup coming soon!!!

**PLEASE NOTE**

**CONTACT US**

The best way to contact us is by emailing [president@demarestpto.org](mailto: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](mailto:ptonews@demarestpto.org) by Friday of each week.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**BEST FOR AGES 4+**

# MUSIC AND MOVEMENT!

**FEBRUARY 6  
3:30-4:15 PM**

**DELIGHT IN MUSICAL ACTIVITIES AND FUN!**

**LOCATION: THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM AT THE DEMAREST LIBRARY**

**RUN BY THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD OF THE DEMAREST FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**



## MAPLE SYRUP DAY

FEBRUARY

8

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**

**Saturday February 8th  
10AM**

**Meet at Demarest Nature Center entrance adjacent to the Imagination Playground on Wakelee Drive**


Join us for our annual Maple Syrup Day at the Demarest Nature Center. Learn how maple syrup is made, from tapping trees, to boiling the sap to make real maple syrup.

**Fun games and scavenger hunts for kids of all ages!  
S'mores and hot drinks!**



**COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd**


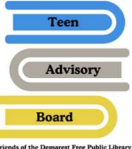
## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) PRE-SUPER BOWL PARTY



Join us at the Demarest Library for pizza, trivia, and games while we get ready for the Super Bowl!

**SUNDAY  
2.9.2025  
1:00-2:00 PM**

Wear either **RED** or **GREEN** to support your team!!

Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library

Join the **Friends of the Demarest Library Teen Advisory Board** for a

## Valentine's Day Activity!

Make Valentine's Day cards for Seniors!

Cards will be delivered to the Jewish Home Family in Rockleigh

**February 13th**

**3:30 pm - 4:15 pm**

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 6+

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED



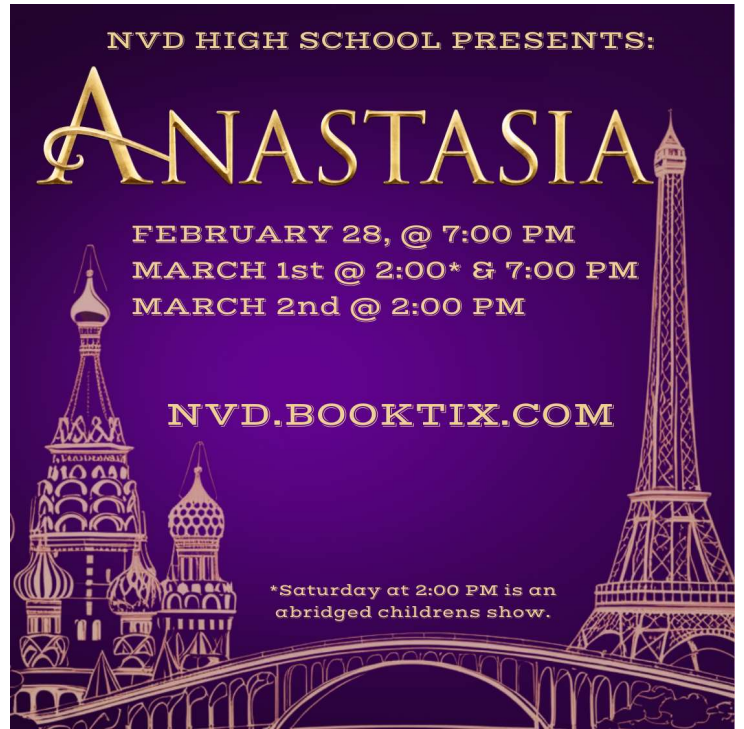

Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library

NVD HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# ANASTASIA

FEBRUARY 28, @ 7:00 PM  
MARCH 1st @ 2:00\* & 7:00 PM  
MARCH 2nd @ 2:00 PM

**NVD.BOOKTIX.COM**



\*Saturday at 2:00 PM is an abridged childrens show.

Please support out NVD students in their production of Anastasia the musical! Inspired by the beloved films, ANASTASIA transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family. ANASTASIA is a spectacular musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be. Shows are Friday, 2/28 at 7:00PM, Saturday, 3/1 at 2:00PM (an abridged children version) and 7:00PM, and Sunday, 3/2 at 2:00PM. Tickets at [nvd.booktix.com](http://nvd.booktix.com). Open dress rehearsal to senior citizens only on Thursday, 2/27 at 6:00PM. For information contact [marconid@nvnet.org](mailto:marconid@nvnet.org).