

DEMAREST PTO WEEKLY NEWS

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2026

THIS WEEK

- **MON 1/12:** READ-A-THON BEGINS!
- **WED 1/14:** PTO GENERAL MEETING, 8:30AM DMS
- **FRI 1/16:** PAJAMA & COZY CORNER READING DAY @
CRS & LLE



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- **MON 1/19:** NO SCHOOL / PD STAFF
- **WED 1/21:** BOE MEETING, CRS, 7PM
- **SUN 1/25:** LAST DAY OF READ-A-THON
- **FRI 1/30:** LAST DAY TO SUBMIT READ-A-THON
LOGGED IN MINUTES AND DONATIONS

FEBRUARY

- **FRI 2/6:** READ-A-THON WINNERS ANNOUNCED
- **FRI 2/6:** ICE SKATING, OPEN TO ALL DEMAREST FAMILIES @
PALISADES MALL ICE SKATING RINK

PRESIDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

Winter Olympics, DJs, and some seriously competitive teachers! No, we're not making this up—it was all part of this year's Read-A-Thon Assembly, and for the first time ever, DMS joined the action too!

The opening assemblies were a huge hit, featuring high-energy music, Olympic-style fun, and unforgettable teacher competitions at DMS that had students cheering like it was a gold-medal match.

These assemblies officially kicked off a two-week adventure in reading and fundraising across our schools.

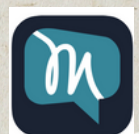
You've probably already heard the full play-by-play from your kiddos, but be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for emails packed with Read-A-Thon details—including how students can earn prizes using their Read-A-Thon Bingo Cards! 🏆📧❄️

-Batool & Lauren

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

HELPFUL TIPS & REMINDERS

- **Ice Skate Night Out** tickets **on sale now** on Membership Toolkit!
- **Join the PTO** @ www.demarestpto.org, to gain access to the **student directory** and so much more!
- **Fun fact:** You can **download an app** to access the **PTO website** with just a tap! **Look for this icon**



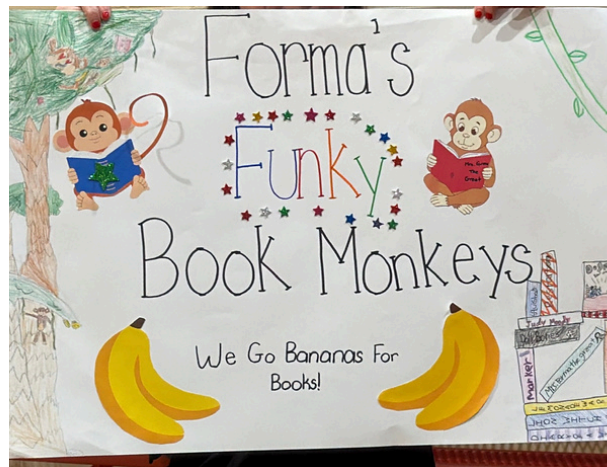
THE ROVING REPORTER

DJ beats, Winter Olympics energy, and epic teacher competitions—our Read-A-Thon assemblies brought the excitement, with DMS joining the action for the first time. Enjoy these highlights! 🎧📖



BREAKING NEWS

Monday, January 12th the Demarest School Read-A-Thon kicks off—two weeks of Winter Olympics reading, bingo cards, and school-wide excitement!



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THE DMS STUDENT COUNCIL AND
PTO PRESENT

Ice Skating Night

February 6, 2026

6:10-7:10 PM

Palisades Ice Rink



Come and enjoy a fun night of ice skating with your friends and family.

Refreshments will be available.

This event is open to all Demarest Families!

\$20 for PTO Members

\$25 for Non-Members

\$30 at the door

Registration OPEN NOW!

DEMAREST PTO
INVITES PARENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR
BI-MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY

14TH

JANUARY

8:30AM

Connect with Other Parents
and Learn About Exciting
Upcoming Events!

- ✓ Learn about upcoming PTO and school happenings!
- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Learn about ways to get involved!

@ Demarest Middle School
568 Piermont Rd.
in the cafeteria!



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

- SPRING SOCIAL LEAD - PARENTS NIGHT OUT
- PTO WEBSITE & MEMBERSHIP

TOOLKIT SUPPORT (TECH-SAVVY)

PARENTS WELCOME!

WANT TO HELP BUT NOT SURE HOW?

EMAIL US AND WE CAN FIND A PLACE FOR YOU!

EMAIL NEWSLETTER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG

IF INTERESTED!

JOIN US!

THE SPRING SOCIAL!

CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT A LEAD!

We'd love to host a
Spring Social for parents, but
we need a crew to make it
happen! If you love planning
fun nights out, sign up to lead
(or join) the planning team —
one lead and 2-3 helpers
needed!

Email:

president@demarestpto.org

This event is not meant to be a
fundraiser, just a fun night out
for parents!

DEMAREST COMMUNITY NEWS

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) of the
Friends of the Demarest Library for

DANCE & MOVEMENT FREEZE DANCE



FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Ages 4-6

No dance experience required!
No registration required!



HOMEWORK HELP

Join us for group homework help
facilitated by the Teen Advisory
Board (TAB)

MONDAYS - 3:15 - 4:15 PM
JANUARY 12 & 26, FEBRUARY 2, 9, & 23
AT THE DEMAREST LIBRARY

Disclaimer
This is not a one-on-one tutoring service.
Sessions may be cancelled without notice.
Program does not run when the library is closed
or school is not in session.



KID-FRIENDLY CHESS CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, JAN 17TH 2026



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST EVER CHESS CHALLENGE

Perfect for beginner to intermediate level players! This challenge is all about learning, practicing, and having fun in a friendly, competitive environment!

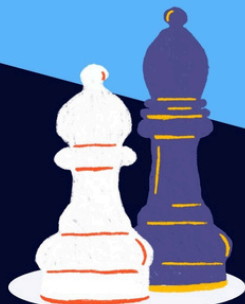
Ages: 6-14 years old

Spots Limited: 20 players max

Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM latest

Format: 2 games per player

Unrated: No official ratings—just fun and practice!



DEMAREST LIBRARY CHESS CLUB



BOOK SIGNING AND AUTHOR TALK:

**CALMFIDENCE: HOW TO
TRUST YOURSELF, TAME
YOUR INNER CRITIC, AND
SHINE IN ANY SPOTLIGHT**
BY PATRICIA STARK



THURSDAY
JANUARY 15TH 2026



TIME
6:00 - 7:15 PM



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Tame Your Inner Critic,
and Shine in Any Spotlight*

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