



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 2, 2024

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



December

- Wed 12/4 Holiday Boutique – CRS
- Wed 12/4 DMS Musical Auditions, 3:15pm
- Thu 12/5 Holiday Boutique – DMS
- Fri 12/6 Last Day of Enrichment Enrollment
- Fri 12/6 Spirit Friday
- Wed 12/11 Holiday Boutique – LLE
- Fri 12/13 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

Welcome back, **Demarest families**! Can you believe it's already **December**? It feels like we blinked, and here we are, decking the halls and juggling holiday plans. While this month might be short on school days, our **PTO fun-to-do list** is anything but! So, **grab your calendars** and **get ready to jingle** through a flurry of events that'll keep your spirits bright.

Middle school thespians, it's time to show you're rotten to the core! Auditions for **Descendants: The Musical** are taking over this **Wednesday, 12/4**, after school. Channel your inner Mal, Evie, or Carlos and let your wicked talent shine. Whether you're casting spells, stealing hearts, or just rocking your best VK vibes, we're excited to see you light up the stage in what's sure to be a spellbinding production.

On the shopping front, our **Holiday Boutiques** are here to save the day. First stop: **CRS**, this **Wednesday, 12/4**. Next up, **DMS** on **Thursday, 12/5**, with **LLE** joining the party next week on **Wednesday, 12/11**. So cute! Tiny shoppers browsing for treasures that will make your heart melt. Look out for a boutique letter coming home today or tomorrow—it's got all the details, plus a handy envelope for sending cash with your child. Shopping and math skills? Win-win!

Finally, a huge shoutout to the real **holiday heroes**—our **teachers and staff**. We are truly "SNOW" grateful for all they do! The PTO is thrilled to sponsor this year's **Holiday Luncheon** in their honor, featuring delicious food, festive cheer, and some amazing raffles. Want to sprinkle a little extra joy their way? You can **contribute on Membership Toolkit**—no PTO membership required, just a big heart and a love for spreading cheer. Check out the flyer below for all the details.

Happy Monday and have a fantastic week!

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**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**

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

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



**DMS AND DEMAREST PTO PROUDLY PRESENT**

**Disney DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL**

**MARCH 20 & 21, 2025**

**AUDITIONS**

Click [HERE](http://bit.ly/3OgnEH7) 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

**Extended Rehearsals:** Mon, Mar 10 @ 3:15 - 6 PM  
Weds, Mar 12 @ 3:15 - 6:15 PM

**Mandatory Dress Rehearsal:** March 19 @ 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)**

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). Enrollment closes on **Friday, 12/6**.



**DEMAREST PTO**

**Spirit Wear Fridays**

**Nov 15 - Dec 13**

**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)**

## 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)



The PTO is excited to sponsor this year's **2024 Holiday Luncheon** on **12/18**, which will be filled with festivities, food, raffles, and lots of fun! If you'd like to **contribute**, please visit the **Demarest PTO Membership Toolkit** to make your donation by **12/9**. Please note that you

do not need to be a PTO member to participate—everyone is welcome!

Please see the recommended contribution amounts, though any amount is greatly appreciated.

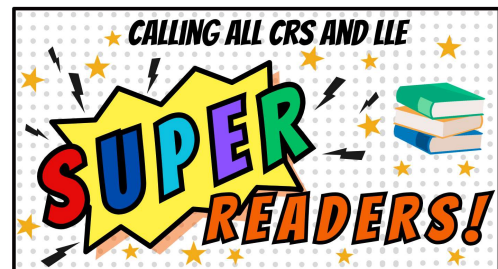
- child(ren) attend 1 schools: \$25
- child(ren) attend 2 schools: \$35
- child(ren) attend 3 schools: \$40

Thank you in advance for your participation, and warm wishes for a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!



The PTO is thrilled to host the first-ever Holiday Boutique during and after school hours! Students will visit during the day with their class and families are welcome to attend after school hours.

This event offers students the unique opportunity to pick out their own affordable gifts for family and friends. The Kids' Kastle Holiday Shop is designed to allow children to shop independently in a safe, familiar environment, while learning valuable skills like planning, budgeting, and decision-making! They'll also experience the joy of giving! The shop will feature gifts for everyone: moms, dads, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, teachers—and even pets! Prices range from \$0.25 to \$15, with most items priced between \$3 and \$8.



**UNLEASH YOUR  
READING SUPERPOWER!**

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



**JANUARY 13-26, 2025**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling all taekwondo students! Registration for the **Lunar New Year** Taekwondo Performance is now open for yellow belts and above. If your child would like to participate in the assembly, please click on the link below. The last day to register is **Friday, December 6**.

CRS + LLE: <https://forms.gle/NnynNqyPAYtVL7tG7>

DMS: <https://forms.gle/tFDEkgzYJ4WhhwHG7>



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!



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



# 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/1FAIpQLSdhteSA1onKFE0GVaOLysqBGzD1CDDpmgII0cLwVgOkcaggA/viewform>

# 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>