



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 15, 2021

UPCOMING CALENDAR

PRESIDENTS' CORNER



NOVEMBER

Tue 11/16 COW/BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
 Fri 11/19 Spirit Fridays
 Wed 11/24 Thanksgiving Recess – Early Dismissal
 Thu 11/25 –
 Fri 11/26 Thanksgiving Recess – No School



DECEMBER

Wed 12/1 Book Fair – CRS
 Thu 12/2 Book Fair – LLE
 Fri 12/3 Spirit Fridays
 Fri 12/10 Spirit Fridays
 Tue 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD
 Tue 12/14 COW/BOE Meeting, DMS, 7pm
 Fri 12/17 Spirit Fridays
 Thu 12/23 Holiday Recess – Early Dismissal
 Fri 12/24 –
 Fri 12/31 Holiday Recess – No School

Wow, how are we already halfway through November?! That flew by! This is our last full week of school before Thanksgiving, and there are a lot of things happening. Thank you to everyone who attended last week's **PTO meeting**. We love seeing both familiar and new faces, while hearing from our Demarest families. Also, a big thank you to our administration for providing valuable updates. Please continue to join us, our next meeting will be in **January!**

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTO by participating in the **Donut Fundraiser**. Pick up is this week at **The Flavor Labs** in Norwood. Be sure to grab you kit **Wednesday** through **Friday** of this week.

The **Book Fair** is making its in person return! The **CRS** and **LLE Book Fair** will be held **12/1** and **12/2**, with our **FIRST** ever **Family Night**. On **Thursday, December 2nd**, from **3:20** to **5:30**, all families are invited to attend and shop. We will be featuring lots of fun activities, including story time with Mr. Mazzini, a raffle, and more!

NOTEWORTHY



Don't forget to pick up your **donuts!**



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can join by purchasing a membership at www.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.

DMS parents, our amazing committee is hard at work on the **musical!** Their first **information meeting** is **this week**, and the ball is rolling. The PTO is very grateful for the opportunity to bring this back to our students, and we can't wait to see the show.

Just a reminder, the schools send out their own newsletters. Take a moment to read them, as they have a ton of important information! Who doesn't like to be in the know?

Keep your eyes on the PTO Newsletter as the future weeks are busy! Want to get involved? We would love to have you! We are only an email away.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,
 Vanessa & Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Become a **PTO member** for the **2021-2022** school year! Go to Membership Toolkit and register today! PTO membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment program, SACC (School-Aged Child Care) program, PTO Committee positions, and more. Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO sponsored events. Additionally, members can access our online directory of PTO member families. **Be sure to purchase your membership today!**



The annual **LLE Book Fair** will be held **in-person** on **Wednesday, 12/1** for **CRS students (grades K-1)** and **Thursday, 12/2** for **LLE students**. **Pre-K** can attend after school hours with a parent/guardian on **Wednesday, 12/1 3:20pm – 4:15pm**. All families are welcome **Wednesday, 12/1** from **4:15pm – 5pm** and **Thursday, 12/2 3:20pm – 5:30pm**. Visit the link below for more information regarding parent visiting hours, volunteer opportunities, signing up for a cash-free payment option (eWallet), and details on our **Family Fun Night** with Mr. Mazzini as our guest reader!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair>



The PTO is looking for **volunteers!** If you are able and willing to serve in any of the committees below, you can email our presidents at president@demarestpto.org. Please note that you must be a member of the PTO in order to serve. We appreciate any help you can provide!

Committee Coordinators Needed

- Demarest 5K
- Enrichment



If you purchased **Apple Cider Donuts Kits**, don't forget to pick them up at the **Flavor Labs** in Norwood, NJ between **Wednesday, 11/17** and **Friday, 11/19** from **1pm – 6pm**.

THE DEMAREST PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

PRESENTS

LEARN HOW TO FIND HAPPINESS IN YOUR LIFE & WORK USING POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY & MINDFULNESS BASED PRACTICES WITH DR. PAQUETTE

Join us for an evening with **Jonah Paquette, Psy.D.**

Author of *Real Happiness*, *The Happiness Toolbox*, and his newest book *Awestruck: How Embracing Wonder Can Make You Happier, Healthier, and More Connected*.

**Thursday,
November, 18**
7 pm
till
8:30 pm
Via Zoom



The webinar is **FREE** of charge but requires pre-registration. Please sign up here <https://forms.gle/JZfSKmDoS89DAW82A>

You will receive a link to the online event on the day of the event.

Dr. Parquette is a clinical psychologist, author, and international speaker, specializing in the areas of happiness and well-being. His work focuses on helping individuals and organizations prosper in life, love, and work. To do so, he utilizes cutting-edge approaches including positive psychology, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and mindfulness-based practices.

AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION WE WILL HAVE A RAFFLE TO GIVE AWAY A COPY OF EACH OF DR. PARQUETTE'S BOOKS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DR. PARQUETTE GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.JONAHPAQUETTE.COM/](https://www.jonahpaquette.com/)
Any questions please email dpac@nvnet.org

Support Demarest PTO.

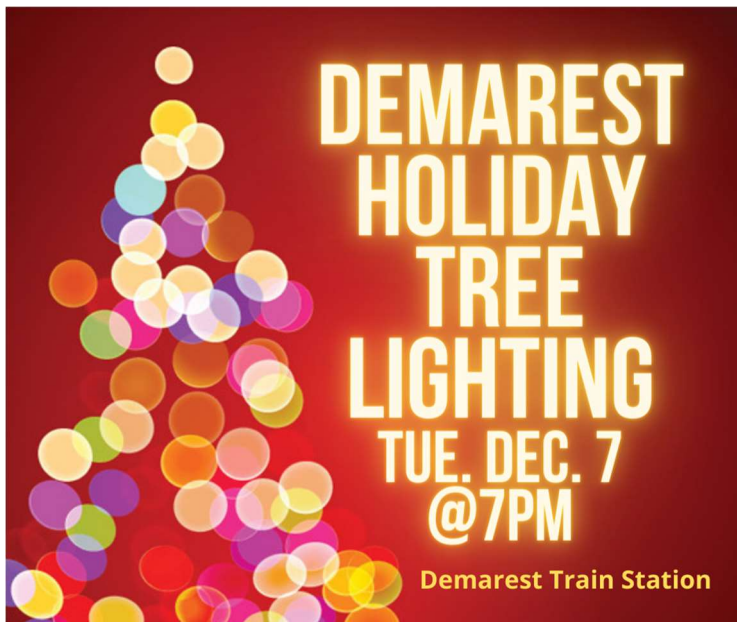
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Demarest Library Updates

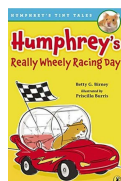


MEET BALOO!

Read to a Dog – Thursday, 11/18 from 4pm to 5pm. Demarest Library will be hosting a Read to a Dog program. Children can practice their reading one-on-one with an adorable and loving therapy dog! For readers and prereaders ages 5 to 11. Children may register for one 10-minute session, which will take place at the Demarest Train Station Room. Masks are required. Online registration is required.



Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts – Join Ms. Cara at the Demarest Train Station at 24 Park St. on **Monday, 11/22 3:30pm to 4pm** for fun and simple Thanksgiving crafts. For children ages 4 to 8.



The 1st & 2nd Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, 11/30, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*.



The 3rd & 4th Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Wednesday, 12/1, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *Wishree*.



The 5th & 6th Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Thursday, 12/2, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *When You Reach Me*.

For more information about all other Children's Programs at the Library, go to: www.demarestlibrary.org

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

**MUSEUM
PASSES**

**FREE
WITH YOUR
LIBRARY
CARD!**



Free admission for 4 to 6 people to:

- Children's Museum of Manhattan
- Guggenheim Museum
- Intrepid Air & Space Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- Storm King Art Center

The **Demarest Library** offers **FREE** museum passes with your library card! Passes may be checked out to Demarest residents only. To learn more, visit the website at www.demarestlibrary.org/museumpasses.

girl scouts
of northern
new jersey



You're invited to join

the world of Girl Scouts!

**Join Demarest Daisy Girl Scouts
for Kindergarten-1st grade girls!**

As a Girl Scout, join fun activities and earn skill patches, all while making new friends during troop meetings. Throughout the Girl Scout experience, they will also go on trips, learn about nature and science and explore the arts and their communities—and so much more. Joining a Girl Scout troop as a Kindergartener or 1st grader is a wonderful place to make new friends and form connections that will last for many years. It's not too late to join!

Adult volunteers are needed to assist and co-lead troops. You only need to have passion and enthusiasm for helping girls learn new things. No prior Girl Scouting experience required. Troops cannot be formed without leaders. Two leaders are needed to start troops. Training is free. Leaders decide the meeting dates, time and location.

Please contact Pam Singer for more information. Psinger@gsnj.org

**JOIN OR
RENEW TODAY**
www.gsnj.org
973-248-8200

**Adult volunteers needed to be leaders.
Training, resources, and support are provided.**