

Demarest Middle School



October 2nd, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 10/5-10/9 Week of Respect
- 10/7 Student Council Elections
- 10/8 Picture Day and No HW Night
- 10/13 BOE Meeting
- 10/14 NVD Open House for 8th Grade Parents
- 11/3 Half Day Parent Teacher Conference
- 11/5 and 11/6 School Closed

Week of Respect

Week of Respect is celebrated in New Jersey schools during the first week of October. This year we will have daily teacher-led lessons on the following themes:

Day 1: The Impact of Small Gestures

Day 2: Inclusion

Day 3: Spreading Confidence

Day 4: The Power of Kind Words

Each day will also be accompanied by a Spirit Week where students are encouraged to dress in fun outfits around the theme of kindness and inclusivity.

Student Council Election

On October 7th DMS will host its annual student council election. Eligible eighth grade students will have the opportunity to make a campaign speech prior to voting. To be eligible to run for office in eighth grade a student must have been a member of student council in grades five, six, or seven.

Science and Engineering Team

This past spring a team of DMS students qualified as a finalist for the New Jersey School Boards STEAM Tank Challenge. Best of luck to Ms. Werner and the Demarest team as they head to Atlantic City later this month.

NVD Open House

Northern Valley Regional High School will hold an open house for parents of eighth grade students on October 14th from 6-8PM.

Internet Enabled Devices

Parents and students are reminded that all student owned internet enabled devices including cell phones and smart watches must be turned off and stored in our lockers during the school day.

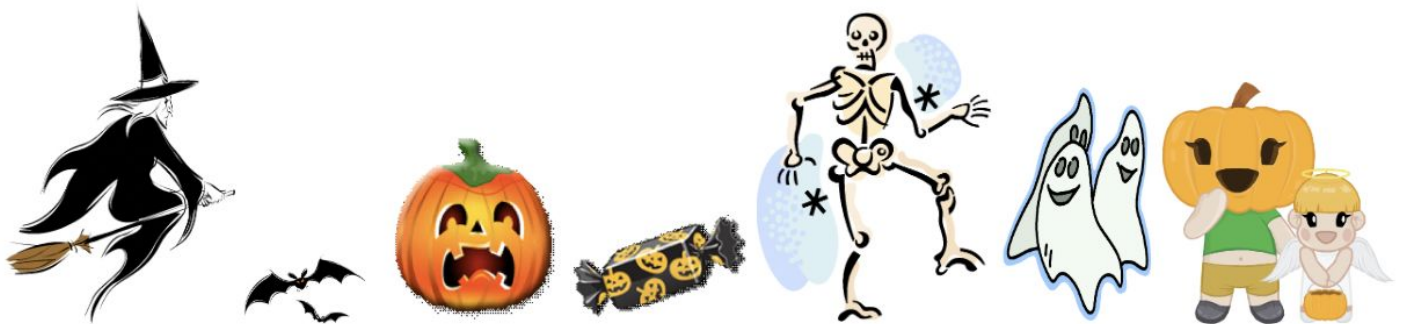
DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN

Students will be allowed to wear their costumes for the full school day on Friday, October 30th. They should come to school in their costumes and will remain in their costumes for the entirety of the day.

Costumes should adhere to the following guidelines as detailed below.

- Students are reminded that if they are planning to wear a costume to school for Halloween, it must conform to The Demarest Middle School Dress Code.
- Costumes may not be demeaning, insulting, or representing any ethnic group, race, nationality, disability, gender (boys as girls and vice versa), individual (staff or student) at the school, or depict any religious leaders as that may be offensive to other students.
- Costumes may not cause a disruption or distraction to the school program. For example, no revealing costumes such as: nightwear, bathing suits, etc.
- No weapons or props replicating weapons or dangerous items are to be brought to school.
- No costumes are allowed that would completely hide the identity of the student, i.e. gorilla suit, "Scream" character, or a costume mask. **(Costume Masks are not permitted).**
- No costumes are allowed that would impair a student's vision or movement.
- No costumes showing obscene materials or prohibited substances are allowed.
- No inflatable costumes.
- No products such as makeup or hairspray should be brought to school.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, DO NOT WEAR IT!!





DMS WEEK OF RESPECT

10/5-10/9

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MONDAY

Dream Of Kindness

Wear your comfiest pair of pajamas or a cozy onesie!



TUESDAY

Light Up With Kindness

Go wild with your most colorful and neon outfit!



WEDNESDAY

We Make A Great Team
Represent your favorite sports team/athlete with a jersey



THURSDAY

Say Cheese!

Dress in your best outfit for Picture Day



FRIDAY

Spirit Day

Wear any Demarest apparel to show your pride as a Wildcat!



L.E.A.D

This year our fifth graders are participating in the L.E.A.D program with Demarest Police Officer Luke Cataldo. The program focuses on substance abuse prevention, anti-bullying, and the prevention of violence.