



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of May 15, 2023

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



- Tue 5/16 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 5/19 Field Day – CRS
- Sat 5/20 International Heritage Day
- Thu 5/25 Field Day – LLE
- Fri 5/26 – Memorial Day Weekend – School Closed
- Mon 5/29



- Wed 6/7 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- Thu 6/8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ
- Fri 6/9 Field Day – DMS
- Tue 6/13 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Thu 6/15 Last PTO Meeting, DMS 8:30am
- Fri 6/16 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- Mon 6/19 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- Tue 6/20 Last Day of School – Half Day

## NOTEWORTHY



Do you want to chair a **PTO committee**? Be on the lookout for posted openings.



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

**Demarest Moms, Happy Belated Mother's Day!** We hope all of our community moms had an amazing day. We all work so hard at this often thankless, yet super rewarding, job of motherhood. A wonderful day was well deserved by all! We love our dads too, so we welcome everyone back to another amazing week to come.

We say a huge thank you to all who supported this year's final **No Homework Night Fundraiser**. **El Taco bar** was THE place to be last Wednesday. We haven't seen a Mexican place so packed since Senor Frogs, circa Spring Break of 1997.

Speaking of worldly travel, this coming **Saturday** marks the epic return of a true community cultural event. **International Heritage Day** is RETURNING to our own **LLE**. From **12 – 2:30pm** the **gym** will be transformed into Demarest's own version of Epcot center. Toss your passport into your backpack and visit **China, Croatia, and Columbia** just by driving down the street. How amazing is that? Yep, super amazing!

As the year winds down, our **4th graders** prepare to **move up** and our **eighth graders** will **graduate**. So bittersweet, but that also means two more big events are on the horizon. Be sure to mark your calendars for the **8th Grade Dance** on **June 7th**, and **Fourth Grade Moving Up** on **June 16th**. There's nothing that the PTO loves more than the chance to dance.

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! We have over 35 committees which are run by the PTO. So, whether you have only a few hours here and there or if you have a lot of time throughout the week to spare, we will find something that works. If you have not yet joined the PTO, sign up here ([demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com)). Please volunteer and get involved, the PTO welcomes you!

Have a great week,  
Vanessa and Mary  
**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

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

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS

# LAST PTO Meeting

Please join us on **June 15, 2023** at **DMS, 8:30am** for our last PTO meeting of the school year.



Mark your calendars! This **Friday, 5/19**, is the **CRS Field Day**. Next **Thursday, 5/25**, is **LLE Field Day**. **DMS** is scheduled for **Friday, 6/9!**

The Demarest PTO Presents the  
**class of**  
**2023**  
*8th Grade Dance*  
**June 7, 2023**  
**6pm-9pm**  
a night of dinner, dancing and fun!  
dress to impress  
**\$45 per student**  
<http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com>  
edgewood country club  
449 rivervale road  
river vale, nj  
questions?  
dmsgraduation@demarestpto.org

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders**, mark your calendars! The **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** will be held on **Wednesday, 6/7 6pm – 9pm** at the **Edgewood Country Club** in River Vale. Purchase tickets on the **Toolkit** for **\$45**.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**DEMAREST SUMMER CAMP**  
**DEMAREST RECREATION CAMP**  
June 26th - August 4th  
9:00 Am - 2:00 PM  
For Students entering Kindergarten to 6th Grade as of September 2023

**\$650 6 WEEKS DEMAREST RESIDENT**    **\$750 6 WEEKS NON RESIDENT**    **\$190 PER WEEK CHOICE IS FINAL**

There are no refunds after June 1st. A \$25 administration fee will be charged for all camp refunds. A \$100 late fee will apply for payments after June 1st, no exceptions.

Camp is located at Luther Lee Elementary School on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. Tuesdays the camp will be at Demarest Pool and Thursdays are camp trip day.

**Registration**  
March 15th - May 15th

**Lunch and Field Trip Registration will be open April 1st - May 15th**

**Junior Counselor Program**  
This year we will be accepting a small group of 7th and 8th graders to be Jr. Counselors. Each Jr. Counselor will be paired with a full time counselor or director and will assist them in the execution of all counselor related responsibilities. Jr. Counselors will pay a discounted rate (\$325 for the six weeks). Due to rising field trip costs, all field trips must be paid for separately (Field Trip Attendance is **Optional**) Please email [demarestreccamp@gmail.com](mailto:demarestreccamp@gmail.com) if you are interested!

**Please Note** - This does not guarantee a full time counselor position when the individual becomes age eligible.

**OUR DIRECTING STAFF**

Daniel Nyfenger Camp Director <a href="mailto:demarestreccamp@gmail.com">demarestreccamp@gmail.com</a>	Dakota Griffin Assistant Camp Director <a href="mailto:demarestfieldtrips@gmail.com">demarestfieldtrips@gmail.com</a>	Alli Deutsch Camp Chairperson <a href="mailto:AlliDeutsch@gmail.com">AlliDeutsch@gmail.com</a>
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### Food Collection for Neighbors



Hunger and food insecurity are still on the rise. This monthly collection helps our neighbors. **Dumont Food Pantry** serve its 300 families and **Norwood Food Pantry**, its 75 families. Food collections are typically the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month @ **8am – 7pm**. How to: Just sign up for any Monday. Click on the link below. And drop off at 8 John Street, Demarest (table by garage)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a4aa2ea1fb6-dumont#/>

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



### DEMAREST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

As part of the DAA cooperation with the town, all Demarest residents are invited to sign up for email updates from the borough. To sign up please use this link: <https://p.constantcontactpages.com/su/xsSftPu>

## 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>

# Feedback from Students and Parents

100% of participants are glad that Demarest offers this service!

90% of students feel Tutor.com has helped them feel more confident with their schoolwork!

"David C. was an amazing tutor and helped me understand my homework so much better."

*Review from a student user*

For more information, please visit the Demarest School District Homepage!

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