



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of January 8, 2024

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

**2024** January **2024**

- Mon 1/8 Winter Enrichment Starts
- Thu 1/11 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am
- Fri 1/12 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed
- Fri 1/19 Spirit Friday
- Fri 1/26 Spirit Friday



- Fri 2/2 Spirit Friday
- Fri 2/9 Lunar New Year Performance
- Fri 2/9 Spirit Friday
- Wed 2/14 Valentine’s Day Class Party
- Wed 2/14 DMS Hot Chocolate Party
- Fri 2/16 Spirit Friday
- Mon 2/19 – Fri 2/23 Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed



- Fri 3/1 Spirit Friday
- Wed 3/6 – Thu 3/7 DMS Book Fair
- Fri 3/8 Spirit Friday
- Sat 3/16 International Heritage Day
- Thu 3/21 – Fri 3/22 DMS Musical
- Tue 3/26 Me & My - CRS
- Fri 3/29 Good Friday – Schools Closed

## NOTEWORTHY



**Winter Enrichment** starts today! Join us on **Thursday** at the **PTO Meeting!**



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** To become a member and 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

**Happy Monday**, Demarest Families!

We hope you emerged from the weekend snowstorm with your snow shovels intact. Now that we've conquered the cold, let's warm up to the exciting details ahead.

What is all the excitement about you ask?! **After School Winter Enrichment classes!!!** For those that registered, these super charged and well-planned classes begin **Monday, January 8th** at all three schools. Don't forget please that **pickup** is at **4:15pm!**

More excitement to come...this **Thursday, January 11th** at **8:30am**, the **DMS Cafeteria** transforms into the PTO hub of wisdom. Join us for the first meeting of the school year and catch up on all the PTO happenings.

Even more excitement to come...In case you missed the email blast last week, take a look at the flyer below. Checkout the **Save the Date** for one of our biggest events of the year...the **Spring Fundraiser**. Be ready - this year's Spring Fundraiser promises extreme loads of fun!!!

And last but not least... **Spirit Wear contest winners!** CRS, LLE, and DMS classes competed last month to see which class had the most students rocking in Demarest Spirit Swag. See the winning classes and their winnings below. Don't forget to keep rocking that Demarest gear every Friday. Details for the next contest coming soon!

We encourage all families to get involved! The PTO thrives on volunteers, and the more help we have, the better. 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 haven't already, sign up for the PTO at [demarestpto.org](http://demarestpto.org). Consider volunteering and becoming an active part of our community!

Wishing you all a fantastic week ahead!

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**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Come be part of **International Heritage Day!** 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. You do not have to be from the country you are representing!

The date for IHD 2024 is **Saturday, 3/16**. If you are interested in representing a country or volunteering to help a country, please let us know by emailing us at: [heritageday@demarestpto.org](mailto:heritageday@demarestpto.org).

Looking forward to having our kids and the community take another trip around the world 🌍



For the month of December, the students participated in a **Spirit Wear challenge**, hosted by the PTO. Prizes ranged from a PJ day, extra recess, and popsicles. We hope to see more participation in future challenges!

### CRS:

Pre-K 3: Ms. Sanborn  
Pre-K 4: Ms. McBride  
K: Mrs. Ferraro  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Mascarelli

### LLE:

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Appleblatt  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Mrs. Woods  
4<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Forma

### DMS:

Mrs. Porto/Ms. Sumereau  
Mrs. Braunstein

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# Shrek CREW

Stay tuned for Shrek Crew registration information this week!

Demarest 5k  
run for your health

Join the **Demarest 5K Committee!** This is an amazing event that offers fun for the whole family, and many ways to support our schools. Committee work includes a **Principal's Challenge** hosted at CRS, LLE, and DMS in the weeks leading up to the 5K and a **One Mile Fun Run** on the day of the 5K. There are many ways to volunteer your

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



**PTO Membership** includes eligibility for After School Enrichment 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!

CRS, LLE & DMS



Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors every **Friday** to get points for the week!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



'Tis the season for brand new DAA spirit wear...do not miss your chance! For the first time ever, the DAA is offering an amazing spirit wear line. Don't sleep on your opportunity to

snag some amazing swag while supporting the DAA. Ten percent of every purchase goes directly back to the DAA.

Score these super cool, custom designed for Demarest, athleisure pieces and set your athlete up for major style points. The store is open now for orders. All Demarest orders will receive special rush production and shipment. Order at [daarec.org](https://daarec.org) (click on the team basketball store).

time. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated. For more details reach out to [demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:demarest5k@demarestpto.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Fundraiser for  
Demarest PBA Local 350

# A NIGHT OF WONDER AND GOOD FORTUNE

Get ready to be captivated by the mind-blowing magician and mentalist, Mike "Kirsch" Kirschner. In a night filled with entertainment for the family! (Suggested age 12+, but all are welcome)

**JANUARY 13, 2024**  
**NVD HIGHSCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Support your local officers  
Scan here for tickets  
or go to:  
[DEMARESTPBA.UBORTIX.COM](https://demarestpba.ubortix.com)

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Northern Valley Regional High School-Demarest  
January 13, 2024  
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### Borough of Demarest

#### **SIGN UP for Demarest Mayor's weekly e-message!**

Click the link below and enter your name and email, and you will begin receiving the Mayor's Message via email every Friday, which includes all current borough news: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/xsSftPu>