



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 11, 2023

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



Tue 12/12 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm  
 Wed 12/13 DMS Musical Auditions 3:15pm  
 Thu 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser, So Good  
 Fri 12/15 Spirit Friday  
 Wed 12/20 Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
 Fri 12/22 Holiday Class Parties  
 Fri 12/22 Spirit Friday  
 Fri 12/22 Holiday Recess – Half Day  
 Mon 12/25 – Fri 12/29 Holiday Recess – School Closed



Mon 1/1 New Years – Schools Closed  
 Tue 1/2 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm  
 Mon 1/8 Winter Enrichment Starts  
 Thu 1/11 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am  
 Mon 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed

## NOTEWORTHY



Come join us at **So Good** in Closter on **Thursday, 12/14** for our **No Homework Night Fundraiser!**



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.

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

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

**Happy Monday**, Demarest families! As we approach the **final stretch** of **2023**, here is your weekly dispatch:

Today is your last chance to make your contribution to the **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon**. You've got until the end of the day today to sprinkle some holiday magic on that event. Visit **Membership Toolkit** and click on the link on the homepage to make your contribution. The committee is pulling out all the stops to make this luncheon an unforgettable one! More details in the flyer below.

Attention, middle school thespians - **Shrek Jr. auditions** are crashing the scene on **Wednesday, 12/13** after school. Check out the flyer below for the 411 on how to sign up. Break a leg, we're counting on seeing you strut your stuff in what could be the most ogre-tastic production ever!

What are we craving more than anything?! Family time (and a homework-free existence). Take a breather from playing chef this **Thursday, 12/14**. Our **No Homework Night Fundraiser** is happening at **So Good** in Closter, and trust us, the name is not an exaggeration—it's literally SO GOOD.

Last but not least...in case you forgot to dig through your kids backpack last week, the **Art Cards** have arrived! A huge **thank you** to the Art Card Committee for turning your child's masterpiece into a holiday treasure. These cards are like a time capsule of your child's artistic genius. Picasso, eat your heart out!

Feeling a little left out of all the PTO-volunteer fun?! Fret not, we need you! Reach out to [president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org) to find out about all our volunteer opportunities 😊.

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

**DMS & the Demarest PTO**  
Proudly Present  
**SHREK**  
THE MUSICAL JR.  
March 21 & 22, 2024, 7 pm

**Auditions**  
Click [HERE](#) to sign up.  
**December 13 @ 3:15 - 5:15**

**Rehearsal Dates**  
The Following Wednesdays @ 3:15 - 5:15 PM:  
Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 28  
Extended Rehearsals: Mar 6, 13 @ 3:15 - 6 PM  
Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: March 20 @ 3:15 - 6 PM  
Cast may not miss more than 2 rehearsals, and absence must be cleared beforehand.

**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 \$180.  
Crew registration and details will be given at a later date.

**Questions? [DMSVP@demarestPTO.org](mailto:DMSVP@demarestPTO.org)**

Please join us for auditions on **Wednesday, 12/13, 3:15pm – 5:15pm**. Please click on the link below:  
<https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA8AD23A1FCC34-46444602-shrek#/>



**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!



The PTO is very excited to sponsor this year's **2023 Holiday Luncheon** celebration filled with festivities, food, raffles and lots of fun for all the incredible **teachers** and **staff** at **CRS, LLE & DMS**. If you are interested in contributing, please do so by accessing the Demarest PTO Membership Toolkit by **Monday, 12/11**.

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

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

Please contact [staffluncheon@demarestpto.org](mailto:staffluncheon@demarestpto.org) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation, and warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!  
<https://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/265498>

**Homework Free Night Fundraiser**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
**11 AM to 10 PM** SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOLS  
**SO GOOD**  
Dine in • Take out  
Reservations Highly Recommended  
Call: +1 (201) 750 5190  
Mention the Demarest PTO when you place your order and a portion of your check will be donated. Thank you!

For our next **No Homework Night Fundraiser**, we are so excited to offer **So Good Korean BBQ** for the first time! On **Thursday, 12/14**, dine in or take out from So Good in Closter! 20% of the check will go towards supporting our schools when you **mention the Demarest PTO**.

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

Kindly hosted by the Demarest PTO

### CRS+LLE Spirit Fridays!

Wear your **Demarest Spirit Wear** or **school colors (red and white)** every Friday during the month of **DECEMBER** to earn spirit points!

The class in every grade level that shows the most **school spirit** will receive a prize!



December 1st, 8th and 15th!

## 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 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



PLEASE JOIN THE  
TEEN ADVISORY BOARD  
AT DEMAREST LIBRARY  
FOR A

SPECIAL HANUKKAH  
STORYTIME & CRAFT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH  
3:30 - 4:30PM

DEMAREST LIBRARY  
CHILDREN'S ROOM

BEST SUITED FOR AGES 5 AND UP  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**DATE CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER:**  
The Demarest Menorah Lighting is on  
**Wednesday December 13th**  
**at 7:00 PM!**

**Celebrate Hanukkah at the  
Demarest town gazebo**

**Watch the grand menorah lighting!**

**There will be music, hot cocoa, jelly  
donuts and more!**  
Open to the entire Demarest community.

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

### 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>

## 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>



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. Any orders placed by midnight Sunday 12/17 will be guaranteed delivery by the new year (and for the start of the season). Order at [daarec.org](https://daarec.org) (click on the team basketball store).

'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

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 HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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