

Demarest Middle School



January 23, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 1/23 End of the Second Marking Period
- 1/30 Second Marking Period Report Cards
- 2/3 -2/9 High School Conferences for 8th Grade Parents
- 2/6 Ice Skating Night 6:10-7:10 Palisade Ice Rink
- 2/9-2/13 Valley Interdisciplinary Approach hosted at DMS
- 2/13 Lunar New Year Celebration
- 2/16-2/20 School Closed for Winter Recess
- 2/24 Board of Education Meeting
- 2/27 School Wide Geography Bee

Lunar New Year Celebration

On February 13th DMS will be hosting its annual Lunar New Year celebration. This will include an assembly in our gymnasium with student performances of Nanta (drumming) Kpop, Dragon Dance, Choir, Orchestra, and Taekwondo. Special thank you to the Korean Demarest Parent Association for planning this event.

Geography Bee

The DMS Social Studies Department is coordinating a school level Geography Bee. This fun quiz bowl style event will take place on February 27th. This is intended to be a fun way to honor scholarship among our learners.

Read-A-Thon

Our Read-A-Thon has been a wonderful success and will conclude on January 25th. Different students have given book recommendations during the morning announcements each of the event. Winners will be announced on February 6th.

PTO / Student Council Ice Skating Event

Our Student Council in partnership with the PTO is planning a fun ice skating event for February 6th from 6:10-7:10 at the Palisades Ice Rink. Further details can be found in the attached flyer.

Peer Tutoring

The DMS Student Council is currently planning a peer tutoring program to allow our eighth grade students to be of service to younger learners.

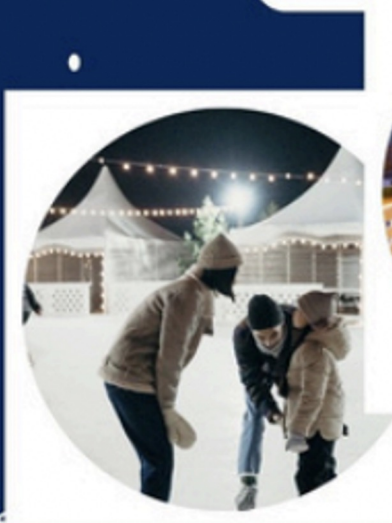
THE DMS STUDENT COUNCIL AND
PTO PRESENT

Ice Skating Night

February 6, 2026

6:10-7:10 PM

Palisades Ice Rink



Come and enjoy a fun night of ice skating with your friends and family.
Refreshments will be available.

This event is open to all Demarest Families!

\$20 for PTO Members

\$25 for Non-Members

\$30 at the door

Registration OPEN NOW!



THE COUNTDOWN TO THE 2026 DEMAREST PTO "WINTER READING OLYMPICS" READ-A-THON IS ON!



Attention all Demarest Olympic Readers! Join us for the 2nd Annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser to celebrate the spirit of reading! The Demarest PTO is excited to encourage, motivate, and instill a love of reading in our students, while raising money to support our schools.

- This two-week district-wide event engages Pre-K through 8th-grade students by boosting excitement, confidence, and motivation around reading — while giving families and friends a chance to cheer on our students and support our schools. It's truly a win-win!
- Participation in fundraising is optional, however, students can reach out to family and friends to support their reading goals. Fundraising helps students earn fun prizes, unlock school-wide incentives, and be a part of the school community
- All funds raised will go towards supporting literacy programs, contributing funds for a new school playground and fulfilling teachers' wish lists.
- Important Dates:

- Kickoff Assembly: January 8
- Read-A-Thon: January 12–25
- Final Donation Date: January 30
- Winners Announced: February 6th



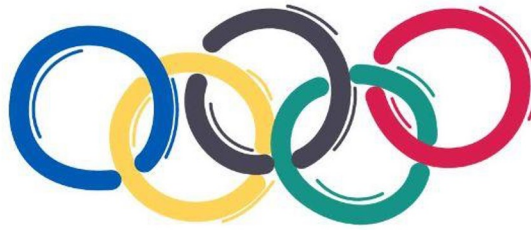
Please refer to the additional information provided on how to get started on registering your child in advance. It's the first step in helping your child (and their school!) reach their fundraising goals!

P.S. Have more than one child at CRS, LLE & DMS? There's a simple way to collect donations for all your kids at once! When you register, you'll be prompted to create a Family Webpage, where all donations will be evenly split between siblings.



DEMAREST PTO WINTER READING OLYMPICS READ-A-THON JANUARY 2026

DID YOU
HEAR?!



DEMAREST PTO IS LAUNCHING THE 2026 DEMAREST PTO "WINTER READING OLYMPICS" READ-A-THON SOON!

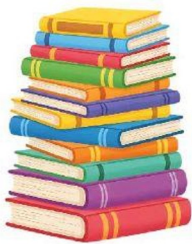
*Save the Date: Jan 12, 2026 - Jan 25, 2026**

We're raising funds to support our students, classrooms, and programs.
If we all do our part—registering, donating, and sharing—we'll reach our goal in no time!

START THE FUN BY CREATING YOUR STUDENT'S READ-A-THON PAGE TODAY!

HOW TO JOIN OUR 2026 DEMAREST PTO "WINTER READING OLYMPICS" READ-A-THON:

- 1** Register or log in to your Parent Dashboard and customize your student's page: Scan the QR code below or visit www.getmovinfundhub.com - School Identifier: 690348bab847e



SCAN TO REGISTER!



- 2** Make a donation to help your child reach their individual goals! **Final donation date is January 30, 2026!**
- 3** Share your child's page with friends and family! Text, email, or post on social media – you can do it right from your phone!

Unable to scan?

Please email readathon@demarestpto.org if you would prefer a printable log to track your child's donations and/or reading minutes. This log is to be returned to your child's teacher.

*Winners announced at closing assembly!

All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. The Demarest PTO is a tax-exempt organization under the IRS code section 501(c)(3). Tax ID# 74-3175958

New Jersey E-Bike Law

Effective
January 19, 2026



WHAT IS COVERED

✓ E-Bike Classifications

- Class 1 & Class 2
Maximum Speed: 20 MPH
- Class 3
Maximum Speed: 28 MPH
Treated Similarly to Motorized Bicycles

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR RIDERS

✓ Licensing Requirements

- Possess a valid NJ Driver's License, OR Be at Least 15 Years Old AND Obtain a Motorized Bicycle License

✓ Registration

- ALL E-Bikes must be registered with the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)

✓ Insurance

- E-Bike Owners Must Carry Liability Insurance, Similar to Motor Vehicles

✓ Minimum Age

- Riders Under 15 Years Old Are NOT Permitted to Operate E-Bikes With Motor Assistance