



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 13, 2023

UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Tue 2/14 Valentine's Day Class Party
- Fri 2/17 Spirit Friday
- Mon 2/20 – Fri 2/24 Mid-Winter Recess – No School



MARCH

- Fri 3/3 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/7 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Wed 3/8 First Day of DMS Book Fair
- Thu 3/9 Last Day of DMS Book Fair – Family Fun Night
- Thu 3/9 PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, Zoom
- Fri 3/10 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/14 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 3/15 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD
- Fri 3/17 Spirit Friday
- Fri 3/24 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/28 Me & My Dance – CRS, 5:30pm
- Thu 3/30 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/31 DMS Musical

NOTEWORTHY



Enjoy your upcoming break!



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at 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. 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! Go Chiefs, Go Birds...whoever your rooted for, we hope you had fun. By the time you read this, the winners have been decided and we hope you won your pool! Your presidents enjoyed the halftime show and many, many chicken wings.

We can't believe this is the last week before February break. This year is FLYING! This also marks the **last week** in the **Winter Enrichment** session. We hope your students love their final classes.

Today is a big day for our fashion forward students. The new **Spirit Wear line** drops today. Everyone who's anyone will be clad in the new **Wildcat swag**. If you don't want to live with FOMO, remember YOLO and place your order. The sale **opens today** and will run through **March 1st**. Look out for the flyer – it will be in your inbox.

Valentine's Day is tomorrow, and love is in the air! At the least, we hope to see a love of school. Each school is celebrating in their own way, and we are super pumped to hear all about it. We are hoping to score some treats for ourselves, hint hint...

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). Please volunteer and get involved, the PTO welcomes you!

Have a great week,
Vanessa and Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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Mark your calendars for the **DMS Book Fair** – **Wednesday, 3/8** and **Thursday, 3/9**.

Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their LA classes. All DMS families are welcome to attend and shop the book fair at our **Family Fun Event** on **Thursday** from **3:05pm – 5pm**. Families will have the opportunity to meet with **Principal Regan**, as well as many **DMS teachers**! Explore and purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS teachers...stay tuned for more exciting details!



Save the Date! Our **Spring Fundraiser Gala** will be held on **Friday, April 28, 2023** at the **Montammy Golf Club**!



The **PTO** needs your help!!! Have an **auction item to donate**? Big or small, all donations are invaluable! Please email us at:

springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The PTO is seeking the first 5 volunteers for the **4th Grade Moving Up Committee**. Please email movingup@demarestpto.org. Please note that you **must** be a PTO member to volunteer!

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND THE PTO PROUDLY PRESENT



SHOW DATES: MARCH 30 & 31ST

DEMAREST SPRING 2023 SPIRIT WEAR

Shop now through March 1

Order Online

<https://demarestspringstore.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

All items available in youth and adult sizes



\$33



\$15



\$15



\$18



\$33



\$20



\$18



\$18

Sale ends 3/1/23

All items will be distributed at school approximately 3 weeks after the end of the sale
Contact spiritwear@demarestpto.org with any questions - All sales are final

Get ready to show your school spirit by wearing our newest Demarest **Spring Spirit Wear line**! We have all new items. Items are available for purchase now until Wednesday, 3/1 at demarestspringstore.itemorder.com/shop/sale.

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



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



Mark your calendars! The **8th Grade Dance** will be held on **Wednesday, 6/7** at **Edgewood Country Club!**



Amazon Smile is **ending its program** on February 20, 2023! Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting for the final few weeks:

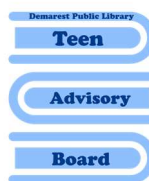
bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO



Access the **Membership Toolkit Directory** for the **2022 – 2023** school year! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Programs, PTO Committee positions, and more. Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO-sponsored events. Members can also access our online directory of PTO member families for parties and play dates!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Demarest Public Library/Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Upcoming February Events



Join the Teen Advisory Board for a

Valentine's Party

February 14th | 3:30-4:30 PM

Storytime, crafts, games, snacks, and more!

Demarest Public Library
Suited for Children Ages 3-10 Years Old



Demarest CRS/LLE - SACC Demarest



SACC Demarest

The YMCA is still looking for at least two people to work for our Demarest SACC program. Contact Sharon Twiddy at SharonT@wyckoffymca.org
201-891-2081 ext. 149

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

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!

<https://nj01001706.schoolwires.net/Page/4450>

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Does your daughter want to
CAMP, HIKE, CANOE, SAIL, HORSEBACK RIDE, KAYAK,
CLIMB, and MORE?

Troop 163 is welcoming girls, age 11-17, to join in our
Scout ADVENTURES!

Come to any of our Monday after-school meetings to
learn about amazing opportunities.

These young women Learn valuable **LIFE SKILLS**,
develop **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**, and actively participate in
COMMUNITY SERVICE while **EXPLORING THE GREAT
OUTDOORS!**

Contact Scoutmaster Erica Song with questions,
ClosterTroop163@gmail.com
Check out our adventures at
www.ClosterTroop163.org.

FUN! FRIENDS! ADVENTURE!

Girls, age 11-17,
Now is a great time
to start SCOUTING!

Scouts BSA
Closter/Demarest
TROOP 163!
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and actively participate in COMMUNITY SERVICE while
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Questions?
Email: ClosterTroop163@gmail.com



Recreation boys Baseball and girls Softball registration is
now open to all Demarest Residents. Please go to
www.daarec.org and follow the link to community pass to
log into your account and register as early as possible to
take advantage of the early bird discount.

Feb. 17th - Regular registration rates kick in
March 1st - Late fees are added to regular fees
March 10th - Registration closes

IMPORTANT: For those registering their daughter for 7/8
Grade softball, you must go to the closter rec registration
site. We know we cannot field a team on our own at this
age group and will therefore partner with Closter/
Haworth. Please go to www.closterrec.com and follow the
links to spring sports registration to register. Your same
account ID and password should work on community pass
on this site. Any questions or concerns should be directed
to us at: mitch@daarec.org for baseball,
adam@daarec.org for softball

Demarest Middle School

CALLING ALL Coffee Lovers

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ON A
MISSION TO HELP REDUCE THE IMPROPER
DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS!

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP BY
SAVING & DROPPING OFF USED K-CUP
COFFEE PODS TO THE WOODEN BOX NEAR
THE CORNER OF NORTHWOOD AVE. &
PIERMONT RD.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RECYCLING
10,000 PLASTIC PODS!



COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Interested in
Cub Scouting?



**JOIN
TODAY**

Fun! Friends! Adventure!

Girls & Boys, Grades K – 5, are invited to join the Cub Scouts. Now is a great time to **START SCOUTING!**

Adventures include camping, model building and racing (Pinewood Derby), Field trips, games and

achievements with your den and overnights at museums and aquariums.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed strictly!

Scouting Questions? Contact Cubmaster Leslie Correa

at cmclosterpack20@gmail.com or Committee Chair

Andrew Correa at bigbearpack20@gmail.com. You can

also contact Demarest Parents Kathleen Doshi

(kazwebb@gmail.com) and Maxine Nakamura

(wallybella@hotmail.com).



Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: www.demarestlibrary.org. Register for programs at: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest