



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 26, 2024

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



- Fri 3/1 Spirit Friday
- Wed 3/6 Spring Fundraiser Meeting, 7:45pm
- Wed 3/6 – Thu 3/7 DMS Book Fair
- Fri 3/8 Spirit Friday
- Mon 3/11 Spring Enrichment Starts
- Tue 3/12 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Wed 3/13 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Thu 3/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser, TBD
- Sat 3/16 International Heritage Day
- Tue 3/19 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Thu 3/21 – Fri 3/22 DMS Musical
- Tue 3/26 Principal’s Challenge Starts
- Tue 3/26 Me & My Dance – CRS
- Fri 3/29 Good Friday – Schools Closed

## NOTEWORTHY



Don't forget to RSVP to the [Spring Fundraiser Committee meeting](#) on [Wednesday, 3/6, 7:45pm!](#)



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

**Welcome back**, Demarest Families! We hope you had a relaxing break. As we dive back into the swing of things, we're thrilled to share with you the scoop on all the upcoming happenings!

After a week of having the kids home for break, who isn't itching for a chance to escape and mingle with other Demarest Parents?! Look no further! The **Spring Fundraiser Committee** is holding their first community-wide meeting on **Wednesday, 3/6 at 7:45pm!** This is where we bond over parenting stories and who knows, maybe even find our future BFFs! Don't forget to RSVP - all the juicy details in the flyer below!

But wait, there's more! Calling all **DMS** families, we've got Pulitzer-level excitement heading your way! Get ready for the **Scholastic Book Fair**, where books, entertainment, and s'mores converge for a literary extravaganza! Read below for info on how you can contribute to your fabulous LA teacher's classroom library, as well as some delectable details for the after-school **Book Fair Family Event** on **Thursday, 3/7**. Your family can indulge in special sweet treats, enjoy an **exclusive performance** by the one and only **Mr. Regan**, meet and greet teachers, and...even buy books. The DMS Book Fair is an event you won't want to miss!

And speaking of can't-miss events, let's talk about the **Demarest 5K** and **Principal's Challenge** – the dynamic duo of marathon-level excitement that you would definitely want to run to sign up for! Be sure to check out the flyer below for more information.

How do we manage and plan all this fun for our school community, you ask? Our amazing volunteers!!! YOU can be one too; the Enrichment Committee, amongst others, can use your help! Please email [president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org) if you are eager to help and have an impact!

Have an awesome week back!  
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**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



### NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!!!

One of the best parts of our 5K is our amazing

Principal's Challenge Training Program  
brought to you by

nextlevel  
CAMPS

for grades K-8 starting the last week of March!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER,  
VISIT [demarest5k.org](http://demarest5k.org)

Any questions?

Please email [demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:demarest5k@demarestpto.org)



The **Principal's Challenge** is a gradual training program leading up to the 5K that is run at **CRS**, **LLE**, and **DMS**. Demarest school children (K-8) participate and run weekly with their principal to build healthy habits, stamina, and sportsmanship. \*\*\*Registration for Principal's Challenge only available at [www.demarest5k.org](http://www.demarest5k.org)\*\*\*

**DEMAREST PTO FUN-RAISER**  
**VOLUNTEER MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 @ 7:45-9:00 PM**

**DON'T MISS IT**

SUPPORT THE PTO - OPEN TO ALL!  
MIX & MINGLE WITH NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS  
ENJOY REFRESHMENTS WHILE SHARING IDEAS,  
SECURE SPONSORS & DONATIONS  
HELP OUR SCHOOLS!

EMAIL [SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG](mailto:SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG)  
TO RSVP & RECEIVE MEETING LOCATION DETAILS



**DMS Book Fair** is next week!!! **Wednesday, 3/6** and **Thursday, 3/7**. Each grade level will attend the book fair during the day following a schedule provided by the school. Cash, checks, credit card, and Apple Pay accepted.

If you would like to make a **contribution** towards the **LA and reading teachers' classroom libraries**, copy/paste the links below to the grade level digital book fund:

5th Grade: <http://tinyurl.com/5gradebooks>

6th Grade: <http://tinyurl.com/6gradebooks>

7th Grade: <http://tinyurl.com/7gradebooks>

8th Grade: <http://tinyurl.com/8gradebooks>

DMS Family Fun Book Fair event on **Thursday, 3/7** from **3:15pm until 5pm** for all **DMS families!!!**

– Mr. Regan along with some of our very own DMS teachers will be present. This will be a great opportunity to mingle while shopping for books and helping our school!

– Enjoy **exclusive performances** by **Mr. Regan** and the **Shrek, Jr. Cast!**

– A "**Teacher Class Wish List**" table will be available at the Book Fair for parents to purchase books selected by our teachers to be donated to their LA or reading classrooms.

– The PTO will be hosting a hot chocolate and s'mores truck!!!

\*\*If you would like to volunteer to help at the book fair, please keep an eye out for the sign up link.

\*\*Parking for the Family Event is available on Northwood Street or St. Joseph's church across the street.\*

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

# Enrichment

Does your child love Enrichment?!

Do you love that your child loves Enrichment?

We are looking for additional help on our Enrichment Committee to start ASAP!!!

Please reach out to [enrichment@demarestpto.org](mailto:enrichment@demarestpto.org)!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents



Mark your calendars! The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will be held on Tuesday, 6/11 at Brasserie Memere!



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

# SPiRiT

Friday 

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE IT WITH YOU AND DECORATE YOUR ROOM!

MAKE IT YOUR OWN!

## WINTER CANDLE VOTIVE DECORATING

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST!

SPONSORED BY THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

➤ AGES 8 AND UP

➤ WEDNESDAY FEB. 29TH

➤ 3:30PM - 4:30PM  
DEMAREST LIBRARY



Help our Hungry Neighbors: Donate food for **Dumont/Norwood Food Pantry!**  
Upcoming collections: Monday, **March 4**  
Drop Off: **8 John Street**

Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4AA2EA1FB6-dumont#/>



**COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd**

*Celebrate*  
**Black History Month**  
**Tuesday, February 27th**  
**3:30 - 4:30 pm**



**Honoring Inventors**  
**George Crum & Lewis Latimer**  
**with storytime, crafts, and snacks**



**Suitable for children ages 5 +**  
**Register here** →



Northern Valley Demarest's  
production of

Disney  
**FREAKY FRIDAY**  
A NEW MUSICAL

Book By **Bridget Carpenter** Music By **Tom Kitt** Lyrics By **Brian Yorkey**

Based on the novel *Freaky Friday*  
by **MARY RODGERS**  
and the Disney Films



March 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
March 2, 2024 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
March 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm  
**NVD.BOOKTIX.COM**

Freaky Friday  
is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
423 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019  
Phone: 212-941-8004 Fax: 212-951-6004

Bring your favorite board game!

**Family Board Game Night**

\*Snacks provided & pajamas encouraged



**Feb 29th**  
**6 - 7:30 pm**

Register here →



 **EGG MY YARD**  
TROOP 20B FUNDRAISER

Have our scouts hide easter eggs on your frontlawn for you!



Scan with your smart phone to reserve your bundle today!



Spend more time with your family on Easter having fun!  
We'll pick up your used easter eggs too!\*

<https://bit.ly/TROOP20EGGMYARD>

\*Directions for pick-up are included with every bundle.

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



**REC BOYS BASEBALL and REC GIRLS SOFTBALL!!!**

Registration is now open to all Demarest Residents at:

[www.daarec.org](http://www.daarec.org)

Regular Price Registration Ends February 29th

March 1st - Late fees are added to regular fees

March 10th - Registration closes

If your child wishes to play spring sports with their  
friends, please register NOW!