

# Demarest Middle School



June 12, 2026

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- 6/16 4th Grade Visit / Parent Night
- 6/16 8th Grade Dance
- 6/16 BOE Meeting at 7PM (CRS)
- 6/17 8th Grade BBQ and Class Picture
- 6/23 Graduation
- 6/24 Last Day of School 12:30 Dismissal

## Field Day

On Friday June 5th, DMS hosted its annual field day event which was marked by fun and games. This year the event was held on the grounds of Demarest Middle School. All students participated in fifteen different contests in support of either the red or white teams. The event concluded with our annual water balloon toss where eighth graders have the opportunity to partner with a teacher. Congratulations to Mr. Noviello and Max Entner on their victory this year.

## **Marc Gussen**

Fifth grade students participated in an engaging and informative presentation by Marc Gussen on the Predator vs. Prey relationship. This experience directly complemented the Grade 5 Ecosystems curriculum while underscoring our shared responsibility to protect Demarest's local wildlife habitats. Appreciation to the PTO for funding this program.

## **Graduation**

DMS will hold its graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 PM in the courtyard.

## **7th Grade Field Trip**

On June 10th DMS seventh graders visited the New Windsor Cantonment in the Palisades Interstate Park. Students had the opportunity to see demonstrations from revolutionary era soldiers, doctors, and blacksmiths. Students also visited the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor which is also in the park.

## **Fourth Grade Visit**

On June 16th all fourth graders will have the opportunity to visit DMS. They will meet with Mr. Regan and some eighth graders for an overview of the middle school experience. The fourth grade class will then meet with each of their upcoming teachers. At 5:30PM parents of the fourth grade class are invited to DMS for an orientation meeting.

## Fall Sports

Next fall we will be hosting the following athletic teams:

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Volleyball
- Girls Volleyball

Students are eligible to tryout for athletics teams at DMS if they are in grades 6 - 8. If your child wishes to play either sport in the fall of 2026, please have them sign up with Mrs. McDermott before the end of the school year. More information will be shared over the summer.

**Please note in order for children to play in school sports they must have a current Physical on file in the School Health Office. A current physical is one done within 365 days to the start of the season.**

Students and parents will also need to sign off on information packets and turn in the sign off sheets. The state required physical form and information packets can be found under the athletics tab on the [nurse's website](#).

The deadline to turn in physical forms for fall sports will be August 26th.



Mr Marc Gussen of the Closter Nature Center



Blacksmith Shop at the New Windsor Winter Cantonment



2026 Water Balloon Toss Champions!