



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 18, 2024

UPCOMING CALENDAR



- Wed 11/20 Book Fair – CRS, K–1 bussed
3:15pm – 4pm PreK families
4pm – 5pm All families
- Wed 11/20 DMS Musical Information Session, 3:15pm
- Thu 11/21 Book Fair – LLE
3:15pm – 5pm Family Fun Event
3:30pm Storytime with Mr. Mazzini
- Fri 11/22 Spirit Friday
- Wed 11/27 Thanksgiving Recess – Half Day
- Thu 11/28 – Fri 11/29 Thanksgiving Recess – No School



- Wed 12/4 Holiday Boutique – CRS
- Wed 12/4 DMS Musical Auditions, 3:15pm
- Thu 12/5 Holiday Boutique – DMS
- Fri 12/7 Spirit Friday
- Wed 12/11 Holiday Boutique – LLE
- Fri 12/14 Spirit Friday
- Tue 12/17 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 12/18 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Fri 12/20 Spirit Friday
- Fri 12/20 Holiday Craft & Snack Party – CRS, LLE
- Mon 12/23 Holiday Class Pizza Parties
- Mon 12/23 Holiday Recess – Half Day
- Tue 12/24 – Tue 12/31 Holiday Recess – School Closed

NOTEWORTHY



Don't forget **Winter Enrichment** opens on **Monday, 11/18 5pm** – set your clocks!

Remind your child that they can **earn points** for their classroom by rocking **red, white, or Demarest gear** every Friday!



To access the PTO Directory and the Store, go to the App Store and download the **Membership Toolkit app**.

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Happy **Book Fair Week**, Demarest Families! We've got a **packed update** for you, so grab your coffee, settle in, and let's get right to it!

Winter Enrichment opens today at **5pm**! Set those alarms because spots fill up faster than you can say "Book Fair!" Check out the flyer below for all the details.

CRS and LLE families, it's time to make some space on those bookshelves! This week you will be able to shop till you drop for all things literary. The **Scholastic Book Fair** takes place on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** of this week. **Kindergarten** and **1st grade** classes will be **bussed** by the district to **LLE** to visit the Fair. We have after school hours set aside just for **Preschool families** on **Wednesday** from **3:15pm – 4pm**! Also, on **Wednesday, 4pm – 5pm, all families** are welcome to visit. Then on **Thursday, LLE classes** get their turn at the Fair!

Family Fun at the Fair will take place on **Thursday, 11/21** from **3:15pm – 5:30pm**. The fun begins with **Mr. Mazzini's Storytime** at **3:30pm**. Checkout the flyer below for additional details, including payment options.

DMS students, are you ready to chill like a villain? This year's **DMS Musical** is dropping with some wickedly cool vibes! Check out the flyer below for the big reveal, along with all the audition and rehearsal dates. Interested students can get the scoop at the info session on **Wednesday, 11/20**, at **3:15pm** in the **DMS cafeteria**. Get ready for a show that's sure to be rotten to the core in the best way possible!

Looking for a sneak peek of what's in store in the coming weeks?! Here's a quick rundown: a **Holiday Boutique** your kiddos will be giddy to explore, **Spring Gala** and **5K** planning meetings to bring out your inner volunteer superstar, our **Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon** for our beloved Demarest staff, and (drumroll, please) our very first **Read-a-Thon** for **CRS** and **LLE** students!

Stay tuned for all the fun coming up—this season is shaping up to be one for the books!

Happy Monday, everyone!
Batool & Lauren
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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Wear your Demarest School spirit wear or school colors (red & white) every Friday to earn spirit points!

THE CLASS THAT SHOWS THE MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT IN EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT!

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/DEMARESTSPIRIT](https://tinyurl.com/demarestspirit)

SAVE THE DATE

DEMAREST PTO
SPRING GALA
MARCH 14, 2025

ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

The PTO Spring Fundraiser Committee would love to hear your ideas! Come share your thoughts on sponsorships and auction items as we brainstorm together. Join us **Thursday, 12/5**, from **7:45pm – 9pm!**
Signup: www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D44ACA72BA6FB6-53159331-demarest



WINTER 2025 REGISTRATION
OPENS **MONDAY, 11/18**

LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS
REGARDING CLASS DESCRIPTIONS
AND WINTER SCHEDULE IN YOUR
EMAIL THIS WEEK!

CREATE A FLEX ACCOUNT
AT

WWW.FLEXACADEMIES.COM

AND BE SURE TO SAVE YOUR
PAYMENT METHOD NOW FOR
FASTER REGISTRATION!

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email info@flexacademies.com

Please be sure to create a FLEX account, add a saved payment method, and add your child's info under "Add a Relationship" in advance so that your registration process goes smoothly. *Winter class description and schedules can also be found at www.demarestpto.org.



Its CRS and LLE Book Fair Time!

in the Luther Lee Gym

Wednesday, 11/20 and Thursday, 11/21

For details on class visits, preschool hours
and our special family event
visit our site demarestpto.org and
find the link with all the Book Fair details

want to help build your child's teacher's classroom library?!

*If so, reach out to your class parent or teacher for the link to
contribute to your child's classroom library!*

To sign up for your child's eWallet

visit www.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair

For volunteer opportunities, click on the link below:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFA72DA2F4C25-53155020-crslle#/

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



DMS AND DEMAREST PTO PROUDLY PRESENT

Disney **DESCENDANTS**
THE MUSICAL

MARCH 20 & 21, 2025

INFO SESSION
November 20
@ 3:15 PM
DMS CAFETERIA

AUDITIONS
December 4
@ 3:15 PM

Mandatory Rehearsals
Wednesdays
3:15-5:15 (6PM occasionally)
Starting January 8

QUESTIONS DMSVP@DEMARESTPTO.ORG



Demarest PTO Presents

Holiday BOUTIQUE

CRS - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
DMS - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
LLE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

All students will visit with their class during school hours for the opportunity to shop.

Families are welcome to shop from 3:15pm - 4:30pm

| GIFTS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS |
TOYS | HOLIDAY CHEER



KIDS' KASTLE

COMING SOON! Holiday Boutique at all three schools!



Volunteers needed!

Be a part of **International Heritage Day 2025** and help represent a country! You don't have to be from the country you're representing!

Always a highlight of our school year, International Heritage Day (IHD) celebrates the diversity of our community. Various countries are represented each year by families wanting to share world cultures with our kids through food, games, and activities. The date for IHD 2025 is **Saturday, 3/8** at **Luther Lee Emerson School**. If you are interested in representing a country or volunteering to help a country, please let us know by emailing:

heritageday@demarestpto.org



The PTO hosted **Bash the Trash** for middle school students at DMS, bringing in their signature show **Trashaganza**. Three performers came with amazing instruments, fun interactive songs, cool science, and timely environmental messaging about plastic pollution and climate change.

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DEMAREST PTO
THANKSGIVING
**BOOK
DRIVE**
BENEFITTING HINDI'S LIBRARIES

GIVE THANKS, GIVE A BOOK

**NOVEMBER
18TH-22ND**

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
CRS AND LLE CORRIDORS
& BOOK FAIRS

BOOK CRITERIA:

- INFANT BOARD BOOKS
- GRAPHIC NOVELS
- PICTURE BOOKS
- TEEN AND YA FICTION
- CHAPTER BOOKS
- CLASSIC TEEN NOVELS

HINDI'S LIBRARIES IS A 501C3 INTERNATIONAL NONPROFIT THAT DONATES NEW AND GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS ALL OVER THE WORLD FREE OF CHARGE. SINCE OUR INCEPTION IN 2018, WE'VE COLLECTED MORE THAN 525,000 BOOKS AND PARTNERED WITH 800 ORGANIZATIONS WORLDWIDE. ALL BOOKS ARE DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF DR. HINDI KRINSKY, 32 YEAR OLD EDUCATOR AND MOTHER OF 5 WHO SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY IN AUGUST OF 2018.



Access to [Membership Toolkit Directory](#) is open for the **2024 – 2025** school year! The Demarest PTO is an amazing non-profit organization, focused on [supporting our children and schools](#). It's easy and fast to join at www.demarestpto.org! Join today and start reaping the benefits! PTO Membership includes eligibility for **PTO Committee positions**, **discounted admission** for certain PTO-sponsored events, access to our **online directory** of PTO member families, and more! Be sure to purchase your membership today!

COMMUNITY NEWS

A large, stylized Christmas tree graphic made of many small, glowing yellow and white stars, set against a dark red background with scattered white stars.

**DEMAREST
HOLIDAY
CONCERT
& TREE LIGHTING**

**DECEMBER 3
7-8:30 PM**

@ THE GAZEBO

PHOTO OP WITH SANTA!!
YOUTH PERFORMERS!
HOT CHOCOLATE!



The Demarest Public Library is hosting a STEM4ALL series: 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 4:15–5pm for students in Grades 5–8.

Each class will start with a presentation, followed by fun, interactive experiments that educate the students in STEM related topics such as circuits, engineering/architecture, team building, energy, and chemistry.

Please contact the library for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS



DEMAREST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
[HTTPS://WWW.DAAREC.ORG/](https://www.daarec.org/)

INDOOR SOCCER
GRADES 3-8
REGISTRATION CLOSSES NOV 24TH

BASKETBALL
GRADES K-8
REGISTRATION CLOSSES NOV 15TH

WINTER SPORTS 2025



Drop Off Box
Demarest Public Library

GOT GIFTS?

Got a gift you didn't like? Bought something you never used?...
DONATE it to help parents who can't afford to buy gifts for their family.

Collecting **NEW** clothes, shoes, games, toys, books, household items, etc for **The Gift Pantry**
(new initiative of Dumont Food Pantry)

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>