



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of January 13, 2025

UPCOMING CALENDAR

2025 January 2025

- Fri 1/17 Demarest 5K Meeting, TBD, 9am
- Fri 1/17 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed
- Mon 1/20 Read-a-Thon Starts
- Tue 1/21 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 1/24 Spirit Friday
- Fri 1/31 Lunar New Year Celebration
- Fri 1/31 Spirit Friday

HEARTS FEBRUARY HEARTS

- Sun 2/2 Read-a-Thon Ends
- Fri 2/7 Spirit Friday
- Tue 2/11 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Thu 2/13 Read-a-Thon Celebration
- Fri 2/14 Spirit Friday
- Fri 2/14 Valentine’s Day Class Party
- Fri 2/14 DMS Hot Chocolate Party
- Mon 2/17 – Fri 2/21 Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed
- Fri 2/28 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



Winter Enrichment started! To view your schedule and add it to your device calendar: log into flexacademies.com -> click on the class -> click ‘Download iCal’ -> upload file to your calendar!



We encourage everyone to join the Demarest PTO! New members can purchase membership at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com.



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.

PRESIDENTS’ CORNER

Happy Monday, Demarest Families! We hope you enjoyed the weekend’s gentle snow dusting—just enough to make the world look magical without requiring us to break out the shovels. Now that we’ve officially braved the chill, let’s warm things up with some exciting updates.

First, a big shout out to the DMS Musical Committee! Rehearsals for Descendants kicked off last week, the performances are shaping up to be spellbindingly good. If your student is still hoping to join Crew, you’re in luck—there are a few spots left! Check out the flyer below for details and get registered through Membership Toolkit before time runs out.

Speaking of running...we need more hands on deck to make the Demarest 5K a success! If you’re interested in helping out, please join us for a 5K Volunteer Meeting this Friday, 1/17, at 9am. Seasoned volunteer or first-timer, we’d love to have you on board.

Now, let’s talk superheroes, DJs, and a mystery furry guest. No, we’re not making this up—it’s all part of the Read-a-Thon Assembly happening this Thursday, 1/16, for CRS and LLE students! This assembly will kick off a two-week adventure in reading and fundraising. Be sure to ask your kiddos for the scoop after school on Thursday and keep an eye out for the Parent and Student Packet with all the details. Starting Friday, 1/17, students can turn in their participation tickets to claim their prizes. (Because what’s a superhero-worthy effort without a little reward?)

That’s it for now, folks. Stay warm, stay involved, and stay tuned—there’s always more PTO fun right around the corner!

Warmly,
Batool & Lauren
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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

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DMS AND DEMAREST PTO PROUDLY PRESENT

 **Disney DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL**

MARCH 20 & 21, 2025

CREW INFORMATION

SET DESIGN

Paint and design sets, props, and publicity materials.
Set design will meet on
Fridays @ 3:15-5:15 PM - 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14
Saturdays 3/1, 3/8 10AM-2PM

PERFORMANCE CREW

To be selected for Performance Crew, you must have participated in crew or set design last year. Priority given to 8th graders followed by 7th, with a maximum of 6 students selected.
If interested, email dmsvp@demarestpto.org only after you are registered on Toolkit.
You will be contacted if chosen.
Must be available: March 10, 12 & 19 @ 3:15 - 6:15 PM
and March 20 & 21, 6pm-9:30PM

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 6 AT 9 AM

Please register on Membership Toolkit.
Families must be PTO members to enroll.
Crew Fee is \$150
Maximum 25 Students - First Come First Served

QUESTIONS [DMSVP@DEMARESTPTO.ORG](mailto:dmsvp@demarestpto.org)



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!

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.

NEW DATES!
JAN 20 - FEB 2

GET READY, CRS AND LLE!

THE READ-A-THON IS COMING TO DEMAREST!

Set reading goals. Find pledges. Flex your reading superpower. Have a **BLAST!**

School Assemblies **Participation Prizes**
Top Reader Prizes **In-School Activities**
Mystery Guests **Top Fundraiser Prizes** **and more!**

Money raised will go towards supporting our schools, including contributing funds for a new LLE Playground and fulfilling teacher wish lists!

Questions? Email readathon@demarestpto.org

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SPRING GALA

ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

OUR RAFFLE & AUCTION HELP RAISE THE MOST MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

HELP US RAISE FUNDS WITH GREAT DONATIONS!

CONSIDER DONATING...

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR STORES | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | DINING | TRAVEL EXPERIENCES | LUXURY RETAIL GOODS | TICKETS TO MUSIC | SPORTING EVENTS | EXPERIENCES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO CONTRIBUTE EMAIL:

SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG

For more information on how to contribute email springfundraiser@demarestpto.org

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40TH ANNUAL
Demarest 5k
run for your health

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Principals Challenge and 5K Race are looking for volunteers!

When: Friday January 17, 2025 // 9-10:30 AM
Where: Demarest Library conference room
How to sign up: Click on the link below or the QR Code!
<https://tinyurl.com/yx7tyzwa>



Can't make the meeting and still want to volunteer? Email: Demarest5k@demarestpto.org

Click on link to volunteer: tinyurl.com/yx7tyzwa

CRS, LLE & DMS
SPiRiT
Friday 

Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors (red and white) every **Friday!** Email with the new fall lineup coming soon!!!

PLEASE NOTE

CONTACT US

The best way to contact us is by emailing president@demarestpto.org. We may not get to any other form of communication (such as Facebook Messenger) on a timely basis. If you are interested in submitting news for the newsletter, please email ptonews@demarestpto.org by Friday of each week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Muslim Heritage Month Celebration

Saturday, January 18
10 am - 12 pm



Music, food, games, crafts, and more!
All ages & families welcome!

Register 



Demarest Compost

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 pm

Demarest Public Library

Community Composting is coming to Demarest! Join the Demarest Environmental Commission for an info session with Neighborhood Compost to learn how Demarest families can participate in turning their food waste into compost soil, and its positive environmental impacts.



- ✓ Food scraps: uncooked vegetables and fruits, meat
- ✓ teabags, tea leaves, and coffee grounds
- ✗ plastic, plants, coated paper

REGISTER NOW



COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



**FRIENDS
OF THE DEMAREST
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

wants you to become
a Friend!

Our library needs Friends!

Memberships and donations allow us to purchase equipment, programs, and services NOT covered by the library's share of the town budget.

What have the Friends done?

- Established in 2023, in our first year we:
- Donated a 70" TV for the new community room
- Purchased a one-year membership for town residents to access the Fiero Code learn-to-code program
- Provided a Cricut cutting machine for the Children's Room
- Sponsored the holiday party in the Children's Room
- Funded the ice cream truck for the Summer Reading Program
- Supported the henna station at our Diwali event
- Hosted author Tracey Baptiste for a special library visit
- Organized a book donation drive to help residents sustainably discard unwanted books
- Led crafts and games for children at Demarest Day and Oktoberfest

Join us!

www.demarestlibrary.org/friends
[@friendsdemarestlibrary](https://twitter.com/friendsdemarestlibrary)



Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library
is a 501 (3) (c) non profit organization
All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law

PLEASE JOIN THE DEMAREST FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY BOARD FOR A

WINTER STORYTIME & SNOWFLAKE MAKING ACTIVITY

Date: Thursday, January 16th

Where: Demarest Library

Time: 3:30-4:15pm

Best suited for ages 5 and up

Registration is not required