



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 16, 2024

UPCOMING CALENDAR



- 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 – Holiday Recess – School Closed
- Tue 12/31



- Wed 1/1 New Years – Schools Closed
- Fri 1/3 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/6 Winter Enrichment Starts
- Tue 1/7 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Thu 1/9 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am
- Fri 1/10 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/13 Read-a-Thon Starts
- Fri 1/17 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed
- Fri 1/24 Spirit Friday
- Sun 1/26 Read-a-Thon Ends
- Fri 1/31 Lunar New Year Celebration
- Fri 1/31 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



LAST CALL!!! Last day to contribute to the **Holiday Staff Luncheon** is **today!** Visit www.demarestpto.org!



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.

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Can you believe it's already the **final PTO newsletter** of 2024?! It feels like just yesterday we were kicking off the school year, and now we're wrapping up a whirlwind of memories and milestones!

This week we will be expressing our **appreciation** to the **STARS** and **CELEBRITIES** of Demarest - our extraordinary **teachers** and **staff!** The annual **Holiday Staff Appreciation Luncheons** are upon us, and the details are spectacular... catered cuisine, raffles, and fun! Kudos to the committee for making sure our teachers and staff feel like the true celebrities they are! **Today** is **your last chance** to make your **contribution** on Membership Toolkit at www.demarestpto.org.

This **Friday, 12/20** the **CRS** and **LLE** students will enjoy a **PTO-sponsored holiday craft** and **snack party**. Then on **Monday, 12/23** – our last school day of 2024 – all classes from **CRS** to **DMS** will wrap up the year with a cheesy finale: **PTO-sponsored pizza parties!** Thanks to our incredible volunteers, we're ending the year on a high note (and a full stomach).

As we bid adieu to 2024, let's take a moment to **toast everyone** who makes this community extraordinary – from our superstar teachers and staff to our **rockstar parent volunteers** and **supportive families**. **YOU** are what makes **Demarest shine brighter** than holiday lights on a winter night.

Looking ahead to 2025, we've got a lineup that's more exciting than a surprise snow day. **Winter Enrichment, DMS Musical** rehearsals, our first ever CRS and LLE **Read-A-Thon, DMS Book Fair, Spirit Wear, Spring Gala, Demarest 5k, Principal's Challenge, Spring Enrichment, Me & My Dances**, and more – It's a PTO party, and everyone's invited!

We wish you a restful, relaxing, and peaceful break! See you on the other side of the calendar flip!

P.S. **No newsletter** next week on the **12/23 half-day**—but don't fret, we'll be back **January 6th**, recharged and ready to bring you all the PTO buzz.

With gratitude and excitement for 2025,
Batool & Lauren

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



The PTO is excited to sponsor this year's **2024 Holiday Luncheon** on **12/18**, which will be filled with festivities, food, raffles, and lots of fun! If you'd like to **contribute**, please visit the **Demarest PTO Membership Toolkit** to make your donation by today **12/16**. Please note

that you do not need to be a PTO member to participate—everyone is welcome!

Please see the recommended contribution amounts, though any amount is greatly appreciated.

- child(ren) attend 1 schools: \$25
- child(ren) attend 2 schools: \$35
- child(ren) attend 3 schools: \$40

Thank you in advance for your participation, and warm wishes for a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!

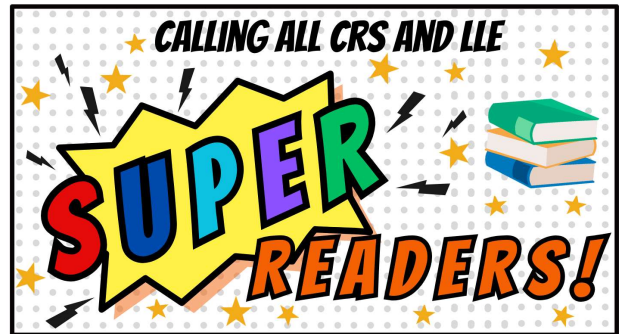


Volunteers needed!

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



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AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR VERY FIRST



JANUARY 13-26, 2025

SAVE THE DATE



ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

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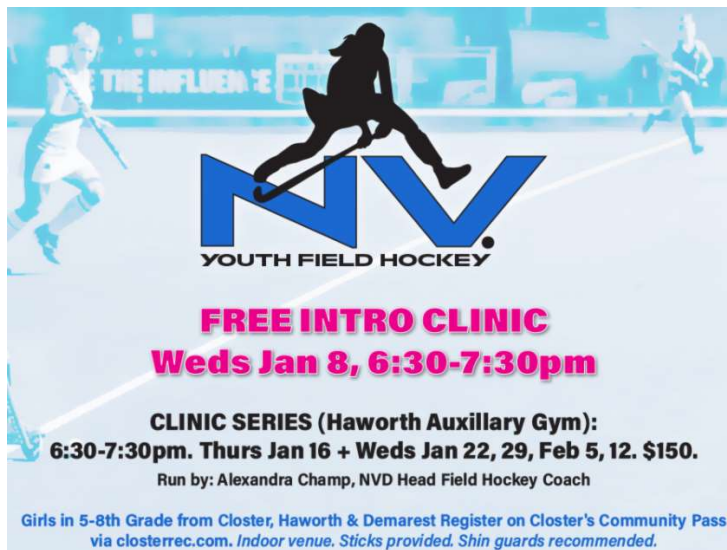


Demarest Friends of the Library
Teen Advisory Board Presents a..

Holiday PARTY!

3:30-4:30 PM
Thursday, December 19th
Demarest Library
Storytime, Crafts, Snacks and more!
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

The flyer features a light blue background with white snowflakes and colorful Christmas lights. On the left is a white polar bear wearing a blue and white striped scarf. On the right is a penguin wearing a red scarf and red earmuffs. There are also illustrations of holly leaves and berries.



FREE INTRO CLINIC
Weds Jan 8, 6:30-7:30pm

CLINIC SERIES (Haworth Auxillary Gym):
6:30-7:30pm. Thurs Jan 16 + Weds Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 12. \$150.
Run by: Alexandra Champ, NVD Head Field Hockey Coach

Girls in 5-8th Grade from Closter, Haworth & Demarest Register on Closter's Community Pass via closterrec.com. Indoor venue. Sticks provided. Shin guards recommended.

The flyer features a blue background with a silhouette of a hockey player in the center. In the background, there is a photo of a hockey rink with players. The logo for NVD Youth Field Hockey is prominently displayed.

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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>

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

THE DEMAREST MENORAH COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO A



Public
menorah
LIGHTING

Sunday | **DEC 29** | **7:00 pm**

5th night of Chanukah
DUCK POND GAZEBO

Sponsored by
Lubavitch on the Palisades

Featuring:
HOT COCOA
CHOCOLATE COINS
JELLY DONUTS • DREIDELS
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