



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 4, 2023

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



Fri 12/8 Spirit Friday  
 Tue 12/12 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm  
 Wed 12/13 DMS Musical Auditions 3:15pm  
 Thu 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser, So Good  
 Fri 12/15 Spirit Friday  
 Wed 12/20 Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
 Fri 12/22 Holiday Class Parties  
 Fri 12/22 Spirit Friday  
 Fri 12/22 Holiday Recess – Half Day  
 Mon 12/25 – Fri 12/29 Holiday Recess – School Closed



Mon 1/1 New Years – Schools Closed  
 Tue 1/2 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm  
 Mon 1/8 Winter Enrichment Starts  
 Thu 1/11 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am  
 Mon 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed

## NOTEWORTHY



Come join us at **So Good** in Closter on **Thursday, 12/14** for our **No Homework Night Fundraiser!**



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

**Happy Monday**, Demarest families! Can you believe it's December already? While December might be a short school month, our fun to do list is definitely not short. Get ready to jingle all the way through a flurry of events!

The **holiday concerts** are starting, and the first one is this **Friday** at **LLE!** The rest will follow next week. Brace yourselves for the cuteness overload as your little ones take the stage.

Let's take a moment to appreciate the real MVPs – our incredible teachers and staff. We are "SNOW" grateful for them, so much that we're organizing an **appreciation lunch** before the holiday break. No obligation to do so but you can **contribute** on Membership Toolkit – no need to be a PTO member, just be a spreader of joy! Check out the flyer below for more details.

A couple sneak peeks into next week... Calling All Stars (and Ogres): Next week, get ready for auditions for the **DMS Musical – Shrek Jr.** It's not your typical fairy tale – there are ogres, donkeys, and probably some questionable accents. Students, sign up to audition and check out all the details in the flyer below. It's gonna be magical!

Parents (and students), rejoice! A "**No Homework Night**" coming soon! That's right, parents, you heard it correctly. Grab your favorite holiday movie, a cup of cocoa, and enjoy a night free from the clutches of cooking dinner, math problems and spelling tests. Checkout the info below on how to support our schools and spend quality time with your family all in the same night!

Have a fantastic week,  
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**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS

**DMS & the Demarest PTO**  
Proudly Present  
**SHREK**  
The MUSICAL JR.  
March 21 & 22, 2024, 7 pm

**Auditions**  
Click [HERE](#) to sign up.  
December 13 @ 3:15 - 5:15

**Rehearsal Dates**  
The Following Wednesdays @ 3:15 - 5:15 PM:  
Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 28  
Extended Rehearsals: Mar 6, 13 @ 3:15 - 6 PM  
Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: March 20 @ 3:15 - 6 PM  
Cast may not miss more than 2 rehearsals, and absence must be cleared beforehand.

**Registration**  
Once auditions are complete, please register on Membership Toolkit.  
Families must be PTO members to enroll.  
Parts will not be announced until after registration.  
Cast Member Fee is \$180.  
Crew registration and details will be given at a later date.

**Questions? [DMSVP@demarestPTO.org](mailto:DMSVP@demarestPTO.org)**

Please join us for auditions on [Wednesday, 12/13, 3:15pm – 5:15pm](#). Please click on the link below:  
<https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA8AD23A1FCC34-46444602-shrek/>



**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!

**Homework Free Night Fundraiser**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
11 AM to 10 PM

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOLS

**SO GOOD**

**Dine in • Take out**  
Reservations Highly Recommended  
Call: +1 (201) 750 5190

Mention the Demarest PTO when you place your order and a portion of your check will be donated. Thank you!

For our next **No Homework Night Fundraiser**, we are so excited to offer **So Good Korean BBQ** for the first time! On **Thursday, 12/14**, dine in or take out from So Good in Closter! 20% of the check will go towards supporting our schools when you [mention the Demarest PTO](#).

Kindly hosted by the Demarest PTO

**CRS+LLE Spirit Fridays!**

Wear your **Demarest Spirit Wear** or **school colors (red and white)** every Friday during the month of **DECEMBER** to earn spirit points!

The class in every grade level that shows the most **school spirit** will receive a prize!

December 1st, 8th and 15th!



## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



The PTO is very excited to sponsor this year's **2023 Holiday Luncheon** celebration filled with festivities, food, raffles and lots of fun for all the incredible **teachers** and **staff** at **CRS, LLE & DMS**. If you are interested in contributing, please do so by accessing the Demarest PTO Membership Toolkit by

**Monday, 12/11.**

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

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

Please contact [staffluncheon@demarestpto.org](mailto:staffluncheon@demarestpto.org) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation, and warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!



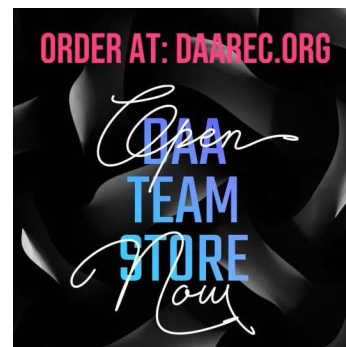
Join the **Demarest 5K Committee!** This is an amazing event that offers fun for the whole family, and many ways to support our schools. Committee work includes a **Principal's Challenge** hosted at CRS, LLE, and DMS in the weeks leading up to the 5K and a **One Mile Fun Run** on the day of the 5K. There are many ways to volunteer your time. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated. For more details reach out to [demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:demarest5k@demarestpto.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Christine Nicholas, KW Town Life presents**  
**DEMAREST HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**  
TUE, DEC. 5  
7PM  
**@ Demarest Gazebo**  
Special Thanks to Kings, Dunkin Donuts, and Demarest DPW, FD, PD and Troop 163  
**Rain date 12/6**

Additional text on poster: Youth Music Performances - Music with Marly, Hot Chocolate!

**COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING**  
Sun 12/10 7pm  
**@The Gazebo**  
**Hosted by Lubavitch on the Palisades**



Score your DAA swag! For the first time ever, the DAA is running a team store. Check it out and grab your DAA merch. 10% of every sale goes back to the DAA. Go to [www.daarec.org](http://www.daarec.org) and scroll down to the team store. Place your order, look like fire, and support a great cause. DAA spiritwear is not to be missed!

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

# 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>

Fundraiser for  
Demarest PBA Local 350

# A NIGHT OF WONDER AND GOOD FORTUNE

Get ready to be captivated by the mind-blowing magician and mentalist, Mike "Kirsch" Kirschner, in a night filled with entertainment for the family! (Suggested age 12+, but all are welcome)

**JANUARY 13, 2024**  
**NVD HIGHSCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS  
SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS  
OR GO TO:  
[DEMARESTPBA.BOOKITIX.COM](https://www.demarestpba.org/bookitix.com)

### Borough of Demarest

#### **SIGN UP for Demarest Mayor's weekly e-message!**

Click the link below and enter your name and email, and you will begin receiving the Mayor's Message via email every Friday, which includes all current borough news:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/xsSfTPu>



Help our Hungry Neighbors: Donate food for Dumont/Norwood Food Pantry!

Next collection:  
Monday, December 4  
Drop Off: 42 Everett Street

Optional Sign up:

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