



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of January 30, 2023

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Fri 2/3 Spirit Friday
- Tue 2/7 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 2/10 Spirit Friday
- Tue 2/14 Valentine's Day Class Party
- Fri 2/17 Spirit Friday
- Mon 2/20 – Fri 2/24 Mid-Winter Recess – No School



MARCH

- Fri 3/3 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/7 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Wed 3/8 First Day of DMS Book Fair
- Thu 3/9 Last Day of DMS Book Fair – Family Fun Night
- Fri 3/10 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/14 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 3/15 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD
- Fri 3/17 Spirit Friday
- Fri 3/24 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/28 Me & My Dance – CRS, 5:30pm
- Thu 3/30 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/31 DMS Musical

## NOTEWORTHY



Look out, the **Me and My Dances** are coming back!



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO**! New members can purchase membership at [demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com).



To 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.

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hey there, **Demarest!** **Happy Monday** and welcome back to school. We are looking forward to a great week ahead, but let's first recap some of last week!

WOW, the **Lunar New Year assemblies** were AMAZING. There were so many fantastic acts that celebrated the **Year of the Rabbit**. We say a huge thank you to the **KDPA** and the **Demarest Chinese Families**, who planned this awesome event. Each school had their own assembly, and they were all spectacular. The PTO presidents especially loved the LLE installment. What fantastic performances!

Do you have the winter blues? Maybe feeling a little void in your life? Yeah, we know the feeling and we have the cure! Guess what's coming tomorrow, the **Spring Enrichment Sneak Peak!** Mark your calendars because the class descriptions will be landing in your inbox! Give those a look and don't be tardy for the enrichment party. Remember, signups wait for no one, and this is sure to be the hot ticket of the month.

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! We have over 35 committees which are run by the PTO. So, whether you have only a few hours here and there or if you have a lot of time throughout the week to spare, we will find something that works. If you have not yet joined the PTO, sign up here ([demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com)). Please volunteer and get involved, the PTO welcomes you!

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

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

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Mark your calendars for the **DMS Book Fair** – **Wednesday, 3/8** and **Thursday, 3/9**. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their LA classes. All DMS families are welcome to attend and shop the book fair at our **Family Fun Event** on **Thursday** from **3:05pm – 5pm**. Families will have the opportunity to meet with **Principal Regan**, as well as many **DMS teachers!** Explore and purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS teachers...stay tuned for more exciting details!



**Save the Date!** Our **Spring Fundraiser Gala** will be held on **Friday, April 28, 2023** at the **Montammy Golf Club!**



Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors every **Friday** to get points for the week!

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AND THE PTO PROUDLY PRESENT



**SHOW DATES: MARCH 30 & 31ST**



Mark your calendars! The **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** will be held on **Wednesday, 6/7** at **Edgewood Country Club!**



Access the **Membership Toolkit Directory** for the **2022 – 2023** school year! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Programs, PTO Committee positions, and more.



Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO-sponsored events. Members can also access our online directory of PTO member families for parties and play dates!

Support  
Demarest PTO.

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

amazon smile

Amazon Smile is **ending its program** on February 20, 2023! Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting for the final few weeks:  
[bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO](https://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: [www.demarestlibrary.org](http://www.demarestlibrary.org) and subscribe to Miss Cara's newsletter for weekly email updates. Register for programs at: [bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest](http://bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest)

### Demarest CRS/LLE - SACC Demarest



### **SACC Demarest**

The YMCA is still looking for at least two people to work for our Demarest SACC program. Contact Sharon Twiddy at [SharonT@wyckoffymca.org](mailto:SharonT@wyckoffymca.org) 201-891-2081 ext. 149

### Demarest Middle School

**CALLING ALL**  
*Coffee Lovers*

**DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ON A MISSION TO HELP REDUCE THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS!**

**WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP BY SAVING & DROPPING OFF USED K-CUP COFFEE PODS TO THE WOODEN BOX NEAR THE CORNER OF NORTHWOOD AVE. & PIERMONT RD.**

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RECYCLING 10,000 PLASTIC PODS!**



## Demarest Public Library/Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Upcoming January Events

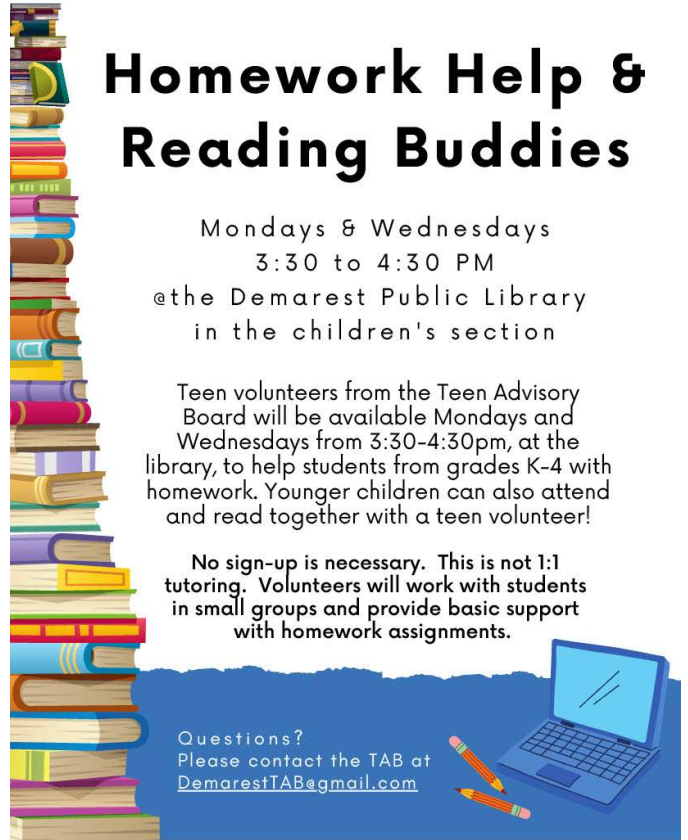
# Homework Help & Reading Buddies

Mondays & Wednesdays  
3:30 to 4:30 PM  
@the Demarest Public Library  
in the children's section

Teen volunteers from the Teen Advisory Board will be available Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm, at the library, to help students from grades K-4 with homework. Younger children can also attend and read together with a teen volunteer!

No sign-up is necessary. This is not 1:1 tutoring. Volunteers will work with students in small groups and provide basic support with homework assignments.

Questions?  
Please contact the TAB at [DemarestTAB@gmail.com](mailto:DemarestTAB@gmail.com)



**Interested in Fun! Friends! Adventure!**  
**Cub Scouting?** Girls & Boys, Grades K – 5, are invited to join the Cub Scouts. Now is a great time to **START SCOUTING!**

**JOIN TODAY**

Adventures include camping, model building and racing (Pinewood Derby), Field trips, games and achievements with your den and overnights at museums and aquariums.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed strictly!  
Scouting Questions? Contact Cubmaster Leslie Correa at [cmclosterpack20@gmail.com](mailto:cmclosterpack20@gmail.com) or Committee Chair Andrew Correa at [bigbearpack20@gmail.com](mailto:bigbearpack20@gmail.com). You can also contact Demarest Parents Kathleen Doshi ([kazwebb@gmail.com](mailto:kazwebb@gmail.com)) and Maxine Nakamura ([wallybella@hotmail.com](mailto:wallybella@hotmail.com)).



## 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>

# Feedback from Students and Parents

100% of participants are glad that Demarest offers this service!

90% of students feel Tutor.com has helped them feel more confident with their schoolwork!

"David C. was an amazing tutor and helped me understand my homework so much better."

*Review from a student user*

For more information, please visit the Demarest School District Homepage!

<https://nj01001706.schoolwires.net/Page/4450>

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

### FUN! FRIENDS! ADVENTURE!

Girls, age 11-17,  
Now is a great time  
to start SCOUTING!

Scouts BSA  
Closter/Demarest  
**TROOP 163!**

[www.ClosterTroop163.org](http://www.ClosterTroop163.org)

THE HIGHER  
you climb  
THE FURTHER  
you'll GO



#### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Feb 12, 2023  
3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Closter Senior Center  
4 Lewis Street, Closter, NJ

Questions?  
Email: [ClosterTroop163@gmail.com](mailto:ClosterTroop163@gmail.com)

Learn valuable LIFE SKILLS, develop LEADERSHIP SKILLS,  
and actively participate in COMMUNITY SERVICE while  
EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Troop 163 is welcoming girls, age 11 – 17, to join in our Scout ADVENTURES! Come to our Open House on 2/12/23 or to any of our Monday after-school meetings to learn about amazing opportunities.

These young women Learn valuable **LIFE SKILLS**, develop **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**, and actively participate in **COMMUNITY SERVICE** while **EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS!**

Contact Scoutmaster Erica Song with questions,  
[ClosterTroop163@gmail.com](mailto:ClosterTroop163@gmail.com)

## Closter Nature Center



Closter Nature Center  
154 Ruckman Road, Closter NJ

### February After-School Nature Program



#### "Rocks, Minerals and Fossils"

We will learn about the fantastic world of geology and ancient creatures by studying fossils. Join Nature Marc at the Closter Nature Center for some outdoor science fun!

Tuesdays – January 31st, February 7th, and 14th  
PreK4- Kindergarten – 3:45 – 5:00pm

Wednesdays – February 1st, 8th, and 15th  
1st – 3rd grade – 3:45 pm– 5:00 pm

Thursdays – February 2nd, 9th, and 16th  
4th– 6th grade – 3:45 – 5:00 pm

\$75/ Members – \$90/ Non-members

Register on Community Pass: <https://register.communitypass.net/Closter>

Questions email [programdirector@closternaturecenter.org](mailto:programdirector@closternaturecenter.org)  
or call 201-800-2008.

After-School Nature Program sponsored by: TARGET