



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 20, 2021

UPCOMING CALENDAR



DECEMBER

Thu 12/23 Holiday Recess – Early Dismissal
 Fri 12/24 –
 Fri 12/31 Holiday Recess – No School

2022 JANUARY 2022

Mon 1/3 Back to School
 Tue 1/4 Reorganization Meeting, LLE, 5:30pm
 Thu 1/6 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
 Fri 1/7 Spirit Fridays
 Wed 1/12 Spring Fundraiser Meeting, TBD
 Fri 1/14 Spirit Fridays
 Mon 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School Closed
 Wed 1/19 –
 Thu 1/20 DMS Book Fair & Family A-Fair
 Fri 1/21 Spirit Fridays
 Mon 1/24 Enrichment Starts
 Fri 1/28 Lunar New Year Celebration
 Fri 1/28 Spirit Fridays

NOTEWORTHY



The school sent out the new **Updated Covid-19 Protocols**. Be sure to give them a read.



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO**! New members can join by purchasing a membership at

www.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. Like us on **Facebook** at Demarest PTO and follow us on **Instagram** at demarestpto.

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A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years*

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

WOW, we can't believe this is the **last school week** of 2021! As your PTO presidents, we must take a moment to reflect on the start of our school year and how fortunate we have been. As we close out 2021, we are so grateful for the return of so many wonderful things. We **welcomed back** the **book fair** and the **winter concerts**. The excitement of the families was unparalleled. We say an enormous **"Thank You"** to the administration, teachers, and faculty. Without you, none of this would have been possible and our community is so appreciative of all your tireless work. Thank you to everyone who participated in our **"No Homework Night"** fundraiser. **Andiamo** was jumping and we know this was a very successful event. We hope you all enjoyed your Italian feasts, and we thank you for supporting the PTO!

As **2022** approaches, we have a lot to look forward to! The **DMS Book Fair** will be here before we know it, and that is sure to be awesome. It will feature the first ever family event – stay tuned for more details! The **musical** will begin rehearsals after the break, and we are super excited for what's to come!

If you're still looking to get involved with the PTO, the two biggest fundraisers will be in the spring! The **Spring Fundraiser** and **Demarest 5K** Committees would love your help! No time commitment is too small. Stay tuned to this newsletter for meeting announcements.

Reminder: this Thursday is a **half day**, so no lunch will be served. BUT we welcome back the return of the **holiday parties**. Each class will be having a **PTO-sponsored pizza party**, and we thank our volunteers for all their help. Can't beat ending the year with a slice!

Keep your eyes on the PTO Newsletter as 2022 will be busy! Want to get involved? We would love to have you! We are only an email away.

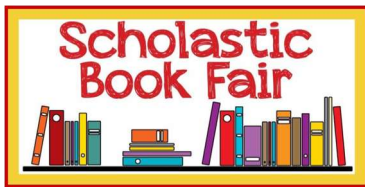
Wishing everyone a great break and a Happy New Year,
Mary & Vanessa

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
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DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Become a **PTO member** for the **2021-2022** school year! Go to Membership Toolkit and register today! PTO membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment program, SACC (School-Aged Child Care) 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!**



The annual **DMS Book Fair** is scheduled for **Wednesday, 1/19** and **Thursday, 1/20**. Be sure to support your children's

love of reading. All DMS students will have an opportunity to attend the book fair during one of their language arts periods. The book fair will be held in the gym for the first time ever and will also remain open during lunch and recess for kids to continue shopping!

Join us for the first ever **Family a-Fair** at the DMS Book Fair on **Thursday, 1/20 3:15pm to 5pm!** All DMS families are welcome to attend and shop the book fair. Stay tuned for exciting details, such as **Meet the Principal**, purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS staff, and some **special sweet treats!**



Rehearsals for the upcoming production of the PTO's DMS Musical, **The Addams Family**, will begin in January and will be held on Fridays until the week of production. All students involved in the musical must be a current member of the PTO. If not yet a member, please sign up at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com. We will also be needing parent/guardian chaperones for rehearsals and performances.



The PTO Enrichment Committee is pleased to offer our **After School Enrichment Program** for Spring Semester 2022. Registration for enrichment

classes (K-4 only) is open now to PTO members until **Friday, 1/14**. Classes are already full, so register today! Enrichment will start the week of **January 24th**. Sign up for membership and enrichment classes on Membership Toolkit: demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com

Save the Date!!! Spring Fundraiser planning meeting is on the evening of **January 12!** Location – TBD. Come volunteer! No commitment is too small. For more information, email springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.



Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the **non-profit** you are **supporting**: bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO



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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Family Fun Run/Walk at **Northern Valley Demarest High School Track & Field** on **Saturday, 1/1 12pm to 2pm**. All proceeds will go towards the **NVD Senior Class of 2022 Project Graduation**. Email nvdprojgrad@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.



Demarest Library Updates



Winter Book Clubs: 4pm to 4:45pm

1st/2nd grade Tuesdays, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1
3rd/4th grade Tuesdays, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8
5th/6th grade Tuesdays, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15



MEET BALOO!

Read to a Dog – Thursday, 12/30 from 4pm to 5pm. Demarest Library will be hosting a Read to a Dog program. Children can practice their reading one-on-one with an adorable and loving therapy dog! For readers and prereaders ages 5 to 11. Children may register for one 10-minute session, which will take

place at the Demarest Train Station Room. Masks are required. Online registration is opens on 12/16.



Free admission for 4 to 6 people to:
- Children's Museum of Manhattan
- Guggenheim Museum
- Intrepid Air & Space Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- Storm King Art Center

The Demarest Library offers FREE museum passes with your library card! Passes may be checked out to Demarest residents only. To learn more, visit the website at

www.demarestlibrary.org/museumpasses.

For more information about all other Children's Programs at the Library, go to: www.demarestlibrary.org



The Closter Nature Center

Holiday Break Science Program

Need something fun and educational for the kids to do during the holiday break? There will be four days of nature exploration and discovery at the Closter Nature Center! It is imperative that kids dress appropriately for the weather, as they plan to be outside as much as possible. Masks will be required when inside the nature center building.

1st – 7th grades: \$100/week for members, \$120/week for non-members

Kindergarten: \$80/week for members, \$100/week for non-members.

Monday December 27th - Thursday December 30th

9:00 am - 10:30 am 1st - 3rd grade

11:00 am - 12:30 pm 4th - 7th grade

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Kindergarten

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 1st - 3rd grade

Please call Marc at (201) 750-2778 with any questions.

To register, please go to:

<https://register.communitypass.net/Closter>, and you will be taken to Community Pass, the online registration and payment system.



Press play with Girl Scouts.
It's a great time to join!



Register for Girls Scouts at

www.gsnnj.org/winterwonderland. Please contact

Darlene Lynden-Cooper at dlyndencooper@gsnnj.org for more information.