



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



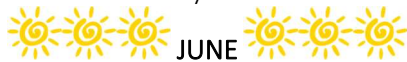
Week of May 16, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MAY

- Tue 5/17 Last Principal's Challenge – CRS/LLE
- Wed 5/18 Last Principal's Challenge – DMS
- Fri 5/20 DMS Field Day & Spirit Friday
- Sun 5/22 Demarest 5K
- Thu 5/26 LLE Field Day
- Fri 5/27 –
- Mon 5/30 Memorial Day Weekend – All Schools Closed



JUNE

- Fri 6/3 Spirit Friday
- Fri 6/10 Spirit Friday
- Mon 6/13 Half Day
- Tue 6/14 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 6/17 4th Grade Moving Up Celebration
- Mon 6/20 8th Grade Graduation
- Mon 6/20 Half Day
- Tue 6/21 Last Day of School – Half Day

NOTEWORTHY



Sign up for the **Demarest 5K!** It's this coming **Sunday, 5/22!**



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

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hi **Demarest Families**, we hope you had **amazing weekend**. Welcome to a new week, and it's another exciting one!

As we compile this newsletter, we are still recovering from the **AMAZING Spring Fundraiser!** Such an awesome night was had by all. The night was filled with dancing, food, raffles, live auctions, and a tremendous sense of community. We send a **huge thank you** to our **committee members**, Alex Passer, Randi Morris, Erica Cantatore, Lauren Schwartz, and Maybe Diamante and all the volunteers for working tirelessly to make this a **huge success**. Extra shoutout to Lisa Jesner, who worked overtime to make the online auction the success that it is!

Reminder, the fun isn't over yet! The **online auction** is open until **9pm today**. Bid on priceless school items, experiences, golf, designer swag, and more!

Wow! That's all we can say about **Thursday's LLE Spring Concert**. The students were amazing with their performances. **Mrs. Mach** did a **phenomenal job**, as always. We wish her well, as she embarks on her **retirement**. She will be **missed by all!**

Field Day is back! The **CRS students** had a blast last **Friday** and the others are coming up! The dates are as follows: **LLE - May 26th**, and **DMS - May 20th**. **Thank you**, in advance, to the **staff and volunteers** that make this day possible.

Does all of this sound fun, well you have another chance to join us! You can still sign up for the **Demarest 5K**. There is time to register – the event is **May 22nd**. We hope to see you there. Registration information can be found in the body of this email!

While all of this keeps everyone so busy, there is always time to appreciate our teachers! The **staff appreciation luncheon** is **Tuesday** and we hope everyone enjoys. We are so grateful for everyone who works so hard for our students.

Follow us (**Demarest PTO**) on **Facebook** and **Instagram**. Important updates will always be posted there, don't miss out! Feel free to reach out to us at: president@demarestpto.org.

Wishing everyone an awesome week,
Vanessa and Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



There is only **ONE** more week left until the Demarest 5K!

Hurry and get registered for this amazing community event! To register go to: www.demarest5k.org

There are still opportunities to sponsor the 5K and support our schools. Consider being a:

Mile Marker & Water Station Sponsor for \$250

Friends of the 5K for \$100

Family Sponsor for \$25

Any questions? Contact demarest5k@demarestpto.org

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

Demarest 5K Title Sponsor:



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Principal's Challenge Sponsors:

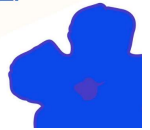


LAST CHANCE



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**PLACE FINAL BIDS BY 9PM
LAST MINUTE BIDS WILL EXTEND
AUCTION END TIME SO KEEP
CHECKING!**



Looking for a great opportunity to join in and help the PTO? We are seeking new Committee Coordinators for the 2022-2023 school year.

Committee Coordinator Roles (1-year commitment):

- Art Cards Fundraiser
- CRS Library Parent
- CRS Lunch Parent
- Cultural Arts
- Demarest 5K
- DMS Field Day
- DMS Class Parent Coordinator
- Spirit Wear Fundraisers

Please contact Grace Lee at secretary@demarestpto.org for more information regarding these positions.

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



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!



Become a 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), 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!

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

Food Collection for Neighbors



Hunger and food insecurity are still on the rise. This monthly collection helps our neighbors. **Dumont Food Pantry** serve its 300 families and **Norwood Food Pantry**, its 75 families. Food collections are typically the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month @ **8am – 7pm**. How to: Just sign up for any Monday. Click on the link below. And drop off at 8 John Street, Demarest (table by garage) www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a4aa2ea1fb6-dumont



Strengthening Youth Through
SCOUTS BSA

Fun! Friends! Adventure!

Girls, ages 11-17, are invited to join Scouts BSA Closter/Demarest Troop 163.

Come to any of our weekly meetings to learn about the amazing opportunities for your daughter. **Mondays, 3:30 - 5:00pm**

Now is a great time to START SCOUTING! There is still time for your daughter to participate in our SUMMER ADVENTURES.

Join our ADVENTURES – camping, hiking, kayaking, horseback riding, cycling, ziplining, rock climbing, high adventure treks, learning wilderness skills, and MORE.

Learn valuable LIFE SKILLS, develop LEADERSHIP SKILLS, and actively participate in COMMUNITY SERVICE while **Exploring the Great Outdoors!** Scouting questions? Email Scoutmaster Erica Song at erica_song@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates

Book Clubs: Join Ms. Cara for fun monthly book discussions! Pick up your copy of the book after registering online. Tune in via Zoom or come to the library to discuss the book in person! Book Clubs meet at 4pm on the following dates:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Book Club: May 3, May 31
- 3rd & 4th Grade Book Club: May 10, June 7
- 5th & 6th Grade Book Club: May 17, June 14

Little Wigglers Storytime: (ages 0 to 4)

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30am to 11am

Join Ms. Cara every Monday and Wednesday for stories, songs, and fun! When the weather is nice, we'll meet at the Demarest Gazebo. Otherwise, we will meet at the Demarest Train Station. Check the library's social media pages or call the library the morning of for updates!

Read to a Therapy Dog: (ages 5 to 11)

Mondays, 5/9 & 5/16, Sessions start at 4:15

Children can practice their reading one-on-one with an adorable and loving therapy dog at the train station! Online registration is required. Children may register for one 10-minute session.

Math Night with Closter Mathnasium: (grades 1 to 5)

Wednesday, May 18, 4pm – 6pm

Join Closter Mathnasium at the library for rewards, giveaways, and math games for the whole family! This event will take place in the children's room. This program is great for students in grades 1 to 5.

Korean Storytime: Monday, May 23, 3:30pm – 4pm

Join us at the Demarest Train Station for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer, and a craft! This program is in partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association.

Chess Club: Most Saturdays, 10am to 11:30am

Chess Club is back! Come play chess with players of all levels. This event will take place at the library in the children's area. Children in grades 1st and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Birdhouse Painting: (ages 4 and up)

Tuesday, May 24, 3:30 – 4:15pm

Listen to a story, then assemble and paint your own birdhouse with Ms. Cara! This program will be held at the Demarest Train Station. Registration is required, and it begins on Tuesday, May 3. Supplies are limited, so please indicate how many children will be attending when you register. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Wacky Science: (ages 6 to 12)

Thursday, May 26, 3:30pm to 4pm

Wacky Science is back! Make your own slime and learn the science behind it with Ms. Cara! We will meet at the library in the program room. Registration is required, and it begins 5/5.

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