



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 13, 2021

UPCOMING CALENDAR



DECEMBER

- Tue 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser - Andiamo
- Tue 12/14 COW/BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Fri 12/17 Spirit Fridays
- Thu 12/23 Holiday Recess – Early Dismissal
- Fri 12/24 – Fri 12/31 Holiday Recess – No School

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- 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



Don't forget dinner at **Andiamo** on **Tuesday** for **No Homework Night!**



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.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

We really can't believe it; this year is almost over! What a year it's been. As we close out **2021**, we are grateful for successful first half of the year.

The **LLE Winter Concert** was last Friday, and it was **AMAZING!** The student performances were spectacular, and the shows were fantastic. The parents were so excited to be invited back into the audience, there wasn't a dry eye in the room! A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the shows such a success.

The **DMS** and **CRS Winter** shows are this week, **12/15** and **12/17**, respectively. We know the parents and students are excited! We wish everyone a successful performance.

This **Tuesday, 12/14**, will be our next "**No Homework Night**" fundraiser. **Andiamo** has generously agreed to be our host and we look forward to a successful event. The details are in the flyer posted below, in this newsletter. Fingers crossed that everyone keeps power this time, we could all use a night off from cooking!

As we prepare for **2022** (wow, that sounds crazy), 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. The **musical** will begin **rehearsals** and we can't wait for the Demarest production of **The Addam's Family**. It's sure to be spectacular!

Keep your eyes on the **PTO Newsletter** as the future weeks are busy! Want to get involved? We would love to have you! We are only an email away. If you have not yet joined the PTO, we invite you to join here: <http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com>. There are many exclusive member benefits to take advantage of, don't hesitate to join.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,
Vanessa & Mary

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!**

Homework Free Night
Tuesday 12/14
Andiamo
RESTAURANT • BAR
CATERING
23 Hardenburgh Ave, Haworth
(201) 384-1551
Menu available at
www.andiamorestaurant.net
Dine in - Take out - Delivery
4:30-9:00 Pm
Reservations are encouraged for dining in since capacity is limited!
SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOLS!
A PORTION OF THE CHECK WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE DEMAREST PTO
DON'T FORGET TO MENTION DEMAREST PTO WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER!

Save the date! Tuesday, 12/14 4:30pm to 9pm is the next **Homework Free Night!** Dine in, take out, or have meals delivered from **Andiamo** in Haworth and help us raise funds for our schools! Don't forget to mention **Demarest PTO** when you place your order.



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

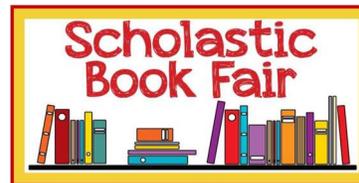


The **PTO Enrichment Committee** is pleased to offer our **After School Enrichment Program** for Spring Semester 2022. Registration for enrichment

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



The **Virtual Book Fair** is still going on until **Monday, 12/13!** Support the PTO by shopping online at www.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair. Every purchase benefits our school and helps develop a love of reading. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free.



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!**

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



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.

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CRS, LLE & DMS

SPIRIT

Friday 

Don't miss out so you can help your grade/homeroom to win a prize!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates



Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to the **Demarest Train Station** on **12/14** for some simple **holiday crafts** – decorate an ornament and make a popsicle stick reindeer! Masks are required and children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online today!



Crafternoon with Bendy Bookworm – **Friday, 12/17** from **4pm to 4:45pm** at the Demarest Train Station for kids in grades K-3. Register online today!



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.



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