



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of January 6, 2025

UPCOMING CALENDAR



- Mon 1/6 Winter Enrichment Starts
- Tue 1/7 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Thu 1/9 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am
- Fri 1/10 Spirit Friday
- Fri 1/17 Demarest 5K Meeting, TBD, 9am
- Fri 1/17 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed
- Mon 1/20 Read-a-Thon Starts
- Fri 1/24 Spirit Friday
- Fri 1/31 Lunar New Year Celebration
- Fri 1/31 Spirit Friday



- Sun 2/2 Read-a-Thon Ends
- Fri 2/7 Spirit Friday
- Thu 2/13 Read-a-Thon Celebration
- Fri 2/14 Spirit Friday
- Fri 2/14 Valentine’s Day Class Party
- Fri 2/14 DMS Hot Chocolate Party
- Mon 2/17 – Fri 2/21 Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed
- Fri 2/28 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



Winter Enrichment starts today! To view your schedule and add it to your device calendar: log into flexacademies.com -> click on the class -> click ‘Download iCal’ -> upload file to your calendar!



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



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

Happy New Year, **Demarest Families!** We hope everyone had an **amazing holiday break**. Now that the glitter has settled, it's time to dust off those backpacks and dive back into the PTO action for the **2025 school year!**

Here are the highlights you won’t want to miss:

Monday, 1/6:

DMS Musical Crew Registration starts at **9am** sharp! Set those alarms, folks—it’s first come, first serve.

Winter Enrichment Classes begin **today!** A friendly reminder to follow the FLEX pick-up procedures in your emails.

Wednesday, 1/8:

DMS Musical Rehearsals kick off! Best of luck to our young thespians as they step into the world of **Descendants!** We can’t wait to see those VKs (villain kids) shine.

Thursday, 1/9 at 8:30am in the **DMS Cafeteria:**

Join us for our first **PTO meeting of 2025!** Come for the updates and get the scoop on all things PTO. Hear straight from school administration and our committee leads about what’s in store for the months ahead.

Read-A-Thon Fundraiser Update!

Our first-ever CRS/LLE Read-a-Thon Fundraiser is set for **1/20–2/2**. Prizes, surprises, and plenty of fun await our students! Keep an eye out for more details coming home soon!

Take a peek at the exciting details of some of our upcoming events in the flyers below!

Here’s to a fantastic year ahead—let’s make 2025 one for the books!

Batool & Lauren

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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Volunteers needed!

Be a part of **International Heritage Day 2025** and help represent a country! You don't have to be from the country you're representing!

Always a highlight of our school year, International Heritage Day (IHD) celebrates the diversity of our community. Various countries are represented each year by families wanting to share world cultures with our kids through food, games, and activities. The date for IHD 2025 is **Saturday, 3/8 at Luther Lee Emerson School**. If you are interested in representing a country or volunteering to help a country, please let us know by emailing:

heritageday@demarestpto.org



The students participated in a **Spirit Wear challenge**, hosted by the PTO. Prizes ranged from extra recess, no homework night, and PJ day. Teachers will notify their students!

CRS:

Pre-K 3: Plescia
Pre-K 4: McBride
K: Duby
1st: Plunkett

LLE:

2nd: Hubener
3rd: O'Hara
4th: Liguori

DMS:

5th: Ross
6th: Polvere
7th: Murphy
8th: Lew

NEW DATES!
JAN 20 - FEB 2

GET READY, CRS AND LLE!

THE READ-A-THON IS COMING TO DEMAREST!

Set reading goals. Find pledges.
Flex your reading superpower. Have a **BLAST!**

School Assemblies Participation Prizes
Top Reader Prizes In-School Activities
Mystery Guests Top Fundraiser Prizes and more!

Money raised will go towards supporting our schools, including contributing funds for a new **LLE Playground** and fulfilling **teacher wish lists!**

Questions? Email readathon@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO
2025
SPRING GALA
ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

OUR RAFFLE & AUCTION HELP RAISE THE MOST MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

HELP US RAISE FUNDS WITH GREAT DONATIONS!

CONSIDER DONATING...

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO CONTRIBUTE
EMAIL:
SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG

For more information on how to contribute email springfundraiser@demarestpto.org

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40TH ANNUAL
Demarest 5k
run for your health

DEMAREST 5K & PRINCIPALS CHALLENGE
COMING THIS SPRING!

Principals Challenge dates/times available on website
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Demarest/Demarest5K>

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Registration opens February 1, 2025
Register early before price increases

Questions?
Email Demarest5k@demarestpto.org



<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Demarest/Demarest5K>



Access to [Membership Toolkit Directory](#) is now open for the 2024 – 2025 school year! The Demarest PTO is an amazing non-profit organization, focused on supporting our children and schools. We need your support and your support can start with becoming a member. It's easy and fast to join at www.demarestpto.org! Your dues don't just support our programs, they also unlock some pretty sweet perks for you. PTO Membership includes eligibility for **PTO Committee positions**, **discounted admission** for certain PTO-sponsored events, access to our **online directory** of PTO member families, and more!

40TH ANNUAL Demarest 5k run for your health



CALLING ALL PARENTS!

The Demarest 5K Team needs your help!

The Demarest 5K is an amazing community event which encourages health and fitness while fundraising for our schools!

If you are interested in helping the 5K team make this yearly event a huge success, please join us for our first volunteer meeting on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th at 9am

Follow the link below to RSVP.
Coffee and bagels will be served!
Once you respond, the meeting location will be sent to your email.

<https://tinyurl.com/d5ksignupgenius>

Any questions?
Please feel free to contact us at
demarest5k@demarestpto.org

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CRS, LLE & DMS

SPIRIT
Friday 

Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors (red and white) every **Friday!**
Email with the new fall lineup coming soon!!!

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



FREE INTRO CLINIC

Weds Jan 8, 6:30-7:30pm

CLINIC SERIES (Haworth Auxillary Gym):

6:30-7:30pm. Thurs Jan 16 + Weds Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 12. \$150.

Run by: Alexandra Champ, NVD Head Field Hockey Coach

Girls in 5-8th Grade from Closter, Haworth & Demarest Register on Closter's Community Pass via closterrec.com. Indoor venue. Sticks provided. Shin guards recommended.

Demarest Compost

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 pm

Demarest Public Library

Community Composting is coming to Demarest! Join the Demarest Environmental Commission for an info session with Neighborhood Compost to learn how Demarest families can participate in turning their food waste into compost soil, and its positive environmental impacts.



- ✓ Food scraps: uncooked vegetables and fruits, meat
- ✓ teabags, tea leaves, and coffee grounds
- ✗ plastic, plants, coated paper

REGISTER NOW



FRIENDS OF THE DEMAREST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

wants you to become a Friend!

Our library needs Friends!

Memberships and donations allow us to purchase equipment, programs, and services NOT covered by the library's share of the town budget.

What have the Friends done?

Established in 2023, in our first year we:

- Donated a 70" TV for the new community room
- Purchased a one-year membership for town residents to access the Fiero Code learn-to-code program
- Provided a Cricut cutting machine for the Children's Room
- Sponsored the holiday party in the Children's Room
- Funded the ice cream truck for the Summer Reading Program
- Supported the henna station at our Diwali event
- Hosted author Tracey Baptiste for a special library visit
- Organized a book donation drive to help residents sustainably discard unwanted books
- Led crafts and games for children at Demarest Day and Oktoberfest

Join us!

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@friendsdemarestlibrary



Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization
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