



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 20, 2023

UPCOMING CALENDAR



Wed 11/22 Thanksgiving Recess – Half Day
 Thu 11/23 –
 Fri 11/24 Thanksgiving Recess – No School
 Wed 11/29 Info Session DMS Musical, 3:15pm, DMS Cafeteria



Fri 12/1 5K Planning Session, 9am, TBD
 Fri 12/1 Spirit Friday
 Fri 12/8 Spirit Friday
 Tue 12/12 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
 Wed 12/13 DMS Musical Auditions 3:15pm
 Thu 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser, TBD
 Fri 12/15 Spirit Friday
 Fri 12/22 Holiday Class Parties
 Fri 12/22 Spirit Friday
 Fri 12/22 Holiday Recess – Half Day
 Mon 12/25 – Fri 12/29 Holiday Recess – No School

NOTEWORTHY



Enrichment registration has been **EXTENDED** to **Tuesday, 11/21!**



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** To become a member and 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**, welcome to a short holiday week! We hope you all had a fantastic weekend.

Last Friday night, the **DMS Gym** turned into the ultimate party zone! We had over **130 5th and 6th graders** tearing up the dance floor. It was a blast that could only happen with the help of some fantastic volunteers. A massive shoutout to everyone who turned it into a sizzling soirée!

And speaking of exciting news, we have a little bonus holiday treat: we're thrilled to announce an **extension** to **Enrichment Class registration!** The extended deadline is now **Tuesday, 11/21**.

We've got a new chance for **parents of 8th graders** to **volunteer**. If you're interested and have an 8th grader, take a look at the details in the newsletter. The **8th grade graduation activities** will be here before you know it – time is flying!

As we carve out time for family, friends, and a second (or third) helping of pie this Thanksgiving, we want to extend a **heartfelt thanks** to all the **incredible individuals** who dedicate their time, energy, and passion to make our school community shine.

Whether you've been helping out at events, lending a hand in the classrooms, or supporting our initiatives from behind the scenes, your contributions haven't gone unnoticed. Like the whipped cream on our pumpkin pie, your efforts add that extra touch of sweetness to our school experience.

So, here's to you, our **amazing volunteers!** May your **Thanksgiving** be as bountiful and joy-filled as the gratitude we feel for having you in our school family!!!

With gratitude,
Batool and Lauren
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS

DMS & the Demarest PTO
Proudly Present

SHREK
THE MUSICAL JR.
March 20 & 21, 2024

Info Session
November 29 @
3:15 PM
DMS Cafeteria

Auditions
December 13 @
3:15 PM

Rehearsals on Wednesdays 3:15-5:15
Starting January 3

Questions? DMSVD@demarestPTO.org

ATTN: CRS PARENTS



We are seeking **one more committee member** to join the **Cultural Arts Committee**! The Committee sponsors numerous assembly programs throughout the year at our schools.

CRS, LLE & DMS

SPIRIT
Friday 

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

DEMAREST PTO AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

REGISTRATION IS ONLY AVAILABLE
THROUGH YOUR MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT.
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

DEMARESTPTO.MEMBERSHIPTOOLKIT.COM



questions? email

demarest.enrichment@gmail.com

Due to the holiday and short week, we will be **extending** the **Enrichment deadline** to **Tuesday, 11/21**.



The PTO is seeking **4 volunteers** for the **8th Grade Graduation Committee**. Please note that you must be a PTO member to volunteer! Please email: dmsgraduation@demarestpto.org.

Demarest 5k
run for your health

Join the **Demarest 5K Committee**! This is an amazing event that offers fun for the whole family, and many ways to support our schools. Committee work includes a **Principal's Challenge** hosted at CRS, LLE, and DMS in the weeks leading up to the 5K and a **One Mile Fun Run** on the day of the 5K. There are many ways to volunteer your time. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Please join us for our **2nd meeting** on **Friday, 12/1 at 9am**. Please contact our Race Directors Tal and Opal at demarest5k@demarestpto.org for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS



DAA ANNOUNCEMENT

SIGN UP NOW:

- Rec Basketball (late fee now applies)
- Indoor Soccer

Sign up via Community Pass TODAY!

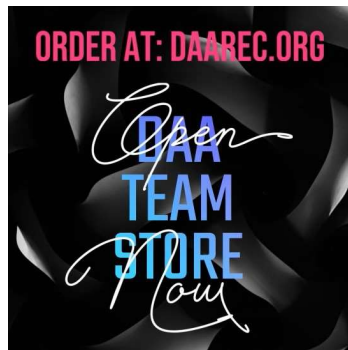
NEW: check out our TEAM STORE!!



DAA ANNOUNCEMENT! Sign-ups for winter sports are now! Winter basketball and indoor soccer deadline is 11/24. Don't miss out on your opportunity to play, sign up today!

ORDER AT: DAAREC.ORG

Open TEAM STORE Now



Score your DAA swag! For the first time ever, the DAA is running a team store. Check it out and grab your DAA merch. 10% of every sale goes back to the DAA. Go to www.daarec.org and scroll down to the team store. Place your order,

look like fire, and support a great cause. DAA spiritwear is not to be missed!

Tutor.com

ONLINE TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP PROVIDED TO DEMAREST K-8 STUDENTS FREE OF CHARGE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE DEMAREST SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMEPAGE!

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



7TH ANNUAL JL BLESSINGS BACKPACK INITIATIVE

THE YEAR OF UNITY

Our goal is to provide backpacks filled with bare essential items for homeless in NYC, NY, & NJ. We need your support to help bring Hope, Change, & Life to those in need!



Please help the **2nd Grade Demarest/Closter Cub Scouts** fill backpacks for the homeless in NYC, NY and NJ. Their goal is to fill at least 3 backpacks with new basic essentials: underwear, undergarments, socks, gloves/mittens, warm hats, scarves/earmuffs, hand/feet warmers, sanitary and hygiene products (toothpaste, handwipes, tissues, toilet paper, etc.), and other essentials. Donations will be taken through **November 28**. Distribution will be in early December. Please text Maxine Nakamura (**917-657-7419**) if you would like to help the Cubs reach their goal and we **can arrange a pick up**. The Cubs lost their drop off bin as the library is closed.


Fundraiser for Demarest PBA Local 350

A NIGHT OF WONDER AND GOOD FORTUNE

Get ready to be captivated by the mind-blowing magician and mentalist, Mike "Kirsch" Kirschner, in a night filled with entertainment for the family! (Suggested age 12+, but all are welcome)

JANUARY 13, 2024
NVD HIGHSCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Support your local officers
Scan here for tickets
or go to:
DEMARESTPBA.BROKTIX.COM



COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



The Demarest Menorah Lighting is on Sunday December 10th at 7:00 PM!

Celebrate Hanukkah at the Demarest town gazebo

Watch the grand menorah lighting!

There will be music, hot cocoa, jelly donuts and more!

Open to the entire Demarest community.



Please contact
demarestkdpa@gmail.com

Calling all students who are interested in performing at our annual **Lunar New Year** assembly on **Friday, 2/9!** Students currently enrolled in **Taekwondo** or are interested in **Nanta** (Korean drums) or **K-pop** should contact demarestkdpa@gmail.com by Monday, 11/27.

Borough of Demarest

SIGN UP for Demarest Mayor's weekly e-message!

Click the link below and enter your name and email, and you will begin receiving the Mayor's Message via email every Friday, which includes all current borough news:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/xsSfPu>



Help our Hungry Neighbors: Donate food for Dumont/Norwood Food Pantry!

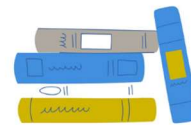
Next collection: Monday, December 4

Drop Off: 42 Everett Street

Wishlist: TBD

Optional Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4AA2EA1FB6-dumont#/>



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 our library's share of the town budget.

What else do the Friends plan to do?

In addition to fundraising, we plan to host community events and highlight and support local businesses. We will also advocate for the needs of the library, free speech, and inclusive equal access.

What do I get with membership?

Your membership benefits include the Friends newsletter, discounts to our events, and the feeling of joy that you are supporting our amazing library.



Join Now!

www.demarestlibrary.org/friends