



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of January 1, 2024

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

**2024** January **2024**

- Mon 1/1 New Years – Schools Closed
- Tue 1/2 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Mon 1/8 Winter Enrichment Starts
- Thu 1/11 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am
- Mon 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed



**FEBRUARY**

- Fri 2/9 Lunar New Year Performance
- Wed 2/14 Valentine’s Day Class Party
- Wed 2/14 DMS Hot Chocolate Party
- Mon 2/19 – Fri 2/2 Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed



**MARCH**

- Wed 3/6 – Thu 3/7 DMS Book Fair
- Sat 3/9 International Heritage Day
- Thu 3/21 – Fri 3/22 DMS Musical
- Tue 3/26 Me & My - CRS
- Fri 3/29 Good Friday – Schools Closed

## NOTEWORTHY



Winter Enrichment starts next week!



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](http://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

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 **2024 school year!**

**DMS Musical rehearsals** kick off this week, **Wednesday, 1/3**. Best of luck to our young thespians as they transform into the beloved characters of the Shrek universe.

As we ride our sleds towards the winter chill, we're gearing up for our **After-School Winter Enrichment Courses** starting next **Monday, 1/8** at **CRS, LLE, and DMS**. For those of you who have registered for these educational adventures, get ready to dive into a Winter Wonderland of learning and fun.

For an extra dose of excitement to welcome the New Year, join us for the first **PTO meeting of 2024** on **Thursday, 1/11**, at **8:30 am** in the **DMS Cafeteria**. This is your chance to be in the know of all things PTO! Hear first-hand updates from school administration and PTO committees on the latest happenings in Demarest.

Stay tuned for our big date reveal for our **Spring Fundraiser** and volunteer opportunities for our **Demarest 5K!**

We encourage all families to get involved! Our organization thrives on volunteers, and the more help we have, the better. So, whether you have only a few hours here and there or if you have a lot of time throughout the week to spare, we will find something that works. If you haven't already, sign up for the PTO at [demarestpto.org](http://demarestpto.org). Please consider volunteering and becoming an active part of our community – the PTO welcomes you!

Wishing everyone a fantastic week!

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**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
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## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Come be part of **International Heritage Day!** 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. You do not have to be from the country you are representing!

The date for IHD 2024 is **Saturday, 3/16**. If you are interested in representing a country or volunteering to help a country, please let us know by emailing us at: [heritageday@demarestpto.org](mailto:heritageday@demarestpto.org).

Looking forward to having our kids and the community take another trip around the world 😊



**PTO Membership** includes eligibility for After School Enrichment 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!



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



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. For more details reach out to [demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:demarest5k@demarestpto.org).

**PLEASE NOTE**

**CONTACT US**

The best way to contact us is by emailing [president@demarestpto.org](mailto: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](mailto:ptonews@demarestpto.org) by Friday of each week.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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/xsSfTPu>



'Tis the season for brand new DAA spirit wear...do not miss your chance! For the first time ever, the DAA is offering an amazing spirit wear line. Don't sleep on your opportunity to

snag some amazing swag while supporting the DAA. Ten percent of every purchase goes directly back to the DAA.

Score these super cool, custom designed for Demarest, athleisure pieces and set your athlete up for major style points. The store is open now for orders. All Demarest orders will receive special rush production and shipment. Order at [daarec.org](http://daarec.org) (click on the team basketball store).

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**  
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