

# Demarest Middle School



January 9, 2026

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- 1/9 Instrumental Day at NVD
- 1/13 Picture Retake Day
- 1/14 & 15 Winter AIMSWEB assessment
- 1/16 Choir Day at NVD
- 1/19 School closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 1/12-1/25 Read-A-Thon
- 1/23 End of the Second Marking Period
- 1/30 Second Marking Period Report Cards
- 2/3 -2/9 High School Conferences for 8th Grade Parents
- 2/6 Ice Skating Night 6:10-7:10 Palisade Ice Rink
- 2/13 Lunar New Year Celebration
- 2/27 School Wide Geography Bee

## Artificial Intelligence

Today, January 9th DMS seventh graders were visited by Ms. Anat Heilper, AI software architect, for a discussion about artificial intelligence. In Language Arts, seventh graders are also authoring a piece of writing on this topic.

## DMS Talent Show

On December 23rd, DMS held a fun and successful talent show. A variety of students showcased their unique talents and skills. Special thank you to our student council for organizing the event.

## Read-A-Thon Assembly

On January 8th, DMS hosted a fun and engaging assembly to kick off our Read-A-Thon. The pep rally style event consisted of a DJ and five fun Olympic themed games that our teachers competed in for the school community. This event was planned in partnership with the PTO.

## Instrumental & Choir Day at NVD

Today, January 9th, our eighth grade students in the band program visited NVD to meet the teachers and play along with high school students. Eighth grade students in our choral program will visit NVD on 1/16.

## Science Olympiad

On January 7th, students on our Science and Engineering Team competed in the Science Olympiad at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. The DMS team qualified to move on to the state level competition!

THE DMS STUDENT COUNCIL AND  
PTO PRESENT

# Ice Skating Night

February 6, 2026

6:10-7:10 PM

Palisades Ice Rink



Come and enjoy a fun night of ice skating with your friends and family.

Refreshments will be available.

**This event is open to all Demarest Families!**

\$20 for PTO Members

\$25 for Non-Members

\$30 at the door

Registration OPEN NOW!



## THE COUNTDOWN TO THE 2026 DEMAREST PTO "WINTER READING OLYMPICS" READ-A-THON IS ON!

**Attention all Demarest Olympic Readers! Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser to celebrate the spirit of reading! The Demarest PTO is excited to encourage, motivate, and instill a love of reading in our students, while raising money to support our schools.**

- This two-week district-wide event engages Pre-K through 8th-grade students by boosting excitement, confidence, and motivation around reading – while giving families and friends a chance to cheer on our students and support our schools. It's truly a win-win!
- Participation in fundraising is optional, however, students can reach out to family and friends to support their reading goals. Fundraising helps students earn fun prizes, unlock school-wide incentives, and be a part of the school community
- All funds raised will go towards supporting literacy programs, contributing funds for a new school playground and fulfilling teachers' wish lists.
- Important Dates:
  - Kickoff Assembly: January 8
  - Read-A-Thon: January 12-25
  - Final Donation Date: January 30
  - Winners Announced: February 6th



Please refer to the additional information provided on how to get started on registering your child in advance. It's the first step in helping your child (and their school!) reach their fundraising goals!

P.S. Have more than one child at CRS, LLE & DMS? There's a simple way to collect donations for all your kids at once! When you register, you'll be prompted to create a Family Webpage, where all donations will be evenly split between siblings.

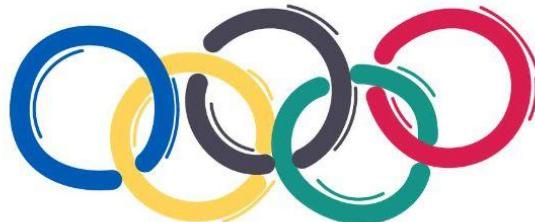


# DEMAREST PTO

## WINTER READING OLYMPICS READ-A-THON

### JANUARY 2026

DID YOU  
HEAR?!



**DEMAREST PTO IS LAUNCHING THE 2026 DEMAREST PTO "WINTER READING OLYMPICS" READ-A-THON SOON!**

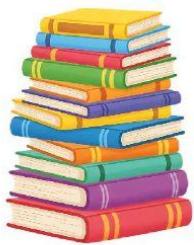
*Save the Date: Jan 12, 2026 - Jan 25, 2026\**

We're raising funds to support our students, classrooms, and programs. If we all do our part—registering, donating, and sharing—we'll reach our goal in no time!

**START THE FUN BY CREATING YOUR STUDENT'S READ-A-THON PAGE TODAY!**

**HOW TO JOIN OUR 2026 DEMAREST PTO "WINTER READING OLYMPICS" READ-A-THON:**

- 1 Register or log in to your Parent Dashboard and customize your student's page: Scan the QR code below or visit [www.getmovinfundhub.com](http://www.getmovinfundhub.com) - School Identifier: 690348bab847e



**SCAN TO REGISTER!**



- 2 Make a donation to help your child reach their individual goals! **Final donation date is January 30, 2026!**

- 3 Share your child's page with friends and family! Text, email, or post on social media – you can do it right from your phone!

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Please email [readathon@demarestpto.org](mailto:readathon@demarestpto.org) if you would prefer a printable log to track your child's donations and/or reading minutes. This log is to be returned to your child's teacher.

\*Winners announced at closing assembly!

All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. The Demarest PTO is a tax-exempt organization under the IRS code section 501(c)(3). Tax ID# 74-3175958



# January 13<sup>th</sup> WILL BE SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

If your child was absent for picture day or you would like your child to have their picture re-taken -- the photographer will be available the morning of  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>**



## Reminders –

- Make sure your child brings in their original envelope with the photos you do not want.
- To order, pay online at:  
[https://marcelstudios.portraitpics.co/dashboard?  
key=8E4Y3U4R](https://marcelstudios.portraitpics.co/dashboard?key=8E4Y3U4R)