



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 22, 2021

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



### NOVEMBER

Wed 11/24 Thanksgiving Recess – Early Dismissal  
 Thu 11/25 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School  
 Fri 11/26 Thanksgiving Recess – No School



### DECEMBER

Wed 12/1 Book Fair – CRS  
 Thu 12/2 Book Fair – LLE  
 Fri 12/3 Spirit Fridays  
 Fri 12/10 Spirit Fridays  
 Tue 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD  
 Tue 12/14 COW/BOE Meeting, DMS, 7pm  
 Fri 12/17 Spirit Fridays  
 Thu 12/23 Holiday Recess – Early Dismissal  
 Fri 12/24 – Holiday Recess – No School  
 Fri 12/31 Holiday Recess – No School

## NOTEWORTHY



Fall Enrichment has now ended, remember your pickup time!



We encourage everyone to join the Demarest PTO! New members can join by purchasing a membership at [www.demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://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](http://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

First, an advance Happy Thanksgiving to our community! Remember that Wednesday is a half day, so no lunch will be served. We hope everyone has wonderful holiday and a relaxing long weekend. When we return, get ready, because there will be a lot of exciting stuff right around the corner!

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTO via the Apple Cider Donut sale. We hope you enjoyed your sweet treats, and we appreciate Flavor Labs for making it possible.

The Book Fair is back in person! The CRS and LLE Book Fair will be held 12/1 and 12/2, with our FIRST ever Family Night. On Thursday, 12/2, from 3:20pm to 5:30pm, all families are invited to attend and shop. We will be featuring lots of fun activities, including story time with Mr. Mazzini, a raffle, and an extra special fun surprise. Be sure to bring your sweet tooth!

DMS parents, our amazing committee is hard at work on the musical! The information about additions was emailed last week. For more information, check out the musical section, here, in the newsletter. We can't wait to see the students in The Addams Family!

We appreciate everyone's patience with Spirit Wear. Even Wildcat gear was not immune to supply chain issues. Unless you were otherwise notified, your student should have brought their items home. If you didn't receive yours, please let us know!

Just a reminder, the schools send out their own newsletters. Take a moment to read them, as they have a ton of important information! If you don't, now you know! 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.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week, Mary & Vanessa  
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## 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!**



The annual **LLE Book Fair** will be held **in-person** on **Wednesday, 12/1** for **CRS** students (**grades K-1**) and **Thursday, 12/2** for **LLE** students. **Pre-K** can attend after school hours with a parent/guardian on **Wednesday, 12/1 3:20pm – 4:15pm**. All families are welcome **Wednesday, 12/1** from **4:15pm – 5pm** and **Thursday, 12/2 3:20pm – 5:30pm**. Visit the link below for more information regarding parent visiting hours, volunteer opportunities, signing up for a cash-free payment option (eWallet), and details on our **Family Fun Night** with Mr. Mazzini as our guest reader!  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair>



The PTO is looking for **volunteers!** If you are able and willing to serve in any of the committees below, you can email our presidents at [president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org). Please note that you must be a member of the PTO in order to serve. We appreciate any help you can provide!

### Committee Coordinators Needed

- Demarest 5K
- Enrichment



The PTO is excited to announce that we will be bringing theatre back to **DMS** with the upcoming production of **The Addams Family!** Auditions will be held on **Friday, 12/3** from **3:15pm to 5:15pm**. Rehearsals 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](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com). We will also be needing parent/guardian chaperones for rehearsals and performances. Please refer to the email sent for detailed information.

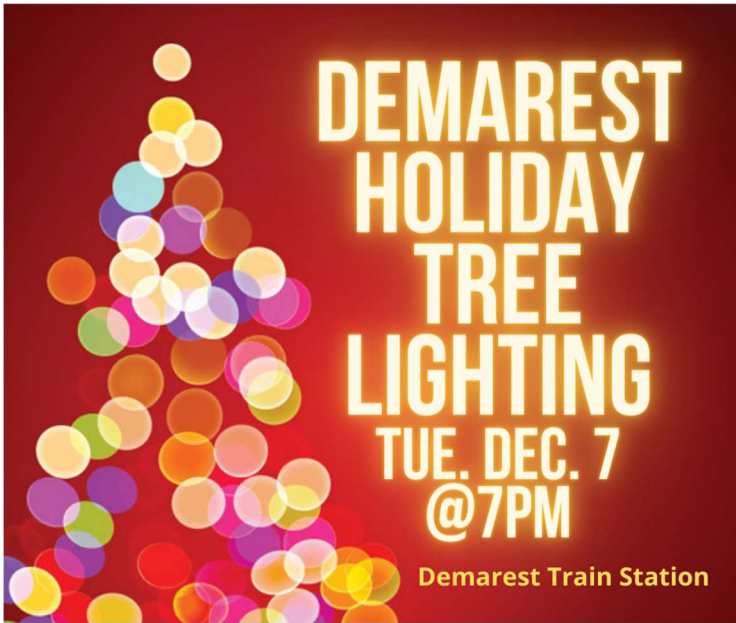


Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the **non-profit** you are **supporting**: [bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO](http://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



**DEMAREST  
HOLIDAY  
TREE  
LIGHTING**  
TUE. DEC. 7  
@7PM  
Demarest Train Station




**You're invited to join  
the world of Girl Scouts!**

**Join Demarest Daisy Girl Scouts  
for Kindergarten-1st grade girls!**

As a Girl Scout, join fun activities and earn skill patches, all while making new friends during troop meetings. Throughout the Girl Scout experience, they will also go on trips, learn about nature and science and explore the arts and their communities—and so much more. Joining a Girl Scout troop as a Kindergartener or 1st grader is a wonderful place to make new friends and form connections that will last for many years. It's not too late to join!

**Adult volunteers are needed to assist and co-lead troops.** You only need to have passion and enthusiasm for helping girls learn new things. No prior Girl Scouting experience required. Troops cannot be formed without leaders. Two leaders are needed to start troops. Training is free. Leaders decide the meeting dates, time and location.

Please contact Pam Singer for more information. [Psinger@gsnj.org](mailto:Psinger@gsnj.org)

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RENEW TODAY**  
[www.gsnj.org](http://www.gsnj.org)  
973-248-8200

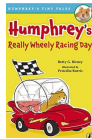
Adult volunteers needed to be leaders.  
Training, resources, and support are provided.



### Demarest Library Updates



**Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts** – Join Ms. Cara at the Demarest Train Station at **24 Park St.** on **Monday, 11/22 3:30pm to 4pm** for fun and simple Thanksgiving crafts. For children ages **4 to 8**.



The 1st & 2nd Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, 11/30, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*.



The 3rd & 4th Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Wednesday, 12/1, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *Wishree*.



The 5th & 6th Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Thursday, 12/2, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *When You Reach Me*.

For more information about all other Children's Programs at the Library, go to: [www.demarestlibrary.org](http://www.demarestlibrary.org)



**MUSEUM  
PASSES**

**FREE  
WITH YOUR  
LIBRARY  
CARD!**



Free admission for 4 to 6 people to:

- Children's Museum of Manhattan
- Guggenheim Museum
- Intrepid Air & Space Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- Storm King Art Center

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](http://www.demarestlibrary.org/museumpasses).

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



### The Closter Nature Center

#### December After School Program

Come join Nature Marc at the Closter Nature Center for some outdoor science fun! Please dress for the weather, as most of the sessions will be outdoors – will move into the cabin for severe weather. Masks will be required when inside the nature center building. \$75/3-week program for Members - \$90/3-week program Non-members.

**Mondays** – Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th

1st – 3rd Gr. 3:45 - 5:00pm

**Tuesdays** – Dec. 7th, 14th and 21st

Kindergarten 3:45 - 5:00pm

**Wednesdays** – Dec. 8th, 15th, and 22nd

1st – 3rd Gr. 3:45 - 5:00pm

**Thursdays** – Dec. 9th, 16th, and 23rd

4th – 6th Gr. 3:45 - 5:00pm

#### 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.