



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of March 13, 2023

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MARCH

- Mon 3/13 Enrichment Starts!!!
- Tue 3/14 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Thu 3/16 No Homework Night Fundraiser - Andiamo
- Thu 3/16 PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, Zoom
- Fri 3/17 Spirit Friday
- Fri 3/24 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/28 CRS Me & My Dance @ LLE, 5:30pm
- Thu 3/30 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/31 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/31 Spirit Friday



APRIL

- Tue 4/4 LLE Me & My Dance @ LLE, 5:30pm
- Fri 4/7 – Fri 4/14 Spring Recess – No School
- Tue 4/18 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Tue 4/25 Public Budget Hearing & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 4/28 Spring Fundraiser, Montammy

NOTEWORTHY



Join us at the **PTO Meeting, Thursday, 3/16 @ 6:30pm.**



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at 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. 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, **happy Monday!** March has definitely come in like a lion, because we are super busy. We trust you are getting ready and getting excited.

We hope you all enjoyed the **DMS Book Fair**. A huge thank you goes out to **all of our volunteers** for making this event possible. We also must **thank Mr. Regan** for making this event even more fun! The race is heating up for most exciting principal. Don't count Mr. Mazzini out yet, there is still a lot to come.

Speaking of **DMS**, have you checked out the local yards? The **lawn signs** are up, so it must be true...**Legally Blonde** tickets have gone on sale! The **DMS musical** is always an epic theatrical event. Don't wait to purchase your tickets, this is no CATS. ONE weekend only, so you won't want to miss out.

The lower schools have some big fun coming up too, so don't be worried! The **Me and My Dances** are BACK. What are these? Well, good question. It's exactly as the name suggests. A **fun school dance** where a parent/guardian can groove with their student. Bonus, there are usually chicken fingers involved. See the flyer for more details.

We can't leave the parents out of the fun; we have them covered! **Spring Fundraiser** is right around the corner. Dust off your bell bottoms and join us under the disco ball for our annual event. Take a look, here in this newsletter, for more information. Grab your tickets now as **early bird pricing** ends **April 6th**.

While you're thinking all of this over, you won't possibly have time to cook! Good thing the **PTO No Homework Night Fundraiser** is this **Thursday!** Order up Haworth's premier Italian and enjoy a silver of Rome, minus the travel time. **Andiamo** will be THE place to be on **March 16th**, definitely don't miss out!

Reminder, **Spring Enrichment** starts this week. Check your student's schedule. You don't want to be tardy for this after school party! Do you want to talk about any of this? Great, join us on Thursday! Our next **PTO meeting**, via **zoom**, will be at **6:30pm**. Email secretary@demarestpto.org for the link.

Thank you,
Vanessa and Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



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

Demarest PTO Presents
- Me & My Dance -

LIVE DJ | PHOTOBOOTH | PIZZA

GLOW PARTY

\$25 per student and adult guest for members
\$30 per student and adult guest for non-members

K-1st Grades: Tues March 28th 5:30-7:00 PM
2nd-4th Grades: Tues April 4th 5:30-7:00 PM
@Luther Lee Emerson School Gym

MORE INFORMATION
crsvp@demarestpto.org

The Demarest PTO is excited to be able to bring back the **Me & My Dances** at LLE. The **CRS** dance will be on **Tuesday, 3/28**. The **LLE** dance will be on **Tuesday, 4/4**. **Both dances** will run from **5:30pm – 7pm** at **LLE**. Tickets can be purchased on **Membership Toolkit**. The **price** is **\$25** (per student and adult guest) for **members** and **\$30** for **non-members**.



The **PTO** needs your help!!!
Have an **auction item to donate**? Big or small, all donations are invaluable!

Please email us at: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

March 30 & 31st

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical JR.

Demarest Middle School
Spring 2023 Musical

The **DMS Musical** is scheduled to premiere on **Thursday, 3/30**. There is a second and final show on **Friday, 3/31**. Please show your support and purchase

your tickets in advance on **Membership Toolkit**! Doors open at 6:30PM. No reserved seating.

- Thursday, March 30th at 7:00PM
- Friday, March 31th at 7:00PM

WHERE:

Demarest Middle School Gymnasium (enter through the side door on Northwood Ave.)

DEMAREST PTO
INVITES YOU TO

GET DOWN

AT THE 2023
SPRING
FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023 AT 8:00 PM
MONTAMMY GOLF CLUB | RTE 9W ALPINE

FOOD, DRINKS, RAFFLES
AND BOOGIE DOWN TO THE BEST BEATS

[Tickets available for purchase on Membership Toolkit](#)

Save the Date! Our **Spring Fundraiser Gala** will be held on **Friday, April 28, 2023** at the **Montammy Golf Club!**

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



Andiamo

Join us at Andiamo in Haworth on Thursday, 3/16, and help us raise funds for our schools! Dine in, take out, or have meals delivered from

Andiamo in Haworth and help us raise funds for our schools! Don't forget to mention Demarest PTO when you place your order.



The PTO would love to thank Mr. Regan, all the DMS teachers and staff, students and families, and all the volunteers for all their help in making the **DMS Book Fair** a great success!



2022 Tax Notice – Child & Dependent Care Expenses

Attention families who participated in the “**Demarest PTO SACC Program**” from January to June 2022:

Please use the following Demarest PTO information for tax reporting.

501c3 Tax ID: 74-3175958

Address: 568 Piermont Rd, Demarest, NJ 07627

This Tax ID is NOT APPLICABLE for the 2022-2023 Wyckoff YMCA SACC or the Demarest PTO Enrichment Program.



Looking for a great opportunity to join in and help the PTO? We are seeking a new **Committee Coordinator** for the **Demarest 5K!** Please contact Grace Lee at secretary@demarestpto.org for more information regarding this position.



Access the **Membership Toolkit Directory** for the **2022 – 2023** school year! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Programs, PTO Committee positions, and more. Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO-sponsored events. Members can also access our online directory of PTO member families for parties and play dates!

CRS, LLE & DMS



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



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



Demarest Public Library/Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Updates

Due to limited attendance, the **Homework Help/Reading Buddies Weekly Program** has been canceled until further notice. If you would like to try and set up a Homework Help session with one of our teen volunteers, please feel free to contact us at DemarestTAB@gmail.com.



TAB SCIENCE EVENT

WATCH EXPERIMENTS AND LEARN ABOUT THE MAGIC OF LIGHT

DEMAREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIDAY, 3/17
3:30-4:30 PM

BEST SUITED FOR AGES 4-9
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Food Collection for Neighbors



Hunger and food insecurity are still on the rise. This monthly collection helps our neighbors. **Dumont Food Pantry** serve its 300 families and **Norwood Food Pantry**, its 75 families. Food collections are typically the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month @ **8am – 7pm**. How to: Just sign up for any Monday. Click on the link below. And drop off at 8 John Street, Demarest (table by garage) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a4aa2ea1fb6-dumont#/>

Internet Safety Presentation for Parents

All parents are invited to attend this presentation by the Bergen County Cyber Crimes Task Force!

This program will discuss the serious issues online affecting pre-teens and teenagers and how to deal with them. Topics will include social networking, sexting, and cyberbullying.



**Tuesday,
March 14, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

**Tenakill Middle School
275 High Street
Closter, NJ**

Parents from all Northern Valley Schools are invited to attend!

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Tutor.com

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



1.) GET ACCESS TO A TUTOR QUICKLY!

Need homework help? Want a study session before a test? Parents and students can schedule a session or get instant access to a tutor just by logging on!

2.) TUTORS AVAILABLE IN ALL CONTENT AREAS!

Tutoring is available in language arts, world language, math, science and more for grades K-8.



3.) DROP OFF ESSAY REVIEW

Working on a writing assignment? Students can submit their writing to a tutor and receive constructive feedback within 24 hours!

4.) HIGH QUALITY TUTORS

Tutor.com thoroughly vets all of its tutors. Students can interact with a tutor via a typing chat or voice chat feature. There is no video. Tutors use online whiteboards and other visuals to assist students.



5.) EASY SIGN ON WITH GOOGLE

Students can access Tutor.com by logging into their school Google accounts, clicking on the Google grid in the top right corner of their Google Drive, and finding the Tutor.com icon.

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

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

Feedback from Students and Parents

100% of participants are glad that Demarest offers this service!

90% of students feel Tutor.com has helped them feel more confident with their schoolwork!

"David C. was an amazing tutor and helped me understand my homework so much better."

Review from a student user

For more information, please visit the Demarest School District Homepage!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Demarest Middle School

CALLING ALL Coffee Lovers

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ON A MISSION TO HELP REDUCE THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS!

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP BY SAVING & DROPPING OFF USED K-CUP COFFEE PODS TO THE WOODEN BOX NEAR THE CORNER OF NORTHWOOD AVE. & PIERMONT RD.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RECYCLING 10,000 PLASTIC PODS!



Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: www.demarestlibrary.org. Register for programs at: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

Demarest CRS/LLE - SACC Demarest



SACC Demarest

The YMCA is still looking for at least two people to work for our Demarest SACC program. Contact Sharon Twiddy at SharonT@wyckoffymca.org 201-891-2081 ext. 149