



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of October 24, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



October

- Fri 10/28 Spirit Friday
- Mon 10/31 Halloween Parade – CRS/LLE



November

- Thu 11/3 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Fri 11/4 Spirit Friday
- Tue 11/8 Parent Conferences – No School
- Thu 11/10 – NJEA Convention – No School
- Fri 11/11
- Tue 11/15 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 11/18 5th/6th Grade Dance, DMS, 7pm
- Fri 11/18 Spirit Friday
- Wed 11/23 Thanksgiving Recess – Half Day
- Thu 11/24 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School
- Fri 11/25
- Wed 11/30 First Day of Book Fair

NOTEWORTHY



Come visit the **PTO**, and many other community organizations, at the **Ragamuffin Parade (Saturday at 4pm)**.



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.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hi there, **Demarest Families**, it's Monday again! We hope you enjoyed some rest and relaxation, and the one beautiful fall day. A busy week is coming, so let's get ready!

We are greatly appreciative to all who supported our **No Homework Night fundraiser**. **Dante's** was amazing. They gave us a casual taste of Naples, on a Tuesday night. Hopefully, you enjoyed your family time and a night out of your kitchen.

If you ordered **Spirit Wear**, this is the week! Your swag is en route. This week, it will come home with your student. We say a big **thank you** to our Spirit Wear committee, who worked so hard on this initiative. Enjoy your new merch.

DMS parents, it's time to **GLOW!** Tickets for the **5th & 6th grade dance** are on sale NOW. You can get these right on the Toolkit. Can't wait to see the students have a blast.

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! We have over 35 committees which are run by the PTO. 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 have not yet joined the PTO, sign up here (demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com). Please volunteer and get involved, the PTO welcomes you!

Have a great week,
Vanessa and Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

*Demarest Parent Teacher Organization
A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years*

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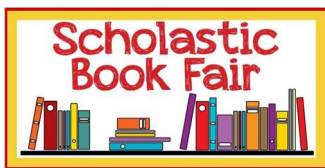
LET'S GLOW!

THE DEMAREST PTO PRESENTS
**THE 5TH/6TH
GRADE DANCE**

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7PM-9PM
DESSERTS AND DRINKS SERVED

Tickets available online until 11/17
\$10 PTO members, \$15 non-members
demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com
Tickets at the door \$15 cash only
QUESTIONS? DMSVP@DEMARESTPTO.ORG

All 5th and 6th Graders are welcome to join us at the **5/6 Grade Dance** on **Friday, 11/18** from **7pm to 9pm** at the **DMS gym**. Tickets can be purchased on Membership Toolkit.



Save the Date!!! The **annual LLE Book Fair** will be held in-person on **Wednesday, 11/30** for **CRS students** (grades K-1) and **Thursday, 12/1** for **LLE students**. **Pre-K** can attend after school hours with a parent/guardian on **Wednesday, 11/30 3:15pm – 4pm**. **All families** are welcome **Wednesday, 11/30** from **4pm – 5pm** and **Thursday, 12/1 3:15pm – 5:30pm**. Please stay tuned for more details on our **Family Fun Night** with **Mr. Mazzini** as our guest reader!

CRS, LLE & DMS

SPIRIT Friday



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



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. Additionally, members can access our online directory of PTO member families for parties and play dates! Be sure to purchase your membership today!



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.

Support Demarest PTO.

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[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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

PLEASE NOTE

CONTACT US

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



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

Korean Demarest Parents Association



Calling all students who are currently enrolled in **Taekwondo**! We are looking for students in all grades **K – 8** to perform at the annual **Lunar New Year** assembly on **Friday, 1/27**. We are also accepting students for the **Nanta** (Korean Traditional Drums) performance at **LLE** and **DMS**. Help us ring in the Year of the Rabbit! For more information and to register, please email demarestkdpa@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest!

Demarest Halloween Parade and Fall Festival

When: October 29th
4-5-Pizza, candy games & crafts
5-5:15-Parade
5:30-Costume awards

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Where: Demarest Train Station

Sponsored by:
Rebecca LaPira of
RE/MAX
Signature Homes

The annual **Halloween Ragamuffin Parade** is scheduled for **10/29** at **4pm** at the **Demarest Train Station**. Come and stop by the tables provided by the **PTO**, **Korean Demarest Parents Association**, and many more!



DEMAREST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

REMINDER – for DAA Travel Basketball Make-up Tryout is **Monday, 10/24**! See below for schedule.

www.daarec.org

BOYS 3rd/4th/5th - Monday, 10/24 6:00pm - 6:25pm

BOYS 6th/7th/8th - Monday, 10/24 6:35pm - 7:00pm

GIRLS - All Grades - Monday, 10/24 7:10pm - 7:35pm

**DEMAREST
CHINESE
FAMILIES**

Calling all students who are interested in participating in the Lunar New Year assembly on 1/27. If you are interested in Kangfu Fan, Umbrella Dance, Singing or Dancing, we would love to have you. No experience is necessary and all are welcome! Please email Liu.lauren@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: www.demarestlibrary.org and subscribe to Miss Cara's newsletter for weekly email updates.

Register for programs at: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

* online registration is required. Registration usually opens up 3 weeks before the event.

Drop-In Spooky Science (ages 6 and up)

Tuesday, 10/25, 3:30 to 4:30pm - Celebrate the Halloween season with some spooky science experiments in the library program room. You can stop by anytime between 3:30 and 4:30pm. Adults must stay in the library while children are participating.

Teen Halloween Movie Night*

Thursday, 10/27, 5:30 to 7:30pm – The Teen Advisory Board is hosting another Teen Night at the library, this time with a spooky twist! Teens are invited to the library from 5:30 to 7:30 for a movie, snacks, and games. Teens should be picked up at 7:30 sharp.

Trick or Treat on the Library Lawn

Monday, 10/31, 3:15pm, after school – Meet Ms. Cara on the library lawn on your way home from school to say hello, show off your costume, and pick up a goody bag!

Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 4 and up)*

Thursday, 11/3 & 11/17, 4 to 5pm @ Demarest Library
Children can build confidence and practice reading one-on-one with an adorable and loving therapy dog!
Children may register for one 10-minute session each day that the program is offered.

Chess Club (all levels)

Saturdays, 10 to 11am @ the Demarest Library –
Registration is not required and players of all levels are welcome. Chess Club will now run from 10 to 11am and will meet on most Saturdays in the children's room.
Players 7 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

Teen Advisory Board

HOMEWORK HELP – Teen volunteers from the Teen Advisory Board will be available **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** from 3:30 - 4:30pm, at the library, to help students from grades **K - 4** with homework. No sign-up is necessary. This is not 1:1 tutoring. Volunteers will work with students in small groups and provide basic support with homework assignments. Homework Help October Dates: **10/24 & 10/26**

Korean Storytime*

Monday, 11/7, 3:30 to 4pm – Korean Storytimes are coming back! Join us at the Demarest Library on 11/7 for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer! This monthly program is offered in partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association.

Tween Creative Writing Club (grades 4 to 6)*

Wednesday, 11/9, 4 to 4:45pm – Calling all young writers! Practice writing and share your work with others in this new workshop, led by 2 friendly teen volunteers! This program meets at the Demarest Library in the program room.

Teen Trivia Night*

Thursday, 11/10, 4 to 5pm – The Demarest, Closter, and Haworth Public Libraries present TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT at the Demarest Train Station! Enjoy a few snacks, and test your knowledge of music, books, movies, & pop culture for the chance to win a prize! The game will be played using Kahoot so you'll need your phones for this game!

Thanksgiving Storytime & Craft (ages 4 and up)*

Wednesday, 11/16, 3:30 to 4pm – Join Ms. Cara at the Demarest Train Station for a Thanksgiving story and a festive craft! This program is geared towards children ages 4 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the program. When you register, please indicate how many children will be attending.

Hebrew Storytime (ages 4 and up)*

Monday, November 21, 4:30 to 5:00 PM
Join us for Hebrew stories read by a community volunteer and a fall craft! This program is for children ages 4 and up and their families, and it meets at the Demarest Library.

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!**



Interested in
Cub Scouting?



**JOIN
TODAY**

Fun! Friends! Adventure!

Girls & Boys, Grades K – 5, are invited to join the Cub Scouts. Now is a great time to **START SCOUTING!**

Adventures include camping, model building and racing (Pinewood Derby), Field trips, games and achievements with your den and overnights at museums and aquariums.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed strictly! Scouting Questions? Contact Cubmaster Leslie Correa at cmclosterpack20@gmail.com or Committee Chair Andrew Correa at bigbearpack20@gmail.com. You can also contact Demarest Parents Kathleen Doshi (kazwebb@gmail.com) and Maxine Nakamura (wallybella@hotmail.com).