



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 6, 2023

UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Tue 2/7 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 2/10 Spirit Friday
- Tue 2/14 Valentine's Day Class Party
- Fri 2/17 Spirit Friday
- Mon 2/20 – Mid-Winter Recess – No School
- Fri 2/24



MARCH

- Fri 3/3 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/7 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Wed 3/8 First Day of DMS Book Fair
- Thu 3/9 Last Day of DMS Book Fair – Family Fun Night
- Fri 3/10 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/14 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 3/15 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD
- Fri 3/17 Spirit Friday
- Fri 3/24 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/28 Me & My Dance – CRS, 5:30pm
- Thu 3/30 DMS Musical
- Fri 3/31 DMS Musical

NOTEWORTHY



Pack gloves, the groundhog saw his shadow. BRRRRRR!



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! What a cold weekend. We hope you still had fun, maybe even read a good book.

Speaking of books, last week marked the start of "**One Book, One School**." LLE is reading "**Shine**" and CRS is reading "**Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile**." Talk about some awesome reads. Don't forget to tune into the nightly mystery readers. Last week's were AWESOME! Personally, we think the faculty has an untapped talent for reading audiobooks! Prince Harry's audiobook has nothing on our own **Mr. Mazzini!** We also **thank** our **Cultural Arts** committee for the coordination of this initiative.

As advertised, **Spring Enrichment** enrollment opened today. We hope your student is excited, because it's like trying to get into Bungalow 8 in the early 2000's. Did we see you there, you haven't aged at all!? All kidding aside, by design, some classes must be small and fill up fast. We thank you for your understanding. BUT many other classes are large and still open. Take a look at the descriptions, something new and interesting could be the perfect fit. We **thank** our **Enrichment** committee for bringing us such awesome programming.

Given all of this, what does the future hold? We consulted the magic 8 ball, and the answer is...the **DMS Bookfair!** WOW, that's bound to be amazing. Be sure to stay tuned into this newsletter, so you don't miss anything about this festival of literacy. It's going to be legendary.

We encourage all families to get involved! If you have not yet joined the PTO, sign up on the Membership Toolkit (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

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Mark your calendars for the **DMS Book Fair** – **Wednesday, 3/8** and **Thursday, 3/9**. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their LA classes. All DMS families are welcome to attend and shop the book fair at our **Family Fun Event** on **Thursday** from **3:05pm – 5pm**. Families will have the opportunity to meet with **Principal Regan**, as well as many **DMS teachers!** Explore and purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS teachers...stay tuned for more exciting details!



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



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

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND THE PTO PROUDLY PRESENT



SHOW DATES: MARCH 30 & 31ST



Mark your calendars! The **8th Grade Dance** will be held on **Wednesday, 6/7** at **Edgewood Country Club!**



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.



parties and play dates!

Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO-sponsored events. Members can also access our online directory of PTO member families for

**Support
Demarest PTO.**

When you shop at smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates.

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

amazon smile

Amazon Smile is **ending its program** on February 20, 2023! Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting for the final few weeks:
bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

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

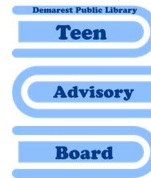
Demarest Middle School

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 Public Library/Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Upcoming January Events

Monday, 2/6, **Korean Storytime**, 3:30-4:00pm, Children's Room, Demarest Library – Please join TAB Volunteers for a Korean story time, followed by a craft.

Monday, 2/6, **Homework Help/Reading Buddies**, 3:30-4:30pm, Children's Room, Demarest Library
TAB Volunteers will be available to help students (grades K-4) with homework and/or read stories with little ones.

Wednesday, 2/8, **Homework Help/Reading Buddies**, 3:30-4:30pm, Children's Room, Demarest Library

Thursday, 2/9, **TAB Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt**, 3:30-4:30pm, Children's Room Demarest Library – Please join TAB Volunteers for a Valentine's Day themed Scavenger Hunt in the Library! Prizes available for all that participate. (Grades K-4)

Sunday, 2/12, **TAB Superbowl Pre-Party**, 1:30-3:00pm, Children's Room Demarest Library – Please join TAB Volunteers for a Superbowl Pre-Party! There will be games, food, prizes and more. For ages 12 and up.

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).

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!

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COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Does your daughter want to
CAMP, HIKE, CANOE, SAIL, HORSEBACK RIDE, KAYAK,
CLIMB, and MORE?

Troop 163 is welcoming girls, age 11-17, to join in our
Scout ADVENTURES!

Come to our **Open House on 2/12/23** or to any of our
Monday after-school meetings to learn about amazing
opportunities.

These young women Learn valuable **LIFE SKILLS**,
develop **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**, and actively participate in
COMMUNITY SERVICE while **EXPLORING THE GREAT
OUTDOORS!**

Contact Scoutmaster Erica Song with questions,
ClosterTroop163@gmail.com
Check out our adventures at
www.ClosterTroop163.org.

FUN! FRIENDS! ADVENTURE!

Girls, age 11-17,
Now is a great time
to start SCOUTING!

Scouts BSA
Closter/Demarest
TROOP 163!
www.ClosterTroop163.org



THE HIGHER
you climb
THE FURTHER
you'll GO

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, Feb 12, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Closter Senior Center
4 Lewis Street, Closter, NJ

Learn valuable LIFE SKILLS, develop LEADERSHIP SKILLS,
and actively participate in COMMUNITY SERVICE while
EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Questions?
Email: ClosterTroop163@gmail.com



Recreation boys Baseball and girls Softball registration is
now open to all Demarest Residents. Please go to
www.daarec.org and follow the link to community pass to
log into your account and register as early as possible to
take advantage of the early bird discount.

Jan. 25th - Registration open - Early Bird discount applies

Feb. 17th - Regular registration rates kick in

March 1st - Late fees are added to regular fees

March 10th - Registration closes

IMPORTANT: FOR THOSE REGISTERING THEIR DAUGHTER
FOR 7th & 8TH GRADE SOFTBALL, YOU MUST GO TO THE
CLOSTER REC REGISTRATION SITE. WE KNOW WE CAN
NOT FIELD A TEAM ON OUR OWN AT THIS AGE GROUP
AND WILL THEREFORE PARTNER WITH
CLOSTER/HAWORTH. PLEASE GO TO www.closterrec.com
AND FOLLOW THE LINKS TO SPRING SPORTS
REGISTRATION TO REGISTER. YOUR SAME ACCOUNT ID
AND PASSWORD SHOULD WORK ON COMMUNITY PASS
ON THIS SITE.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to us at:

mitch@daarec.org for baseball

adam@daarec.org for softball