



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 9, 2024

UPCOMING CALENDAR



Wed 12/11 Holiday Boutique – LLE
 Fri 12/13 Spirit Friday
 Tue 12/17 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
 Wed 12/18 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
 Fri 12/20 Spirit Friday
 Fri 12/20 Holiday Craft & Snack Party – CRS, LLE
 Mon 12/23 Holiday Class Pizza Parties
 Mon 12/23 Holiday Recess – Half Day
 Tue 12/24 – Tue 12/31 Holiday Recess – School Closed



Wed 1/1 New Years – Schools Closed
 Fri 1/3 Spirit Friday
 Mon 1/6 Winter Enrichment Starts
 Tue 1/7 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
 Thu 1/9 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am
 Fri 1/10 Spirit Friday
 Mon 1/13 Read-a-Thon Starts
 Fri 1/17 Spirit Friday
 Mon 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed
 Fri 1/24 Spirit Friday
 Sun 1/26 Read-a-Thon Ends
 Fri 1/31 Lunar New Year Celebration
 Fri 1/31 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



LAST DAY to register for **Winter Enrichment Classes** is today! Check out class info at www.flexacademies.com



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO**! New members can purchase membership at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com.



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

Happy Monday, **Demarest families**! Can you believe we're in the **final countdown** of **2024**? Where did the time go? Here's your weekly PTO dispatch to keep you in the loop:

First up, a **boutique-sized** round of applause for the **CRS** and **DMS Holiday Boutique Committee**, who sprinkled some serious festive magic last week! We hope your child brought home treasures that are equal parts adorable and heartwarming.

Next, let's give a big cheer for our **Spirit Wear Committee**, who delivered all that cozy, cool Demarest gear last week. We hope everyone is rocking their new swag—and if you missed out, don't worry! A flash sale might just be around the corner.

Another shout out...**Art Cards** have officially landed! Huge thanks to the **Art Card Committee** for turning your child's creative genius into **holiday treasures** that might just outshine everything else on your fridge.

There's still time to sprinkle some extra holiday magic on the **Teacher** and **Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon**! Head over to Membership Toolkit and click the homepage link to make your contribution. The committee is pulling out all the stops to make this luncheon truly unforgettable. As always, participation is **100% optional** but **100% appreciated**!

LLE Holiday Boutique THIS **Wednesday, December 11th**!

Students will visit during the day with their class, and the boutique will be open after school for parents and families from **3:15pm – 4:30 pm**. Keep an eye out for a boutique letter heading home today or tomorrow. It's packed with all the details and even includes a handy-dandy cash envelope. Holiday shopping and math skills? Total win-win!

Wishing you a fantastic week ahead!

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Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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 A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years*

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The PTO is excited to sponsor this year's **2024 Holiday Luncheon** on **12/18**, which will be filled with festivities, food, raffles, and lots of fun! If you'd like to **contribute**, please visit the **Demarest PTO Membership Toolkit** to make your donation by **12/9**. Please note that you

do not need to be a PTO member to participate—everyone is welcome!

Please see the recommended contribution amounts, though any amount is greatly appreciated.

- child(ren) attend 1 schools: \$25
- child(ren) attend 2 schools: \$35
- child(ren) attend 3 schools: \$40

Thank you in advance for your participation, and warm wishes for a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!



Volunteers needed!

Be a part of **International Heritage Day 2025** and help represent a country! You don't have to be from the country you're representing!

Always a highlight of our school year, International Heritage Day (IHD) celebrates the diversity of our community. Various countries are represented each year by families wanting to share world cultures with our kids through food, games, and activities. The date for IHD 2025 is **Saturday, 3/8** at **Luther Lee Emerson School**. If you are interested in representing a country or volunteering to help a country, please let us know by emailing:

heritageday@demarestpto.org



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT
PRESENTED BY FLEX ACADEMIES

**WINTER 2025 REGISTRATION
OPENS MONDAY, 11/18**

**LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS
REGARDING CLASS DESCRIPTIONS
AND WINTER SCHEDULE IN YOUR
EMAIL THIS WEEK!**

**CREATE A FLEX ACCOUNT
AT**

WWW.FLEXACADEMIES.COM

**AND BE SURE TO SAVE YOUR
PAYMENT METHOD NOW FOR
FASTER REGISTRATION!**

questions?

email info@flexacademies.com

Please be sure to create a FLEX account, add a saved payment method, and add your child's info under "Add a Relationship" in advance so that your registration process goes smoothly. *Winter class description and schedules can also be found at www.demarestpto.org. Enrollment **closes today!!!**



**THE CLASS THAT SHOWS THE MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT IN EACH GRADE
WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT!**

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/DEMARESTSPIRIT](https://tinyurl.com/demarestspirit)

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



The PTO is thrilled to host the first-ever **Holiday Boutique** during and after school hours!

This event offers students the unique opportunity to pick out their own affordable gifts for family and friends. The **Kids' Kastle Holiday Shop** is designed to allow children to shop independently in a safe, familiar environment, while learning valuable skills like planning, budgeting, and decision-making! They'll also experience the joy of giving! The shop will feature gifts for everyone: moms, dads, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, teachers—and even pets! Prices range from \$0.25 to \$15, with most items priced between \$3 and \$8.



A big **thank you** to the **CRS** and **DMS Holiday Boutique Committee** for spreading holiday cheer last week! The joy was contagious as students, young and old, eagerly scoured the boutique tables for the perfect treasures for their families—even their pets! The excitement on their faces was priceless, and we're sure those thoughtful finds will bring plenty of smiles this season.



Access to **Membership Toolkit Directory** **is now open** for the **2024 – 2025** school year! The Demarest PTO is an amazing non-profit organization, focused on **supporting our children and schools**. We need your support and your support can start with **becoming a member**. It's easy and fast to join at www.demarestpto.org! Your dues don't just support our programs, they also unlock some pretty sweet perks for you—so why wait? Join today and start reaping the benefits! PTO Membership includes eligibility for **PTO Committee positions**, **discounted admission** for certain PTO-sponsored events, access to our **online directory** of PTO member families, and more! Be sure to purchase your membership today!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Demarest Friend's of the Library
Teen Advisory Board Presents a

PINKALICIOUS EVENT

3:30-4:15pm

Thursday, December 12th
Demarest Library

Wandmaking craft, storytime,
and snacks included!
Best suited for ages: 4-9

No Registration Required



Drop Off Box
Demarest Public Library

GOT GIFTS?

Got a gift you didn't like? Bought something you never used?... DONATE it to help parents who can't afford to buy gifts for their family.

Collecting **NEW** clothes, shoes, games, toys, books, household items, etc for **The Gift Pantry** (new initiative of Dumont Food Pantry)

THE DEMAREST MENORAH COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO A



Public menorah LIGHTING

Sunday **DEC 29** 7:00 pm

5th night of Chanukah
DUCK POND GAZEBO

Sponsored by
Lubavitch on the Palisades

Featuring:
HOT COCOA
CHOCOLATE COINS
JELLY DONUTS · DREIDELS
MUSIC



CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THURSDAY, JANUARY 2



FREE INTRO CLINIC
Weds Jan 8, 6:30-7:30pm

CLINIC SERIES (Haworth Auxillary Gym):
6:30-7:30pm. Thurs Jan 16 + Weds Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 12. \$150.
Run by: Alexandra Champ, NVD Head Field Hockey Coach

Girls in 5-8th Grade from Closter, Haworth & Demarest Register on Closter's Community Pass via closterrec.com. Indoor venue. Sticks provided. Shin guards recommended.

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>



YOUTH CODE CLUB

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We're starting a code club for the kids of Demarest in December 2024.

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Fill out our interest survey below so that we can find the best days and times for our community.

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