



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 6, 2021

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



- Fri 12/10 Spirit Fridays
- Tue 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser - Andiamo
- Tue 12/14 COW/BOE Meeting, DMS, 7pm
- Fri 12/17 Spirit Fridays
- Thu 12/23 Holiday Recess – Early Dismissal
- Fri 12/24 –  
Fri 12/31 Holiday Recess – No School

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- Mon 1/3 Back to School
- Tue 1/4 Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Thu 1/6 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Fri 1/7 Spirit Fridays
- Fri 1/14 Spirit Fridays
- Mon 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School Closed
- Fri 1/21 Spirit Fridays
- Mon 1/24 Enrichment Starts
- Fri 1/28 Lunar New Year Celebration
- Fri 1/28 Spirit Fridays

## NOTEWORTHY



Double check your **Holiday Concert** time, there are **different times** for each grade.



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

WOW, here we are in **December!** That definitely snuck up on us. As we close out 2021, we are super excited about all that's happening.

The **Book Fair** was a HUGE success. We say an enormous **"thank you"** to all our **volunteers** who really made this happen. The first ever **Family Night** was a ton of fun. Many students enjoyed the story time with **Mr. Mazzini** and can't wait for more! We also extend our thanks to the **DPD**, for the donation of the delicious Krispy Kreme donuts. Who doesn't like to enjoy a treat with a new book?

The **DMS Musical** auditions were this past Friday. We know everyone must have done a great job and look forward to learning the cast. Rehearsals will be starting in January, and we can't wait to see everyone perform!

**Winter Concerts** are back, and we are so excited for the students! They have been working so hard to prepare and the shows are sure to be amazing. Mark your calendars as these are **\*not to be missed\*** events! The **LLE** concerts are this **Friday (12/10)** and **CRS** will be the following **Friday (12/17)**. Bring on the shows!

**Wednesday, 12/14** will be our next **"No Homework Night"** fundraiser. **Andiamo** has generously agreed to be our host and we look forward to a successful event. The details are in the flyer posted below, in this newsletter. Fingers crossed that everyone keeps power this time, we could all use a night off from cooking!

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. If you have not yet joined the PTO, we invite you to join via the Membership Toolkit app. There are many exclusive member benefits to take advantage of, don't hesitate to join. Feel free to reach out to us at [president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org).

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!**



We wanted to thank all the volunteers who helped make this year's **Book Fair** a success! Thanks to **Mr. Mazzini** for reading the wonderful story and the **Demarest Police** for the yummy donuts! Don't forget – the **Virtual Book Fair** is still going on! Support the PTO by shopping until **Monday, 12/13** at [www.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair). Every purchase benefits our school and helps develop a love of reading. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free.



The PTO Enrichment Committee is pleased to offer our **After School Enrichment Program** for Spring Semester 2022. Registration for enrichment

classes (K-4 only) is open now to PTO members. Enrichment will start the week of **January 24th**. Class information can be found on the website: [https://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com/assets/03138/Enrichment/Spring\\_2022/Spring\\_2022\\_Enrichment\\_Blast\\_11\\_18.pdf](https://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com/assets/03138/Enrichment/Spring_2022/Spring_2022_Enrichment_Blast_11_18.pdf)

Sign up for membership and enrichment classes on Membership Toolkit: [demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com)

## Homework Free Night

Tuesday 12/14

**Andiamo**  
RESTAURANT • BAR  
CATERING

23 Hardenburgh Ave, Haworth  
(201) 384-1551

Menu available at  
[www.andiamorestaurant.net](http://www.andiamorestaurant.net)

Dine in - Take out - Delivery

4:30-9:00 Pm

Reservations are encouraged for dining in since capacity is limited!

**SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOLS!**

A PORTION OF THE CHECK WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE DEMAREST PTO

**DON'T FORGET TO MENTION DEMAREST PTO WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER!**

Save the date! **Tuesday, 12/14 4:30pm to 9pm** is the next **Homework Free Night!** 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.

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

### The Addams Family

Rehearsals for the upcoming production of the PTO's DMS Musical, **The Addams Family**, 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.



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

### Support Demarest PTO.

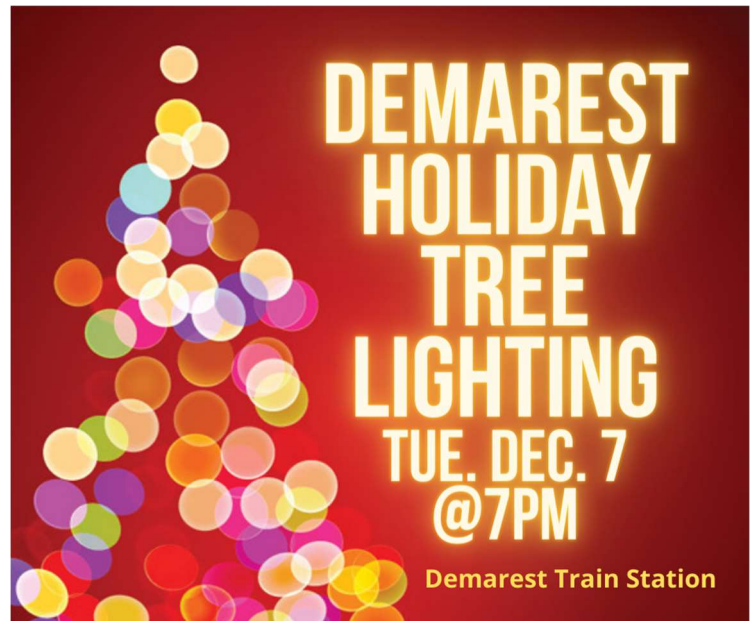
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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Seeking Youth Volunteers

For Demarest Recreation Events  
Community Service Hours Offered

email [mfrancis@demarestnj.org](mailto:mfrancis@demarestnj.org)

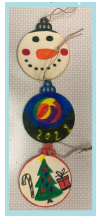


**Demarest Recreation** is seeking youth volunteers to assist with set up, distribution, and cleanup of hot chocolate and more and the **Demarest Tree Lighting** on **12/7**. Contact [mfrancis@demarestnj.org](mailto:mfrancis@demarestnj.org) for more information about earning community service hours at this event.

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



### Demarest Library Updates



Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to the **Demarest Train Station** for some simple **holiday crafts** – decorate an ornament and make a popsicle stick reindeer! Masks are required and children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online today!



**Crafternoon with Bendy Bookworm** – **Friday, 12/17** from **4pm to 4:45pm** at the Demarest Train Station for kids in grades K-3. Register online today!



**Winter Book Clubs: 4pm to 4:45pm**  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Tuesdays, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Tuesdays, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Tuesdays, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15



**MEET BALOO!**

**Read to a Dog – Thursday, 12/30** from **4pm to 5pm**. Demarest Library will be hosting a Read to a Dog program. Children can practice their reading one-on-one with an adorable and loving therapy dog! For readers and prereaders ages 5 to 11. Children may register for one 10-minute session, which will take

place at the Demarest Train Station Room. Masks are required. Online registration is opens on 12/16.



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).

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



### 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

girl scouts  
of northern  
new jersey



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 tropas.** 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)

**JOIN OR  
RENEW TODAY**

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

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