



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 29, 2021

UPCOMING CALENDAR



DECEMBER

- Wed 12/1 Book Fair – CRS
- Thu 12/2 Book Fair – LLE
- Fri 12/3 Spirit Fridays
- Fri 12/10 Spirit Fridays
- Tue 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD
- 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
- Mon 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School Closed
- Mon 1/24 Enrichment Starts

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

First and foremost, we hope everyone had a **wonderful holiday** and a **relaxing long weekend**. Welcome back! We have lot of exciting things this week and we invite you to participate.

The **Book Fair** is this week and it's back in person! The **CRS** and **LLE Book Fair** will be held **December 1st** and **2nd**, with our **FIRST** ever **Family Night**. On **Thursday, December 2nd**, from **3:20pm** to **5:30pm**, all families are invited to attend and shop. We will be featuring lots of fun activities, including story time with Mr. Mazzini, a raffle, and an extra special fun surprise. If you'd like to give the gift of reading this holiday season, there are two ways to give books to your teachers. You can check out their wish lists in person, or donate to their e-wallet. Check your email for more details on the e-wallet!

DMS parents, our amazing committee is hard at work on the **musical** and we can't wait to see the students in **The Addams Family! Auditions** will be held this **Friday**. You received an email communication with the details. If you are missing this email, and would like it, please let us know! Auditioning students: the PTO says, "break a leg!"

Just a reminder, the schools send out their own newsletters. Take a moment to read them, as they have a ton of important information! If you don't, now you know! 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 here: <http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com>. There are many exclusive member benefits to take advantage of, don't hesitate to join. Please follow us (**Demarest PTO**) on **Facebook** and **Instagram**. Important updates will always be posted there, don't miss out! Feel free to reach out to us at: president@demarestpto.org, we are happy to assist.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,
Vanessa & Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

NOTEWORTHY



Come to the first ever **Book Fair Family Night!**



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can join by purchasing a membership at www.demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com



To access the PTO Directory and the Store, go to the **App Store** and download the **Membership Toolkit app**



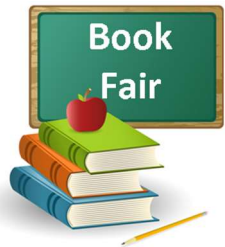
Stay up to date by visiting our website at www.demarestpto.org. Like us on **Facebook** at Demarest PTO and follow us on **Instagram** at demarestpto.

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A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years*

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!**



The annual **LLE Book Fair** will be held **in-person** on **Wednesday, 12/1** for **CRS** students (**grades K-1**) and **Thursday, 12/2** for **LLE** students. **Pre-K** can attend after school hours with a parent/guardian on **Wednesday, 12/1 3:20pm – 4:15pm**. All families are welcome **Wednesday, 12/1** from **4:15pm – 5pm** and **Thursday, 12/2 3:20pm – 5:30pm**. Visit the link below for more information regarding parent visiting hours, volunteer opportunities, signing up for a cash-free payment option (eWallet), and details on our **Family Fun Night** with Mr. Mazzini as our guest reader! <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair>



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. 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



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 on **Wednesday, 12/1**. 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

Sign up for membership and enrichment classes on Membership Toolkit: www.demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com



The PTO is excited to announce that we will be bringing theatre back to **DMS** with the upcoming production of **The Addams Family!** Auditions will be held on **Friday, 12/3** from **3:15pm to 5:15pm**.

Rehearsals 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. We will also be needing parent/guardian chaperones for rehearsals and performances. Please refer to the email sent for detailed information.



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

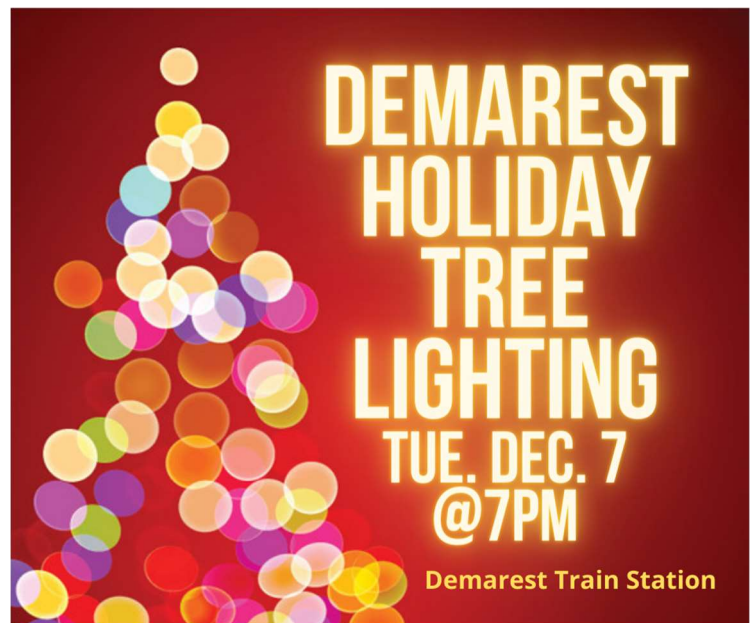
COMMUNITY NEWS



**COMMUNITY
MENORAH LIGHTING**

**Tue
11/30** @7pm
The Gazebo

Hosted by Lubavitch on the Palisades



**DEMAREST
HOLIDAY
TREE
LIGHTING**
**TUE. DEC. 7
@7PM**
Demarest Train Station



**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 troops. 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@gsnnj.org

**JOIN OR
RENEW TODAY**
www.gsnnj.org
973-248-8200

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



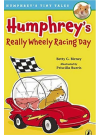
**Seeking Youth
Volunteers**
For Demarest Recreation Events
Community Service Hours Offered
email mfrancis@demarestnj.org

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 for more information about earning community service hours at this event.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates



The 1st & 2nd Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, 11/30, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*.



The 3rd & 4th Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Wednesday, 12/1, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *Wishree*.



The 5th & 6th Grade Virtual Book Club will be meeting Thursday, 12/2, 4pm to 4:45pm to discuss *When You Reach Me*.

For more information about all other Children's Programs at the Library, go to: www.demarestlibrary.org



Free admission for 4 to 6 people to:

- Children's Museum of Manhattan
- Guggenheim Museum
- Intrepid Air & Space Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- Storm King Art Center

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.



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.