



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of December 6, 2022

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



- Fri 12/9 Spirit Friday
- Tue 12/13 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser, Zendiggi
- Fri 12/16 Spirit Friday
- Fri 12/23 Holiday Class Parties
- Fri 12/23 Holiday Recess – Half Day
- Mon 12/26 – Holiday Recess – No School
- Fri 12/30

## 2023 January 2023

- Tue 1/3 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
- Fri 1/6 Spirit Friday
- Thu 1/12 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am
- Fri 1/13 Spirit Friday
- Mon 1/16 MLK Day – No School; PD for Staff
- Fri 1/20 Spirit Friday
- Fri 1/27 Spirit Friday

## NOTEWORTHY



Don't forget to check the [school calendars](#) for all the events going on!



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO**! New members can purchase membership at [demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://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

Greetings **Demarest**! Yep, it's Monday again! Furthermore, it's already **December**. Buckle up because it's super busy as we close out **2022**.

We have one word to describe last week's **Book Fair**...and that word is "**EPIC**". So much fun was had by all, and it was one of the most successful book fairs in PTO history. We would be remiss not to **thank** our **volunteers**, who made this all possible! Also, a big thank you to **our schools** and the **DPD** for all of their help with this event. Finally, much appreciation to **Mrs. Spence**, who pinch hit as a rockstar guest reader.

We wanted to thank all the students who auditioned for the **DMS Musical** on **Friday** and wish them all **good luck**! We can't wait to see the performance in **March**!

As we enter the **holiday season**, we all love to show our **staff** our **appreciation**. Be on the lookout, emails will be coming on how you can **contribute** to this event. As always, it is 100 percent **optional**.

You know what kids love – **no homework**! What do parents love – **KEBABS**! You guessed it, the next PTO **No Homework Night fundraiser** is coming up. On **Wednesday, 12/14**, take a mini-Mediterranean vacation, over to Closter. You can support the PTO while having a delicious meal from **Zendiggi Kebab House** AND save the super high airfare costs! Take a look at the flyer below!

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! 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](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com)).

Have a great week,  
Vanessa and Mary

**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AND THE PTO PROUDLY PRESENT



### SHOW DATES: MARCH 30 & 31ST

**Auditions** are on **Friday, 12/2, 3:15pm to 5:15pm**. Sign up at: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea8a722aaf5c61-dmsmusical](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea8a722aaf5c61-dmsmusical)

**Rehearsal Dates** are on the following **Wednesdays** at 3:15pm to 5:15pm: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 and **Friday, 3/10, 3:15pm to 5:15pm**. **Mandatory dress rehearsal** is on **Wednesday, 3/29, 3:15pm to 6pm**. You may not miss more than 2 rehearsals, and they must be cleared beforehand.

**Registration Info:** Once auditions are complete, you will register on Membership Toolkit. **Families must be PTO members to enroll**. Parts will not be announced until after registration. **Fee is \$180** for cast members. Crew registration and details will be given at a later date. Please email [julieflein@gmail.com](mailto:julieflein@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

**Support  
Demarest PTO.**

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

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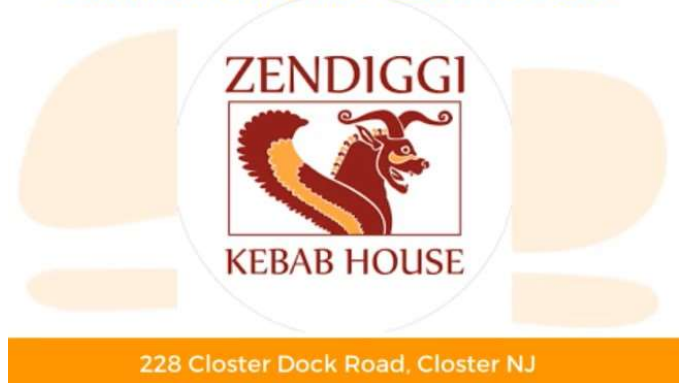
Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting:  
[bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO](http://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO)

Take a break and order either lunch or dinner from one of the finest Middle Eastern and Mediterranean restaurants in our area - Zendiggi Kebab House!

## Homework Free Night Fundraiser

Don't forget to mention Demarest PTO when you order and a portion of the check will go directly back to our schools!

**December 14th | 11:00-2:30 & 4:30-8:00**



228 Closter Dock Road, Closter NJ

**Save the date! Wednesday, 12/14** is the next **No Homework Night Fundraiser!** Dine in or take out from **Zendiggi Kebab House** in Closter and help us raise funds for our schools! Don't forget to mention Demarest PTO when you place your order.



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

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](mailto:secretary@demarestpto.org) for more information regarding this position.

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



CRS, LLE & DMS

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

**PLEASE NOTE**

**CONTACT US**

The best way to contact us is by emailing [president@demarestpto.org](mailto: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](mailto:ptonews@demarestpto.org) by Friday of each week.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



This past fall the Northern Valley Soccer League launched a new program – the Northern Valley Soccer Youth Coach Program – offering high school students, with general knowledge of soccer, the opportunity to become assistant coaches for their town recreation soccer program. This program offers coaching experience and volunteer service hours, while engaging our children to give back and stay involved with the community.

There are certain licensing (safety courses) requirements that must be completed prior to being allowed to coach. One session will be available this Monday, 12/5 on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Interested students should contact Casey Ference at [caseyference7@gmail.com](mailto:caseyference7@gmail.com) to register for the course - DAA will cover the cost of the course. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our soccer commissioner Michael Ference at [mikef@daarec.org](mailto:mikef@daarec.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

### Demarest Town

A poster for the Demarest Holiday Tree Lighting event. It features a large, colorful, abstract tree made of overlapping circles in shades of yellow, orange, red, purple, and blue. The text is in white and yellow. At the top, it says "Christine Nicholas, KW-Town Life & Jess Silva, Caliber Home Loans Present". The main text reads "DEMAREST HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING TUE. DEC. 6 @7PM". At the bottom, it says "Demarest Train Station" and "Special Thanks to Kings".

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**DEMAREST HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**  
TUE. DEC. 6  
@7PM

Demarest Train Station  
Special Thanks to Kings

A poster for the Community Menorah Lighting event. It features a central illustration of a golden menorah with seven lit candles. The background is light blue with decorative elements like stars and leaves. The text is in blue and white. It says "COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING" at the top. Below the menorah, it says "Sun 12/18 @7pm The Gazebo". At the bottom, it says "Hosted by Lubavitch on the Palisades".

**COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING**

Sun 12/18 @7pm  
The Gazebo

Hosted by Lubavitch on the Palisades

### Teen Advisory Board

**Homework Help/Reading Buddies Program** will be suspended until after the new year. Please contact the TAB if you have any questions at [DemarestTAB@gmail.com](mailto:DemarestTAB@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

### 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 Library Updates**

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

Register for programs at: [bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest](http://bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest)

#### **Korean Storytime**

Monday, 12/5, 3:30 to 4pm – Korean Storytimes are coming back! Join us at the Demarest Library on 12/5 for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer! This monthly program is offered in partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association.

#### **Chess Club (all levels)**

Saturdays, 10:00 to 11am @ the Demarest Library  
Registration is not required and players of all levels are welcome. Chess Club will now run from 10:00 to 11:00am and will meet on most Saturdays in the children's room. Players 7 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult.

### 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](mailto:cmclosterpack20@gmail.com) or Committee Chair Andrew Correa at [bigbearpack20@gmail.com](mailto:bigbearpack20@gmail.com). You can also contact Demarest Parents Kathleen Doshi ([kazwebb@gmail.com](mailto:kazwebb@gmail.com)) and Maxine Nakamura ([wallybella@hotmail.com](mailto:wallybella@hotmail.com)).