



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of May 8, 2023

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MAY

- Wed 5/10 No Homework Night Fundraiser, el Taco Bar
- Sun 5/14 PTO Board Submission Deadline
- Tue 5/16 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 5/19 Field Day – CRS
- Sat 5/20 International Heritage Day
- Thu 5/25 Field Day – LLE
- Fri 5/26 No School
- Mon 5/29 Memorial Day – School Closed



JUNE

- Wed 6/7 8th Grade Dance
- Thu 6/8 8th Grade BBQ
- Fri 6/9 Field Day – DMS
- Tue 6/13 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Thu 6/15 Last PTO Meeting, DMS 8:30am
- Fri 6/16 4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- Mon 6/19 8th Grade Graduation
- Tue 6/20 Last Day of School – Half Day

NOTEWORTHY



International Heritage Day is returning – mark your calendar!



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

Happy Monday, **Demarest Families**. What a beautiful weekend, can you believe it finally wasn't raining? We hope you all enjoyed it. Now let's see what this week has in store for us?!

Two, four, six, eight, who do we **appreciate**? You guessed it, **TEACHERS!** This week is "**Teacher Appreciation Week**" – be sure to **show** your **love** to your teachers. They deserve it every week, not just this one, because they are truly amazing.

The PTO already got a head start on that love! Last week, on **Teacher Apperception Day**, the PTO sponsored **luncheons** at all three schools. Our amazing teachers, administration, and faculty had a sandwich feast and participated in some super fun raffles. Of course, no event is complete without some complimentary **Demarest swag**. So, that was a must.

Who says tacos are just for Tuesdays? We have "midweek Mexican" on **Wednesday, 5/10!** Join us for the last **No Homework Night fundraiser** of the year at Closter's own **El Taco Bar**. See the flyer for full details.

It's hard to believe, but this co-presidency is coming to an end. That's TWO years of writing this corner; wow time flies. We will save our semimetal goodbyes for another time, because there is still work to be done. Yep, you guessed it. It's time to elect our **2023/24 board**. If you are interested in a **PTO board** position, please see the flyer (in this newsletter) regarding the openings. Submission deadline is **May 14th**.

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! We have over 35 committees which are run by the PTO. So, 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). Please volunteer and get involved, the PTO welcomes you!

Have a great week,
Vanessa and Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS

SUPPORT THE DEMAREST PTO



NO HOMEWORK NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH, 2023

11:30 AM - 8:00 PM



Call 201-499-5757 to order. Don't forget to mention the Demarest PTO!

GIVE 10% GET 10%
DINE-IN & TAKE OUT

📍 244 Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ

Our last **No Homework Night Fundraiser** of the year is coming up on **Wednesday, 5/10!** Please don't forget to **mention the Demarest PTO** for **10%** off your entire order. An additional **10% of the proceeds** will be **donated** to the PTO. Support our schools and a local business!

PLEASE NOTE

The best way to contact us is by emailing 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 by Friday of each week.



Looking for a great opportunity to join in and help the PTO? We are seeking PTO Board Members for the 2023-2025 school years.

PTO Board Member (2-year commitment):

- Co-Presidents
- Vice Presidents – CRS, LLE, DMS
- Secretary

Please contact Grace Lee at secretary@demarestpto.org for more information regarding these positions. The deadline to submit a **brief description** of your interest and qualifications is **Sunday, 5/14**.

THANK YOU



A **big thank you** to all the **members** of the **PTO**. With your support, we were able to provide our **staff** with a **luncheon** that included Jersey Mike's subs, salads, and Nothing Bundt Cakes and spring fundraiser t-shirts on **5/2 (DMS, CRS)** and **5/3 (LLE)** for **Teacher Appreciation Day**. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Let's show appreciation for our teachers with a note!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Food Collection for Neighbors



Hunger and food insecurity are still on the rise. This monthly collection helps our neighbors. **Dumont Food Pantry** serve its 300 families and **Norwood**

Food Pantry, its 75 families. Food collections are typically the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month @ **8am – 7pm**. How to: Just sign up for any Monday. Click on the link below. And drop off at 8 John Street, Demarest (table by garage)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a4aa2ea1fb6-dumont#/>

Big fun. New friends.



Best friends are magic. With them by your side, jungle gyms turn into castles, bath towels become superhero capes, and everything

feels just a little more *possible*.

Being a Girl Scout opens your world to the forever friends who help you shine your brightest.

Be a Girl Scout.

For incoming Kindergarteners in Demarest!
For additional information contact Pam Singer at psinger@gannj.org
Adult volunteers are needed as troop leaders. No experience needed. Training is free.



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DEMAREST RECREATION CAMP

June 26th - August 4th
9:00 Am - 2:00 PM

For Students entering Kindergarten to 6th
Grade as of September 2023

\$650
6 WEEKS
DEMAREST
RESIDENT

\$750
6 WEEKS
NON
RESIDENT

\$190
PER WEEK
CHOICE IS
FINAL

There are no refunds after June 1st. A \$25 administration fee will be charged for all camp refunds. A \$100 late fee will apply for payments after June 1st, no exceptions.

Camp is located at Luther Lee Elementary School on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. Tuesdays the camp will be at Demarest Pool and Thursdays are camp trip day.

Registration

March 15th - May 15th

Junior Counselor Program

This year we will be accepting a small group of 7th and 8th graders to be Jr. Counselors. Each Jr. Counselor will be paired with a full time counselor or director and will assist them in the execution of all counselor related responsibilities. Jr. Counselors will pay a discounted rate (\$325 for the six weeks). Due to rising field trip costs, all field trips must be paid for separately (Field Trip Attendance is **Optional**) Please email demarestreccamp@gmail.com if you are interested!

Please Note - This does not guarantee a full time counselor position when the individual becomes age eligible.

OUR DIRECTING STAFF

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ZOOM INFORMATION SESSION
MARCH 29TH, 7:00PM

ZOOM LINK



Lunch and Field Trip
Registration will be
open April 1st - May 15th

Demarest Middle School



Closing for Summer

Last Drop-Off May 12, 2023



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!

<https://nj01001706.schoolwires.net/Page/4450>

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: www.demarestlibrary.org. Register for programs at: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

MAY 13TH
1:30-2:30pm

**AT THE DEMAREST
NANCY WOODS
MEMORIAL GAZEBO**

Bring a lawn chair!

*Rain Location:
Demarest Train Station
22-52 Park St.

**DIXIELAND
JAZZ
CONCERT**

FEATURING:
THE FRENCH QUARTER 5

Bill Ash
Pete Stern
Bruce Schaffel
Gerry Capuccio
Thaddeus McGregor
Everett Fink

**CRESSKILL
Public Library**

The poster features a large red trumpet illustration on the left. In the center, the text "DIXIELAND JAZZ CONCERT" is written in a stylized, overlapping font. Below the trumpet, there is a small photograph of the band members. At the bottom, the Cresskill Public Library logo is on the left and the Demarest Free Public Library logo is on the right.