

DEMAREST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Classroom Close-Up NJ **Films Segment in Demarest**

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On May 11th, the New Jersey Education Association will be visiting Demarest Middle School to film an episode of *Classroom Close-Up NJ*. The 15-time Emmy® award-winning show is in its 23rd season and airs on NJTV every Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The program intends to showcase best practices in teaching within the state of New Jersey.

This episode of *Classroom Close-Up NJ* will focus on how Mr. Andrew Lefer, 7th grade Social Studies teacher, has been inspired by his mentor, John Russell, the 2012 Humanities Teacher of the Year. Mr. Russell was featured on the show while Mr. Lefer was his student teacher. Following in Mr. Russell's footsteps, Mr. Lefer's teaching style encourages student engagement through a variety of hands-on activities, including Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) activities, to promote student growth.

The students in Mr. Lefer's classes have a unique opportunity to engage in a learning activity that is both challenging and fun. By participating in this event, Demarest Middle School will be highlighted on a state-wide level for its rigorous instruction, technological innovations and quality students who help make the school a great place to learn and grow.