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### **Science Olympiad**

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Congratulations to the DMS Science and Engineering team for another strong showing at the NJ Science Olympiad state finals. This year the following groups earned medals in their events, Crime Busters, Battery Buggy, and Solar System.

#### Franklin Institute

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, DMS students were treated to an assembly by the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Students were entertained while learning about the relationship between sound, music, and mathematics. Special appreciation to the Cultural Arts Committee of the Demarest PTO for facilitating this event. st Middle School • Demarest Middle School •

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### Engineering Design Competition

DMS took Second Place overall in the Engineering Design Competition hosted by Tenafly high school. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, eleven teams consisting of 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders were challenged to build an apparatus that could extend and lift a maximum amount of weight. The Demarest team was led by Mrs. DiMartini and Mrs. Fortunato. The group excelled in Cad,

Prototype Construction, Science Lab, Engineering Design Documentation and Presentation.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visits High School for Author Presentation

On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders joined the entire Northern Valley graduating class of 2023 for a presentation by author Rachel Simmons. Ms. Simmons took a very relaxed approach to discussing the trials and tribulations involved with friendships. The students seemed very receptive to the messages.

## Journalism Class Visits NVD

This month, editors of the DMS Press had the opportunity to visit the Journalism II and III class at Northern Valley Demarest. During this time, they learned the process of creating a newspaper. They also spoke with the editors of The Northern Star, who gave them insight into writing as well as the high school experience.