



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of April 4, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



APRIL

- Fri 4/8 5th/6th Grade Dance, DMS, 7pm
- Fri 4/8 Spirit Friday
- Tue 4/12 COW Meeting, LLE, 5:30pm
- Fri 4/15 – Spring Recess – All Schools Closed
- Fri 4/22
- Tue 4/26 Public Budget Hearing & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Fri 4/29 Spirit Friday



MAY

- Thu 5/5 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Fri 5/6 Spirit Friday
- Tue 5/10 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 5/11 8th Grade Dance, Montammy, 6pm
- Fri 5/13 Spirit Friday
- Sat 5/14 Spring Fundraiser Gala
- Fri 5/20 DMS Field Day
- Fri 5/20 Spirit Friday
- Sun 5/22 Demarest 5K
- Fri 5/27 Spirit Friday
- Mon 5/30 Memorial Day – All Schools Closed

NOTEWORTHY



Don't miss out on getting your tickets to the **5th and 6th Grade Dance!**



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

Rain, rain, go away, don't come again some other day! **Demarest**, we are too busy for bad weather. We are really hoping these April showers end soon because we are super busy!

The **Principal's Challenge** is underway at all three schools! The first week was a huge success and fun for all. Feel left out? Don't fret, **you can still sign up**. Registration remains open and there is room for your student! Don't miss out on your chance to run with **Mr. Mazzini** and **Mr. Regan!** Register at www.demarest5k.org.

Now that our kids are out running, it's our turn too! Why not make the **Demarest 5k** a family event? Sounds like a brilliant plan! Please take a look below, for more information on the 5k. There is something for everyone, and still time to sign up. We can't wait to see you on race day!

Guess what's happening on Friday? The return of the **5th and 6th Grade Dance!** The dance is this **Friday (April 8th)** from **7pm to 9pm**. Tickets are available on **Membership Toolkit** and we hope everyone is as excited as we are!

Graduation will be here before we know it! What an exciting time for our **eighth graders**. Parents, just a reminder to send in your **collection contribution**. Your generosity makes this event so fantastic.

Do you have FOMO over the adorable **Spring Fundraiser shirts** you've been seeing? Well, you can definitely get one, and one for your student! Just shoot an email to: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

Speaking of the **PTO Spring Fundraiser**, they **still need your help!** Maybe you have sports/theater tickets, experiences, restaurants, or super cool items. These could all make great **auction items**, and greatly contribute to raising funds for our schools. If you want to donate, volunteer, or have ideas/questions, please email us at: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

Wishing everyone an awesome week,
Vanessa and Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Week One of the Principal's Challenge Program was a HUGE success!

If your kids want to join, there is still time to register.

Go to: www.demarest5k.org

CRS: Meets every Tuesday, 3:10pm - 3:45pm.

LLE: Meets every Tuesday, 7:30am - 8:10am

DMS: Meets every Wednesday, 3:10pm - 4:00pm

** The Principal's Challenge is for students only. However, if you are interested in volunteering to help at LLE or DMS, please contact demarest5k@demarestpto.org.

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!

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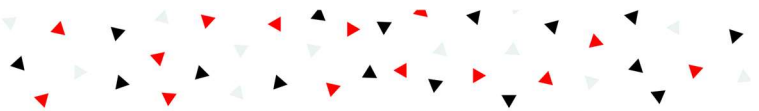
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GET READY FOR FUN AND DANCE!

The Demarest PTO presents

5th/6th Grade Dance

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL (GYM)

Friday, April 8, 2022 | 7 PM - 9 PM

Desserts and drinks will be served

Tickets available online until 4/7

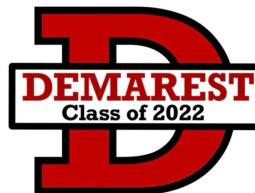
\$10 PTO members | \$15 non-members

demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com

Tickets at the door \$15 cash only

Questions? dmsvp@demarestpto.org

The PTO is excited to announce that the 5th/6th Grade Dance is happening this year! We hope all the 5th and 6th graders will join us at DMS on Friday, 4/8 from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets can be purchased at Membership Toolkit.



8th Grade Graduation Collection

We are so excited for our 8th graders as they begin their transition from middle school to high school! With graduation festivities just a few months away, we are feverishly working to make this a very memorable occasion for all our children. We are coordinating quite a few exciting activities and keepsakes for our DMS Class of 2022. We kindly request a contribution of \$45 per student as soon as possible. Please contribute via Membership Toolkit.

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Save the Date!!!! Our **Spring Fundraiser Gala** will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2022** at the **Montammy Golf Club!** Buy your tickets **TODAY** on Membership Toolkit. Join the PTO to access earlybird pricing and exclusive discounts!



Demarest PTO needs your help!!! Have an **auction item to donate**? Big or small, all donations are invaluable! Please email: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

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Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting:
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Become a 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), 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!



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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Demarest Library Updates

Hebrew Storytime & Craft
שעת סיפור ויצירה

Wednesday, April 6 at 4:00 PM
at the Demarest Train Station

For children ages 4 and up and their families
Register online today:
bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

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Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

Book Clubs: Join Ms. Cara for fun monthly book discussions! Pick up your copy of the book after registering online. Copies will be held at the library behind the front desk. You have a few weeks to read the book before we meet for our book discussion each month! Book Clubs are meeting virtually on Zoom as of now; please stay tuned for any updates! Book Clubs meet at 4:00pm on the following dates:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Book Club: April 5, May 3, May 31
- 3rd & 4th Grade Book Club: April 12, May 10, June 7
- 5th & 6th Grade Book Club: April 26, May 17, June 14

Engineering Workshop (grades 2 to 6): Kids in grades 2 to 6 are invited to the Demarest Train Station for an engineering workshop on **Monday, April 11 at 3:30pm**. Design, create, test, and improve your prototype with Kerryann O'Connor. Online registration begins on Monday, March 21.

Crochet Club: Children ages 7 and up can learn how to crochet and work on their own beautiful creations with Ms. Michele! This club will meet at the Demarest Library in the children's section on **Thursday, April 7** and **Thursday, April 28 at 6:00pm**. For the first meeting, we ask that adults stay with children under the age of 10. Online registration is required.

Music with Miss Nita (ages 0 to 5): Join Miss Nita at the Demarest Train Station on **Friday, April 15 at 10:30am** for some singing, dancing and musical fun! This program is for children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Online registration is required and it begins on Friday, March 25.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming children's programs: www.demarestlibrary.org.

Register for programs via our online calendar: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest



The Demarest Athletic Association would like to thank all the players, coaches, and parents for a successful winter season of basketball and indoor soccer.

The DAA Rec **Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade** will be held on **Saturday, April 30th**.

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