



### Important upcoming dates:

- **Apr. 3:** HSA meeting, 7pm
- **Apr. 4:** Dance program starts
- **Apr. 5:** Spring Concert, 2pm
- **Apr. 6:** Book Fair setup
- **Apr. 7-14:** Spring Break (return to school Monday 4/17)
- **Apr. 17:** Final deadline to order graduation lawn signs
- **Apr. 17-21:** Book Fair
- **Apr. 23:** Photo Shoot Mini-Fundraiser
- **Apr. 25:** Alliah Agostini author visit
- **Apr. 26:** SEPAC meeting, 6pm at BHS Media Center
- **Apr. 28:** Rockness Music nutrition & wellness program
- **Apr. 28:** Pep Rally
- **Apr. 29** Photo Shoot Mini-Fundraiser
- **May 1:** HSA Meeting, 7pm / Krispy Kreme Fundraisers starts / Volleyball clinic starts

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March was an exciting month at Demarest! We celebrated **Read Across America Week**, celebrated **Women's History Month**, had our first ever **Family STEM night**, and learned about our classmates' cultures during **Multicultural Mondays**. We hope that you can join us for our spring concert on **April 5 at 2:00 p.m.**, featuring our third and fourth grades as well as our fifth- and sixth-grade band and chorus. Remember that schools will be closed for **Spring Break from Friday, April 7 through Friday, April 14**. It's a great day to be a Bengal!

Mr. Sullivan

## CO-PRESIDENTS' CORNER

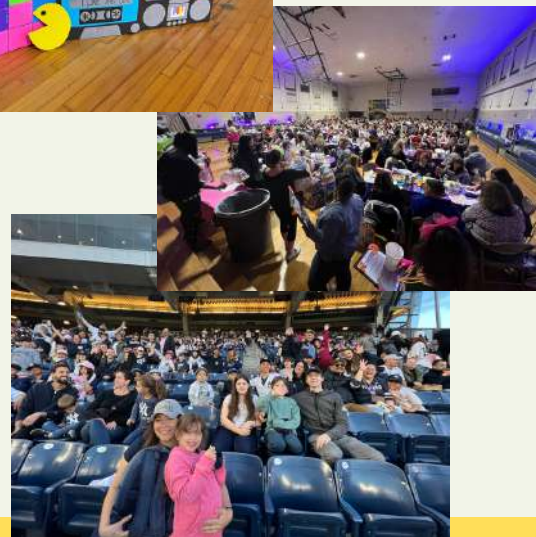
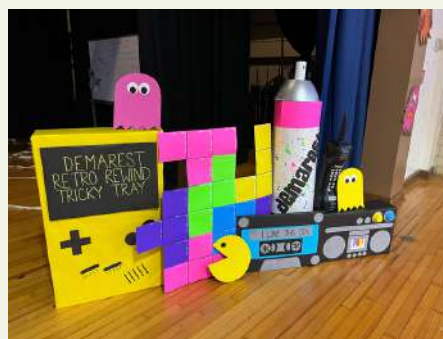
Happy Spring! Thank you so much to all our **Demarest families, Demarest teachers and staff, and local businesses** for your contributions to our **Retro Rewind Tricky Tray**! A special thank you to all our volunteers who donated their time to help make this event a success.

Thank you also to all the families and staff that came out to our first **Community Day event at the Yankee game**. We all had a great time!

We have a lot of new and returning programs in the spring, so keep an eye out for them!

Eileen Marri & Nathalie Schairer

Demarest HSA Co-Presidents





### BASKETBALL

Another great basketball season is over! The season ended on April 1 for both sixth-grade teams. The fourth- and fifth-grade teams finished their seasons on March 11. **All teams had a great season.**

Congratulations to the fifth-grade girls, who finished with a **7-1 record**. A **special thank you** to all the volunteer coaches who took the time to coach and make memorable moments for the players. All your hard work and dedication were greatly appreciated!

### BASKETBALL CLINIC

Thank you to all the volunteers who made **our second- and third-grade basketball clinics a success**. Thank you especially to **Mike Sceurman and Matt Burns** for leading these clinics. The kids learned a lot and are looking good out there!

### VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

We will be offering **an after-school volleyball clinic starting May 1 and ending June 7**, run by a parent volunteer, Carlo Edra, who is also head coach of the men's volleyball team at NJCU. This clinic will run on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. for grades 2 and 3, and from 7-8 p.m. for grades 4, 5, and 6**. Stay tuned for registration details.

### HSA OPEN POSITIONS

We are still looking for someone to fill one of the **Co-President** roles for next year. We are also looking for someone to help with our **social media posts**.

Please reach out to

[copresidents@demaresthsa.org](mailto:copresidents@demaresthsa.org) if you are interested.

### SEPAC

The next **SEPAC meeting is April 26 at 6 p.m.** in the Bloomfield High School media center. Please join us for an information session with attorney Norma Francullo on understanding your child's rights in special education. Visit the Bloomfield SEPAC Facebook group or <https://bloomfieldnjsepac.org/> for more information.

### SOCCER CLINIC

We will be offering **an after-school soccer clinic for second and third graders**, which will run during the month of **May**, run by parent volunteer Eileen Marri. This soccer clinic will also be held on **Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** for second grade and from **4:30-5:30 p.m.** for third grade. Registration details to come.





### PROGRAMS



On March 23, **Green Magic** came to Demarest. This show focused on environmental topics including conserving energy, recycling, and other cool ways we can help our planet—all with a magical twist! Students and staff alike enjoyed the informative, interactive, and humorous show! We are wrapping up programs for the year with several in April:

- April 25: Author **Alliah Agostini** will visit Demarest for the day and visit with the students in smaller groups divided by grade level to present and discuss her books *Big Tune* and *The Juneteenth Story*.
- April 26: The touring **Children's Theatre group from Montclair State** will present *The Stowaway* to grades 4-6. This is a modern take on some classic Shakespeare characters and storylines.
- April 28: **Rockness Music** will present the importance of nutrition and wellness through songs and movement activities to grades K-3.

### TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Meet the specials! The **special-area teachers** at Demarest School help support the students in the areas of Library/Media, Physical Education, Music, Chorus, World Language (Spanish), Art, and Guidance.



Pictured are **Dana LaBattaglia** (Library/Media), **Jennifer Beesley** (Guidance), **Lisa Truskolawski** (Instrumental), **Jason Galioto** (Physical Education), **Jennifer Gilker** (Music/Chorus), and **Erin Pontoreiro** (Art). Not pictured is **Señora Corado** (World Language/Spanish).

### SECOND-GRADE DANCE PROGRAM

The second graders will have **in-school hip-hop dance classes starting April 4**. This program will run until May 30 and will conclude with a performance. A special thanks to **Katie Hickey from Shooting Star Dance Academy** for coming into our school to teach the kids!







### FUNDRAISERS

#### GERTRUDE HAWK

Thank you for your support with our Gertrude Hawk fundraiser. If you have any concerns that need to be addressed, reach out to the **company directly** at **1-800-706-6275, extension 282**.

#### PLANT SALE

Save the date! The **2023 plant sale will be held May 12 during the school day**. Plants and small gifts will be for sale, with prices ranging from \$2 to \$5. For more information or to volunteer to help out with either setup on May 11 or the sale on May 12, please contact Nicole at [plantsale@demaresthsa.org](mailto:plantsale@demaresthsa.org) or text **201-532-1888**.

#### DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Save the date for **Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, May 19 at 6pm** in the Demarest gym. More info to come soon!

### BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is coming up soon. **We need volunteers to help set up on Thursday, April 6**, and then during the Book Fair, which will be held during school hours after we return from spring break, from **April 17-April 21**. Thursday, April 20, will be **family night**, when families can visit the Book Fair in the evening. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

### PHOTO SHOOT MINI FUNDRAISER

Please see the flyer pictured for information and a QR code for our **April mini-fundraiser with Shoott**, offering family photo sessions on **April 23 and April 29**.



**Demarest HSA Fundraiser**  
**SPRING FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT**

**BOOK** a 30 minute photo session - no sitting fee!  
**RECEIVE** a digital gallery of 40+ photos in 3-5 business days  
**PAY** only for the photos you love  
**RAISE \$20** when you make a purchase.  
**Raise a BONUS \$20** if you buy the full gallery!

*Perfect for cards, announcements, maternity and more!*

DATES	LOCATION
Sunday, April 23, 2023	Branch Brook Park
Saturday, April 29, 2023	

 Book your free Cherry Blossom Photo Session  
<https://qrco.de/demarest>

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### SIXTH-GRADE CLASS OF 2023

Flyers for graduation lawn signs have gone home and are due no later than April 17.

This is a great way to celebrate your sixth-grade graduate. **Order yours today!** For any questions, please email [6thgradegrad@demaresthsa.org](mailto:6thgradegrad@demaresthsa.org).

Individual graduation pictures as well as club pictures have been taken. Thank you to everyone for signing up, and a special thank you to the talented Mr. Jhoel for taking the pictures.

Looking ahead:

**June 16:** 6th Grade Dance

**June 22:** 6th Grade Graduation

**June 23:** 6th Grade Breakfast and Yearbook Distribution

**June 26:** 6th Grade Clap-Out

### FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

As a part of the **SPAN grant** we received last year, several workshops have been designed to **address self-care/mental health for grades 4-6**. Throughout March, grades 4-6 had the opportunity to learn how to knit at recess. We've had a great turnout so far! We are happy to **continue to find ways to address mental health in our school**.



### TALENT SHOW NEWS

The Talent Show cast list is out! We are excited for a great show this year with the most acts we have ever had! If you are a student and would like to be a vendor at the show to sell some of your creations or inventions or would like to showcase your artwork, please email [talentshow@demaresthsa.org](mailto:talentshow@demaresthsa.org).

The show is **Friday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m.** Be sure to tell your families and friends!



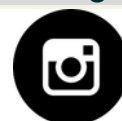
Download BOX TOPS app and choose Demarest School. Scan your receipts (within 14 days of shopping). Each Box Top is 10 cents - they add up fast! Last year, the HSA submitted more than \$1,000 worth of box tops Let's get scanning!



### WAYS TO CONNECT

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**THE DEMAREST HSA HOLDS A MEETING ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH!**