



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - September 15, 2022
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UPCOMING DATES

Wed 9/21	Pre-ACT 9th-11th grade students
Fri 9/23	Early Release
Wed 9/28	High School Picture Retake Day 7:15am - 9:00am
Fri 10/7	Homecoming Football Game
Sat 10/8	Homecoming Dance
Fri 10/14	Early Release
Thur 10/27	Early Release and Parent-Teacher Conferences
Fri 10/28	No School

NEWS AND EVENTS

Entering the School Building

All students will enter through the Main Entrance, door #2, to start the day.

Students that have a 1st hour class (**6:56am start time**) can enter the building between 6:45am-7:00am.

Any students with 2nd hour class (**7:50am start time**) can enter the building between 7:30am until 7:50am.

Students who do not arrive during these times will need to push the door button to be let into the school through the office.

Need to drop something off your student forgot at home?

If you need to get an item to your student, please **Label** it with the students **first and last name** before dropping it off in the Main Office.

High School Fees

Athletic Fees for Fall Sports and High School Fees will be assessed on Thursday September 15 and due on September 30. A Messenger email will be sent out in September with instructions on how to view and pay your fees online.

2022-23 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are NOW sale online **AUG 1st through April 1st!** Order early for the best prices! **Back-to-School discounts** on yearbooks and accessories are available **through September 30th**. Order online [HERE](#).

10th grade students- Preparation for Wellness Screen 2022-23

Samaritan's Wellness Screen Program is going Paperless!

Our school district will once again partner with Samaritan's Wellness Screen Program. Wellness Screen will provide a wellness screening to students in specific grade levels throughout the school year.

Parents will receive electronic notifications prior to the Wellness Screen start date. The Wellness Screen is **FREE** to students, **CONFIDENTIAL** (results will not be shared with school staff without written permission), and **VOLUNTARY** (students and parents may opt-out of the program). Wellness is a critical part of academic success. Early identification of wellness health concerns allows for early intervention and higher success rates in resolving concerns. For questions regarding the Wellness Screen

Program visit: <https://samaritan-counseling.com/wellness-screen/or> call 920-886-9319 x111.

High School Drug Testing Policy

In May 2007, the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere adopted two policies specific to our students, related to Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA):

- 2431.01 - RANDOM SUSPICIONLESS DRUG TESTING OF STUDENTS, and
- 2431.02 - RANDOM ALCOHOL TESTING

These policies are based on our commitment to providing students and employees the right to attend and work at school and school functions in an environment free from the nonmedical use of alcohol, drugs, and mood-altering substances. The policies were not routinely practiced during the COVID-19 pandemic when in-school learning and most extra-curricular activities were put on hold. Now that we have returned to in-person classes and events, we will be restarting both Random Suspicionless Drug Testing of Students and Random Alcohol Testing.

2431.01 Random Suspicionless Drug Testing of Students

As outlined in this policy, the following groups of students will be eligible for random suspicionless drug testing:

- Co-curricular participants
- Students who register to park a motor vehicle in a district parking lot
- The DREAM TEAM (students who sign a promise not to use alcohol or illegal drugs*)

Students eligible in each pool of students (co-curricular participants and students requesting parking permits) will be assigned a number by school administration. Random draws of numbers will be conducted weekly. A designated number of student participant numbers will be drawn each week.

*The students and at least one (1) parent, if the student is a minor, must give a signed consent for drug testing should the student be drawn at random from a pool of eligible "D.R.E.A.M. Team" students.

Students who test positive for illegal drugs will be subject to consequences as outlined in the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, the Parking Permit Application and the Student/Parent Handbook. Students will have an opportunity within twenty-four (24) hours of notification of the first positive test result to have the split sample tested at the family's expense.

[The full policy, including which substances are tested for, can be viewed by clicking this link to the District website.](#)

2431.02 Random Alcohol Testing

As outlined in this policy, it is our expectation that all school activities will be drug and alcohol free. A random Breathalyzer system of testing will be used at dances, prom, and other school activities as deemed appropriate by school administration. While this system targets those who may have ingested alcohol, it should be noted that all other substance abuse policies of the Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education and Wisconsin Administrative Code are also in effect at all school activities.

[The full policy can be viewed by clicking this link to the District website.](#)

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to keep our schools safe and drug-free.

Sincerely,

Nick Joseph, Principal

De Pere High School

No Outside Food Deliveries & Carry Ins

Until further notice students are not allowed to have restaurant prepared food delivered to the school by a delivery service. Students are also not allowed to bring in outside food orders when returning from

Release, Lunch or Appointments. This includes, but not limited to: McDonalds, Taco Bell, Subway, Cousins, Domino's, Pizza Hut, Moe's, Piggly Wiggly, etc.

SmartPass

De Pere High School students and staff began using SmartPass. SmartPass is a digital version of the sign-out sheet and paper passes that we have used in the past. It provides school staff an accurate account of a student's location when they are outside of the classroom during the school day, and allows staff to quickly identify the location of students who are outside of their classroom during an emergency situation/drill such as a fire drill.

Attendance FAQ's

If your student needs to leave for an appointment during the school day, or will be absent for the day/several days, please call/leave a message on the attendance line 920-983-9174, ext 4007 as early as possible. This will help to avoid classroom interruptions if the student is leaving. The message can be left at any time, including outside of school hours.

At the high school, parents do not need to come into the building to sign students out/in. Once students get a SmartPass from attendance, they are able to leave the building at the designated time. When they return, they simply stop by the attendance office to check in.

PreACT

On Wednesday, September 21st, we will be administering the PreACT assessment to 9th-11th grade students, while our 12th grade students will be working with our counselors and senior class advisors on graduation information and post-secondary planning. **All students will be attending school for the entire day during our normal school hours with our 7:00am classes running in our normal time slot of 6:56-7:46.** Once testing for our 9th-11th grade students has completed we will resume classes.

Please click [here](#) to view the letter from our Assistant Principals.

Parents of Juniors: PSAT/NMSQT

Attention Junior students and parent/guardian,

After reviewing the following PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) information you will need to express your intent to test, only should you decide to test, by no later than **Friday, September 30th at 3pm.**

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered at **DPHS on Wednesday, October 12th 2022** for any interested Junior student. **It is important to note that this is an OPTIONAL standardized test and is not required for students.** When determining if the PSAT/NMSQT is appropriate for the student to take, consider the following:

- The two standardized college admissions exams are the [ACT](#) and the [SAT](#). The ACT is by far the more common exam and Junior students are all given the opportunity to take the ACT at DPHS in the spring. The SAT, however, is a much less common exam. There is also the fact that many colleges are going to a test optional approach.
- The PSAT/NMSQT is a program co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It is a standardized test that provides first hand practice for the SAT. It may also give students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. Most students taking the PSAT/NMSQT are in the top 5-10% of his/her class and may possibly have a parent working at a larger corporation in the area that recognizes the PSAT/NMSQT for their company scholarship eligibility.
- For more information on the PSAT/NMSQT please visit www.collegeboard.org or contact counselor, Luke Felchlin - e: lfelchlin@depere.k12.wi.us, with questions.

Should you have interest in taking the PSAT/NMSQT (cost is \$19) on **Wednesday, October 12th 2021** you will need to email DPHS counselor, Luke Felchlin - e: lfelchlin@depere.k12.wi.us, with your intent to take the

PSAT/NMSQT no later than **Friday, September 30th at 3pm**. There will be more specific testing details to follow once a final list of test takers is generated.

Working for a Purpose and Earning Money!

Students: Do you currently have a job or are looking for one?

If you have a job, is it in a field that you want to pursue after high school?

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) has over 300 job openings in our area. My goal is to find you, as students, a position that matches your interests and can provide you valuable experience towards your ultimate career goal. YA is also a great option to try out different jobs to help you decide what you enjoy doing for work.

These are paid positions, and you can work during the school day if your schedule allows, or after school, evenings and weekend hours and still earn high school credits!

Please reach out to me with any interest or questions. I will also be in the Counseling Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please click on the links below for more information.

[Welcome Letter](#) [Student Form](#)

Mrs. Wollin

Driver's Education at De Pere High School

Sign up information is located on the De Pere High School webpage under the "Families" tab Driver's Education link. You could also go to <http://cesa2.com> to access information regarding Driver's Education at De Pere High.

I have a **Fall** classroom session beginning on September 26th ends October 31st 2022 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday September 26th - 29th
Monday - Thursday October 3rd - 6th
Monday - Thursday October 10th - 13th
Monday - Wednesday October 17th - 19th
Make up class October 20th Thursday

I have a **Winter** classroom session beginning on November 7th 2022 3:30-5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday November 7th - 10th
Monday - Thursday November 14th - 17th
Monday - Tuesday November 21st - 22nd
Monday November 28th
Monday - Thursday December 12th - 15th
Make up class Monday December 19th

I have a **Winter** classroom session beginning on January 23rd 2023 and ending on February 28th 2023. Monday - Thursday No call on February 16 2023

Teens can obtain a permit in WI at age 15.

- Teens will not be allowed to apply for their probationary license until they are at **least 16 years old, hold their permit for at least 6 months ticket free, practice hours of at least 50 hours and 10 of those at night, and have completed all of driver education (classroom and BTW lessons)**.
- Another change is that the **permit will be good for 18 months** instead of 12 months. The DMV has *not* announced when they will sunset the parental road test waiver; however the waiver program is ending and all 16-17 year olds **will have to take the road test**.

- The new law changes the number of practice hours required during the permit phase, it changed from **30 hours to 50 hours**. The DMV does not collect the practice driving record when teens go for their road test however they may ask to see it or the **Road Ready app** which also tracks practice time.
- Your teen should work toward at least *100 hours of practice with 30 of those at night* based on national recommendations put forth by AAA Foundation research in order to give novice drivers more experience before licensing (shows it reduces crashes after licensing). Our common goal for everyone is to have fewer crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving teens and all other drivers. Use of the Road Ready app is a great tool for them to track their progress of practice hours.

Who is eligible to enroll? Any student who is 14 years/10 months to 18 years old. Sign up information is located on the De Pere High School webpage under the “Students” tab under the Driver’s Education link. You could also go to <http://cesa2.com> to access information regarding Driver’s Education at De Pere High School. We also have paper forms that you can pick up in the high school office.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Lori VandenBergh at lvandenbergh@depere.k12.wi.us or call 920-366-0651.

Hope Squad Parent Newsletter

Hope Squad is a school-based peer support team, made up of students who are nominated by their peers, that partners with local mental health agencies. Research shows that children and young adults who are contemplating suicide are more likely to reach out to their peers than the adults in their lives. In this way, Hope Squad members are the “eyes and ears” of the school building – monitoring for warning signs of suicide and helping to connect their peers with staff members who can offer the appropriate resources in times of need. The Unified School District of De Pere has Hope Squad teams at Foxview, DPMS, and DPHS. Starting this month, we will be sharing a monthly parent newsletter produced by Hope Squad with some practical parenting tips. We hope you find a helpful nugget of wisdom in these brief newsletters.



[Asking for help.pdf](#)

[Spanish Version.pdf](#)

Trying to plan a trip for next year and need to see the District Calendar? Go to the [District Website](#).

Click *About Our District* and then select the *Academic Year Calendar*. Scroll down to the bottom and you can see current, future, and previous calendars.

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

Destination ImagiNation

Destination Imagination will be offered at the high school level this year. The parent-student informational meeting for all levels will be at Heritage on **Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30pm**.

Please click [here](#) to view the flyer with more information.

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 16	Varsity Football vs. Green Bay Southwest, 7:00PM @ DPHS.
Saturday, Sept 17	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Hortonville, 11:00AM @ DPHS.
Thursday, Sept. 22	Varsity Volleyball vs Sheboygan South, 7:00PM @ DPHS. *Parents Night*
	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Ashwaubenon, 6:30PM @ DPHS.
	Fan Appreciation Night

Athletics Participation Fee for Fall Sports Due September 30

All fall athletes have been assessed the \$36.50 participation fee. Payment can be made in the student’s Portal account or at the high school office with cash or check made out to DPHS.

Non-payment by Sept 30 will result in the student not being allowed to continue participation in the fall sport.

This is a one-time fee that covers all sports that a student participates in during the 22-23 school year.

Academic Ineligibility/Probation Proof of Progress Forms

Students who received an email notification in July, and again this month, that they are academically ineligible for co-curricular activities during 1st quarter of 22-23 should pick up a proof of progress form on Thursday, September 22 in the athletics office.

Academic ineligibility/probation is based on the previous quarter's grades (4th quarter 21-22 school year).

On Sept. 22, students must have their teachers complete the proof of academic progress form. The student then should return the form to the athletics office by 3:15pm Sept 22..

For more information, refer to the email notification you received earlier or see Mrs. Guyette in the athletics office between 7:30am and 12:30pm.

Runnin' with the Redbirds - Cross Country race for Grades K-4 on Sept. 29

The DPHS cross country team is sponsoring 1- and 2-mile races for elementary students on Thursday, September 29, at the high school. Cost is \$10 per student and includes a T-shirt.

[Information Form and Permission Slip](#) Register by Sept. 9 to guarantee a T-shirt.

Redbird Softball Fundraiser on October 23

Support the De Pere softball program at a cornhole tournament and raffle fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Swan Club. There will be three divisions: competitive, social, and youth. Entry is \$40/team with prizes for the top three teams in each division.

Register online at [Redbird Softball Booster Club](#) or register the morning of the event. Registration and check-in is 11-11:45am with the tournament starting at noon. There will also be raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle - you don't need to register a team to attend!

To donate a raffle item or themed raffle basket, contact Becky Konrad at rakonrad@gbaps.org.

Travel Release Form

If your student-athlete cannot ride the team bus to/from/both an away event due to another commitment, a parent/guardian must complete a travel release form stating the reason for the student not riding the bus and taking responsibility for transporting the student. Forms are available in the high school office and on the [Athletics Web Site](#) home page in the Forms section.



NEW THIS YEAR!
ONLINE TICKETING for ATHLETICS PASSES
and INDIVIDUAL HOME GAME TICKETS

Why Has De Pere Moved to Digital Ticketing?

Once fully implemented:

- It's a more effective and efficient entrance to events.
- Accounting and depositing are automatic and accurate.
- Fewer work hours are needed before, during and after an event.
- Cashless ticketing is becoming the norm for more and more events.
- The WIAA uses digital ticketing for its postseason tournaments.
- Various conferences, including the Wisconsin Valley, have been using digital ticketing with great success over the past few years.
- De Pere and Ashwaubenon high schools are piloting the program this year, and it's likely the rest of the conference schools will follow suit.

Learn how to purchase and use tickets [here](#). Read the [FAQs](#) for more details.

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Coverage All students within the school district are eligible for this coverage. Families can enroll their student(s) anytime throughout the 2022-23 school year. The following letter includes coverage types and costs.

[Insurance Details](#)

[Student Assurance Services Flyer](#)

[Student Assurance Services - Spanish language version](#)

Coaching Vacancies

Click [here](#) for open coaching positions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Recycling Event

Electronics Recycling Event & Booyah and Bake Sale on Saturday September 17 8:00am - 12:00 Noon at Glenmore Town Hall. It is Hosted by Glenmore 4-H. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Check Us Out on Social Media!

See what's happening at De Pere High School and throughout the District



@depereschools on Facebook

@DePereHS and @USDD on Twitter

@unifiedschoolstodfdepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!