



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - October 26, 2023

UPCOMING DATES

October

Thur 10/26 Early Release [View schedule here](#)
Thur 10/26 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual for the HS) 1:00-3:20pm and 4:00-7:30pm
Fri 10/27 **No School**

November

Fri 11/3 Last Day of 1st Qtr for High School
Sun 11/5 Daylight Savings Time ends
Sat 11/11 High School Masquerade Dance 7:00pm-10:00pm
Tues 11/14 Academic Decathlon- Local Competition
Thur 11/16 - Sat 11/18 High School Musical "9 to 5" in the high school Auditorium
Wed 11/22 - Fri 11/24 No School
Sat 11/25 Redbird Holly Craft Show at De Pere High School 9:00am - 3:00pm
Tues 11/28 Music Department Winter Concert at the Weidner

December

Wed 12/6 Blood Drive at the High School

NEWS AND EVENTS

Birds Nest is OPEN for Breakfast

The **Birds Nest**, in the high school Back Commons, is **OPEN** for breakfast from **6:30am-7:40am**. They have a daily breakfast special, coffee, lattes, fruit, cereal, and other great items to start your day off great! High school students and staff, come check it out!

Attention seniors and Parents/Guardians of a senior

If you are a senior or the parent/guardian of a senior, please see the dates below regarding senior events and deadlines;

November 1-December 17th: Cap, Gown, Tassel & Generic Apparel Ordering

Dec 1: All yearbook items Due

Dec 14: Diploma Name Submissions Due

Dec 17: Cap and Gown Ordering DEADLINE

April 15: Cap and Gown Pick Up

May 18: Senior Ball 6:30–11:00 pm at KI Center

May 30: Graduation Practice 9:00am

May 30: Graduation Ceremony 7:00 pm

May 30: Grad Bash from 10:00 pm – 2:00 am in gym

HS Drug Testing Policy

Please [click here](#) to view the high school Drug Testing Policy.

Dress Code Reminder

Please read the dress code reminder from our handbook:

While fashion changes, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process, is deemed as inappropriate or provocative or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Our dress code also specifically states:

- Obscene, profane, alcohol, tobacco, drug-related, gang-related, inflammatory messages or innuendoes are not allowed.
- Students are not to wear coats during the school day.
- Backpacks and shoulder bags are not allowed during the school day.
- The following styles of dress are not acceptable for students: strapless tops, shirts with an open back, under clothing that is visible, an excessive amount of skin showing and any other item in which the stomach/belly is visible.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.

2023-2024 Finals Schedule for high school

Please [click here](#) to view the 2023-24 high school Finals Schedule for Semester 1 and 2.

Attention upcoming Sophomores & Juniors (2024-2025) in Spanish I, II, and III

Spanish I, II, and III students who will be sophomores through juniors next school year are invited to join us on an upcoming educational travel experience abroad! We are thrilled to inform you that our school is organizing an exciting trip for our students, offering them valuable educational and experiential opportunities.

We will be holding informational meetings to discuss this experience. At the meeting, the itinerary, activities, dates, academic opportunities, and cost will be covered. The next meeting is Thursday, November 2nd at 6pm in the social studies lab. **The meeting is for students and families who will be sophomores through juniors next year and are in Spanish 1,2, and 3.**

It is mandatory to register for the meeting. Find the details of this trip below.

Costa Rica and Panama

Group Leader: Ms. Huebner

RSVP & more meeting details: bit.ly/3M9TqoF

There are limited spots on this trip, so we would love to see you at one of these meetings to learn more! If you have questions, please ask one of the teachers in the World Language Department.

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. 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.

[Anxiety.pdf](#)

[Spanish Version:pdf](#)



Drivers Education Information

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.

Winter classroom session beginning on Monday November 13, 2023 ends on Monday December 18th

Monday - Thursday November 13th - 16th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday November 27th - 30th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday December 4th - 7th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday December 11th - 14th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday December 18th - Makeup Date

Winter classroom session beginning on Monday January 22nd 2024 ends on Thursday February 15th 2024

Monday - Thursday January 22nd - 25th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday January 29th - February 1st 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday February 5th - 8th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday February 12th -14th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Thursday February 15th - Makeup Date

Spring classroom session beginning on Monday March 18th Ends Thursday April 18th

Monday - Thursday March 18th - 21st 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Tuesday - Thursday April 2nd - 4th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday April 8th - 11th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday April 15th - 18th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Friday - April 19th - Makeup Date 3:30 - 5:30 Community Room

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.

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

Veterans Day Program- November 10

The DPHS DREAM Team is going to be holding a Veterans Day program on Friday, November 10th. They are looking for pictures of your relatives who have served, or who are currently serving in the military. Please label the pictures with the following:

- the Veteran's name
- your student's name
- their relationship to the student
- where and when they served

These pictures will be used as part of a slide show during the presentation and will be returned to you after they are scanned in for the slide show. Please email any pictures you have to Mr. Andy Steger at asteger@depere.k12.wi.us or send them to school with your student **by November 6th.**

We are also looking to have local veterans come in and be a part of our program, so please have them contact Mr. Steger at the above email address. The program will take place from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm

Redbird Productions Presents: "9 to 5" The Musical!

Mark your calendars, the Redbird Productions Presents: "9 to 5" The Musical! Need a break from your typical '9-5'? Redbird Productions proudly presents "9 to 5" The Musical! Based on the popular 1980's classic starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton, and Dabney Coleman, this comedic country rock will have you laughing and dancing.

Take a trip back with us to 1979! Before the time of computers & cell phones, a gallon of gas cost you .86c, and there were no such things as office assistants - just secretaries! When three women find themselves working under the same hypocritical, egotistical, bigot of a boss, they all dream up their wildest fantasies to get rid of him! Join these unlikely friends, driven to their breaking point, on their hilarious, and accidental quest of kidnapping the boss and taking over the office! These women quickly learn there isn't much they can't do - even in a man's world. But can they get away with it in the end?

Escape your '9-5' and join us November 16th, 17th, and 18th at 7:00pm in the DPHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students/senior citizens, and free for kids under 4. **Please note this is a PG-13 show.** Tickets are available with reserved seating online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/75772>. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

Parent Club

We will be hosting a dinner for our High School teachers and staff during Parent/Teacher conference night on **Thursday, October 26th**. Please see the Sign Up Genius link below for food, drink, and volunteer opportunities. We are also accepting Venmo donations that will go towards the cost of the main dishes provided by the Parent Club. Venmo @DePereSchoolDistrict and specify "HS Parent Club". [Teacher Conference Dinner Sign Up Genius](#)

One of our biggest events of the year takes place on Graduation night. **Grad Bash** is held at the High School and provides a place for the new graduates to socialize, play games, and win prizes. **Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00pm in the HS library** will be our first Grad Bash informational meeting. While Senior parents typically help plan this event, all parents are welcome to help!

The **Masquerade Dance** is coming up on **Saturday, November 11 from 7pm-10 pm** in the High School Gym. The Parent Club is **looking for adult volunteers from 6:45pm to 10:15pm to run the dance coat check**. It's a fun and easy way to connect with fellow parents at De Pere High School and see all the fun and creative costumes the kids come up with as they enter and head for the dance. If you can spare a few hours, sign up here: [Masquerade Dance Coat Check Sign Up Genius](#)

De Pere High School Parent Club Needs Volunteers for our MAIN fundraiser of the year. The Redbird Holly Craft Faire, which takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is from 9am-3pm at the High School. The money raised funds the events sponsored by the parent club: Homecoming, Staff Appreciation meals, as well as Grad Bash and Post Prom. This event would not be possible without many volunteers, so please consider helping. Thank you in advance for making the Holly Craft Faire a success! [Holly Craft Faire Sign Up Genius](#)

The Parent Club dates for the 2023-24 school year are:

November: Wednesday 11/8

December: Tuesday 12/5

January: Tuesday 1/2

February: Tuesday 2/6 (2nd floor Community Room)

March: Tuesday 3/5

April: Wednesday 4/3

May: Tuesday 5/7

June: Tuesday 6/4

We meet monthly at 6:00pm in the High School library (unless noted). Please follow our Facebook page (DPHS Parent Club) for updates. Email dphspc@gmail.com for more information.

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING HOME VARSITY AND WIAA POSTSEASON EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 26	WIAA Boys Soccer Sectional Semifinal vs Green Bay Preble, 7:00PM @ Cloud Field. Purchase digital tickets here .
Friday, Oct. 27	WIAA Football Level 2 Playoff Game at Fond du Lac, 7:00PM Purchase digital tickets here .
Saturday, Oct. 28	WIAA State Cross Country @ Ridges GC, Wisconsin Rapids Boys race - 1:10pm. Girls race - 3:05pm Purchase digital tickets here .

Football Level 2 Playoff Game, 7pm Friday at Fond du Lac

Please read this [Spectator Guide](#) for information about how to purchase digital tickets, parking map, fan entrances, and allowed carry-in items.

Congratulations Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams - State Qualifiers!

The Redbirds are headed to the WIAA State Meet on Saturday, Oct. 28, at The Ridges Golf Course, Wisconsin Rapids. The boys and girls both placed 2nd at last weekend's Sectional meet. In addition, De Pere sophomores Grady L. and Bella H. won their respective individual sectional races.

This is the 6th time in the past eight years that the girls team has advanced to State, and the 9th time overall for the boys team. Good luck Redbirds!



Boys Soccer - WIAA Regional Champions!

The Redbirds claimed a Regional title last weekend and will play Green Bay Preble at 7:00 tonight in a sectional semifinal game at Cloud Field. The winner will advance to the sectional final at 4:00pm Saturday, at Kaukauna HS.



Congratulations Girls Tennis Doubles Team – 3rd at State!

De Pere's No. 1 doubles team of sophomore Ana C. and freshman Lillianna G. placed third at the WIAA Division 1 state tournament in Madison on Oct. 14. They compiled a 24-3 record this season.



L To R: Coach Dave Reinardy, Lillianna G., Ana C., and coach Scott Harpt

WIAA State Tournament Tickets - Purchase Online

All tickets to WIAA State competitions must be purchased online. There will be no cash sales at the tournaments. All tickets must be redeemed on a mobile device.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

All-Conference Honors

Congratulations to the following Redbirds who earned all-Fox River Classic Conference recognition this fall.

Volleyball - Braylin B. and Hailey J., 2nd team; Taylor C. and Jenna P., honorable mention.

Girls Cross Country - Bella H. and Jessica R., 1st team; Hope D, 2nd team; Katherine P., 3rd team.

Boys Cross Country - Grady L., Casey T., and Chase D., 1st team; Noah Z., 2nd team; Ryan B. and Malachi O., third team. Runner of the Year - Grady L.

Football - Offense - Hayden M., 1st team; Easton A., Grant G. and Mason S., 2nd team; Lucas K. and Noah F., honorable mention.

Football - Defense - Derrick B., 1st team; Brock O. and Carter K., 2nd team; Lucas K. and Ryan W., honorable mention.

Girls Tennis - Ana C./Lillianna G., 1st team #1 doubles; Emma C./Annie K., honorable mention #2 doubles; Amara L./Grace M., honorable mention #3 doubles; Sophia T., 2nd team #3 singles; Avanti B., honorable mention #4 singles.

Boys Soccer - Brayden C., James D. and Riley N., 1st team; Jameson J. and Charlie T., 2nd team; Aiden C., Owen F., and Madden S., honorable mention. Player of the Year: James D.

Redbird Parkas for Sale

Redbird parkas have been a frequently requested item over the years. Team Apparel is offering an option to purchase at this [link](#). Sizes include S, M, Large, XL and 2XL.

Fox River Classic Conference Website

The FRCC has a new [website](#)! Check it out for the conference calendar; the latest news; each sport's rosters, standings and statistics; livestream links; historical results; and more!

Packers Seek Nominations for High School Coach of the Week Program

The Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the Week Program, presented by Buffalo Wild Wings, is now underway and the team is currently accepting nominations from high schools across the state.

The program recognizes one outstanding Wisconsin high school coach on a weekly basis during the 2023 football season. Each honoree will be awarded several items and privileges, including a \$2,000 donation to the school's football program from the Green Bay Packers, Buffalo Wild Wings and the NFL.

In addition to the donation, the winning coach will receive recognition on Packers.com, WisSports.net and Wifca.org, and will be mentioned in the Packers Gameday program.

The Packers are seeking coaches to be nominated regardless of their teams' on-field performance. Rather, the nominee could be honored for how they have turned programs around, how the team has impacted the community or how the coach impacts the players and their families.

At the end of the season, one coach is named the WFCB/Green Bay Packers High School Football Coach of the Year, selected by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association, and is given a \$4,000 donation for his or her football program. The coach of the year will also be recognized at Lambeau Field during the Packers-Buccaneers game on December 17.

Nominations can be submitted by 10 a.m. every Monday to Ryan Fencil, Packers football outreach manager, at coachoftheweek@packers.com. All nominations should include the nominee's name, address, school, phone number and reason he/she is deserving of the award.

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 DIGITAL TICKETING PARTNER
for athletics season passes and individual home game tickets
Click on the GoFan logo above to purchase.

View a [GoFan How To guide](#) with short videos and screenshots about:

- How to Buy Tickets

- How to Use Tickets
- How to Retrieve My Ticket
- How to Access and Share Tickets

[Frequently Asked Questions about Digital Ticketing at De Pere HS](#)

Adult single-game general admission tickets are \$5. Student digital tickets are \$3. Seniors citizens (62+) continue to receive free admission at DPHS events.

Cash Option: If purchasing tickets with cash, cost is \$6 adults, \$4 students.

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 2023-24 school year. The following letter includes coverage types and costs.

[Insurance Details](#)

[Student Assurance Services Flyer](#)

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Health and Safety Educational Event-

The City of De Pere Police Department is teaming up with Crime Stoppers, City of De Pere Health Department, St. Norbert College, and Bellin for a Community Health and Safety Educational Event. This event will be held on **October 26 6:00pm-8:30pm at the Bemis Conference Center** on the St. Norbert College Campus. If you wish to attend, please [click here](#) to view the informational flyer and learn how to register.

NWTC Preview Days

NWTC is hosting Preview Days in October and November for various careers. If you are interested, please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

Upcoming Flu Clinic- De Pere Health Department

The De Pere Health Department is holding a flu clinic on November 14th at the De Pere Community Center from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Flu vaccines are FREE for kids 6 months – 18 years. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

Fox River Classic Youth Football

Fox River Classic Youth Football registration for 2024 Spring football is scheduled to open **October 15th**. FRC now also offers a Girls Only Flag Football League that exceeded expectations this Fall season and we expect to only grow for 2024! Please [click here](#) to view their website and click below to view the flyers.

[Fox River Classic League](#)

[Fox River Classic League- Girls Only](#)

Holly Craft Faire

The Holly Craft Faire is Saturday, November 25 from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm at the high school.

Since 1980, the Holly Craft Faire has been held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving at De Pere High School located at 1700 Chicago St., De Pere. We showcase over 200 booths of juried vendors presenting unique handmade items including painting, pottery, photography, woodworking, ornaments, iron garden designs, jewelry, handmade mittens, and much MUCH more. We are the largest craft faire of this type in the area! All vendors personally hand make all products for sale in their booths, hence why we are a jury show.

The Holly Craft Fair is the biggest fundraiser sponsored by The De Pere High School Parent Club which helps provide funds for student events like Homecoming, coat check for high school dances, staff appreciation luncheon, as well as Grad Bash. Many high school organizations and students also come together to help out with this event.

We open our doors at 9:00am for shoppers and the event goes until 3:00pm. \$4.00 donation is collected at the door. We do **not** allow strollers. Here is a [flyer](#) for the event.

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

@unifiedschoolstoddepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!