



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - November 9, 2023

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### November

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
<b>Wed 11/22 - Fri 11/24</b>	<b>No School</b>
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
Fri 12/15	Student Directed One Act Festival at 7:00pm in the Auditorium
<b>Mon 12/25-Mon Jan 01</b>	Winter Break- <b>No School</b>

#### January

Sat 01/06	Show Choir Day Camp & Performance
Sat 01/06	Redbird Re-Dress Semi & Formal Dress Consignment Sale 10am-3pm (Sponsored by Parent Club)

### 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

#### **SENIORS:**

Less than a month to submit your senior photos to the yearbook! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Senior photos are due by December 1st**. If you want to purchase a Grad Gram/Ad to highlight or congratulate your favorite senior(s), those are due December 1st as well. Click [HERE](#) to submit your senior photos, purchase an ad space, or purchase a yearbook.

#### Yearbooks:

Yearbooks are still for sale online. Ordering early is your only way to guarantee a copy of the yearbook for you or your student. Order online at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com). Our school code is 14802. Or click [HERE](#).

### **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 incoming Freshmen through Juniors (2024-2025) in Spanish I, II, and III**

**Spanish I, II, and III students who will be freshmen 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 will be held in January. The meeting is for students and families who will be freshmen 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](https://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.

### **8th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Service Project**

In collaboration with the district school social workers, the food classes at De Pere High School will be preparing full Thanksgiving meals for families in our district who have stumbled on hard times. This year we are proud to prepare Thanksgiving meals for 20 families. Families are able to customize their meal and receive dinner rolls, mashed potatoes, two traditional sides, ham or turkey, fruit salad, and a dessert as part of this project.

If you wish to donate, **please drop off your contribution at your child's school by Friday, November 10th.**

**Please make checks payable to De Pere High School.** Any excess donations will be given in the form of gift cards to help with food over Winter and/or Spring Break. For more information, please [click here](#).

### **Youth Apprenticeship**

Parents of current Juniors and Seniors-

Does your student have a job? Is it in a field that they are interested in pursuing after high school? Is your student looking for a job?

De Pere High School offers Work-Based Experiential Learning Experiences like job-shadowing, internships, supervised paid employment, and apprenticeships. These opportunities allow students to earn valuable knowledge

and skills outside of the high school classrooms while taking related coursework inside of the classrooms. Our youth apprenticeship program is conducted and managed in partnership with the CESA 7 and the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce. Students can earn school elective credits, along with certifications from the Department of Workforce Development. Mrs. Corey Wollin is the Youth Apprenticeship Coach serving DPHS.

If your student would like more information about Youth Apprenticeship, please have them email Mrs. Wollin at [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us)

Senior Guin was our Student of the Month for October!

Mrs. Corey Wollin  
School-Based Youth Apprenticeship Coach  
De Pere HS/West De Pere HS  
920.619.3013 (Cell Phone with Texting)

### **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.



[Self-Care.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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

The **Masquerade Dance** is coming up on **Saturday, November 11 from 7-10 pm** in the High School Gym. The Parent Club is looking for adult volunteers from 6:45 to 10:15 pm 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 first **Post Prom planning meeting** will be on **Tuesday, November 14th at 6 pm** in the High School library. This event is sponsored by the Parent Club, but needs help from parents to make it successful. You do not have to be the parent of a Junior to help!

The next **Grad Bash planning meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, December 13th at 6 pm** in the High School Library.

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 pm in the High School library (unless noted).** Please follow our Facebook page (DPHS Parent Club) for updates. Email [dphspsc@gmail.com](mailto:dphspsc@gmail.com) for more information.

### **De Pere Band Boosters**

It's never too early to get your Holiday Shopping done! Take advantage of [De Pere Band Boosters Holiday Shoppe](#). We offer Uncle Mike's Kringle coupons, bags of coffee from Luna Coffee Roasters, and PDQ car washes. All of your purchases benefit your favorite De Pere band students, thank you! **Sales will run from 11/6-11/19.**

### **Show Choir Day Camp January 6th!**

Did you know that the award winning Jam Session Show Choir and Chicago Street Show Choir students host a show choir day camp for grades 2-8? Do you know of anyone who might want to attend? [HERE](#) is all the information that you need plus the [LINK](#) to register a camper!

## **NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS**

### **UPCOMING HOME VARSITY and WIAA POSTSEASON EVENTS**

Saturday, Nov. 11      WIAA State Girls Swim Meet, 2:30PM @ Waukesha South HS  
Purchase digital tickets [here](#).



### **WIAA State Girls Swimming - Saturday November 11**

Congratulations to senior Grace D. and junior Carly L. who have advanced to the WIAA State Swim Meet in multiple events! Carly won both the 50-yard freestyle and 100 butterfly at the Sectional meet. Her time of 54.96 seconds in the butterfly makes her the No. 1 seed at State! Grace and Carly will compete on the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays as well. Izzi Z. is an alternate on the medley relay. The meet begins at 2:30pm Saturday at Waukesha South High School. The girls swim team is a co-op program with De Pere and West De Pere high schools.

At the Fox River Classic Conference meet on Oct. 28, Grace (100 backstroke) and Carly (50 free & 100 fly) won titles and received 1st team all-conference recognition. Carly set new FRCC records in her two victories. The 200 medley and 200 free relay teams also earned 2nd team all-FRCC honors. Grace and Carly competed on both relays, while Izzi swam on the 200 free relay. Grace received 3rd team honors for the 200 individual medley.

### **Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams Record Best-Ever Finishes at State!**

On Oct. 28, the De Pere cross country squads achieved their highest team placements at the WIAA State Meet in school history. The boys finished 7th out of 20 schools, while the girls took 8th. Sophomore Grady L. placed third in the Division 1 boys race with a time of 15 minutes, 17 seconds. That was 30 seconds faster than his time as a freshman, when he took seventh. The girls team was led by senior Hope D., who came in 30th at 19:30.

### **Boys Soccer Advances to State for 3rd Time in 4 Years**

The Redbirds competed Nov. 3 in a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal, falling to Brookfield East 4-0 to finish their season 17-4-4 overall. De Pere advanced to State in thrilling fashion, defeating Hudson 4-2 in penalty kicks to claim a Sectional championship on Oct. 28. The team's 17 victories was the most in a season since 2010.

### **Ben Strickland HS Coach of the Week Honors**

Varsity football coach Ben Strickland was named High School Coach of the Week on Nov. 2 as part of the Green Bay Packers recognition program. The Packers, along with Buffalo Wild Wings and the NFL Foundation, recognize one outstanding coach each week during the season. De Pere's football program received a \$2,000 donation as part of the award. Read more in this [press release](#).

### **Scholarship signings**

On November 8, six De Pere seniors signed national letters of intent to compete in their respective sports at the collegiate level.

- Easton A., baseball, Winona State University (NCAA Division II)
- Javin G., baseball, Valparaiso University (NCAA Div I)
- Claire B., women's basketball, University of Minnesota-Duluth (NCAA Div II)
- Will H., men's basketball, Northern Iowa (NCAA Div I)
- Grace D., women's swimming, UW-Green Bay (NCAA Division I)
- Kaylei A., women's soccer, Clarke University (NAIA)

Congratulations Redbirds and best wishes for your future college careers!



### **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!

### **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**

### **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.

### **Flu Clinic- De Pere Health Department**

The De Pere Health Department is holding a flu clinic on November 14<sup>th</sup> 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***

***@unifiedschoolstofdepere on Instagram***

***DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)***

***It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!***