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De Pere Middle School Newsletter

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November 16, 2023

Parent Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. 11/22 - Fri. 11/24	No School
Saturday 11/25	Redbird Holly Craft Show @ DPHS 9am - 3pm
Friday 12/1	Play Performance The Hobbit 7:00pm @ DPMS
Saturday 12/2	Play Performance The Hobbit 2:00pm & 7:00pm
Sunday 12/3	Play Performance The Hobbit 1:00pm

NEWS AND EVENTS



Brrr..It's cold outside

As hard as it is to get a middle schooler to put on a coat, this is just a friendly reminder that the bell to enter our building in the morning is at 7:38 (Breakfast doors open at 7:25). Students will be allowed indoors when the temperature or wind chill is -10 or below.

Student Involvement

Student involvement in various extracurricular activities has been shown to positively impact academic growth and overall development. We are proud to share that 437 students were/are involved in a fall school activity.

Cell Phones

We are hearing about an influx of new apps being used on student's cell phones that may not be appropriate for middle school students. We encourage you to talk with your child about cell phone safety and proper use. This [website](#) is a great resource for parents.

the HOBBIT

Friday, Dec 1st @ 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec 2nd @ 2pm and 7pm
Sunday, Dec 3rd @ 1pm



SCAN CODE FOR \$5
ADVANCED TICKETS
(Also available for purchase at the door)

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based on the classic by J.R.R. Tolkien

Take a Trip to Middle Earth!

This year's DPMS Theater Fall Play is "The Hobbit". This story follows the journey of Bilbo, a small type of human known as a hobbit, who enjoys a quiet and peaceful existence. That all changes when a wizard named Gandalf pulls him into an adventure with a company of 13 Dwarves. Soon, Bilbo is trying to outsmart trolls, escape goblins, solve riddles, and ultimately, burgle gold from a powerful dragon! Will Bilbo help the Dwarves reclaim their treasure, or will the quest end in fire? We hope you enjoy this staging of J.R.R. Tolkien's classic children's story!

Nearly 70 students have been involved in this production, from acting, to painting sets, to applying makeup, and more! It truly has taken a village to put this show on stage. Now, we just need a great audience!

The showtimes are 7pm on Friday, December 1st, 2pm and 7pm on Saturday, December 2nd, and 1pm on Sunday, December 3rd. Tickets are on sale now and cost \$5. They can be purchased through showtix4u.com/events/DPMSTheater. Advance purchases are recommended, but tickets will also be available at the door. There will also be special themed raffle baskets to win and concessions.

Runtime is approximately 120 minutes and will be presented with a 15 minute intermission.

Thank you for supporting DPMS Theater!

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Hello USDD Families!

The holidays are rapidly approaching and we have an opportunity to help struggling families in our community in a BIG way. We can brighten the holidays for their children by supporting the De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store through donations of new items and/or by volunteering for the Christmas Store. The Christmas Store will take place on Tuesday, Dec 5th and Wednesday, Dec 6th at the First United Presbyterian Church at 605 N. Webster Ave, De Pere. We are collecting new items in the main office of each district building, at the district office, or you may bring them directly to First United Presbyterian Church. The deadline to turn in gifts is November 28th. We would like to have the bulk of the donations by this date, however, we feel we will need every donation possible this year so gifts will be graciously accepted beyond this date. Please share this list or idea of collecting donations for this purpose with your family, school groups, neighbors, etc. We will need the help of the entire community to make the holidays brighter for struggling families this holiday season!

If money is tight and you are not able to help with a gift donation, we understand and want to provide another opportunity for giving. We are in need of many volunteers to run our Christmas Store and the slots are not filling as fast as they have in previous years. Thank

you for considering helping in this way also, if you are able. The volunteer links are below for your thoughtful consideration. Thank you again for all of your support! We wish you and your family a beautiful holiday season!

**Michelle Dahlke & Melanie Brick
De Pere School District Social Workers**

RaiseRight

- Are you looking for an easy way to support our school? [RaiseRight](#) is an easy platform to purchase gift cards in which a percentage of the purchase goes directly to our parent teacher organization. Simply sign up, use the code [GTVA1JTZYR31](#), and start shopping. At this time, only the gift cards or ship to home option is available for our school.

Attendance:

If your child needs to miss school or leave early for an appointment, please contact our attendance line at 983-9174 ext. 2111 or email Jen Engel at jengel@depere.k12.wi.us

Archery

Interested in joining archery? There will be sign up and orientation on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 for 7th and 8th grade students in the middle school gym.

Middle School Office Hours

7:30am - 4:00pm, Monday - Friday

Middle School Fees

Middle School Fees are posted on the parent portal and were due September 16. The athletic fee for the year is on the parent portal, there is a drop down menu under fees to add the athletic fee to your student account then you can pay it.

Lunch Menu

November Lunch [Menu](#)

School Nutrition Team - Now Hiring

Now Hiring PT & Sub positions, see the [attached](#) for more information.

School Nutrition

A school breakfast includes three meal components including fresh fruit and milk. The cost is \$2.00. Breakfast begins at 7:25 am. Enter through door 25 or the main entrance.

School lunch meals include an entree, three healthy sides that include fresh fruits, vegetables, and milk. The cost is \$3.50. Additional items are purchased from Ala Carte. These purchases can be made with the student account. Ala Carte purchases will not be allowed on a negative account. Refer to the District's School Nutrition web page for more information on pricing. Please [click here to view flyer](#) from School Nutrition.

Free and Reduced

**If you think you are eligible for Free and Reduced priced meals it is required that a new application be completed each school year. Eligibility for last school year ends Oct. 13th, 2023. If you have not received notice that you have been qualified for free/reduced meals either through Direct Certification or through

an application for the 23-24 SY it is suggested that you fill out an application. Your eligibility status may qualify you for other benefits and school fees to be waived for this school year and next. Questions concerning Free and Reduced eligibility? Contact - Renee Brandenburg 920-983-9174 x. 2300

Yearbook Ordering

Information coming soon.



NEW DIGITAL TICKETING PARTNER
for athletics season passes and individual
High School 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](#)

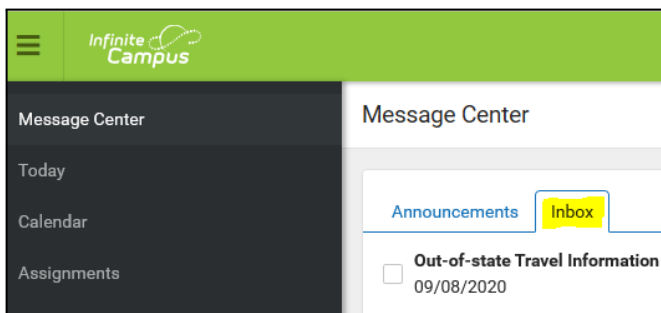
Adult single-game general admission tickets are \$5. Student digital tickets are \$3. Seniors citizens (62+) continue to receive free admission at DPHS events.

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

Parent Portal and Messenger Emails



Email is the primary method of communication we use to get information to families, so please **check your email and Parent Portal often, and keep your contact information current.** When you first log into the Portal, the Message Center is open. There are current announcements displayed on the Announcements tab, and a history of Messenger emails received in your Inbox tab. So if you delete a Messenger email from your personal email inbox, you can still access it in your Portal Inbox.



For help installing the Campus Parent App:
[How to install the Campus Parent App](#)

Care Solace for Mental Health Care Coordination Services

The Unified School District of De Pere has selected Care Solace to expand access to mental health and substance use treatment providers for students, staff, their families, and community members. Partnership provides an added layer of support to connect students, staff and families to mental health and substance use treatment providers. Please click [here](#) for more information.

IN THE COMMUNITY...

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.

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.

De Pere Vocal Music Show Choir Day Camp

See the attached [flyer](#) with more information about the Show Choir Day Camp on January 6th. Registration opens November 1st.

Definitely De Pere - Annual Holly Day Event

Annual Holly Day Event, Saturday, December 2, 12-4pm. See the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

Town of Ledgeview - Puzzlepalooza

See the attached [flyer](#) for information on the Puzzlepalooza being held on December 28th at the Ledgeview Community Center.

Burn Boot Camp

See the attached [flyer](#) with more information about Burn Boot Camp opening soon in Green Bay.

Youth Cross Country Ski program www.baynordic.org

Bay Nordic Youth Program, Our successful youth program is open to 3 to 12 year olds. This program introduces the youth to the joy of winter with Nordic skiing. Kids will meet for 6 Saturday sessions [flyer](#)

Fox River Classic Youth Football

Fox River Classic Youth Football registration for 2024 Spring football is scheduled to open October 15th. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

FRC now also offers a Girls Only Flag Football League that exceeded expectations this Fall season and we expect to only grow for 2024! Click [here](#) to view the flyer for Girls Only Flag.

Barbie Movie Night

Barbie Movie Night, November 17, at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. See the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

Green Bay Figure Skating Club Open Skate

November 17 at De Pere Ice Arena. See the attached [flyer](#) for information.

Green Bay Figure Skating Club Learn To Skate

Registration is now open for the next learn to skate session. See the attached [flyer](#) for information.

Check Us Out on Social Media!

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



@depereschools on Facebook

@DePereMS and @USDD on Twitter

@unifiedschoolstofdeperere on Instagram

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!