



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - February 29, 2024

### UPCOMING DATES

#### February

Thur 02/29 Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance at 7:00pm

#### March

Fri 03/01-Sat 03/02 Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance at 7:00pm

Tues 03/12 Junior ACT Testing **ONLY Grade 11 Attend at High School**

Tues 03/19 **ONLY Grades 9 & 10 Testing** - PreACT Secure

Tues 03/19 **Grades 11 & 12- 3 Hour Late Start- [Use this Schedule](#)**

Fri 03/22 Last Day of 3rd Qtr

**Mon 03/25-Mon 04/01 Spring Break- NO SCHOOL**

Sat 04/06 Show Choir ShowCase- Free Event- 7:00pm in Auditorium

Mon 04/08 -Tues 04/09 FBLA State Leadership Conference (April 8 & 9)

Fri 04/19 & Sat 04/20 State Speech Festival at UW Madison (April 19&20)

**Fri 04/26 NO SCHOOL**

Sat 04/27 Junior Prom 8:30pm-11:30pm  
Post Prom Party 11:30pm-3:00am (Sponsored by Parents Club)

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### **Graduation Date Change**

Due to a number of conflicts for our senior students on Thursday, May 30th, we have **decided to move** our **Senior Graduation Ceremony to Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00** on Nowak Family Field. The senior Grad Bash celebration that was scheduled for 10:00 pm - 3:00 am following graduation has also been moved to accommodate this change. As a result, both the Senior Graduation Ceremony and Grad Bash **will now be held on Wednesday, May 29th.**

This decision was made after receiving input from students, families, staff, and administrators. No other changes have been made to our senior celebrations. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Roger Allen - Principal

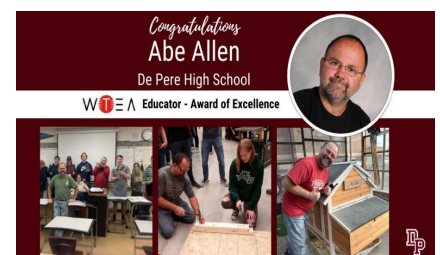
#### **National Merit Finalists**

All four De Pere High School National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists have moved on to Finalist status. The mission of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is to recognize and honor the academically talented students of the United States. NMSC accomplishes its mission by conducting nationwide academic scholarship programs.

The students are; Jessica R, Evan M, Riley T, and Ian M. Congratulations and good luck in the future!

#### **Congratulations Abe Allen**

De Pere High School teacher Abe Allen was awarded the WTEA (Wisconsin Technology Education Association) Educator Award of Excellence. Great job Abe!



### **Congratulations to Jam Session!**

Congrats to Jam Session Show Choir, Show Band, and Stage Crew on their success at the Marion Masquerade Show Choir Competition in Marion, IA.. Jam Session competed against teams twice their size and yet pulled off an incredible 2nd overall placement. Less than a handful of points separated Jam Session and the Grand Champion winner.

Thank you to Senior Kyara Z. for your leadership for our Crew. Thank you Senior Florian B, our "yep" man, for your consistent performance. Senior Brenna B. lit up the front of the stage with her performance. And a special shout out to Seniors Blake S. and Carter P. who had never done show choir before this year, but have upped their performance every competition.

Jam Session and Chicago Street Singers show choirs compete for the last time in two weeks at Green Bay Southwest.

### **Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance**

Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance of Jack the Ripper- Monster of Whitechapel is Thursday February 29 through Saturday March 2 with all shows at 7:00pm. Come see the show! [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

### **Parking Issues**

All students with a parking pass are reminded they must park in their assigned parking spot, if you are found to be in someone else's spot you will be ticketed. If you arrive and someone is in your spot, take a picture or write down the license plate information, park in 'Visitor' parking, in the front row, and see Ms. LeaAnn Allen in the office. She will take the license plate information and have you sign in as a visitor for the day and the vehicle parked in your spot will be ticketed. Pay attention to where you're parking and how you park, you must be between the parking lines.

**Any student, with or without a parking pass, found parking in the Visitor parking area and not registered in the office will also be ticketed.**

### **Emergency/School Closing**

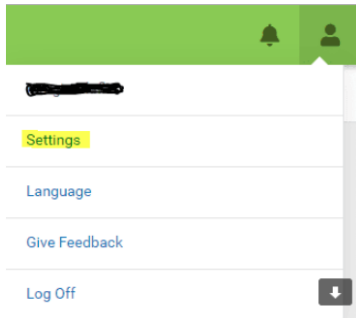
If you need to sign up to receive Emergency/School Closing text messages, here are the instructions;

#### **HOW TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY/SCHOOL CLOSING TEXT MESSAGES**

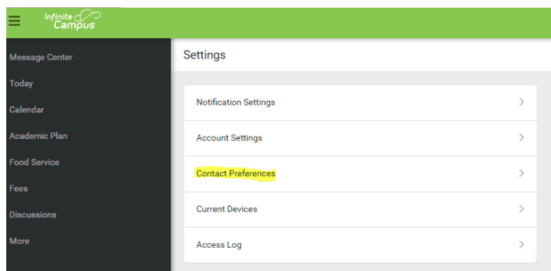
**Login to Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Campus Parent) (District website > Parents > Parent Portal)**

<https://depere.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/depere.jsp>

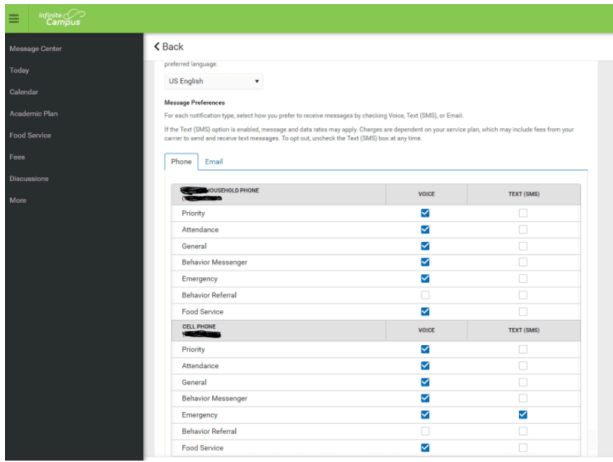
Once logged in, click the person icon in the upper right corner and select Settings:



Click Contact Preferences:



Ensure that under cellphone, in the Text (SMS) column, under emergency that you have the check box marked. **Click Save.**



If Text (SMS) option is enabled, message and data rates may apply. Charges are dependent on your service plan which may include fees from your carrier to send and receive these text (SMS) messages. To opt out, uncheck the text (SMS) box anytime.

You must click Save in order for preference changes to be updated.

- From your cell phone, text START to 91201.
- You will receive a text back. Reply YES to confirm.
- To Add Or Update A Phone Number
- In IC Portal, on the left side menu click More
- Open Family Information
- Click Update and change any information, click Update at the bottom to process the change

Please be aware that requested changes will not appear immediately. You will receive an approval notice at the time the updates have been made to your account.

TO UNSUBSCRIBE from text (SMS) messaging

- Text STOP to 91201

[Terms and Privacy Policy settings can be found here](#)

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED ON THE FOLLOWING TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS

Radio Stations	Television Stations
95.9 FM - WKSZ	Ch. 2 - WBAY
98.5 FM - WQLH	Ch. 5 - WFRV
100.3 FM - WNCY	Ch. 11 - WLUK
101.1 FM - WIXX	Ch. 26 - WGBA
105.7 FM - WAPL	
107.5 FM - WDUZ	
1360 AM - WTAQ	
1440 AM - WNFL	

### **Kleenex/Tissue donations needed**

The High School is **asking for donations of large Kleenex/Facial Tissue boxes**. If you wish to donate, please have your student bring in one or as many large boxes you are able to donate to the main office during office hours. (6:45am - 3:45pm) Any donation is greatly appreciated.

## 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.



[Inclusivity.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.

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

Summer Classroom June session beginning on Wednesday June 5th Ends Tuesday June 25th

Wednesday - Friday June 5th - 7th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Friday June 10-14th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Friday June 17th - 21st 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Tuesday June 24th - 25th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Summer Classroom July session beginning on Wednesday July 10th Ends Tuesday July 30th

Wednesday - Friday July 10th - 12th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Tuesday - Friday July 16th - 19th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Friday July 22nd - 26th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Wednesday July 29th - 31st 12 - 2 pm 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.

**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**

### **FBLA Places 4th at 2024 Region 3 Leadership Conference**

On Saturday, February 3, 2024, 39 DPHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members competed at the 2024 FBLA Region 3 Leadership Conference in Suring, WI. The chapter competed against students from 24 other local schools in business and marketing related competitive events.

As a chapter, De Pere placed fourth in the Outstanding Chapter Award. Students that placed in the top three of their event will advance to the 2024 State Leadership Conference in Green Bay in April. Please [click here](#) to view a list of the students and their outstanding individual accomplishments. Congratulations to all students!

### **Parent Club**

Thank you to all the parents that helped with the dinner during Parent/Teacher conferences last week! They enjoyed a wonderful meal from Margarita's Restaurant, along with fruit, desserts, and drinks. We couldn't have done it without your support.

The **Grad Bash planning meeting** will be on **Tuesday, March 12th** at 6:00pm at Cocoon Brewery.

The **Post Prom planning meeting** will be on **Monday, March 11th** at 6:00pm at Graystone Alehouse.

**Parents of Juniors and Seniors** - You should have received an important Messenger email last month with information on Post Prom and Grad Bash. If you have any questions, or did not receive this Messenger from the school, please contact DPHS Parent club @ [dphspsc@gmail.com](mailto:dphspsc@gmail.com)

The Parent Club meets monthly at 6:00pm in the High School library. The meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year are:

**March:** Tuesday 3/5

**April:** Wednesday 4/3

**May:** Tuesday 5/7

**June:** Tuesday 6/4

Please follow our Facebook page (DPHS Parent Club) for updates. Email [dphspsc@gmail.com](mailto:dphspsc@gmail.com) for more information.

## **ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS**

### **Important Scholarship and FAFSA Resource Information**

**Seniors-** The Counseling Department is checking in to make sure you are all looking into scholarships if you plan on attending a four or two year college/university. There are several opportunities for you to consider, please see below:

1) Xello: Scholarships can be found by logging into your Xello account and clicking on the College Planning tab. Scholarships get posted as they come in, so keep checking them once a week. Both local and national scholarships are listed.

THE DEPERE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE FOUND UNDER THERE- this is used for several local scholarships where a high school committee works with local organizations to select students for their scholarships. Again, this simple application is used for several scholarships. Please attach your resume to it if you have one for your list of activities/work, etc and for the essay, you can use your college essay or use the essay prompt included. Here is the link for the community scholarship (due date is March 1, but turn into counseling sooner if you can) that will need to be printed: [De Pere Community Scholarship](#)

2) Your college or university- those scholarships are typically on the school's homepage under financial aid. Please start checking for these now as some have early deadlines.

3) You also may find scholarships through civic and religious groups, fraternal organizations, or your and/or your parent(s) place of employment.

4) Other good scholarship resources:

- [Fastweb](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [College Board Scholarship Search](#)

If you or your parents need help or have questions with financial aid, please reach out to your college financial aid office or here are other resources:

**Federal FAFSA FAQ Page:** <https://studentaid.gov/apply-foraid/fafsa/filling-out/help> Answers many questions students and families have about completing the FAFSA

**Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) Live chat, hotline, and email.**  
<https://studentaid.gov/helpcenter/contact#all-aid-fsaic> Phone: 1-800-433-3243

### **Is your student interested in a Trade? Sheet Metal, Electrical, Plumbing, Piping?**

Tweet Garot is hosting a FREE experience for high school students this summer to engage in real-life, hands-on experiences! Check out the link below as there is an application process. Let Mrs. Wollin at [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us) know if you have any questions.

<https://www.hmse.org/locations/locations/wrightstown.html>

### **Is your child interested in a healthcare career?**

Bellin College is providing an opportunity for you and your child to learn more about surgical careers, tour the campus, and talk with other healthcare professionals on Wednesday, March 20th, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Worried about supper? They have you covered as they understand how busy parents shuttle their children to different events. See the attached [flyer](#) for more details. Let Mrs. Wollin know at [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us) if you have any questions.

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

### **UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS**

Friday, March 1            WIAA Boys Basketball vs Green Bay Preble, 7:00PM. Purchase tickets [here](#).

Saturday, March 2        WIAA Boys Basketball vs Fond du Lac or Oconomowoc, 7:00PM  
[Tickets](#)

NOTE: **No passes** can be accepted for WIAA Tournament events, including season, conference and senior passes.

### **Bay Area Ice Bears at WIAA State Girls Hockey**

The Ice Bears will attempt to defend their state championship when the tournament starts today at Capitol Ice Arena, Middleton. Bay Area (21-5) faces River Falls (19-7) in a 7:30pm semifinal. DC Everest Co-op and Sun Prairie Co-op play in the other semifinal at 5:00pm. The winners will meet at 2:00pm Saturday in the title game.

All tickets are general admission and digital. Purchase tickets [here](#).

The semifinal games will be livestreamed on the WIAA.TV portal of the [NFHS network](#). The championship game will be televised live on WCWF in Green Bay/Fox Valley.

### **Congratulations State Wrestling Placemen**

Juniors **Mycah B.** and **Brooke C.** earned podium finishes in their respective weight classes at last weekend's WIAA state individual championships. Brooke (15-2) took second in the girls' 100-pound bracket, her third appearance in the final match. Mycah (41-8) placed fourth among Division 1 boys at 113 pounds.



## **All-Conference Honors**

Congratulations to the DPHS athletes who earned all-Fox River Classic Conference recognition in their respective winter sports.

**Boys Basketball:** **Will H.**, 1st team, all-defensive team, Defensive Player of the Year, and Player of the Year; **Zach K.**, 1st team & all-defensive team; **Pryce G.**, 1st team; **Roan D.**, 2nd team & all-defensive team; **Ben W.**, honorable mention. **Brian Winchester** was named Coach of the Year after guiding De Pere to the league title and 18-0 record for the second straight season.

**Girls Basketball:** **Claire B.**, 1st team; **Sophie H.**, 1st team; **Egan B.**, honorable mention; and **Jaden C.**, honorable team & all-defensive team.

**Wrestling:** **Mycah B.**, 1st team and co-Wrestler of the Year; **Olin N.**, 1st team; **Seth C.**, **Jack G.**, and **Diesel D.**, honorable mention. **Brooke C.** earned 1st team honors among girls wrestlers.

The complete all-conference selections can be viewed on the [FRCC website](#). Go to the Our History menu.

## **WIAA State Tournament Ticketing**

All tickets for state-level postseason contests must be purchased online. There will be no cash sales at the events. All tickets must be redeemed on a mobile device.

General admission tickets are on sale now at these links for the following State Tournaments:

[Girls Basketball](#)

[Boys Basketball](#)

[Hockey and Team Wrestling](#)

## **Spring Sports Start Dates**

Here's a list of the first day of practice for each spring sport:

- March 4 - Track and Field
- March 11 - Softball; Boys & Girls Lacrosse
- March 18 - Girls Soccer; Baseball
- March 25 - Boys Tennis; Boys Golf

Spring coaches will be in touch with athletes/parents about pre-season meetings, etc.

**Boys and Girls Lacrosse** - If you missed the recent player/parent meeting for De Pere Central Ghostbirds lacrosse, information is posted at [deperelax.com](http://deperelax.com). Registration is now open for spring 2024.

For more information, contact girls' head coach John Uhl at [johnuhlbuzz@yahoo.com](mailto:johnuhlbuzz@yahoo.com) or boys' head coach Charley Jacobs at [chasfjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:chasfjacobs@gmail.com).

## **Aurora BayCare Offers Student-Athlete Sports Physicals at DPHS**

On **Monday, April 15** and **Thursday, May 9**, Aurora BayCare Sports Medicine will offer comprehensive sports physical exams at De Pere High School for students currently in Grades 6-11. [Flyer](#)

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes, beginning at 5:30pm. Allow 30-40 minutes for the appointment. The appointment will include a full health screening by a physician or physician assistant, a vision exam, and evaluation for ACL injury risk. This physical will meet school and WIAA requirements for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. A parent or guardian must accompany the student, or sign a parent consent form.

Cost is \$25. All proceeds will be donated by Aurora to De Pere athletics.

To sign up your student-athlete for an appointment, contact DPHS athletics secretary Kerry Guyette at [kguyette@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:kguyette@depere.k12.wi.us) (preferred), or 920-983-9174, ext 4013.

## **Sideline Store Now Features Carhartt Apparel**

Brand new to Sideline Store - Carhartt hoodies, jackets and more.

Shop for Redbirds logo apparel [here](#).





### **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**

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

### **Coaching Vacancies**

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

### **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](#)

### **2024 DPHS Summer Sports Camps**

Please [click here](#) to view the information and form regarding the 2024 De Pere High Girls and Boys Summer Sports Camps.

## **DISTRICT EVENTS/NEWS**

### **Operational Referendum**

Please [click here](#) to view the information regarding the Operational Referendum with voting coming up on April 2, 2024.



## **CITY OF DE PERE NEWS**

### **City of De Pere No Idling Clean Air Initiative**

Please [click here](#) to view the flyer from the City of De Pere. The intent of the program is to educate parents and students about the emissions generated and impacts to children when cars are left to idle nearby schools.

***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!***