



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - March 14, 2024

UPCOMING DATES

March

Wed 03/13-Sun 03/17
Tues 03/19

Jersey Mike's Fundraiser- Proceeds support the Parent Club

ONLY Grades 9 & 10 Testing - PreACT Secure

Grades 11 & 12- 3 Hour Late Start- [Use this Schedule](#)

Make-up ACT day- Contact Ivy Jeskie if you missed ACT day on 03/12

Fri 03/22

Last Day of 3rd Qtr

Mon 03/25-Mon 04/01

Spring Break- NO SCHOOL

April

Fri 04/05

Show Choir ShowCase- Free Event- 7:00pm in Auditorium- Date in printed District Calendar is incorrect

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)

May

Thur 05/02-Sat 05/04

Redbird Productions Spring Play Performance at 7:00pm

Mon 05/06

Redbird Bands Spring Concert at 7:00pm

Thur 05/09

Redbird Jazz Band Spring Concert at 7:00pm

Thur 05/16

Redbird Vocal Music Spring Concert at 7:00pm

Sat 05/18

Senior Ball 6:30pm-11:00pm at KI Convention Center in Green Bay

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

Blood Drive- Donors needed

De Pere High School will be holding a Red Cross blood drive on **Wednesday, March 20th from 8 AM to 2 PM.** Giving blood saves 3 lives and is an easy way to give back to others with just an hour of your time! This is especially important since we are currently experiencing an emergency blood shortage.

If you are a parent or a student who would like to donate blood, please email pgajewski@depere.k12.wi.us with any questions or with a time that you are available to donate! All donors must be 16 or older and student donors must

bring a signed parent consent form to their donation which can be picked up in the main office. **We have many slots left to fill, so we would greatly appreciate your donation!**

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!

DPHS Show Choir ends their season with a Bang!

The Chicago Street Singers and Jam Session show choirs ended their competition season. Chicago Street Singers finished 8th overall and 2nd in their Division. Jam Session finished as Grand Champions, winning the entire event with a "clean sweep" of the following Caption Awards: Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Best Band. This is the 5th time this season the Show Band was awarded Best Band and the 2nd time this season the team earned a clean sweep as Grand Champions.

We would like to thank our Seniors from both teams for your heart, dedication, grit, and tenacity this season! Our show choirs will perform for the final time this season at a completely **FREE** event on **April 5th at 7pm** in the High School Auditorium. No tickets necessary, open to all!



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.

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.

Yearbooks- Time is running out

Time is running out to order yearbooks!! Online sales end **March 31st**. (over spring break!)

Order online at yearbookordercenter.com. School code is **14802**.

Want to order in school? **Cash or check only**. Yearbook is accepting physical yearbook orders at school now through May 1st. Make checks *payable to De Pere High School*. Pick up order forms in the high school main office or print them [HERE](#). Return orders to the main office by May 1st. Quantities are limited and processed in the order received. All pre-order sales end May 1st. Yearbook delivery information coming soon.

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.

[Tech Boundaries.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 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

Help the DPHS Parent Club celebrate the Grand Opening of Jersey Mike's subs in Bellevue! On Monday March 11th, each student received a coupon which can be used starting **Wednesday March 13 through Sunday March 17 only**. With a \$3 donation and the coupon, they will receive a delicious sub and show their Redbird Pride as the donation will be returned to DPHS to support the Parent Club. This will allow the Parent Club to continue funding great events including HOCO, Post Prom, Academic Awards, Grad Bash, and more. The Parent Club meets monthly at 6 pm in the High School library. The meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year are:

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 for more information.

Qdoba Fundraiser- Supporting Destination Imagination

Please stop at Qdoba (2450 E Mason St in Green Bay) on Tuesday March 19 from 4pm-8pm to support De Pere Schools Destination Imagination. [Click here for more information.](#)

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS

Manufacturing Hiring Event on April 25

There will be a Manufacturing Hiring Event on April 25 from 9:00am - 11:30am in the NWTC Cafeteria. Many companies will be attending this event, so please [click here to view flyer](#) for more information and links to the companies.

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 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 if you have any questions.

Upcoming Spring Hiring Event

Attention Sophomores and Juniors! Upcoming Spring Hiring Event sponsored by Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship. (NEWYA) If you are interested in positions starting in summer through the next school year, please attend on Wednesday, April 17th from 4pm - 7pm at Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay. Several local businesses will be in attendance, so come ready with a resume and dressed appropriately. See Mrs. Wollin with questions on this. [See flyer](#) for more information and click [here](#) to pre-register

Are you a part of a local business who would like to hire a student? Would you or your student like to learn more about Youth Apprenticeship?

Please contact Mrs. Corey Wollin at cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us with questions or for more information.

COLLEGE ACCESSIBILITY/DISABILITY SERVICES WEBINAR

UW HELP is proud to offer a College Accessibility/Disability Services webinar on April 10 at 4:30 PM. Expert guests from UW-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater will share information about available accessibility/disability services on

campus and strategies for a successful transition from high school to university life. Students, families, school counselors, and other academic professionals are encouraged to attend. Feel free to share with your students.

- **Wednesday, April 10 at 4:30-5:30 PM** - [Register Here](#)

https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G4-EtY1nR2e-gjwFnZshIA

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2	Girls Soccer vs Appleton West, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field
Thursday, April 4	Boys Lacrosse vs Pulaski, 7:00PM @ West De Pere HS
Monday, April 8	Track Quad vs Southwest, Notre Dame & Pulaski, 4:00PM

Bay Area Ice Bears - State Runners-Up

The girls hockey team advanced to the state championship game for the second straight year, but fell short of repeating with a 4-3 loss to the Central Wisconsin Storm. The Ice Bears finished with a 22-6 record. Junior Julianne B. received honorable mention honors on the GWHCA All-State Team.

Spring Sports Underway

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

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 (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](#)

DISTRICT EVENTS/NEWS

Operational Referendum

On Tuesday, April 2, (just 21 short days away!) District residents will vote on USDD's proposed \$4.75 million/5-year non-recurring Operational Referendum. Do you have the information you need to cast an informed vote?

- [3 Town Hall meetings are scheduled before April 2](#)
.Supt Thompson will deliver a brief presentation followed by Q & A. To date, 11 Town Hall meetings have been held in-person and virtually. Please try to join one of the remaining meetings if you have not already done so.
- Supt. Thompson and other administrators have also delivered the informational presentation to the Town of Rockland board, school PTO groups, booster clubs and local service clubs.
- An [informational brochure](#) was mailed to >11,000 residences in the District on March 4. The brochure contains key facts about what is proposed, why additional funding is needed and likely changes to the District's budget if the referendum is not approved.
- Today, the [Green Bay Press Gazette published an interview with Supt. Thompson](#) regarding the referendum. Not a subscriber? You can usually access several articles-- including this one-- for free during a month.
- [Operational Referendum FAQs](#)
on our website have been updated to include responses to questions we have received. You can continue to use the [Ask A Question button](#) on the webpage to submit additional questions. You are always welcome to contact socialmedia@depere.k12.wi.us with questions as well.

- The District's Spring Break is the week before the April 2 election. If you have questions about absentee voting, early voting, where to vote in-person, or if you need to register to vote visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> . This site has information for every community in our District.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Operational Referendum.

Measles Information

Given recent measles activity in the U.S., and with the upcoming spring break travel activity, public health experts are urging people to check their vaccination status to ensure that they are up to date. Prevention is key! Please know, as of February 29, 2024, there have been no new measles cases in Wisconsin.

If you are unsure of your vaccination status, please visit [Wisconsin Immunization Registry ... \[Immunization Record Search\] \(dhfswir.org\)](#) to review your vaccination record. Measles is a vaccine-preventable illness and very contagious.

Symptoms include:

- Fever of 101 F or higher
- Cold-like symptoms (coryza), cough, and pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- A generalized rash lasting three days or more
- Tiny red spots with bluish-white centers inside the mouth on the lining of the cheek (Koplik spots)

If you become symptomatic, especially after travel, put on a mask and immediately contact your healthcare provider. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

CITY OF DE PERE NEWS

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!