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De Pere Middle School Newsletter

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August 29th, 2024

Parent Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 11th, 2024 -

Open House - 3:30-5:30pm

September 24th, 2024 -

Picture Retake and Makeup Day - 8:00 am - 10:00 am

September 27th, 2024 -

NO SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!

NEWS AND EVENTS



Open House Night:

Mark your calendars! On **Wednesday, September 11, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**, we invite students and their families to an Open House. During that time, families can meet their children's teachers, see their children's classrooms, and attend breakout sessions. The sessions will provide insight into parenting adolescent children and the challenges that it brings. Topics for the sessions include:

- Tips to Help Parent a Middle School Student
- Online and Social Media Safety for Teens and Parents
- How to Navigate the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus and Google Classroom

The breakout sessions will be delivered multiple times throughout the event to ensure everyone has an opportunity to attend. I encourage all middle school families to join us at our Open House to strengthen the partnership between your homes and the De Pere Middle School staff. I look forward to seeing you on September 11. More information will be provided about the Open House in the near future.

Student of the Month Program:

Student of the Month Program - Donations Needed!

We are excited to recognize our outstanding Redbirds through the 2024-25 Student of the Month Program! Students from each house will be recognized monthly for the positive traits they model each day. To help celebrate them, we are seeking donations of \$10 gift cards to area businesses that can be used as rewards. Thank you for your consideration and support of our amazing students!

Second Step:

Our homeroom teachers utilize the Second Step curriculum to reinforce life skills during the middle school years. For more information about the Second Step program, please visit [this page](#).

Middle School Show Choir Workshop:

Are you interested in joining the De Pere Middle School Show Choir? Come join us for a workshop on September 18th at 3:15pm in the high school choir room (until 5:15 - have your parents pick you up in the parking lot behind the high school at door 10). This is for both new and returning students. We will discuss what it takes to be a Rockin' Redbird, introduce the directors and volunteers, demonstrate some show choir basics, take your questions and reveal our 24-25 set! Please fill out this form to register:

[HERE](#)

You can contact Kari Willmott kwillmott@depere.k12.wi.us or Jeanne McKenna jmckenna@depere.k12.wi.us for more information!

De Pere Boys' & Girls' Basketball Opportunities (1st - 8th Grade):

Registration is now open for De Pere Basketball Skills Leagues and Booster Club teams 1st - 8th Grade for both Boys' & Girls'. The registration links can be found at <https://www.deperebasketball.com/register>

Informational Virtual Basketball Meeting is Wednesday, September 4 (Girls': 7:00 PM & Boys' 7:45 PM). Virtual Meeting Links and Additional Information is located on the above registration link as well. The Basketball Registration Deadline is Friday, September 13th.

GENERAL INFORMATION



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

Middle School Office Hours

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

Middle School Fees/Athletic Fees

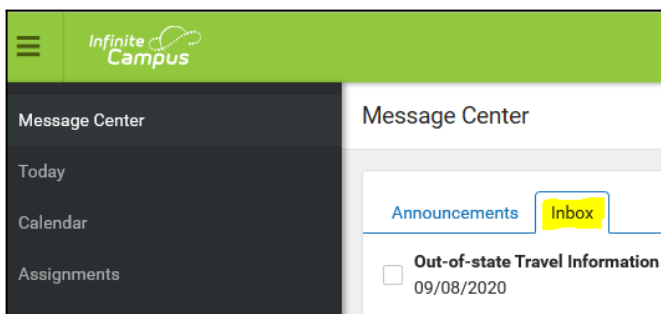
*Middle School Fees are posted on the parent portal and were due August 28th.

*If your student is or will be participating in a DPMS sport, there is a one-time \$21 Athletics Fee. This can be paid in your parent portal but it does not automatically post to your account.

You must Add it to your Cart. Go to Fees->My Account (upper right hand corner - be sure to check the right student)->Optional Payments->MS Athletics.

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](#)

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. Questions concerning Free and Reduced eligibility? Contact - Renee Brandenburg 920-983-9174 x. 2300

[Click HERE for September Lunch Menu](#)



NEW DIGITAL TICKETING PARTNER
for athletics season passes and individual
High School home game tickets

Click on the GoFan logo above to purchase.

IN THE COMMUNITY

De Pere Diggers Volleyball - Tryouts

Click [here](#) to see the De Pere Diggers Tryout 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!