



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - September 26, 2024

UPCOMING DATES

September

Fri 9/27

No School- Teacher Professional Development Day

October

Tues 10/1

Picture Retake Day

Fri 10/4

Freshman Frenzy Dance After Varsity Football Game - 10:30 pm

Fri 10/11

Homecoming Football Game

Sat 10/12

Homecoming Dance at 7:30pm in the high school gym

Thur 10/17

Redbird Vocal Music Fall Preview Concert 7:00 pm

Mon 10/21

Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm-7:30 pm

Thur 10/24

Early Release- [Use this schedule](#)

***Please note, lunch is optional, so all students will be released at 12:16**

Thur 10/24

Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 pm-3:20 pm and 4:00 pm-7:30 pm

Fri 10/25

No School

NEWS AND EVENTS

School Fees

Fees have been assessed, so parents should be able to view these on their Parent Portal and pay them. **Fees are due Monday, September 30**, so please log in and pay them as soon as possible.

*If you are in an AP course, you should have received an email from Sara Rohde regarding when to pay fees.

*If you "Opted in for Tech Fee" in your OLR, that fee has also been assessed and you will see this on your Fees.

If you have any additional questions regarding student fees, please call Janice C at the high school main office at 920-983-9174 ext 4004.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day will be **Tuesday October 1 from 7:30 am - 9:00 am**. This is for the students that would like to retake pictures and any student or staff that missed or still needs to get their picture taken.

Homecoming Guests

If you plan to bring a **non-DePere High School student** to the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 12th, you must pick up and complete a Guest Pass Application which can be found in the main office. This application will need signatures from parent/guardian and the guest's administrator. **It is due back by Friday, October 4th.**

PSAT/NMSQT Test

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at DPHS on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**. This standardized test is optional for any junior and the cost is \$19.00. This is a digital test that the student will take on their school issued Chrome book. The test is approximately three hours in length.

There are two main reasons to take this test:

1. If you are a student who typically tests in the 95-99th percentile on standardized tests. Most students who qualify for the National Merit Scholarship program are in the top 5-10% of their class and typically test in the 95-99th percentile on standardized tests.
2. If your parent(s) works for a corporation that provides scholarship opportunities based on a PSAT score.

Due to the fact that colleges continue to use a test optional approach for college admission and that all colleges accept either ACT or SAT scores, the PSAT may not be a test that makes sense to take.

If you decide to take this test, you must email DPHS counselor Marcy Becker (mbecker@depere.k12.wi.us) no later than **Monday, September 30, 2024 at 3:04pm**. Once the student's name has been added to the PSAT testing list, a fee of \$19.00 will appear in Infinite Campus (please allow three business days for the fee to appear). Additional testing information will be shared once a final list of students who will be testing.

2024-25 YEARBOOKS

Order your 2024-25 yearbooks online NOW via Varsity Yearbook website. Back-to-School discounts are available through September 30th. Order online [HERE](#).

Quantities are limited! Online sales end April 1st

A convenience fee is added to online orders per Varsity Yearbook. If you have any questions or need to pay via cash/check, contact Mrs. Beyers. Pre-ordered yearbooks will be distributed at the end of May.

** You can also submit photos via eShare and order Grad Grams at the above website.*

Congratulations Class of 2025 and families!

It is that time of year students submit their senior photos to the yearbook! Please see the attached [senior letter](#) about submitting your senior photos and ordering your final high school yearbook! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All things senior-related for the yearbook are due by December 1st** . Although that might seem like a long way out, it comes up quickly. Please submit early in the fall!

Attention Senior families

Please click here to view some important information for Senior families.

[2025 Welcome Letter](#)

[Ring Flyer 2025](#)

[Senior Class Photo](#)

Hope Squad

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.



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.

Fall Classroom session beginning on Monday September 23 Ends Wednesday October 16

Monday - Thursday September 23rd - 26th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday September 30th - October 3rd 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday October 7th - 10th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday October 14th - 16th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Make up Date October 17th Thursday

Winter Classroom session beginning on Monday November 11th Ends December 15th

Monday - Thursday November 11th - 14th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday November 18th - 21st 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday December 2nd - 5th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Wednesday December 9th - 11th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Make up Date December 12th Thursday

Winter Classroom session beginning on Monday January 27th Ends February 20th 2025
Monday - Thursday January 27th - January 30th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday February 3rd - 6th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Wednesday February 10th - 12th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday February 17th - 20th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Friday February 21st Makeup date
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. 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

Parent Club

De Pere High School Homecoming Tailgate – Volunteers & Donations Needed!



Homecoming Football Game – Friday, October 11th



Tailgate Party for DPHS Students



Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM



Location: De Pere High School

The Homecoming Committee is excited to host a tailgate party before the big game, and we need your help to make it a success! The Parent Club is generously sponsoring food, but we're looking for additional food & beverage donations and volunteers to help run the event.

All DPHS students are invited to join us for free food and fun as we kick off the festivities before cheering on our team!

How You Can Help:

- Donate food & beverages (snacks, drinks, desserts, etc.)
- Volunteer to set up, serve, or clean up at the event

If you're able to contribute or volunteer, please sign up using the link below ----- or contact DPHSPC@gmail.com for more information.

[Homecoming Tailgate Sign up Genius](#)

Let's come together to show our school spirit & make this Homecoming unforgettable! Go birds!

★👤 **Parent of a Senior?** Grad Bash takes place on Graduation night, but planning starts now! Our first meeting takes place on **Wednesday, October 9th @ 6:30 pm** at Graystone Alehouse.

📍 **Parent of a Junior?** Post Prom planning starts soon. More details to come!

The Parent Club dates for the 2024-25 school year are:

October: Tuesday 10/1

November: Wednesday 11/6

December: Tuesday 12/3

January: Tuesday 1/7

February: Tuesday 2/4

March: Tuesday 3/4

April: Tuesday 4/1

May: Tuesday 5/6

June: Tuesday 6/3

We meet monthly at 6:30 pm in the High School library.

Email dphsps@gmail.com for more information and follow our Facebook page (**DPHS Parent Club**) for updates.

Crimson Aviator

Our school newspaper staff has a few stories to share with you.

We have a report on the [school parking lot, which sold out of passes](#) in record time this year.

We have a story about the Redbird Rally [leaving the high school grounds and becoming a missed opportunity](#) for clubs.

And we have an early report [on the new pass system](#), which has gotten mixed reviews.

Thanks for reading, we have more stories on the way!

Mr. Guyette- Adviser

POWERPUFF PLAYERS & STUDENT COACHES

Sunday, October 6th is the charity Powerpuff game, so please note a few reminders;

a.) Students participating must be **CODE APPROVED** - Student ID's will be checked!

b.) **The parent signed permission slip** should be turned in to Mr. Mohar in room A147 by Friday, October 4th!

Permission slips may be obtained directly from Mr. Mohar.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS

Youth Apprenticeship

Attention juniors and seniors- Do you have a job that you love or are you looking for a job? If you have a job you love, it is possible that we could consider it for Youth Apprenticeship. That can mean elective credits towards your graduation requirement and possible state certifications. It is a helpful credential to add to future resumes, and job, college, or scholarship applications. If you're looking for a job, Mrs. Wollin may be able to help you. Please contact her at cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us with questions and interest.

ASVAB Test

Are you looking to join the military after high school? If you answered yes, then the ASVAB is for you. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a standardized test that helps determine a person's suitability for military service and their strengths in various areas to help them find a career that's a good fit. If you would like to take this test, please contact Assistant Principal, Mrs. Jeskie. She will provide you with more information.

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS

Thursday Sept 26	Girls Tennis vs GB Southwest, 4:00PM Boys Soccer vs Sheboygan South, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field
Tuesday, Oct 1	Girls Tennis vs Sheboygan North, 4:00PM Boys Soccer vs Bay Port, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field **Parents Night** Volleyball vs Bay Port, 7:00PM **Pink Night**
Wednesday, Oct 2	WIAA Girls Golf Regional, 9:00AM @ Ledgeview GC
Thursday, Oct 3	Boys Soccer vs Preble, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field Volleyball vs Southwest, 7:00PM **Parents Night**
Friday, Oct 4	Football vs Bay Port, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field
Monday, Oct 7	WIAA Girls Tennis Subsectional @ Fox Cities Racquet Club
Tuesday, Oct 8	WIAA Girls Golf Sectional, 9:00AM @ Thornberry
Wednesday, Oct 9	WIAA Girls Tennis Sectional @ TBD
Thursday, Oct 10	Volleyball vs Notre Dame, 7:00PM **Senior Night**
Friday, Oct 11	Football vs Appleton West, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field
Saturday, Oct 12	Volleyball Diane Simons Invitational, 9:00AM

Athletics Participation Fee for Fall Sports Due September 30

All fall athletes have been assessed the \$36.50 participation fee. Payment can be made in the student's Portal account or at the high school office with cash or check made out to DPHS.

Non-payment by Sept 30 will result in the student not being allowed to continue participation in the fall sport.

This is a one-time fee that covers all sports that a student participates in during the 24-25 school year.

Volleyball Hosts Pink Night Tuesday Oct. 1

The Redbirds are kicking off Breast Cancer Awareness Month by hosting Pink Night on Tuesday, to raise donations for the Ribbon of Hope Foundation, an organization that provides financial, informational and emotional resources for individuals with breast cancer in NE Wisconsin.

Fans can support the cause in several ways Tuesday night:

- Buy raffle tickets for prize baskets.
- Buy honor cards for \$1 to display at tables and honor a loved one impacted by breast cancer.
- Buy Pink Night T-shirts at the game. These will sell fast!
- Dash for Cash – The JV players will race around with buckets for cash donations.
- Donations also will be accepted at the raffle ticket tables.
- WEAR PINK to the games!
- If you cannot attend Tuesday night, but still want to donate, contact Melissa Schmidt at melissasschmidt5@gmail.com by 5pm Tuesday to arrange a donation that will be included in the volleyball program's final total donation.

New Vendor for Redbirds Gear

DPHS is excited to announce another option for purchasing Redbird apparel and accessories. Team Apparel is a Green Bay-based company that offers a wide variety of products at lower prices and convenient shipping or in-store pick up. Choose from multiple logos for embroidered items.

Shop the [store site](#) and get your students and family outfitted for the new school year!

Watch the Redbirds on Livestream

De Pere livestreams as many of our home events as possible on the [Redbirds YouTube Channel](#).

Craft Show on October 19 Benefits Girls Hockey Team

Support the Bay Area girls hockey team at the 6th annual fall and holiday craft show, 9:00am-2:00pm, Saturday Oct. 19 at West De Pere High School. More than 150 booths will be featured.

Admission is \$5 (12 and younger free). Proceeds benefit the Ice Bears!

How to Follow Fox River Classic Conference Action



Check out frccathletics.com for the latest schedules, game results, livestream links, conference standings and statistics in each sport, and more!

High School Athletics Eligibility

This [WIAA Bulletin](#) includes athletic eligibility rules for the 2024-25 school year, including age limit, academic and attendance requirements, transfer rules, and rules regarding sports activities outside of school.

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.



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+) receive free admission at DPHS regular-season events.

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 2024-25 school year. The following letter includes coverage types and costs.

[Insurance Details](#)

[Student Assurance Services Flyer](#)

[Student Assurance Services - Spanish language version](#)

[Enrollment Form](#)

DISTRICT INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Town Hall Meetings for referendum

All families and USDD residents are encouraged to attend a Town Hall meeting for information on the District's November 5 referendum. [Please click here](#) to view the meeting dates and times.

Come Travel to Italy with us- Spring Break 2026

We're going to Rome, Capua, Benevento, Matera, Bari, Ostuni, Polignano a Mare, Alberobello and you're invited! See the full list of amazing activities [here](#) that your student can experience.

We're excited to tell you more about the trip we're planning with EF Tours, our educational travel partner. We will be hosting an **information meeting on Tuesday, October 1st from 6:30-7:30pm in the high school auditorium**. If you have any interest at all please register, whether you are able to attend or not.

Register for the informational meeting session at: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/vc66s6j>

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.

In the meeting session, we will discuss:

- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!) during EF's risk-free enrollment period

There are limited spots on this trip, so we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Thank you,
Sarah Hardy
DPHS Family and Consumer Science Teacher

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Suicide Prevention/Anti-Bullying Presentation

Please mark your calendar for this powerful presentation from Kirk Smalley at St. Norbert College at the Bemis Fort Howard Theater on Thursday, September 26th at 6:00pm. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

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

@unifiedschoolsofdeperere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!