



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - October 24, 2024

UPCOMING DATES

October

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 at high school 1:00 pm-3:20 pm and 4:00 pm-7:30 pm
Fri 10/25	No School
Fri 11/1	Last Day of 1st Qtr
Tues 11/12	Academic Decathlon- Local Competition
Thur 11/14-Sat 11/16	High School Musical "Annie" at 7:00pm in the high school Auditorium
Wed 11/20	School Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Workers and Teachers Aides Appreciation Day
Wed 11/27-Fri 11/29	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break
Sat 11/30	Redbird Holly Craft Show at De Pere High School 9:00am-3:00pm

NEWS AND EVENTS

2024-25 YEARBOOKS

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](#)

Student Parking Lot Issues

Notice from Administration:

Students- We have had an increase in vandalism and littering in the school parking lot. Any student who engages in these activities will immediately lose their parking privileges. As a reminder, any damage caused to another

vehicle can also result in a citation from the police and insurance companies will seek restoration funds for the damage. Thank you for keeping our school and parking lot safe and clean!

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.

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

Spring Classroom session beginning on Monday March 31 Ends April 24th 2025

Monday - Thursday March 31st April 3rd 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday April 7th - 10th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Thursday April 14th - 17th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Monday - Wednesday April 21st - 23rd 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room
Thursday April 24th 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.

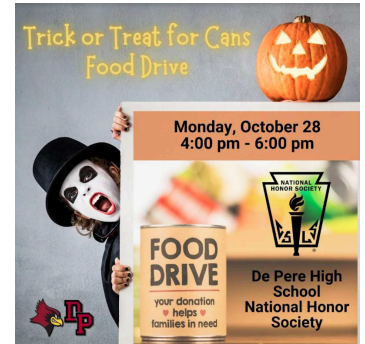
If you have any **questions or concerns** you can **contact Lori VandenBergh at lvandenbergh@depere.k12.wi.us or call 920-366-0651.**

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

Trick or Treat for Cans

De Pere High School’s National Honor Society is holding a Trick-or-Treat for cans in our community on **Monday, October 28th from 4-6 pm**. This event aims to collect non-perishable food items for De Pere Christian Outreach, where local community members and families in need can receive food at no cost. NHS students, many in costumes, will walk door to door visiting neighborhoods near De Pere district schools.

If you are willing to set aside any non perishable and non expired food items you want to donate, please have them ready to be collected. You can also drop off items directly at the Christian Outreach Food Pantry.



De Pere FFA Fruit Sale

The De Pere FFA is holding its annual FFA Fruit Sale. The money raised from this fundraiser will help support the various leadership and community service events that are hosted throughout the year. Fruit will be delivered to the High School in early December. The official pickup day will be emailed in late November.

If you have interest in ordering FFA Fruit, please click on the [link](#). All orders will be paid online with Minntex.

When ordering it will ask for which student/ seller you would like, **please select DPHS-December Pickup**. The sale runs now through November 4th.

Thank you for your support of the De Pere FFA- Adam Wolf- De Pere FFA Advisor

FFA in the Spotlight

One of our students, Makayla S, was able to showcase a program that our very own Adam Wolf has been piloting with Microsoft and the FFA since 2019. Makayla was able to be on Indy's Fox 59 where she was highlighting the FarmBeats for Students Program. Later in the day, students were asked to participate in the FFA media day (only chapter in the nation to be asked) which featured the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, the Mayor of Indianapolis, the CEO of FFA, and the entire FFA National Officer Team.



For those that just think FFA is just another club, they have over 1 Million members Nationally and growing. The FFA Convention this week will feature over 70,000 attendees. FFA is currently the largest student run organization in the nation. Feel free to check out Makaylas Interview [here](#) and enjoy a picture from today's media day.

Crimson Aviator

This week we have stories about the following topics:

[41 Photos from the pep rally](#)

[Chalk drawing photo gallery](#)

[In the end, no penalties for toilet papering incident](#)

As always, thanks for reading and viewing!

Mr. Guyette- Newspaper adviser

Parent Club

Thank you to all the parents that donated to the Homecoming Tailgate! We had our best student turnout to date!

The DPHS Parent Club is hosting a dinner on **Thursday, October 24th** for the High School staff that will be busy with Parent/Teacher conferences. Please help us show the DPHS Staff our appreciation by sponsoring a meal with a \$10 donation, donating an item on the list, or giving your time. Please follow the link to the Sign Up Genius for more information: [Parent Teacher Conference Dinner](#)

📍 **Parent of a Junior?** Mark your calendar for the first Post Prom planning meeting on **Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 pm** at Graystone Alehouse

🎓 **Senior parents:** Did you miss the last Grad Bash meeting, but still want to be involved? Please join us for our next planning meeting on **Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30 pm** at Cycling Brews.

The Parent Club meets monthly at 6:30 pm in the High School library. It is never too late to join!

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

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

43rd Annual Redbird Holly Craft

Holly Craft Faire is on Saturday, November 30 9:00 am- 3:00 pm at East De Pere High School.

Since 1980, the Holly Craft Faire has been held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the 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 AM for shoppers, and the event goes until 3 PM. \$4 00 donation is collected at the door.

We do not allow strollers.

[Here is a flyer for our event.](#)

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS

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.

Attention Seniors - College Applications

The counseling office will be offering College Application Workshops during FLEX on Thursdays in October. If you have not started your College applications or have questions about an application in progress, we encourage you to sign up for a Thursday FLEX session. This is a great opportunity to work alongside your peers and get help from counselors. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Willihnganz kwillihnganz@depere.k12.wi.us

Bellin College Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Career Exploration Event

Bellin College Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Career Exploration Event on **Wednesday, October 30th from 5 pm - 7 pm**. Please RSVP using the QR code on the [flyer](#). See Mrs. Wollin with questions cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us ([attachment](#))

Work Permits

Work Permits are required for all minors younger than 16. As of July 1, 2023 the Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division developed an online work permit application tool. The online application is available to the parents of minors 24-hours a day, 7-days a week from any computer, tablet, smartphone, or similar device.

Permits are no longer done in person in the office. Parents should go to the dwd.wisconsin.gov site to complete the work permit application and the \$10 work permit fee is made directly to the department through the application, using a credit or debit card or by ACH direct withdrawal. Once the permit application process is complete, the Department mails a paper copy of the permit directly to the employer.

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS & WIAA TOURNAMENTS

Thursday Oct. 24	WIAA Volleyball Regional @ Appleton East, 7:00PM
Friday, Oct. 25	WIAA Football Level 1 Playoff vs Milwaukee King, 7:00PM
Saturday, Oct. 26	WIAA Boys Soccer Regional Final @ Kimberly, 7:00PM
	WIAA Volleyball Regional Final @ Kimberly, 7:00PM
	WIAA Cross Country Sectional @ Meadow Links Golf Course, 11:00AM

Football Playoff Tickets

For Friday's WIAA playoff game, all tickets are digital and can be purchased via GoFan [here](#). Each ticket is \$6 plus processing fee. Credit cards also can be swiped at the gate.

De Pere will host Milwaukee King at 7:00pm at Nowak Field. Gates open at 6:00pm.

WIAA State Girls Tennis

Congratulations to junior Ana C. and freshman Maria C. who finished 4th in No. 1 doubles at the state tournament. Ana and Maria compiled a 25-4 overall record this season.

Sophomore Lilly G. competed in Division 1 singles and split her two matches, finishing with a 25-6 season record.

Redbirds Receive All-Conference Honors

Congratulations to the following De Pere athletes who received all-Fox River Classic Conference recognition in their respective sports.

Football: Offense - 1st Team - Brock O.; 2nd Team - Logan B., Chris P., Lucas K., Kevin R., and Mason B.

Defense - 1st Team - Cayden C., Carter K., and Noah V.; 2nd Team - Conley H. and Liam F.; Honorable mention - John L., Zak S., Max C., and Ryan W.

Defensive Back of the Year - Carter K.

Volleyball: 1st Team - Braylin B.; 2nd Team - Adeline D.; Honorable mention - Erin O. Co-Player of the Year - Braylin B.

Cross Country: 1st Team Boys - Grady L., Chase D., and Noah Z. 2nd Team Boys - Daniel Z.; 1st Team girls - Bella H. Honorable mention girls - Natalie N.

Redbirds Winter Hats On Sale

Team Apparel is running a limited time promotion on Redbirds custom made winter stocking hats. Shop the online store site [here](#). Hats ordered by Oct. 31 will be delivered in time for Christmas.

WIAA State Tournament Ticketing

Tickets for state-level postseason contests can be purchased online. Fans are encouraged to buy digital tickets to avoid long lines at events. Digital tickets must be redeemed on a mobile device.

Purchase tickets [here](#).

[Guide to GoFan Tickets at State Tournament Events](#)



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.

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

Educational Travel Experience Abroad

Your student is invited to join us on an upcoming educational travel experience abroad! We are thrilled to inform you that our school is organizing multiple exciting trips in 2026 for our students, offering them valuable educational and experiential opportunities. We're excited to include two Spring Break opportunities that all students (current freshmen - juniors) included) can participate in!

We will be hosting a Travel Night to discuss these experiences. At the meeting, the itinerary, activities, dates, academic opportunities, and cost will be covered.

It is mandatory to register for the meeting. Find the details of these trips below, and please register for the experience you would like to learn more about. You can RSVP for multiple tours if you want information on more than 1 trip.

Spring Break 2026

Cuisine and Culture in Southern Italy

Up to 10 Spots Remaining

Group Leader: Sarah Hardy

Register & more meeting details: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/w7m26xc>

Spring Break 2026

Belize: Conservation from Ridge to Reef

Group Leaders: Megan Nipp and Jackie Mirkes

Register & more meeting details: rsvp.eftours.com/s4axbr4

Summer 2026

Amsterdam and Paris

Group Leader: Joy Bielinski

Register & more meeting details: rsvp.eftours.com/dw34u8e

There are limited spots on these trips, so we would love to see you at one of these meetings **on Wednesday Oct. 30th at 6 pm** to learn more!

Thanks,
Megan Nipp, Jackie Mirkes, Joy Bielinski, and Sarah Hardy

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thanksgiving Meal

Please [click on the link](#) to view the flyer from Christian Outreach Ecumenical Thanksgiving Ministry of Green Bay

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

@unifiedschoolistofdepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!