



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - November 21, 2024

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### November

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

#### December

Mon Dec 2

High School Band Concert at 7:00pm-High School Auditorium

Tues Dec 10

Jazz Band Concert at 7:00pm-High School Auditorium

Mon Dec 16

High School Orchestra Concert at 7:00pm- High School Auditorium

Fri Dec 20

Student Directed One Act Festival at 7:00pm- High School Auditorium

Mon Dec 23-Wed Jan 1

**No School- Holiday/Winter Break**

#### January

Tues Jan 7

Winter Concert Concert at 7:00pm- High School Auditorium

Thur Jan 9

Academic Decathlon Regional Objective Testing

Fri Jan 10

Academic Decathlon Regional Speech & Interview

Fri Jan 10

Night of Jazz- **Time and location TBD**

Fri Jan 10

Redbird Re-Dress Sale Dress Drop Off- High School

Sat Jan 11

Redbird Re-Dress! Semi & Formal Dress Consignment Sale- Sponsored by HS Parent's Club

Sat Jan 11

Show Choir Day Camp

Thur Jan 16 & Fri Jan 17

Finals for Semester 1 at High School- [Use this schedule](#)- **Please note the order of periods/hours are not in usual Bell Schedule order**

Fri Jan 17

Last Day of 2nd Quarter & Semester 1

Mon Jan 20

**NO SCHOOL-** Teacher Professional Development & Work Day

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### 2024-2025 Finals Schedule for high school

[Please click here](#) to view the 2024-25 high school Finals Schedule for Semester 1 and 2.

#### Course Planning Information

Attention DPHS Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The first week of December, we will be starting registration for the 2025-2026 school year. Counselors will be presenting important registration information virtually during a designated NEST time per grade level. Below is the list of important registration dates.

#### Course Planning Presentation:

Dec 3, 2024: NEST presentation to all 9th grade students.

Dec 5, 2024: NEST presentation to all 10th grade students.

Dec 6, 2024: NEST presentation to all 11th grade students.

### **Inputting Courses into Academic Planner:**

**December 9th:** Students will input their course selections into their Academic Planner on the portal during their next. Instructions will be provided on how to do this. Students will have access to the Academic Planner beginning Dec. 3rd if they would like to work on this prior to Dec. 9th. This is the same program we have been using for a number of years, so most students will be familiar with it.

### **Counselor/Student Meetings:**

**December 16th:** Counselors meet with 9th graders during their Language Arts 9/Accelerated LA 9/10 class to finalize course selections.

**December 17th:** Counselors meet with all 10th graders during their World History/AP European History class to finalize course selections.

**December 18th:** Counselors meet with 11th graders during their US/AP US History class to finalize course selections.

All registration information will be available on the high school website.  
DPHS Counselors

### **Lunch and Lunch Release**

**Students- If you leave for lunch, you cannot return into the building until lunch is done** and our staff lets you back in the building. The weather is only going to get colder, so please be vigilant of this before you leave on a very cold day or when the snow starts to fly.

Also, if you do **NOT** have lunch release **you are NOT allowed to leave the building for lunch**. The lunch release is on our Annual OLR, but can be updated by a parent/guardian calling the main high school office.

### **Birds Nest is OPEN for Breakfast**

The **Birds Nest**, in the high school Back Commons, is **OPEN** for breakfast from **6:30am-7:40am**. They have a daily breakfast special, coffee, lattes, fruit, cereal, and other great items to start your day off great! High school students and staff, come check it out!

### **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 :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](mailto:lvandenbergh@depere.k12.wi.us) or call 920-366-0651.**

## **CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS**

### **Congratulations- Competitive One Act!**

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of the Competition One Act play who received high ratings from all the judges at Sectionals on Wednesday November 6 and are going to the State Competition. State will take place on Friday November 22, at 2:10pm at UW-Milwaukee. Good luck!

### **De Pere FFA Alumni and Supporters Chili Sale**

The De Pere Area FFA Alumni invites you to support them by buying chili made by Drift Inn. Drive though chili pick up will be Sunday December 8th from 9am-11am at Drift Inn in De Pere. The money raised will go towards supporting De Pere and West De Pere FFA students for conferences, conventions, scholarships, and much more. Here is the [link](#) to the order form and [here is the link](#) to the informational flyer.

### **Crimson Aviator**

The school newspaper has published several stories in the past couple of weeks:

[Playing Annie isn't as easy as it might look \(musical preview\)](#)

[Six DPHS athletes sign college letters of intent](#)

[Is there a solution for what to do with phones?](#)

[Mr. Bourdeau retiring after this year](#)

[Editorial: TikTok ban needs to happen](#)

[Veteran's Day photo gallery](#)

[Key Club makes cards for local vets](#)

[Swedish teacher reflects on time in De Pere](#)

New teacher profiles ([Mr. Abel](#)) ([Ms. Hanamann](#)) ([Mr. Toellner](#))


Thanks for reading!

## **Parent Club**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** The **Redbird Holly Craft Faire** is the main fundraiser of the year for the DPHS Parent Club. It takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving (**November 30th**) from 9am-3pm at the High School. The money raised funds the events sponsored by the Parent Club throughout the year: Homecoming, Staff Appreciation meals, Academic awards, as well as Grad Bash and Post Prom. This event would not be possible without many volunteers, so please consider helping. Thank you in advance for making the Holly Craft Faire a success! [Holly Craft Faire volunteer](#)

Start looking through your closets now! The **Redbird Redress** event will take place on **Saturday, January 11th**, with dress drop off on Friday, January 10th. More details to come.

 **Senior parents:** Our Grad Bash planning committee continues to meet monthly. You may join at any time!

 **Junior parents:** The Post Prom planning committee will meet next on **Monday, November 25th at 6:45 pm** at Graystone

The Parent Club meets monthly at 6:30 pm in the High School library.

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

## **ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS**

### **Youth Apprenticeship Student/Parent Virtual Meeting**

There will be a Student/Parent Virtual Meeting for the 2025-2026 school year for anyone interested in Youth Apprenticeship on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 PM. [Click here to view the flyer](#) for more information.

### **Machine Tool Program at NWTC**

Students that are interested in the Machine Tool Program at NWTC, this is a great opportunity to meet the instructors and see the shop at the Green Bay campus. There will be a few local machine shops for the students to meet and talk to about possible job opportunities and there will also be demonstrations. This event is December 12 from 3:00 to 6:00. [Click here](#) to view the informational flyer.

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

### **UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS & WIAA TOURNAMENTS**

Tuesday, Nov. 26	Girls Basketball vs Fond du Lac, 7:00PM Boys Hockey vs Beaver Dam, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Friday, Dec. 6	Girls Basketball vs Notre Dame, 7:00PM Girls Hockey vs Fond du Lac, 8:00PM @ Cornerstone Center Boys Hockey vs Fox Cities Stars, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Saturday, Dec. 7	Boys Basketball vs West De Pere, 1:30PM Boys Hockey vs H.H.Dow, 3:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena



Tuesday, Dec. 10

Girls Basketball vs Kimberly, 7:00PM

### Carly L. Competes in Four Events at WIAA State Girls Swimming Meet

Senior Carly L. placed 3rd in the 100-yard butterfly and 9th in the 50 freestyle last weekend at the Division 1 state meet. She also swam on the 200 free (16th) and 400 free (19th) relays. Freshman Ella M. was a member of the 200 relay as well.



**State qualifiers:** DPHS - Carly L., Ella M., and Maddie F. WDP - Kayla J., Kate S., Kara S.

### Six Redbirds Commit to Collegiate Athletics

On November 13, six De Pere seniors signed national letters of intent to compete in their respective sports at the collegiate level.

- Braylin B., volleyball, UW-Milwaukee (NCAA Division I)
- Jocelyn B., soccer, Northern Michigan (NCAA Div II)
- Reese F., softball, Minnesota State - Mankato (NCAA Div II)
- Pryce G., basketball, Northern Michigan
- Zach K., basketball, University of Wisconsin (NCAA Div I)
- Carly L., swimming, Liberty University (NCAA Div I)

Congratulations Redbirds and best wishes for your future college careers!



**Redbird Hoops Night Kicks off Season on Friday Nov. 22**

The annual kickoff night for De Pere Redbird Basketball will start at 7:00pm Friday at the DPHS Fieldhouse. This event is sponsored by Bank First and the De Pere Basketball Booster Club and will include special lighting and introductions of each grade level. Admission is free.

There will be an opportunity to make a donation in honor of Ellie Schneider to assist those who are less fortunate to participate in the Booster Club. Ellie was a member of the De Pere Basketball family who sadly passed away in September after a brief battle with cancer. We want to honor her memory and help those in need!

Players should arrive by 6:45pm to assemble with their teams.

### 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!

**HOLIDAY SALE!** Team Apparel is offering 10 percent off all orders received by November 25. Use code: HOLIDAY24 when ordering. Orders submitted by Nov. 25 will be ready by Dec. 25.

### 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 [frcathletics.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.

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- 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](#)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS**

### **Do You Need Help With Homework?**

As noted in a news story on Tuesday November 19 on WBAY Action 2 News, the United Federation of Teachers offers a free help-line at (212) 777-3380 to help with homework from kindergarten through 12th grade. It's available Monday through Thursday from 3:00pm-6:00pm (CST)

***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***

***@unifiedschoolstodfdepere on Instagram***

***DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)***

***It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!***