



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - December 5, 2024

UPCOMING DATES

December

Tues Dec 10	Jazz Band Concert at 7:00pm-High School Auditorium
Fri Dec 13	Holiday One Acts at 7:00pm in Auditorium- Drama Club is Directing
Mon Dec 16	High School Orchestra Concert at 7:00pm- High School Auditorium
Mon Dec 23-Wed Jan 1	No School- Holiday/Winter Break

January

Tues Jan 7	Winter Choir 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 nest. 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 - 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

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 through 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.

Congratulations to One-Act at State!

Congratulations to One-Act on their performance at State. They traveled and performed at UW-Milwaukee on Friday November 22 and they had a packed audience of over 300 people. They did such an amazing job and received the following awards; Critic's Choice, (the highest overall award) Outstanding Ensemble, two Outstanding Acting Awards, (Sophia S and Ruby K) Outstanding Directing, and Outstanding Technical. Congratulations to One-Act!



Band Booster- Night of Jazz 2025

We are offering a discounted presale for The Night of Jazz tickets with password NIGHT OF JAZZ 2025 (all caps). The presale will run from Monday, November 25th through Sunday, December 15th. Regular priced ticket sales will run from Monday, December 16th to Friday, January 3rd.

To get your tickets, follow this link: [Night of Jazz Tickets 2025](#).

Or visit our Facebook page: [De Pere Band Booster Club](#).

The Night of Jazz is a dinner event, open to the public, showcases the De Pere Jazz bands from Foxview Intermediate School, De Pere Middle School, and De Pere High School.

This is De Pere Band Boosters' biggest fundraising event; the money raised from this event goes directly to benefit band students in these schools. The De Pere Band Boosters will hold a 50/50 raffle along with bucket raffles.

Come join us for an amazing dinner while enjoying some music and take your chances on the 50/50 and bucket raffles.

If there are any questions please feel free to email Jill Shaver at jillshaver28@gmail.com

Thank You, De Pere Band Boosters

Redbird Vocal Music- Freddy's Fundraiser

Come enjoy your Freddy's favorites while helping a great cause! Please visit Freddy's on December 30, 2024 from 4pm-8pm at 2415 Costco Way in Bellevue. Freddy's is proud to contribute 15% of sales in-store, (Show the flyer or say, "I'm here for the fundraiser" during checkout) or ordering online or with the mobile app. (Use Promo Code: GIVEBACK) [Please click here](#) to view the flyer.

Parent Club

Thank you to the students and parents that helped out at the **Holly Craft Faire** last weekend! Over 4,000 shoppers braved the cold and wind and found some amazing treasures. The money raised will continue to provide our students and staff with incredible events throughout the year.


Start looking through your closets! The **Redbird Redress** event will take place on **Saturday, January 11th**, with dress drop off on Friday, January 10th. There is no cost to shop!


There is a \$5 cash, non-refundable fee to sell your dress, but you keep all the profit! This money goes directly towards DPHS Parent Club sponsored events. In order for this event to be a success, we specifically need dresses and volunteers.

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/share/YzVMGLxpMx26q8mL/>

Dress donation form: [Dress waiver & donation form](#)

Sign Up Genius: [Redress Sign Up Genius link](#)

 **Senior parents:** The Grad Bash planning committee will meet again on **Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 pm** at Cycling Brews. You may join at any time!

 **Junior parents:** The Post Prom planning committee will meet next on **Wednesday, January 15th at 6 pm** at Graystone Alehouse.

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

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.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS

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.

Attention Sophomores/Juniors:

If you are interested in learning more about Youth Apprenticeship (job opportunities in Agriculture, Business, Finance, Health Science, Manufacturing, and more!) and/or the Trades Career Academy, please attend an informational meeting during Flex on Tuesday, December 10th in the Community Room. You can sign up for the session or email counselor Ross Toellner or YA Coach Mrs. Wollin to sign up. [Please click here to view the flyer.](#)

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS & WIAA TOURNAMENTS

Friday, Dec. 6

Girls Basketball vs Notre Dame, 7:00PM

	Boys Hockey vs Fox Cities Stars, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena **Youth Hockey Appreciation Night and Skate with Santa**
Saturday, Dec. 7	Girls Hockey vs Fond du Lac, 8:00PM @ Cornerstone Boys Basketball vs West De Pere, 1:30PM Boys Hockey vs H.H.Dow, 3:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena Girls Hockey vs TBD, 2:30PM @ Cornerstone **Skate with the Ice Bears** after the game
Tuesday, Dec. 10	Girls Basketball vs Kimberly, 7:00PM
Thursday, Dec. 12	Boys Hockey vs Ashwaubenon, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena **Teacher Appreciation Night**
Friday, Dec. 13	Boys Basketball vs GB Southwest, 7:00PM **Parents Night**
Tuesday, Dec. 17	Boys Hockey vs Fond du Lac, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena Girls Basketball vs Sheboygan North, 7:00PM

Redbirds Commit to Collegiate Athletics

On December 4, two De Pere seniors signed national letters of intent to play football at the collegiate level.

- Brock O., South Dakota State University (NCAA Division I)
- Ryan W., University of Minnesota - Duluth (NCAA Division II)
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Congratulations Brock and Ryan, and best wishes for your future college careers!

New Policy for Admission of Youth Booster Club Basketball Players to High School Games

Consistent with Athletics Department ticketing policy at all of our other events that charge admission, Youth Booster Basketball players WILL be charged the student price of \$3. Children 6 and younger will have free admission. This is a change from our past policy.

Parents, please be reminded that all youth are expected to attend with a parent/adult to watch the game. **Loitering in the hallways, commons, atrium and other parts of the high school is not permitted.**

For convenience and expediency, De Pere partners with GoFan for digital ticketing at all of our home events. Season passes and individual tickets are available.

Passes and tickets can be purchased [here](#). Please note that a family season pass includes two adults and children in Grade 8 and younger (immediate family only). There is a separate pass that can be purchased for high school students. Senior citizens (62 and older) receive free admission to all regular-season events.

To learn about using GoFan and the GoFan app, click [here](#) for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact Athletics Director Jeff Byczek, at 920-983-9174, extension 4012 or jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us.

Fox River Classic Conference Fall Season Review

Read about the successful fall season that our conference athletes achieved! De Pere highlights included: Grady L. finishing runner-up at the WIAA Division 1 State cross country meet, sisters Ana and Maria C. placing third in doubles at the WIAA Division 1 State girls tennis tournament, and Carly L. taking third in the 100-yard butterfly at the WIAA Division 1 State girls swim championships. [Fall Season Recap](#)

How to Purchase Redbirds Spirit Wear

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 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.



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](#)

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)

DPMS Theater presents "The Outsiders"

This production is based on the classic S.E. Hinton story, focusing on young Ponyboy Curtis as he navigates the world as a "Greaser" Here are their performance dates and times;

.Friday, December 6th @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 7th @ 2:00 pm

Saturday, December 7th @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 8th @ 1:00pm

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

@unifiedschoolstoddepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!