



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - January 2, 2025

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### January

Thur Jan 2	Classes resume
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- <b>Time and location TBD</b>
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- <a href="#">Use this schedule</a> - <b>Please note the order of periods/hours are not in usual Bell Schedule order</b>
Fri Jan 17	Last Day of 2nd Quarter & Semester 1
Mon Jan 20	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher Professional Development & Work Day
Tues Jan 21	First day of Qtr 3 & Sem 2

#### February

Sat Feb 1	Destination De Pere: Let's Jam Show Choir Competition- All Day at DPHS
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### 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.

#### HS Drug Testing Policy

In May 2007, the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere adopted two policies specific to our students, related to Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. (AODA) [Please click here to view the policy](#).

#### Bird's Nest and Birdfeeder Snack Cart

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!

School Nutrition also has the **Birdfeeder Snack Cart** that is delivered to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hour study halls.

#### 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 are in need of a new student ID, stop in the main high school office at pay **\$7.00** (cash or check) and one will be printed for you.

Lastly, 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.

### **Gift a Yearbook**

Yearbooks are great gifts for a hard-to-shop-for teen! Ordering early is your only way to guarantee your student will receive a copy of the yearbook. Order online [HERE](#) or at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com). Our school code is 14802.

*Need something to wrap or put in the stocking?* Print off a [certificate here](#) to let your favorite student know that you purchased a yearbook for them.

(Online orders close in March. Pre-purchased yearbooks will be distributed in May.)



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

## **CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS**


### **Parent Club**


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

## **ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS**

### **Business Informational Meeting about Youth Apprenticeship**

Attention Parents and Community Members! Would your business or employer have an interest in hiring high school juniors or seniors as Youth Apprentices? Opportunities for students exist in Agriculture, Business, Construction, Finance, Health Sciences, IT, Marketing, Transportation, and more! If you'd like more information with no commitment, please consider attending a free virtual business information session on **Tuesday, January 7th at 8:30 AM**. If you are interested but can't attend that session, please contact Mrs. Wollin for more information!

[cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us)

Here is the link to more information.

<https://web.greatergbc.org/events/Youth-Apprenticeship-Business-Informational-Session-6890/details>

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

## UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS & WIAA TOURNAMENTS

Thursday, Jan. 2	Wrestling vs West De Pere, 6:30PM
Friday, Jan. 3	Boys Basketball vs Sheboygan South, 7:00PM **Alumni Night** Girls Hockey vs Gentry Academy, 7:00PM @ Cornerstone
Saturday, Jan. 4	Boys Hockey vs Neenah, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Girls Basketball vs Manitowoc Lincoln, 7:00PM

### 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](mailto:jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us).

### 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 [frccathletics.com](http://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](#)

**COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS**

***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!***