



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - January 30, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

February

Sat Feb 1	Destination De Pere: Let's Jam Show Choir Competition- All Day at DPHS
Mon Feb 10	Parent Teacher Conferences at the High School 4:00pm - 7:30pm
Thur Feb 13	Early Release- See schedule
Thur Feb 13	Parent Teacher Conferences at the High School 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm <u>and</u> 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Fri Feb 14	NO SCHOOL
Sat Feb 15	Snowball Dance 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Thur Feb 27	Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance at 7:00pm
Fri Feb 28	Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance at 7:00pm

March

Sat Mar 1	Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance at 7:00pm
Fri Mar 7	Show Choir Showcase
Tues Mar 11	Junior ACT Testing *ONLY Grade 11 attend at High School
Tues Mar 18	ONLY Grades 9 & 10 Testing - PreACT Secure Grades 11 & 12- 3 Hour Late Start- Use this Schedule

NEWS AND EVENTS

Parent Teacher Conferences

As a reminder, our Parent Teacher Conferences are being held **VIRTUALLY** again this year. Conferences at the high school are February 10 4:00pm-7:30pm and February 13 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm and 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

The sign up window to book your conference will open on January 28 at 8:00 am and close February 6th at 11:59pm. The link below has the instructions on *how to register and set up a conference*. [Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

It is important to note that even though you create one account, each school has its own login page. If you need to schedule conferences in multiple schools, you will need to log into each school separately using the unique link provided in the letter linked above.

If you have students at DPMS, that school will also be communicating with you.

If you have questions, call the high school office. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you!

Reminder

On February 13, we have an Early Release, so please [see schedule](#). Also, on February 14, there is **NO SCHOOL**

Donations needed- Facial Tissue

With cold and flu season already here, donations of facial tissue are being accepted in the main office at the high school. Any and all amounts are greatly appreciated!

High School Office Info

When school is in session, the High School office is open Monday-Friday between 6:45am-3:45pm. When arriving, press the bell button by the main doors under the large ENTRANCE sign, and we will unlock it for you to come in.

Community Service Hours- Documented

The deadline for entering Community Service Hours is Friday, January 31st at 3:10pm. Anything entered after that time will not be counted for this year. There are no exceptions.

Here are the directions;

Log in to depere.k12.org on the High School webpage

Click on Get Involved

Select Community Service

Follow the steps to document your service hours. **The form must be entered from the student's email.**

If you have questions reach out to Mrs. Counihan at jcounihan@depere.k12.wi.us

High School Calendar Push Notifications

Many of you have noticed that we have many great activities happening at our school daily. We recognize this can make finding what you are most interested in difficult. If you are interested in setting push notifications for specific high school activities, please follow the instructions below.

1. Navigate to the High School Calendar:
<https://www.foxriverclassicconference.com/public/genie/207/school/3/>
2. On the right side of the screen, under the calendar, click on the Notify Me tab.
3. If you haven't created an account, you will be prompted to create one so the system knows where to send the push notifications.
4. Once your account is set up, you will be asked to choose the activities you are interested in receiving push notifications for.
5. Once your notifications are set, choose when you would like to receive the notifications and click save.

You are all set. Revisit the calendar to adjust your notifications as needed.

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. 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 or call 920-366-0651.

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

17th Annual Track & Cross Country Trivia Night

Please join us on Saturday, February 8th for the 17th Annual Track & Cross Country Trivia Night! This year's event is shaping up to be a really fun night with Comedy City set to host at the Swan Club. We'll have our \$2000 cash raffle, 50/50 raffles, and a wide array of raffle baskets. Cocktails start at 5pm, with the dinner buffet set to start at

6pm and trivia to go off at 6:30pm. Your \$240 table includes dinner, laughs, and a fun night. We'd love to see you there! This is open to the public! Come meet other track and cross country families and friends! Contact Julie at 414.708.3498 with any questions or to purchase raffle tickets, and you can purchase your table via venmo @DPHS-TrackCC. [Click here to view the flyer.](#)

Show Choir Invitational results

Congratulations to Jam Session and Chicago Street Singers who both took Grand Champion in their respective divisions at the New London Singstock show choir invitational. Chi-Street was led by seniors **Mabel M, Sarah B, Addison V, and Addi B.**

Jam Session took two awards including Best Choreography and Best Vocals. Thank you to our Executive Counsel Seniors **Ella K, Izaiah B, Anna P, Annabelle S, Chris P, and Mabel M** for your leadership.

Then on January 25, Jam Session placed 4th Runner Up at the Sauk Prairie Show Choir Invitational out of 18-teams from 5 different states. Jam Session nearly took home Best Band (missing it by less than a point). Thanks to senior band members **Izaiah B, Sophia C, Lily L, Devin G, Zion T, Charlotte R, Connor B, Evan R, Ella K, James L, and Chris R** for your leadership. Congratulations!

Parent Club


Attention parents/guardians of Junior students!!


The De Pere High School Parent Club is excited to be hosting the **Post Prom** Celebration again this year. This FREE event is held at De Pere High School and is open to all Juniors and their guests.

Please click on the links below for more information and to see how you can help.

[2025 Post Prom Celebration- Google Form](#)

[2025 Post Prom Celebration- pdf](#)

 **Senior parents:** The Grad Bash planning committee will meet again on **Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm** at Cycling Brews.

 **Junior parents:** The Post Prom planning committee will meet next on **Wednesday, February 12th at 6 pm** at Graystone Alehouse.

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

February: Tuesday 2/4

March: Tuesday 3/4

April: Tuesday 4/1

May: Tuesday 5/6

June: Tuesday 6/3

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

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS

Students interested in Broadcasting

The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association has just announced the program for their Student Forum at Lambeau Field on Feb. 22!

<https://www.wi-broadcasters.org/events/student-forum/>

Students interested in Health Science

Students that are interested in Health Science, there is a Career Day at Woodside Senior Communities in Ashwaubenon. The Career Day is on Thursday, February 6th from 2 - 5 PM. [Click here](#) to view the flyer with more information.

Virtual Business Informational meetings- YA

Attention Parents and Community Members! Would your business or employer be interested 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 without commitment, please consider attending a **free virtual business information session on Tuesday, February 4th at 8:30 AM and Wednesday, February 19th at 2:00 PM.**

If you are interested but can't attend that session, please get in touch with Mrs. Wollin for more information!

cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us

Here is the link to more information.

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

Students interested in the Trades

CR Meyer is excited to be hosting a Career Exploration Night for the skilled trades. It will be held at our Charles R. Meyer Leadership Center in Kaukauna on February 26, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. They will also offer camps.

[Here](#) is a flyer with more information.

CR Meyer is a signatory contractor for Millwrights, Pipefitters, Electricians, Iron Workers, Laborers and Carpenters. At this open house, students will learn about all of those trades and have the opportunity to do hands-on experiences related to them. After that, we will be hosting camps specific to each one for people who want to learn more about a specific trade.

Parent/Student Informational Meeting About Youth Apprenticeship at NWTC

Attention Parents of Current Sophomores and Juniors!

De Pere High School offers Work-Based Experiential Learning Experiences like job-shadowing and supervised paid employment - Youth Apprenticeships. These opportunities allow students to earn valuable knowledge and skills outside of the high school classrooms while taking related coursework inside of the classrooms. Our Youth Apprenticeship program is conducted and managed in partnership with NEWYA, CESA 7 and the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce. Students can earn school elective credits, along with certifications from the Department of Workforce Development. Mrs. Corey Wollin is the Youth Apprenticeship Coach serving DPHS.

We will be having an informational meeting on Monday February 3rd at NWTC. After the meeting, there will be optional tours of NWTC! For more information and to register, [click here](#)! Please reach out to Mrs. Wollin at cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us with questions.

Beyond the Classroom

The De Pere Area Chamber allows students to join for FREE. This allows them access to a number of events that could benefit them in high school and beyond. In 2025, there will be "Beyond the Classroom" events, including a career night, networking, smart borrowing, and more. The Career Night will be an open house-style event on Tuesday, February 25th, from 4:30 - 7:30 PM at the Swan Club. Please click on the links below to view the flyers.

[Beyond the Classroom](#)

[Beyond the Classroom 2](#)

Email Mrs. Wollin at cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us with questions.

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS & WIAA TOURNAMENTS

Thursday, Jan. 30	Boys Basketball vs Sheboygan North, 7:00PM
Monday, Feb 3	Girls Basketball vs Ashwaubenon, 7:00PM
Thursday, Feb. 6	Wrestling vs Pulaski, 6:00PM *Senior Night*
Friday, Feb. 7	Boys Basketball vs Bay Port, 7:00PM **Youth Night** Boys Hockey vs Escanaba, 7:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena *Senior Night* *Skate with the Voyageurs after the game*
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Boys Basketball vs Pulaski, 7:00PM

Thursday, Feb. 13 Girls Hockey vs Middleton, 7:00PM @ Cornerstone

Friday, Feb. 14 Girls Basketball vs Preble, 7:00PM **Senior Night**

All-Conference Honors

Congratulations to the following boys hockey players who received all-Fox River Classic Conference recognition:

- **First Team:** Dayne W, junior, defense; Keegan H, senior, goalie.
- **Honorable Mention:** Michael V, junior, defense; Grant B, senior, forward; Landen S, junior, forward; Austin L, sophomore, forward; William B, sophomore, forward.

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.

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 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

Table Talk

Table Talk is sponsored by the Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention. This is a free event for parents to support parents in reducing stigma around mental health.

[Please click here](#) to view the informational 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

@unifiedschoolstoddepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!