



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - February 13, 2025

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### February

Thur Feb 13	Early Release- <a href="#">See schedule</a>
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	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
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 <b>*ONLY Grade 11 attend at High School</b> <b>*No lunch and buses will pick up at regular pick up and drop off times</b>
Tues Mar 18	<b>ONLY Grades 9 &amp; 10 Testing - PreACT Secure</b> <b>Grades 11 &amp; 12- 3 Hour Late Start- <a href="#">Use this Schedule</a></b>
Thur Mar 20	Choir & Orchestra Performance Tour to Nashville (March 20-24)
Fri Mar 21	Last Day of 3rd quarter for high school students
Mon Mar 24-Fri Mar 28	<b>No School- Spring Break</b>
Mon Mar 31	1st Day of 4th quarter for high school students

### 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 opened on January 28 at 8:00 am and closed on 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- Early Release

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.

### **Attention Senior parents/guardians**

[Please click here](#) to view a Senior Class Newsletter with important information.

### **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**.

### **Yearbooks**

There is still time to order your 2024-2025 yearbook online via the Varsity Yearbook website. Order online [HERE](#) or at [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com). Our school code is 14802.

If you're unsure if you ordered a yearbook, search your email for a receipt from 'Herff Jones' and make sure it notes a 2024-2025 yearbook order. **Online sales end April 1st.**

### **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.

**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

**Summer Classroom** session beginning on Monday June 9th Ends on June 27th 2025

Monday - Friday June 9th - 13th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Friday June 16th -20th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Friday June 23rd - 27th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

**Summer Classroom** session beginning on Monday July 9th Ends on July 30th 2025

Wednesday - Friday July 9th - 11th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Tuesday - Friday July 15th - 18th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Friday July 21st -25th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Monday - Wednesday July 28 - 30th 12 - 2 pm Community Room

Fall schedule will be available by May 2025

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**

### **Snowball Dance**

The Snowball Dance is this Saturday night from 7:00pm-10:00pm. This is a semi-formal dance. All DPHS students attending must show their 2024-2025 school year ID at the door to gain admittance and must arrive prior to 8:00pm. If you are getting picked up after the dance, your ride should be outside waiting for you at 10:00pm. New IDs can be purchased in the main office for \$7.00.

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold during lunch on February 13 in the commons area and again after school in the main office until 3:00pm.

### **Congratulations Forensic Team**

Congratulations to the Forensic Team for a great first meet at the Conference Invitational on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Earning awards were:

**Keira H** (11) earned 1st place in Poetry Reading

**Dia S** (9) earned 1st place in Prose Reading

**Caitlyn G** (10) earned 1st place in Solo Acting Serious

**Sophia S** (11) earned 2nd place in Solo Acting Serious

**Kiana S** (12) earned 2nd place in Informative/Demonstrative Speech

**Sophia B** (12) earned 2nd in Radio News Casting

### **Congratulations DPHS FBLA**

On February 1, 2025, sixty-two DPHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members competed at the 2025 FBLA Region 3 Leadership Conference in Shawano, WI. The chapter competed against students from twenty-four other local schools in business and marketing related competitive events. As a chapter, De Pere placed 2nd in the Outstanding Chapter Award. The following students placed in the top 5 of their event and were recognized for their achievement. Students that placed in the top three of their event will advance to the 2025 State Leadership Conference in Green Bay in April.

Congratulations to the following members for their outstanding individual accomplishments:

Macy S - 5th Place in Accounting 1

Grace N - 1st Place in Advertising\*

Lundyn F - 5th Place in Advertising

Makayla S - 1st Place in Agribusiness\*

Caden K - 2nd Place in Agribusiness\*

Gavin O - 4th Place in Broadcast Journalism

Abilene W - 2nd Place in Business Communication\*

Brayden S and Ella V - 4th Place in Business Ethics

Brady T - 4th Place in Business Management

Mason B and Ryan K - 4th Place in Business Plan

Kendall R - 3rd Place in Cyber Security\*

Connor M and Oliver Q - 1st Place in Digital Video Production\*

Hayden B - 3rd Place in Financial Math\*

Aubrey L - 1st Place in Healthcare Administration\*

Jordyn R - 3rd Place in Healthcare Administration\*

Ally D and Brooklyn D - 3rd Place in Hospitality and Event Management\*

Evan S - 1st Place in Human Resource Management\*

Elliott H - 4th Place in Impromptu Speaking

Anna M - 5th Place in Insurance & Risk Management

Conor E - 1st Place in International Business\*

Fisher A - 4th Place in Introduction to Business Procedures

Mason S and Beck T - 4th Place in Introduction to Event Planning

Tyson B - 4th Place in Introduction to Financial Math

Austin K and Aryaan S - 2nd Place in Introduction to Social Media Strategy\*

Oscar B - 2nd Place in Job Interview\*

Amelia D - 4th Place in Journalism

Ryan B and Shaya M - 5th Place in Marketing

Cooper H - 1st Place in Public Speaking\*

Ansh P - 2nd Place in Securities & Investments\*

Hunter T - 5th Place in Securities & Investments

Keira M and Joel R - 3rd Place in Social Media Strategies\*

Andrew A and Jack B - 4th Place in Sports & Entertainment Management

Addison K - 1st Place in Supply Chain Management\*

Bennett R - 3rd Place in Supply Chain Management\*

Lily L - 1st Place in UX Design\*

*\*State Qualifiers*

### **Congratulations to DPHS Mock Trial Team**

On February 1, 2025, the DPHS Mock Trial Team placed 2nd at their Regional Competition and will be headed to the State Tournament in March. Congratulations to the following students;

**Kiana S**, (Prosecution Attorney) **Jackson B**, (Prosecution Attorney) **Gracie B**, (Defense Attorney) **Varshini KR**, (Prosecution Witness) **Naitz W**, (Prosecution Attorney) **Annie S**, (Prosecution Witness) **Whitney V**, (Defense Witness) **Miles W**, (Defense Attorney) **Jacob N**, (Prosecution Witness) and **Soren S**. (Defense Witness)

### **Congratulations FCCLA**

FCCLA students **Arya D**, **Celeste V**, and **Macie H** participated in the Regional competition on the weekend of February 1 and each of them advanced to the State level! Please congratulate them on this outstanding accomplishment.

### **Crimson Aviator**

The journalism class has finished up for the year, and I have some links to the final stories we produced.

[Mr. Newton is retiring](#)

[Boys volleyball players trying to start a team](#)

[Re-test policy being looked at](#)

[Many editorials and opinions](#)

Thanks for reading this year. See you in the fall.

Mr. Guyette

Newspaper adviser

### **Parent Club**

The Parent Club will be hosting a meal for the Teachers & Staff during the Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday, February 13th. Please help us show the DPHS staff our appreciation by sponsoring a meal with a \$10 donation, donating an item on our list, or giving your time. [Conference dinner Sign Up Genius](#)

We are looking for a handful of parents to help with the coat check for the Snowball dance this **Saturday, February 15th** from 6:45-10:15 pm. This is an easy and fun way to help out while meeting other DP parents! [Coat check Sign Up Genius](#)


### **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.

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

**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**

### **Careers in Mental Health Exploration Night**

Is your student interested in a career in Mental Health? Bellin College is having an exploration night on Wednesday, March 5th from 5:30 - 7 PM at the Eaton Road location. See [this flyer](#) for more information and registration.

### **Interested in attending NWTC?**

We wanted to share a few additional opportunities available at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) for your students.

#### **Program Shadows:**

Program shadows are great for students who have narrowed their career interests to a few fields. Shadows at NWTC allow students to explore their interests and make informed decisions about their future career by meeting instructors, current program students, and experiencing a college class. Students can shadow careers such as carpentry, culinary, nursing, architecture, and more!

#### **Individuals Campus Tours:**

Individual Campus Tours are great for students that have a specific area of interest (such as Health Sciences, Business or Trades). Students can see what that work environment might look like and learn a little more about the careers within that area.

Sign up to shadow a specific program at: [nwtc.edu/programshadow](http://nwtc.edu/programshadow)

Sign up to shadow an area at: [nwtc.edu/tour](http://nwtc.edu/tour)

#### **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 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.

#### **Mock Interviews for students at UWGB**

Is your student interested in Business, Marketing, Finance, or IT? UWGB is hosting a Mock Interview event on Monday, March 3 for students interested in those career clusters along with tours of their school of business. If your student is interested in attending, please have them contact Mrs. Herrild at [kherrild@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:kherrild@depere.k12.wi.us) by Tuesday, February 18th as we are considering a field trip if we get enough student interest. If we don't get enough students for a field trip, students could still attend with their own transportation and parent excuse from school. See [this flyer](#) for more information.

#### **Career Exploration Event**

The De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce will be having a number of free "Beyond the Classroom" events this year for any local high school student, 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.**

Students and parents are welcome to attend and network with several local businesses about their companies and career paths. Flyers [here](#) and [here](#). Parents - would your business or company be interested in a booth at the event? See [this flyer](#) for more information. Student pre-registration is appreciated here.

Email Mrs. Wollin at [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us) with questions.

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 13	Girls Hockey vs Madison Lynx, 7:00PM @ Cornerstone
Friday, Feb. 14	Girls Basketball vs Green Bay Preble, 7:00PM *Senior Night*
Saturday, Feb. 15	WIAA Regional Wrestling, 9:30AM @ Green Bay Preble
	Girls Hockey vs Central Wisconsin Storm, 7:30PM @ Cornerstone
Tuesday, Feb. 18	WIAA Regional Boys Hockey vs Appleton United, 8:00PM @ DPIA

Friday, Feb. 21  
Saturday, Feb. 22

Boys Basketball vs Manitowoc, 7:00PM \*Senior Night\*  
WIAA Sectional Wrestling, 10:00AM @ Fond du Lac  
Boys Basketball vs Pewaukee, 6:00PM

### **Ice Bears Win Conference Championship**

Congratulations to the girls hockey team for winning its sixth Eastern Shores Conference title, with a 4-0 victory over Fond du Lac on Saturday Feb. 8. The Ice Bears are 21-1 and received a first-round bye for the WIAA postseason.

Conference awards also were presented. The Ice Bears had six players earn all-conference recognition, including DPHS senior forward Julianne B. on the first team. Julianne also was named to the academic all-conference team.



DPHS Ice Bears players, left to right: senior Rachael B, freshman Mya S, senior Julianne B, and senior Mikaela S.

### **Two Redbirds Commit to Play NCAA Division II Football**

On Feb. 5, De Pere seniors Max C and Lucas K signed national letters of intent to compete in football at the NCAA Division II collegiate level. Cavanaugh will play at Grand Valley State University in Allendale Michigan. Koskey signed with Northern Michigan University.



Congratulations Redbirds and best wishes for your future college careers!

### **Coach Coppo Receives Award**

Congratulations to De Pere Voyageurs boys hockey head coach J.P. Coppo for his recognition as Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association Division 1 Section 2 Coach of the Year. Coppo is one of eight finalists for the Bob Johnson Coach of the Year award, to be announced at the WIAA State Tournament March 7-8 in Madison.

### **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**

### **De Pere Rockin' Redbirds Talent Extravaganza!**

The DPMS Rockin' Redbirds show choir is hosting their second annual Talent Extravaganza! The show will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2025 at 6:30pm in the middle school auditorium. This group of wonderful musicians will perform individual and small group acts, followed by a performance of the Rockin' Redbirds show, entitled, "Keep Dreaming".

Tickets will be \$5 per person and available at the door, cash only. Concessions will be available. All proceeds will directly benefit the Rockin' Redbirds show choir.

Please join us and spread the word for an Extravagant Evening!

### **African American Heritage Event-**

This event is sponsored by the African American Heritage Emerging Student Leadership Institute. At this event High School Student Leaders are involved in learning experiences that position them to be successful in school. They are exposed to college admission, career exploration, and identity development workshops. If you are interested in attending [this event](#) on Thursday, February 20th, please reach out to assistant principal Mrs. Jeskie in the high school main office for more information.

***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***

***@unifiedschooldistofdepere on Instagram***

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

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