



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - February 27, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

February

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**

***No lunch and buses will pick up at regular pick up and drop off times**

Tues Mar 18 **ONLY Grades 9 & 10 Testing - PreACT Secure**

Grades 11 & 12- 3 Hour Late Start- [Use this Schedule](#)

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 **No School- Spring Break**

Mon Mar 31 1st Day of 4th quarter for high school students

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

Raptor- Visitor Check-in

ALL visitors need to present a drivers license or state ID to be run through the District's security Raptor check when entering the main office. Once you are checked in, you will receive and must wear a Raptor visitor sticker visibly on the upper front part of your body. (It is a white sticker that has a black & white photo from your driver's license, and includes the word Visitor across the top) After your visit, please return to the main office to return the sticker and be signed out.

Visitor parking is in the front row and please DO NOT park in a numbered spot. You will need to register your vehicle in the office when checking in, so please memorize or take a picture of your license plate before entering the building.

Attention Senior parents/guardians

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

Lunch Account Balance Information

Students will be permitted to purchase meals from the District's food service using either cash on hand or a food service account. A student may be allowed to incur a negative food service account balance subject to the following conditions.

Students may be permitted to accumulate negative food service account balance as determined by the District Administrator. The District Administrator shall determine the manner of determining permissible account balances by grade level. **A student shall not be permitted to purchase a la carte items without sufficient account balance or cash on hand.**

Students that are receiving free or reduced price meals will be permitted to purchase a USDA approved meal if the student has the necessary funds with him/her to purchase the meal, regardless of whether the student has a negative account balance.

This policy and any implementing guidelines shall be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the school or School District during the school year. The policy and implementing guidelines will also be provided to all District staff with responsibility for enforcing the policies. The policy and guidelines will be posted on the District website.

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.

Yearbooks

There is still time to order your 2024-2025 yearbook online via the Varsity Yearbook website. Order online [HERE](#) or at 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 or call **920-366-0651**.

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

De Pere Tennis Booster Club - Come celebrate with us!

Please join us for the next meeting of the De Pere Tennis Booster Club on Tuesday March 18th, 7:00 pm at Graystone Ale House, 3711 Monroe Road. We will be celebrating 20 years of Booster Club achievements and charting our course for the future. Soft drinks and dessert will be served.

In addition, the Booster Club will be sharing opportunities for families to support their student-athletes by sharing their talents and time to ensure the club and overall program continue to be successful. With many of our club leadership "aging out" due to graduations, we are looking for the next generation of leadership to step onto the court! Help us make a difference in your student-athlete's time on the team!

Don't miss the best Booster Club meeting of the past 20 years! Please RSVP to deperetennisbooster@gmail.com by March 10th. We are excited to see you on the 18th.

March 19th Blood Drive at DPHS

De Pere High School will be holding a Red Cross blood drive on **Wednesday, March 19th from 8 AM to 2 PM.**

Giving blood saves 3 lives and is an easy way to give back to others with just an hour of your time! This is especially important since we are currently experiencing an emergency blood shortage.

If you are a parent or a student who would like to donate blood, please email dphsblood@gmail.com with any questions or with a time that you are available to donate! All donors must be 16 or older and student donors must bring a signed parent consent form to their donation which can be picked up in the main office.

We have many slots left to fill, so we would greatly appreciate your donation!

Donations needed

Hands Across De Pere and Hope Squad are asking for your help for donations for candy (please nothing chocolate that can melt) that they distribute in the De Pere Memorial Day parade. Candy can be very expensive, especially the amount that is given out at this very well attended parade.

If you are willing to donate, candy donations can be dropped off at the high school before school or during regular school hours. All candy is due to the school by May 1st so we can assess how much more is needed to fulfill the parade route. Thank you for your help!

De Pere's Got Talent- Sponsored by Senior Cabinet

Your Senior Cabinet is bringing the SENIOR Talent Show back! Mark your Calendars. De Pere's Got Talent will take place on **Saturday, April 5th at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium.**

De Pere's Got Talent is a talent show (serious or funny talents) that provides a safe and a fun night for the students of DPHS. We have had interpretive dance, live bands, video game masters, comedians, magic shows, and so much more in past shows. While the show is funny, the real purpose is to do good. The proceeds from the show go to support a non-profit of the winners choice along with district families.

If you are a senior interested in being a contestant, please email Mrs. Hardy or Mrs. Timm. We will have an 'informational' meeting during FLEX on **WEDNESDAY (2/19)** for any interested contestants. Be sure to sign up for Mrs. Hardy's FLEX session to attend. You are not committing to being a participant if you attend the meeting, but attending to learn more about the event.

Also, If you are interested in helping plan/run this event, please email Mrs. Hardy or Mrs. Timm. shardy@depere.k12.wi.us jtimm@depere.k12.wi.us

Congratulations Jam Session!

Congrats to Jam Session who won Grand Champion on February 15 at the Monona Grove Silver stage Invitational. Jam also took home two caption awards: Best Choreography and Best Vocals.

Thank you to our Seniors for your leadership: Jannah B, Sydney B, Amelia K, Mary Nelly B, and Gabby H.

Jam Session and Chicago Street Singers compete again on the weekend of February 21 - 23 at Medford. Good luck!

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.

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

Sign up to shadow an area at: nwtc.edu/tour

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 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.

Parent Club

Thank you to the parents and families for donating to the Teacher & Staff meal during conferences! We fed our amazing educators and staff a buffet dinner from Margarita's Restaurant, along with sides, drinks, and desserts!

Attention parents/guardians of Seniors!!

The DPHS Parent Club will be hosting our annual **Grad Bash** on graduation night for our Senior Class. This event is FREE for students and held at school. Please see the attached letter for more information on how you can help.

 **Parent letter GB 25**


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 **Monday, March 10th at 6:30 pm**. Follow the DePere Class of 2025 Facebook page for location information.

 **Junior parents:** The Post Prom planning committee will meet again on **Tuesday, March 11th at 6 pm**. Location TBD!

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

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

Notes from the Nest - Redbirds Athletics

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS & WIAA TOURNAMENTS

Thurs-Sat, Feb 27-March 1	WIAA State Wrestling @ Kohl Center
Friday, Feb. 28	WIAA Girls Basketball Regional vs Manitowoc, 7:00PM WIAA Girls Hockey Sectional final vs TBD, 4:30PM @ Champion Center
Saturday, March 1	WIAA Girls Basketball Regional final (Friday's winners)
Thursday, March 6	WIAA Girls Hockey State semifinals @ Capitol Ice Arena WIAA Girls Basketball Sectional semifinal, 7:00PM
Friday, March 7	WIAA Boys Basketball Regional vs Oshkosh West or Manitowoc, 7:00PM
Saturday, March 8	WIAA Girls Hockey State final, 3:00PM @ Capitol Ice Arena WIAA Boys Basketball Regional final, 7:00PM

Congratulations State Wrestling Qualifiers

The Redbirds will be represented at the WIAA State Wrestling tournament by senior Mycah Beckett (46-3 at 132 pounds), sophomore Olin Neuville (45-3 at 138 pounds) and senior Brooke Corrigan (7-0 at 100-pound girls).

All three athletes won their respective Sectional titles. They will compete Thursday through Saturday at the Kohl Center, Madison. The first round begins at 2:00pm Thursday.

All tickets are digital and can be purchased [here](#).

WIAA Basketball Ticketing

De Pere will host Manitowoc in a girls basketball regional semifinal at 7:00pm Friday. All tickets are digital and available for advance purchase on [GoFan](#). Credit/debit cards and Apple Pay will be accepted at the door.

The winner will play in a regional final at 7:00pm Saturday, located to be determined.

The No. 1 seeded De Pere boys will open postseason play by hosting a regional semifinal at 7:00pm Friday March 7, against Oshkosh West or Manitowoc. Tickets can be purchased on GoFan.

Support De Pere Football at Bird Bash '25

Join the football booster club for a night of music, laughter and camaraderie at the second annual Bird Bash, featuring NEW Dueling Pianos. Doors open at 6:00pm, show starts at 7:30pm on Friday, March 14 at the Swan Club.

General Admission tickets at \$30 per person still remain.



BIRD BASH '25

Join us for an unforgettable night of music, laughter, and camaraderie as we invite you to the second annual Bird Bash, featuring NEW Dueling Pianos! All proceeds from this event will benefit the De Pere Redbird Football program. Sing, clap, and join in on the fun as they deliver your favorite songs and clever requests in a way only they can. Bring your cash, as bribing them works, too! All tips, bribes and gratuities will be donated back to the fundraiser! It'll be an event that promises to be entertaining!

TICKETS & TABLES

- General Admission - \$30/person
- Standard Table - \$225/table for 8
- MVP Table "The Best Seats" - \$400/table for 8 (only 14 tables up front)
- Adults only (21+)

FOOD & DRINKS

- Chicago Street Pub (CSP) pizzas are available to order from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m.
- Tip: Order right when you arrive.
- CSP will donate \$5 back for every pizza sold!
- A cash bar will be available.

EVENT DETAILS:

- Fri., March 14
- Swan Club, 875 Heritage Rd.
- Doors open at 6:00 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m.
- Redbird apparel is encouraged

For more information or to purchase tickets or a table, visit deperefootball.com or scan the QR code. Thank you De Pere Football Booster Club for your support!



Aurora BayCare Offers Student-Athlete Sports Physicals at DPHS

On **Monday, April 14** and **Monday, May 19**, Aurora BayCare Sports Medicine will offer comprehensive sports physical exams at De Pere High School for students currently in Grades 6-11.

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes, beginning at 5:30pm. Allow 30-40 minutes for the appointment.

The appointment will include a full health screening by a physician or physician assistant, a vision exam, and evaluation for ACL injury risk. This physical will meet school and WIAA requirements for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. A parent or guardian must accompany the student, or sign a parent consent form.

Cost is \$25. All proceeds will be donated by Aurora to De Pere athletics.

To sign up your student-athlete for an appointment, contact DPHS athletics secretary Kerry Guyette at kguyette@depere.k12.wi.us (preferred), or 920-983-9174, ext 4013.

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](#)

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!