



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - April 10, 2025

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### April

Fri Apr 11 & Sat Apr 12	Forensics State Speech Festival
Sat Apr 12	Junior Prom 8:00pm-11:00pm, <b>doors close at 9:00pm</b>
	Post Prom Party 11:00pm - 3:00am, (Sponsored by Parents Club) <b>doors close at 11:30pm.</b>
Tues Apr 15	PreACT Makeup Day
Fri Apr 18	<b>No School</b>
Fri Apr 25	<b>No School-</b> Staff Professional Development Day

#### May

Thur May 1	K-12 Art Show 5:00pm-7:00pm High School Commons
	Redbird Productions Spring Play Performance at 7:00pm at DPHS Auditorium
Fri May 2	Redbird Productions Spring Play Performance at 7:00pm at DPHS Auditorium
Sat May 3	Senior Ball at Swan Club in De Pere from 6:30pm-11:00pm
Sun May 4	Redbird Productions Spring Play Performance at <b>*2:00 pm</b> at DPHS Auditorium <b>*Time updated from previous newsletter</b>
Wed May 7	Academic Award Ceremony at 7:00pm in DPHS Gymnasium
Thur May 8	Redbird Bands Spring Concert
Tues May 13	High School (at 7:00pm) and Middle school (at 5:00pm) Orchestra Spring Concerts in the High School Auditorium
Thur May 15	Redbird Vocal Music Awards & Senior Night
Thur May 22	Redbird Vocal Music Spring Concert at 7:00pm
Fri May 23	<u>Last Day for Senior students</u>
Mon May 26	<b>No School- Memorial Day</b>
Wed May 28	High School Graduation Ceremony at 7:00pm at Nowak Family Field
	Grad Bash ( <b>Seniors Only</b> ) following graduation from 10:00 pm-2:30 am (Sponsored by the HS Parent Club)
Thur May 29	Finals for 9th-11th grade students- <a href="#">Use this schedule</a>
Fri May 30	Finals for 9th-11th grade students- <a href="#">Use this schedule</a>
	<b>Last Day of School</b>
	Last day of 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester for HS

#### June

Wed June 5-Wed June 18	Credit Recovery
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## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Students with a Release Period**

As we enter the final quarter of the school year, we want to take a moment to clarify expectations for students who have a **Release** period on their schedule.

Students with a **Release** period are expected to:

- **Leave** the building for the entirety of the period, **OR**
- **Sign in** at a supervised area (such as the Library or Math Resource Room or other support) at the onset of the period and remain there for the entire class period.

**Please note-** A **Release** period may be revoked if a student is truant or failing a course. In such cases, this time may be reassigned to better support academic success.

If a student wishes to remain in the building daily during their *Release* period, a student may contact their counselor to place them into a study hall.

### **Junior Prom Details**

Prom Tickets are \$15 each. Tickets will be sold on Thursday and Friday during both lunches and tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20.

The dance is from 8pm-11pm. All De Pere students must show their 24-25 school year ID at the door and **doors close at 9:00pm**. Prom Court will be announced at 10:45pm.

Post Prom is from 11:00pm-3:00am and **doors close at 11:30pm**. Please make sure you and your date have the Post Prom Liability Waiver completed!

### **Attention Senior Families**

[Please click here](#) to view an important letter regarding senior events and graduation 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.

### **Peer Tutoring**

Do you need help in your classes or are you more receptive to getting that help from another student? If so, sign up for peer tutoring during Flex! Request Mr. Pagel's Flex on one or more of the following dates:

Thursday, April 10th

Wednesday, April 16th

Monday, April 21st

Tuesday, April 29th

Friday, May 9th

Wednesday, May 14th

Thursday, May 22nd

Tuesday, May 27th

See the Peer Tutoring signs posted on the designated flyer boards around the school that also list these set help dates.

Message Mr. Pagel or Mr. Toellner with any questions. [epagel@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:epagel@depere.k12.wi.us) [rtoellner@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:rtoellner@depere.k12.wi.us)

### **Community Service Documentation**

The site for entering community service hours is now reopened. Anything entered now will be going for next year.

Email Mrs. Counihan with any questions; [jcounihan@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:jcounihan@depere.k12.wi.us)

### **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 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**

### **Scoopie Night at Culver's**

Go to Culver's in De Pere on Monday April 28 from 5-8pm and a portion of the proceeds will go to the De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store. [See this flyer.](#)

### Destination Imagination

We're selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Meal Deal Codes to raise money for Unified School District of DePere - Destination Imagination. 3 teams from De Pere have qualified to go to the Global competition for Destination Imagination (STEAM-based competition) in Kansas City, MO! We need to raise money for the entry fee. Please consider helping us out! [Click this link to find out how to order.](#)

### 2024-25 Yearbooks

If you missed all yearbook ordering options over the past few months and would like a chance at possibly getting one of the extra ones ***if there are any, students please read on.*** Students, please look at the Daily Announcements for directions on how to sign up. You will be contacted via email after Distribution Day in May if your name is selected.

If you're unsure if you ordered a yearbook, see Ms. LeaAnn Allen in the main office to check the yearbook order list.

### Forensic Team

Congratulations to the De Pere High School Forensic team for excellent work at the District forensic meet on March 13. Qualifying for the State Speech Festival on Friday, April 11 are;

Seniors **Chris P** and **Kiana S** in Informational Speech

Juniors **Keira H** and freshman **Dia S** in Prose Reading

Senior **Sophia B** in Radio News Reporting

Sophomore **Caitlyn G** and junior **Sophia S** in Solo Acting Serious

Rounding out the team who also had great performances were;

**Gracie B** in Prose Reading

**Sophie D** in Poetry Reading

**Vaughn G** in Special Occasion Speech.

### Wear Yellow Day

Wear Yellow Day is on Friday, May 2nd. Students and staff, please wear yellow on this day if you are able.

### Youth Art Month

There are many DPHS students that have art pieces showing at various shows and venues, here are a few.

- The **Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass** through **April 13th**. We have an entire display of glass pieces from our Sculpture 2 and Art club students as part of the *Teen Voices in Glass Exhibition*.

Upcoming shows:

- **The Congressional Art Show** at the Neville Museum late **April-mid May**
- Our annual **District Art Show May 1st**, which will coincide with the Redbird Production Spring Show.

The k-12 district show will be here in the **High School commons** again so mark your calendars!

At any time you can also check out our [Instagram page](#) (dphs\_art\_dept) which showcases finished work, in progress videos, and behind the scenes of many of our assignments and weekly events in the art room. See our regular gallery displays downstairs for updated work.

On behalf of the Art Department, Thank you!

### Honors Music Students Announced

Congratulations to the following DPHS students who were accepted to the WSMA State Honors Ensembles for the 2025-2026 school year:

**Jackie C**- Mixed Choir

**Ethan F**- Mixed Choir

**Emma H**- Band

**Luciana S**- Orchestra

We are proud of all our students that went through the difficult audition process and look forward to these four representing De Pere at the October Music Teachers Conference in Madison.

### Donations needed for Hands Across De Pere and Hope Squad

Hands Across De Pere and Hope Squad are **asking for your help for donations for candy** that they distribute in the De Pere Memorial Day parade. (Please no chocolate or anything that can melt easily) 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 they can assess how much more is needed to fulfill the parade route. Thank you for your help!

### **2025 FBLA State Leadership Conference Results**

On Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1, twenty-three De Pere FBLA members competed at the 2025 State Leadership Conference in Green Bay, WI. The students competed in business and marketing related competitions against students from all over the state of Wisconsin. Eight De Pere students placed in the top five of their competitive event and five of those students qualified for the 2025 National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA.

#### ***National Leadership Conference Qualifiers:***

1st Place -Conor E in International Business  
2nd Place - Evan S in Human Resource Management  
2nd Place - Lily L in UX Design  
3rd Place - Caden K in Agribusiness  
4th Place - Cooper H in Public Speaking

#### ***State Leadership Conference Winners (National Conference Alternates):***

5th Place - Aubrey L in Health Care Administration  
5th Place - Ansh P in Securities and Investments  
5th Place - Makayla S in Agribusiness



### **Parent Club**

#### **Parents or guardians of Junior students:**

**Post Prom is TWO DAYS AWAY!** Thank you to everyone who already donated! There are a few spots open for **VOLUNTEERS** and **FOOD** donations. Please click on this link to sign up: [Post Prom Volunteer and Food donations](#)

Finally, we need **VOLUNTEERS** for the coat check at the prom dance. Please click on this link to sign up: [Prom Coat Check](#)

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support!

### **★IMPORTANT - ACTION NEEDED FOR ALL SENIORS★**

A signed liability waiver is required for Senior students to be able to fully participate in all Grad Bash activities (mechanical bull, inflatable games, entertainer & more). If your child will be 18 by graduation, they can fill it out themselves. If they will still be 17 by graduation day, a parent/guardian **MUST** fill it out. [Grad Bash waiver](#)

#### **🎓Senior parents🎓**

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](#)

The Grad Bash planning committee will meet again on April 15th at 6:30 pm at Cycling Brews. Follow the DePere Class of 2025 Facebook page for updates.

The Parent Club meets monthly at 6:30 pm in the High School library. All are welcome! Officer elections for the 2025-2026 school year will take place during the May meeting. If you are interested in being nominated for a position, you must be present for the meeting.

**May:** Tuesday 5/6

**June:** Tuesday 6/3

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

## **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.

## **ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS**

### **Virtual Job Shadow For Students Interested in Video Production or Broadcasting - LiveX LiveX Virtual Tour**

#### **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)

### **Youth Apprenticeship for '25 - '26**

Parents of current Sophomores and Juniors!

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

If your students would like more information about Youth Apprenticeship, please have them email Mrs. Wollin at [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us). She will be available for contact throughout the summer for questions and setting up placements. If your student already has a job they plan on working in the summer AND into the school year, it is also *possible* to count it for Youth Apprenticeship.

### **Looking for Businesses to Hire Youth Apprentices!**

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! Please get in touch with Mrs. Wollin for more information! [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us).

### **HSHS Health Care Summer Bootcamps for Current Sophomores through Seniors**

Flyer with registration information and details [here](#).



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

### **UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS**

Thursday, April 10	Softball vs Pulaski, 4:30PM @ Lone Oak Field North
Saturday, April 12	Baseball vs Bay Port, 11:00AM & 1:00PM @ Aurora Field
Tuesday, April 15	Baseball vs Pulaski, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field Girls Lacrosse vs Neenah, 7:30PM @ Nowak Field
Thursday, April 17	Dan Baker Track Invite, 3:30PM @ Nowak Field Softball vs Ashwaubenon, 4:30PM @ Lone Oak Field North
Friday, April 18	Boys Lacrosse vs Neenah, 7:30PM @ Nowak Field
Saturday, April 19	Softball vs Bay Port, 11:00AM & 1:00PM @ Lone Oak Field North **Redbird Youth Softball Day**
Monday, April 21	Track Triangular, 4:00PM @ Nowak Field Baseball vs Appleton North, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field Girls Soccer vs Kimberly, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field
Tuesday, April 22	Baseball vs Sheboygan South, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field Girls Soccer vs Ashwaubenon, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field

### **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. [Flyer](#)

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

### **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](#)

## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Message from Local Health Depts Regarding Measles Prevention**

We are sharing [this information](#) with you at the request of the De Pere, Brown County, and Oneida Nation health departments. Please contact your local department for additional information.

Thank you.

### **International Family Festival**

We are in the beginning stages of planning our 3rd Annual International Family Festival.

[Please click here](#) to view an informational letter regarding if you are interested in having a Table at the event. (See Table Tours in the link above)

A colorful graphic for the International Family Festival. It features a central circular logo with a globe and the letters 'LP' in the center, surrounded by the words 'International Family Festival'. To the left, there are several circular inset photos showing people at the festival, including a woman in a yellow dress, a man in a green shirt, and a woman in a green dress. Below these photos is a yellow circle with the text 'All Ages Welcome!'. To the right of the logo, there is a rainbow flag. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Friday, May 9', 'Heritage Elementary School', '1250 Swan Rd.', '4:30 pm - 7:00 pm'. Below this text is a list of activities: '• "Table Tours," with district families from around the world', '• Food trucks', '• Vendors', '• Henna booth', '• Art area', '• Music'. At the bottom right, there is a small circular inset photo showing a person in a red and white costume.

***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**

**@unifiedschoolstofdeperere on Instagram**

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

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