



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - May 8, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

May

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	No School- Memorial Day
Wed May 28	High School Graduation Ceremony at 7:00pm at Nowak Family Field Grad Bash (Seniors Only) following graduation from 10:00 pm-2:30 am (Sponsored by the DPHS Parent Club)
Thur May 29	Finals for 9th-11th grade students- Use this schedule
Fri May 30	Finals for 9th-11th grade students- Use this schedule Last Day of School Last day of 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester for HS

June

Wed June 5-Wed June 18 Credit Recovery

NEWS AND EVENTS

Month of May- Mental Health Awareness Month

Minding your mental health is essential for overall well-being. It impacts how you think, feel, and interact with others. In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month we will share a mentally healthy activity for each day in May, so watch the Daily Announcements.

2025 James Madison Memorial Foundation Fellowship Winner

DPHS social studies teacher Laura Weber has been named a Fellowship winner. She is the only teacher in Wisconsin to receive this prestigious award. Read more in the News section of our website www.deperek12.org

Attention Senior Families- Graduation Ceremony Information

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

Also, [please click here](#) to view information regarding ordering Graduation Flowers.

Grad Bash Waiver

Attention Seniors-

In order to participate in the majority of Grad Bash activities, **you must** have an online waiver filled out.

If you are 18 on or before May 28h, you may fill this out yourself.

If you will not be 18 by graduation, it must be filled out by a parent/guardian.

[Grad Bash 2025 waiver](#) (This link was also included in the Daily Announcements)



Graduation Ceremony Photo Ordering

Graduation is just around the corner. Please visit the link below and enter the code to sign up for access notifications and view the pictures once they're published.

Link: <https://my.photoday.com/gallery/depere-hs-grad25>

Event Specific Code: DEPERE25

All graduates will be photographed to have the option of ordering even after graduation day. If you are in need of alternative ordering options please contact Harmann Studios Customer Care Team at 1-800-236-8910.

If you prefer a flyer, please click on this link- [De Pere HS Grad Photo Info](#)

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Summer Meal Program

Power up with Sun Meals this summer. Meals are FREE for kids ages 0-18. Meals must be eaten on site, no grab and go. Just show up and enjoy! Click below to view the flyers.

[Sun Meals 2025](#)

[Sun Meals 2025- Spanish](#)

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:

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 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

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.

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

Congratulations to the students in the Coding Competition!

Congratulations to the team of **Glade A, Quinn I, Jeremy L, and Soren S** for placing third at the CSTA Coding Competition held at Marquette University on April 16th. Students from all over the state competed in the event.

State Solo/Ensemble Exemplary Awards

Over 80 Students from De Pere performed in the State Solo/Ensemble Festival at UWGB. The following events were nominated for an Exemplary Award (Best Performance of the day)

"First Breath of Winter" SATB Quartet - **Lilly B, Livi D, Owen E, and Ethan F**

"Simple Joys of Maidenhood" - Music Theater Solo - **Jackie C**

"Autumn Song" - TB Duet - **Aiden E and Owen E**

"900 Miles" TTB Trio - **Ethan F, Owen E, and Marcus R**

"Voi, che sapete" - Alto Classical Solo - **Caiya K**

Classical Guitar Solo - **Will J**

"Birds Lullaby" - SSAA Double Quartet - **Lucy H, Lilly B, Sarah H, Jackie C, Amelia K, Sofiia G, and Leah G**

Three of these performances won the Exemplary Award for their room! The Best Performance of the Day Winners are:

Classical Guitar Solo - **Will J**

"Birds Lullaby" - SSAA Double Quartet - **Lucy H, Lilly B, Sarah H, Jackie C, Amelia K, Sofiia G, and Leah G**

"Simple Joys of Maidenhood" - Music Theater Solo - **Jackie C**

This was the largest number of nominations to date! Go Birds!

Destination Imagination

Our Destination Imagination team is eagerly gearing up for the opportunity of a lifetime: competing at Global Finals in Kansas City! To ensure our kids can shine on this international stage, we're actively fundraising through a series of exciting events. Your participation in these events or direct donations from you or your company would make a world of difference.

Please click on the links to view the flyers for the fundraising events.

[Noodles Fundraiser](#)

[Venmo Donor Flyer](#)

[Pizza Flyer](#)

Thank you for standing behind our talented teams and helping make their dreams a reality!

Betsy Hornseth

Golf Outing benefiting NEWYA and CESA 7

CESA 7 and Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (NEWYA) are excited to share that registration is open for the 2025 NEWYA Golf Outing! **DPHS** currently has 117 YA students and the interest is continuing to grow

Event Details:



Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025



Location: Hilly Haven Golf Course, De Pere, WI



Cost: \$90 per player | \$360 per foursome

All proceeds from the outing benefit NEWYA and help support students across our CESA 7 region as they explore future careers. You can help make a huge impact by sharing this event with friends, family, local businesses, or community partners who might be interested in playing or sponsoring!

Ways You Can Help:

Share on Social Media: We'll be posting about this event on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. If you see a post, share it! Every like and share helps us reach a wider audience.

Send to Your Contacts: Know anyone who loves to golf or wants to support local students? Send them the event details or refer them directly to our website!

- **NEWYA Website:** <https://www.newya7.org/>
- **Direct Link to Register for the 2025 Golf Outing:** <https://www.newya7.org/event-details/newya-golf-outing>

Congratulations DPHS forensic team

Congratulations to the **DPHS forensic team members** who participated in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech and Dramatic Arts Association State Speech Festival on Friday, April 11 at UW-Madison for a fabulous end to their season with great performances.

Earning a bronze medal were **Caitlyn G** in Solo Acting Serious and **Sophia S** in Solo Acting Serious.

Earning silver medals were **Chris P** in Informative Speech and **Keira H** in Poetry Reading.

Earning gold medals with a perfect performance were **Sophia B** in Radio News Reporting, **Kiana S** in Informative Speech, and **Dia S** in Prose Reading.

Congratulations to all team members for a great season!!

Donations needed for Hands Across De Pere and Hope Squad

Hands Across De Pere and Hope Squads from the district are desperately seeking candy donations for the De Pere Memorial Day Parade. This is an opportunity for our community to learn about the good work these groups do for the students and families across De Pere. To be good stewards of the donated funds we receive, we are asking for donations of bags of candy so the funds on hand can be used to support families directly. (Please no chocolate or anything that can melt easily)

If you are willing to donate, candy donations can be dropped off at your child's school before school or during regular school hours or [you can use this link](#). **All candy is due to the school by May 16** so we can assess how much more is needed to fulfill the parade route.

Thank you for your help!

Hope Squad and Hands Across De Pere- Volunteers and small prizes needed

The Hope Squad and Hands Across De Pere are looking for volunteers to help out at the kids games at the Pink Flamingo Softball Tournament in July along with small prize donations for the kids that participate. The kids games will run Friday July 11 and Saturday July 12.

If you are interested in volunteering, [please click here](#).

If you are interested in donating small prizes (stuffed animals, McDonald's toys, bubbles, chalk, jump ropes, etc) please email mdahlke@depere.k12.wi.us, mbrick@depere.k12.wi.us, rmrozinski@depere.k12.wi.us, abildings@depere.k12.wi.us, hpropson@wdpsd.com, or sesala@wdpsd.com.

DPHS Students, please note: You can apply your volunteer time at the kids games toward your Community Service Hours. [Make sure you print this sheet](#) and have it signed by an approved adult.

Parent Club

★**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

Calling all volunteers to help make Grad Bash 2025 a success for our Seniors! We are looking for casino dealers, prize distributors, set-up helpers, food donations, and more. You do not have to be a parent of a Senior to help (but if this is your last kid at DPHS, you can stop worrying about embarrassing them and go out with a bang!). [Grad Bash Sign Up Genius](#)

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 5/13 **date change**

June: Tuesday 6/3

Email dphspsc@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

Summer Trades Academy

See [flyer](#) for more information and who to contact.

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. 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.

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS

Thursday, May 8	Boys Tennis vs Southwest, 4:00PM Baseball vs Sheboygan North, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field Girls Soccer vs Sheboygan South, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field **Teacher Appreciation Night**
Friday, May 9	Softball vs Preble, 5:00PM Boys Lacrosse vs Pulaski, 7:00PM @ West De Pere
Tuesday, May 13	Boys Tennis vs Ashwaubenon, 4:00PM Girls Soccer vs Notre Dame, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field **Fan Appreciation Night**
Wednesday, May 14	Boys Lacrosse vs Bay Port, 7:30PM @ Nowak Field Girls Lacrosse vs Bay Port, 7:30PM @ West De Pere
Thursday, May 15	Baseball vs Preble, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field Softball vs Manitowoc, 5:00PM Girls Soccer vs Bay Port, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field
Saturday, May 17	Girls Lacrosse Invite, 10:30AM @ Nowak Field
Monday, May 19	Baseball vs Appleton East, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field

Aurora BayCare Offers Student-Athlete Sports Physicals at DPHS

On **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. **We still have openings at 6:30pm and 7:00pm.**

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 and is 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 (preferred), or 920-983-9174, ext 4013.

WIAA Member Schools Pass Amendments

At the recent annual meeting, WIAA member schools passed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility, including approval of the proposed Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) language, making Wisconsin one of more than 40 states that permit student-athletes to enter into NIL opportunities that are not associated or identified with their respective school team, school, conference or the WIAA.

Another approved amendment expands the opportunities for summer coaching contact in all WIAA-sponsored sports throughout the months of June and July.

The membership also passed an amendment that, in addition to the current one-game suspension, requires a spectator who has been ejected from a contest to complete the free, online NFHS Sportsmanship course available on the NFHSLearn.com website and submit the completed course to school officials before attending any future home athletic events.

Read more details about the amendments on the WIAA website [here](#).

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

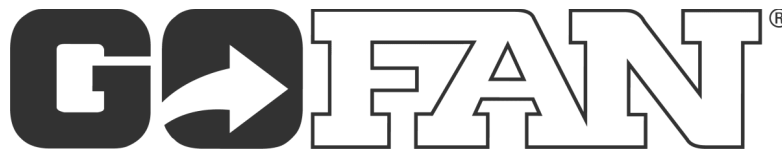
Check out frccathletics.com for the latest schedules, game results, livestream links, conference standings and statistics in each sport, and more!

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](#)

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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)

Greater Green Bay Chamber news and updates

- **Transportation Assistance:** We're now able to provide transportation in the Green Bay area for



students who may not have access—ensuring more students can participate.

- **College Scholarship Opportunity:** Starting next year, one program participant will be awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship.
- **Attention incoming sophomores-** The Teen Leadership Program application deadline is on May 12th. Here is the link. [Teen Leadership Application 2026](#)

For more information, please visit; [Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership Program | Greater Green Bay Chamber](#)

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!