



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - May 22, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

May

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
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NEWS AND EVENTS

All Students- Start cleaning out your lockers

All DPHS students should start cleaning out materials from lockers. This includes your Hallway, PhyEd, TechEd, and Athletic lockers. Please only keep in there what is needed to finish the school year.

If you have unwanted new or gently used school supplies that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the main office. Supplies will be gifted to those who can't afford school supplies.

All lockers must be cleaned out completely and left empty prior to leaving on the last day of school. **If anything is left in your locker, the items will be disposed of.**

Medication Pickup- End of Year Reminder

If your child has medication in the school office, please plan to pick it up prior to the end of the school year.

Medications cannot be sent home with children due to safety concerns and must be picked up by a responsible adult.

If your child is attending summer school, please notify the school office of any medication needs.

Any medication that is not picked up within 5 days from the last day of school will be destroyed. We will **NOT** keep the medication for the following school year. Please feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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End of Year Reminders for Seniors

Attention Senior students- [Please click here](#) to view some important reminders from the Counseling Office.

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.

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](#)

Rachel Van Pay- Account Representative

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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)

Food Service Reminders

Here are a few friendly reminders from our School Nutrition Department:

Balances -

All remaining balances (positive or negative) are carried forward to the 2025-2026 school year.

Infinite Campus Lunch Accounts! - [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)

Just a reminder that all lunch accounts are separate. Each student in a household has their own balance. Money can be transferred from one household member to another with a request to laccounts@depere.k12.wi.us.

Seniors Only- Your lunch account balance should be at zero and not have a negative balance. All seniors with younger siblings in the school district will have their balance directed by their parent/guardian's Online Registration choice made in Infinite Campus, which can either be a refund or donation to the Food Service Foundation. (for district families in need) Check refunds will be sent to the primary address listed in Infinite Campus.

Payments -

Infinite Campus online Payments will be available throughout the summer. If you have a reoccurring payment you may consider turning it off for the summer.

Leaving the District -

Lunch balances can be refunded or donated to district families in need. Please submit your requests in writing and mail to: USDD - Middle School, Attn: School Nutrition, 700 Swan Rd. De Pere, WI 54115

Or email to: laccounts@depere.k12.wi.us

Please include a new mailing address with your request.

Summer EBT-

Electronic Benefit Transfer is an income-based program that helps families buy food for their children while school is out. Wisconsin will send \$120 for each child who qualifies. You can use these benefits anywhere that FoodShare benefits are accepted, like most grocery stores, many convenience stores, and some farmer's markets. Click the [SUMMER EBT](#) link to learn more about the Summer EBT Food Benefit Program.

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](#)

Visit our School Nutrition [Web](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for school lunch information, menus and farm to school program.

[Nutrislice - Summer Meals](#)

Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Have a happy summer!

Renee Brandenburg, School Nutrition Manager, 920-983-9174 ext.2300

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.

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, 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**.

Important Dates during summer and next school year

Here are some important dates for summer and next school year;

AP Boot Camp- If you signed up for an AP course for next school year, you should have received an email from DPHS regarding how to sign up for AP Boot Camp. AP Boot Camp is being held July 28-30 here at DPHS. As the dates get closer, you will receive communication from the AP Boot Camp course teacher.

Back to School Days- Monday August 18 and Tuesday August 19 from 8-11:30 on both days. During Back to School Days, you can walk the hallways to get familiar with the school, stop at some informational and event tables that we have set up and get a tour.

Thursday August 28- First day of school for **Freshmen and Link Crew Leaders Only**

Friday August 29- First day of school for all students and picture day for any student that could not attend Back to School Days

***Please watch your email for other important information and announcements as next school year approaches.**

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

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 were:

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"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!

HOSA Blood Drive- June 11

HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) is hosting a blood drive on June 11th to help benefit our community and to help support our club! This blood drive will be held in the back commons from 8am-2pm, and will be very similar to all other blood drives at DPHS. As always we would really appreciate your support in blood donation!

Additionally, if you have a family member, neighbor, friend, etc interested in donating they can email @dphsblood@gmail.com or sign up using the red cross website!

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](#).

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

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.

Hands Across De Pere & Wisconsin Timber Rattlers

Join Hands Across De Pere on Tuesday, August 12th at the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers stadium in Appleton for a great game of baseball and Bang for your Buck Night! That includes \$2 Hot Dogs, 16oz Pepsi Products and Domestic Beer. The game starts at 6:40 pm CDT. Plus, the Timber Rattlers will be their alternate identity this night... the Granjeros! Find seats with the link below and come with us!

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/HandsAcrossDePere2025>

Purchase Deadline is August 10 at 11:59 pm

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.

[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>

Parent Club

 **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.

★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](#)

THANK YOU to our Business & Booster Club sponsors for both Grad Bash & Post Prom! Our first two sponsorship tiers are listed below. Check back next week for more! Thanks to you, our kids are able to attend these safe, free & fun events.

Top of the Class sponsors

De Pere Basketball Booster Club
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Make a Grand Entrance sponsors

De Pere Football Booster Club
CertaPro Painters of NE Wisconsin and Sherwin-Williams
Valley Cabinet
Great Harvest Bread Company
In Memory of Dorothy Wozniak

Interested in learning more about the Parent Club for the 2025-2026 school year? We will be having an information meeting on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 pm at Graystone Alehouse. Bring a friend and learn how you can help! Email 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

Beyond the Classroom - two summer events!

The De Pere Chamber of Commerce is hosting a number of "Beyond the Classroom" events for students in 2025. A Career Exploration night was held in February and a Networking event in April. The next will be Tuesday, June 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Pilotsmith at Austin Straubel Airport. Students will learn the power of social media profiles and then network with several local business representatives to discuss careers and possible job options. The second will be Tuesday, August 26th from 6 - 7:30 at the LedgeCrest Reserve. Students will learn about employment benefits beyond the paycheck and how to wisely borrow.

See [this flyer](#). Use [this form](#) to register.

Parents are welcome to attend and dinner will be provided at both events for no cost.

Parents - are you/your business interested in being a part of this? Check out [this flyer](#) and [this flyer](#). Contact Mrs. Wollin at cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us with questions.

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 AND WIAA EVENTS

Thursday, May 22	Softball vs Menasha, 5:00PM @ Lone Oak Field *Senior Night* Girls Soccer vs Preble, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field *Senior Night* Boys Lacrosse vs Brookfield, 6:00PM @ West De Pere
Friday, May 23	Baseball vs Notre Dame, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field Softball vs Denmark, 5:00PM @ Lone Oak Field
Tuesday, May 27	WIAA Boys Tennis Subsectional, 8:30AM @ Western Racquet WIAA Boys Golf Regional, 9:00AM @ Ledgeview GC WIAA Track Regional, 3:30PM @ Preble High School WIAA Softball Regional vs TBD, 4:30PM WIAA Boys Lacrosse Regional vs Oneida, 6:00PM @ West De Pere
Thursday, May 29	WIAA Girls Lacrosse Regional, 7:00PM @ Appleton North WIAA Track Sectional, 4:00PM @ West De Pere Baseball vs Appleton North, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field

McDonough Sets Boys Tennis Record

Congratulations to senior Kegan M who recently became the DPHS program's all-time leader in career victories. A doubles specialist, he currently has 92 wins.

Check out this [TV feature](#) on Kegan and doubles partner Tudor C.

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!

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
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Click on the GoFan logo above to purchase.

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- 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.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Brown County Breakfast on the Farm

Brown County Breakfast on the Farm this year will be on Sunday June 1 from 8am-Noon at Wayside Dairy, LLC. The event will happen rain or shine. If you are interested, [please click here to view the flyer](#).

Pink Flamingo Kids' Run

The Pink Flamingo Kids' Run is back this year and better than ever! We are looking for our little runners 12 and under. Also, please indicate which school your child will be attending for the 2025-26 school year when registering.

The local school with the most registrants will receive a donation from the Pink Flamingos to that school's PTO. **Please register by Friday, June 27th to guarantee a run shirt.** Registrations will be taken the day of the run, but not guarantee of child receiving a run shirt

RACE DATE: Saturday, July 12th, 2025

TIME: Registration begins at 10am under the tree behind home plate. Race begins at 10:30am.

LOCATION: Legion Park, De Pere, WI (1200 Charles St.)

Here is the link to register; <http://dpflamingos.com/flamingo-kids-run/>

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](#)

Looking for AFS Host Families

Bring the world home with an exchange student. AFS Intercultural Programs is looking for host families in the De Pere Area. AFS has been a leader in international high school student exchange for more than 75 years.

For information contact Kim Thompson at 920-360-1401. Please click on the link below for more information.

[AFS Poster](#)

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

@unifiedschoolstodfdepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!