



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - August 28, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

August

Thur Aug 28 First day of school for **Freshmen and Link Crew Leaders Only**
Fri Aug 29 **First day of school for ALL students**
Picture day for any student that could not attend Back to School Days

September

Mon Sept 1 **NO SCHOOL- Labor Day**
Mon Sept 15-Fri Sept 19 Homecoming Week
Fri Sept 19 Homecoming Tailgate 4:00pm-6:00pm
Sat Sept 20 Homecoming Dance 7:00pm-10:00pm
Fri Sept 26 **NO SCHOOL- Teacher Professional Development Day**

NEWS AND EVENTS

Important Dates for the upcoming school year

Here are some important dates;

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.

High School Door Schedule:

Main entrance doors will be unlocked during the following times:

6:30am – 6:50am for students taking a 0 hour class

7:20am – 7:40am for all other students

Outside of these times anyone entering must push the doorbell to enter and check in at the main office.

Schedule Change Requests

Students who wish to request a change to their fall semester schedule must complete the [Schedule Change Request Form](#), which is available through our school counselors. The form is open now and will **close on September 3rd at 3:03 pm**

Retake Picture Day

October 10, 2025 from 9:00am-10:00am

School Fees

There is a general student fee for all students and additional course fees that will be assessed based on the students' schedules. To allow time for schedule changes, fees are not assessed until mid-September. The amount will be communicated to parents via Messenger and will be due late September.

School Supply Lists

Please click the following link for [DPHS School Supply List](#)

DPHS Handbook

Please remember to review the [DPHS handbook](#) for important rules and policies.

Community Service Documentation

The site for entering community service hours is now reopened. Anything entered now will be going for this upcoming school year. Email Mrs. Counihan with any questions; jcounihan@depere.k12.wi.us

Food Service Reminders

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

Balances -

All remaining balances (positive or negative) from the previous school year will be 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.

Student Medication

If your student needs to take any medication while at school, whether prescription or over the counter, the attached authorization form **MUST** be completed and brought in with the medication at Back to School Days or to the high school Health Office. Please remember that students may not transport medication to and from school.

[Health Medication Form](#)

Mental Wellness Check-ups for 10th grade students

Our school district will once again partner with Samaritan's Wellness Screen Program to provide FREE and confidential mental wellness screening to students in specific grade levels throughout the 2025-2026 school year. Annual mental wellness check-ups are as important as annual physical check-ups and are a critical part of academic success. Early identification of mental health concerns allows for early intervention and higher success rates in resolving concerns. Look for more information regarding the Wellness Screen Program when school returns this fall. For additional information and/or questions please visit: <https://samaritanfoxvalley.com/wellness-screen/or-call-920-886-9319-x111>.

Congratulations Class of 2026 and families!

It is that time of year students submit their senior photos to the yearbook! Please see the attached [senior letter](#) about submitting your senior photos and ordering your final high school yearbook! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All things senior-related for the yearbook are due by December 1st** . Although that might seem like a long way out, it comes up quickly. Please submit early in the fall!

2025-26 YEARBOOKS - ON SALE NOW!

Order your 2025-26 yearbooks online NOW through the Varsity Yearbooks website. Apply code **BACK2SCHOOL** to receive an early-order discount **through September 30th**. Order online [HERE](#). **Quantities are limited!**

(A convenience fee is added to online orders per Varsity Yearbook. If you have any questions or need to pay via cash/check, contact Mrs. Beyers. Pre-ordered yearbooks will be distributed at the end of May.)

** You can also submit photos via eShare and order Grad Grams at the above website.*

Donations needed

DPHS is asking for donations of facial tissue (larger boxes) and dry erase markers. If you are able to donate, please bring these items to the front desk in the main office during our school year office hours which are; Monday - Friday 6:45-3:45.

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, July 9th Ends on July 30th 2025

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 Classroom session beginning on Monday, September 29th, Ends on October 22nd 2025

Monday - Thursday September 29th - October 2nd 3:30-5:30 pm Community Room

Tuesday - Thursday October 6th - 9th 3:30-5:30 pm **E212**

Monday - Thursday October 13th - 16th 3:30-5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Wednesday October 20th - 22nd 3:30-5:30 **E212**

Make up date October 23rd Thursday 3:30-5:30 Community Room

Winter Classroom session beginning on Monday November 17th Ends December 17th 2025

Monday - Thursday November 17th - 20th 3:30-5:30 pm **E212**

Monday - Thursday December 1st - 4th 3:30-5:30 pm **E212**

Monday - Thursday December 8th - 11th 3:30-5:30 community Room

Monday - Wednesday December 15th - 17th 3:30-5:30 **E212**

Make up date December 18th Thursday 3:30-5:30 Community Room

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

One Act

Tryouts for the Competition One Act play will be Thursday and Friday August 28 & 29 after school in the Auditorium. Come join the fun! Also come to a Drama Workshop Tuesday August 26, 9-11 in the Auditorium. Hope to see you there.

Thanks.

Mr. Peter Geissler

One Act Director

De Pere High School

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

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

Tuesday, Sept. 2	Girls Tennis vs Notre Dame, 4:00PM
Thursday, Sept. 4	James Boyd Cross Country Invite, 4:00PM @ UW-Green Bay Boys Soccer vs Wausau West, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field *Parents Night*
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Boys Soccer vs Sheboygan North, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field Girls Swimming vs Manitowoc, 5:30PM @ St. Norbert
Thursday, Sept. 11	Football vs Ashwaubenon, 5:00PM @ Nowak Field **Note the earlier start time**
Friday, Sept. 12	Boys Soccer vs Appleton North, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field

Vendor for Redbirds Gear

Team Apparel is a Green Bay-based company that offers a wide variety of Redbird apparel and accessories with 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](#).

Athletics Participation Fee for Fall Sports Due September 30

All fall athletes will be assessed the \$36.50 participation fee in mid-September. Parents will receive an email notification when the fee is posted. Payment can be made in the student's Portal account or at the high school office with cash or check made out to DPHS.

Non-payment by Sept 30 will result in the student not being allowed to continue participation in the fall sport.

This is a one-time fee that covers all sports that a student participates in during the 25-26 school year.

High School Athletics Eligibility

This [WIAA Bulletin](#) includes athletic eligibility rules for the 2025-26 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.



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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 \$6. Student digital tickets are \$4. 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 2025-26 school year. The following letter includes coverage types and costs.

[Student Assurance Services Flyer & Application](#)

[Student Assurance Services & Application - Spanish language version](#)

2025-26 Mascot Bracket Challenge

Woodward Community Media is hosting the 2nd Annual High School Mascot Bracket Challenge where we match up 32 local High School Mascots in a 5 round bracket-style competition and YOUR SCHOOL'S MASCOT IS INCLUDED! The winning school will receive **\$5,000** to support extracurricular activities such as athletics, music, art, drama, and more thanks to our presenting sponsors, Lakeland University & Prospera Credit Union!

If you wish to participate in voting for our school, here is the link;

[Mascot Bracket FB Voting](#)



DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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!