



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - September 11, 2025

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### September

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	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher Professional Development Day

#### October

Wed Oct 8	Blood Drive
Fri Oct 10	DPHS Picture Retake Day 9:00am-10:00am
Thur Oct 16	DPHS Choir Concert at 7pm
Mon Oct 27	DPHS Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 (Virtual)
Thur Oct 30	DPHS Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-3:20 and 4:00-7:30 (Virtual) Last Day of 1st Quarter at DPHS
Fri Oct 31	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### 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.

#### Homecoming Dance & Guests

The 2025 Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. If you plan to bring a Non-De Pere student guest you **must** pick up a **Guest Pass Application** in the main office. This application will need signatures from **parents and the guest's school administrator** so don't delay and pick up your application ASAP. **All completed applications are due back Friday September 12.**

If you have any questions please contact Ms. LeaAnn Allen in the main office or email [lallen@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:lallen@depere.k12.wi.us).

#### 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.

#### Parking Lot and Student Driver Reminders

For those that use the student parking lot, here are a few reminders;

- Visitor Parking during the school day is **NOT** for students, these spots are reserved for visitors. We have noticed that some students have been parking in these spots during the school day. **Please note, if it continues, you will be ticketed.**

- Please be careful when exiting/entering the lot before, during, and after school.
- Exiting the student lot directly onto Chicago Street from our Northwest parking lot entrance is not permitted\*\* We have a number of students that walk/run out to their vehicles and excessive speed by vehicles can quickly cause an accident. **Please be mindful and attentive AND slow down to ensure everyone's safety.**
- Please be reminded to drive safely and **adhere to all traffic laws** when arriving at or departing from school, **particularly during lunchtime**. We have received multiple concerns from members of the community regarding excessive speeding by student drivers during this time. As these incidents are occurring off school property, local residents are within their rights to contact law enforcement to report unsafe driving. Continued complaints may result in an increased police presence in the area.

Your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our community is greatly appreciated.

### **DPHS Office and Resource Area Hours**

Main Office: 6:45am - 3:45pm

Counseling Office: 6:45am - 3:15pm

Athletic Office: 7:15am - 12:15pm

Health Room: 7:15am - 3:15pm

Library: 7:35am - 3:15pm

### **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](mailto:jcounihan@depere.k12.wi.us)

### **DPHS Handbook**

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

### **Birds Nest is Open**

The Birds Nest is located in the high school Back Commons and is **OPEN** daily from **6:30am-7:40am**. They have a daily breakfast special, coffee, lattes, fruit, cereal, and other great items to start your day off! They are now also open for lunch with wraps, salads, and much more!

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Locker Security Tips**

1. Do not share your combination with others.
2. Avoid bringing expensive items and large amounts of money to school.
3. Be sure that your locker is completely closed and latched each time you lock it.
4. After opening your locker be sure to spin the dial two complete rotations to ensure that the lock is reset.

## **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](mailto:lvandenbergh@depere.k12.wi.us) or call 920-366-0651.**

## CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

### De Pere High School Homecoming Tailgate – Donations & Games Needed!

 Homecoming Football Game – Friday, September 19th

 Tailgate Party for DPHS Students

 Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

 Location: De Pere High School Football stadium

The Homecoming Committee is excited to host a tailgate party before the big game, and we need your help to make it a success! The Parent Club is providing the food, but **we're looking for additional food & beverage donations**. We are also looking for game donations for the event.

All DPHS students are invited to join us for free food and fun as we kick off the festivities before cheering on our team! Let's come together to show our school spirit & make this Homecoming unforgettable! Go birds!  
[Homecoming Tailgate '25 Sign Up Genius](#)

The DPHS Parent Club is also looking for volunteers for the Homecoming Dance coat check on **Saturday, September 20th from 6:45-10:15 PM**. Have fun meeting other parents while seeing the kids all dressed up as they drop off/pick up jackets, shoes, and anything else they want stored in a safe place. Please review the available slots on SignUp Genius at [Homecoming dance coat check](#).

The Parent Club meets monthly at 6:30 pm in the High School library. New parents & ideas are always welcome. The meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year are:

Tuesday, October 7th @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 5th @ 6:30 pm

Monday, December 1st @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 6th @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 3rd @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 3rd @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 8th @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6th @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 2nd @ 6:30 pm

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

### De Pere Band Boosters

Welcome back to another school year! The De Pere Band Boosters are a group of parents who fundraise throughout the year to support all bands in our district. From bake sales at concerts, kringle and carwash certificates in the winter, restaurant nights, to our largest fundraiser which is the Night of Jazz in January, we raise money to fulfill as many requests from the band directors as possible. It could be as small as a pencil holder for a music stand or as large as a sousaphone! Money is also used for scholarships to help deserving students attend summer band camps.

**Our first meeting of the year is September 18th at 6pm at Cycling Brews in De Pere.** Come join us to learn more!

### 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

### Wisconsin Education Fairs

#### **Attention Juniors and Seniors-**

Wisconsin Education Fairs (WEF) is excited to once again invite northeast Wisconsin high schools to an in-person college fair, hosted by St. Norbert College, on Wednesday, September 24, from 9:00am-11:00am.

The fair will have over 100 colleges, universities, technical schools, and military branches represented to provide information to interested students.

Representatives at the WEF's will be using scanners and students will need to bring their barcoded pass with them. Please remember to have your students register for their barcodes BEFORE they attend the WEF.

Strive Scan Registration - <https://app.strivescan.com/registration>

### 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).

## NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

### **UPCOMING VARSITY HOME EVENTS**

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| Thursday, Sept. 11 | Football vs Ashwaubenon, 5:00PM @ Nowak Field<br><b>**Note the earlier start time**</b>   |
| Friday, Sept. 12   | Boys Soccer vs Appleton North, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field<br><b>**Youth Night - free admission to elementary &amp; middle school students wearing their favorite soccer jersey**</b>  |
| Tuesday, Sept. 16  | Tennis vs Ashwaubenon, 4:00PM<br>Girls Swim vs Ashwaubenon, 5:30PM @ St. Norbert College  |
| Thursday, Sept. 18 | Volleyball vs Green Bay Preble, 7:00PM <b>**Parents Night**</b>   |
| Friday, Sept. 19   | Football vs Green Bay Preble, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field<br><b>**Homecoming Game**</b><br>Boys Soccer vs Hortonville, 5:00PM @ GB Preble  |
| Saturday, Sept. 20 | Boys Soccer vs DC Everest, 11:00AM @ Cloud Field  |
| Tuesday, Sept. 23  | Girls Swim vs GB United, 5:30PM @ St. Norbert College<br><b>**Senior Night**</b><br>Boys Soccer vs Manitowoc Lincoln, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field<br><b>**Fan Appreciation Night**</b> |

## 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!

Team Apparel will also host a one-time only Pop Up Sale from 4:30-6:30pm., September 24 in the high school atrium. Stop in for some deals!



## 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 [frcathletics.com](http://frcathletics.com) for the latest schedules, game results, livestream links, conference standings and statistics in each sport, and more!

## 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.



**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 \$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](#)

## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Redbird Rally

[Click on this link](#) to check out the information regarding the Redbird Rally happening on Friday October 10 from 4:00-6:30 at De Pere Middle School.

### Study Abroad with AFS-USA

Study Abroad with AFS-USA- Would you like to embark on an adventure of a lifetime in one of over 40 countries? AFS Intercultural Programs offers study abroad opportunities for a year, semester, summer or even two-week opportunities with language classes. Dive into culture and languages. Improve academics and develop skills for college and career. Become a leader and changemaker in the world. AFS has over 75 years of experience in cross cultural exchange.

Come find out more locally on **Tuesday September 30 at 6:30 at the De Pere Kress Library, 333 N Broadway De Pere.** [www.afsuusa.org](http://www.afsuusa.org)

***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***

***@unifiedschoolstofdperere on Instagram***

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

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