



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - October 9, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

October

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	NO SCHOOL

November

Thur Nov 13	HS Musical "Grease" at 7pm in DPHS Auditorium
Fri Nov 14	HS Musical "Grease" at 7pm in DPHS Auditorium
Sat Nov 15	HS Musical "Grease" at 7pm in DPHS Auditorium
Mon Nov 17- Fri Nov 21	American Education Week
Mon Nov 24	Fall Jazz Band Concert at DPHS at 7pm
Wed Nov 26-Fri Nov 28	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Holiday
Sat Nov 29	Redbird Holly Craft Show at DPHS from 9am-3pm Sponsored by DPHS Parent's Club

NEWS AND EVENTS

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. Fees were assessed in mid-September and they were due September 30. Please log in to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal to pay them as soon as possible.

Math Resource Room

Did you know the Math Resource room is open before and after school? If you need help with math, please see Mr. S. Johnson in room A238 in the morning from 6:46AM-7:36 and/or Mrs. Venstrom in room E205 after school until 3:50PM. If you have questions, see your math teacher.

Seniors & Parents/Guardians:

The [2026-27 FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) is now open! *Even if you do not believe you will receive aid, this is still a crucial step in helping your student reduce their tuition burden for college*—federal grants, loans, work-study (working a job on campus), and *institutional scholarships* all often depend on FAFSA data. By applying early, you give your student the best shot at:

- Securing priority or first-come, first-served aid
- Unlocking institutional (college-level) scholarships that require FAFSA completion
- Giving colleges more flexibility to build a stronger aid package

- Need Help? Follow these [FAQ's and Videos](#).
- Want more help? **FREE FAFSA Workshops:** College Goal Wisconsin is offering four virtual workshops: October 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 6-8 p.m. to help high school students complete the FAFSA. Two in-person events are available (Oct. 13 at Algoma High School and Oct. 14 at Fox Valley Technical) from 6-8 p.m. as well. These sessions provide guided support by financial experts to answer questions and ensure accurate completion of the FAFSA. You will also be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship just for attending! Visit collegegoalwi.org to register.

2025-2026 YEARBOOKS - Fall Sale!

Order your 2025-2026 yearbooks NOW to guarantee you receive one! Quantities are limited.

Order online [HERE](#) using the Varsity Yearbooks online order center.

Use Code EARLYBIRD through October to save \$5 on your purchase.

**Varsity Yearbook adds a convenience fee to online orders.*

If you have any questions or need to pay via cash/check contact the yearbook advisor Ms. Beyers.

jbeyers@depere.k12.wi.us

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!

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.

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

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

De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store Fundraiser

Here are two fundraisers to help families in our district.

Visit **Freddy's** at 2415 Costco Way in Bellevue on **October 13 from 4:00pm-8:00pm**. [Please click here to view the flyer Fundraising with Freddy's](#). Freddy's is proud to contribute 15% of event sales to De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store. You can order in-store by showing the flyer or say, "I'm here for the fundraiser" at checkout. Or you can also ordered online or mobile by using promo code, GIVEBACK

Please visit **Panera** at 2627 S. Oneida St on **November 6th from 4pm-8pm** to fundraise for the De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store, which over 100 of our district families benefit from.

Families MUST show the [electronic copy of this flyer](#) on their phone or use code FUND4U for online orders to give credit to De Pere Christian Outreach.

FFA Ice Cream Fundraiser

Need an excuse for some *sweet* midweek motivation? We've got you covered! Join us on **Tuesday, October 14th at Two Guernsey Girls Creamery in Freedom, WI** for De Pere FFA Night from **4:00–9:00 PM!**

Here's the best part — **20% of all sales go right back to De Pere FFA!** 🎉 That's right — every cone, sundae, or shake helps support our awesome FFA students and their upcoming activities.

So grab a few coworkers, take a little road trip, and treat yourself to some farm-fresh ice cream — you've *earned* it! 🚗 🍦 🍌 🐄

 **Tuesday, October 14th**

 **4:00–9:00 PM**

 **Two Guernsey Girls Creamery – Freedom, WI**

Thanks for supporting our students (and enjoying a few scoops along the way)!



— The De Pere FFA Chapter

Crimson Aviator

The Crimson Aviator newspaper staff has been hard at work with a new set of stories for your reading and photos for your viewing.

[Nest moves to Wednesdays](#)

[Students see positives and negatives of phone policy](#)

[Mrs. Herrild to be featured in new documentary](#)

[Students give HoCo a positive review](#)

[Flex, Pass systems undergo change](#)

[Plus sports photos](#)

As always, thank you for reading. If you have a story idea, please let me or one of my staff members know.

Mr. Guyette

Newspaper adviser

Destination ImagiNation

DI is about teaching students how to work together on teams, use creativity, and find innovative solutions to complex challenges. [Please click here](#) to view the informational flyer and to sign up. The deadline to sign up is October 20.

DPHS Parent Club

The Parent Club will be hosting a dinner on **Thursday, October 30th** for the High School teachers & staff that will be busy with Parent/Teacher conferences. The Parent Club will be purchasing the main items for the meal, but are



looking for parent help with sponsoring a meal, donating food & drink items, or donating your time to help serve & clean up. Please see the Sign Up Genius for more information.

[Parent/Teacher conference Sign Up Genius](#)

🎓 Attention parents of Seniors: Graduation might be months away, but Grad Bash planning starts now! The Parent Club plans and hosts Grad Bash for our Seniors on graduation night. It is an amazing night filled with memories, games, food, prizes & entertainment. Our first planning meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm** Graystone Alehouse. An email will be coming soon with more details. You do not need to have a Senior to help plan!

Attention Parents! - Join us for our Post Prom planning kickoff meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM at Graystone. Prom is scheduled for April 18, 2026 and we meet monthly to get things reserved and arranged for Post Prom. Our focus for this first meeting will be discussing entertainment options for the event. Bring ideas and a friend! Hope to see you there.

The Parent Club meets monthly in the High School library at 6:30 pm. New ideas & parents are always welcome!

Wednesday, November 5th (HOLLY CRAFT FAIRE planning)

Monday, December 1st

Tuesday, January 6th

Tuesday, February 3rd

Tuesday, March 3rd

Wednesday, April 8th

Wednesday, May 6th

Tuesday, June 2nd

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

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 & WIAA EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 9	Volleyball vs Green Bay Southwest, 7:00PM
Saturday, Oct. 11	Diane Simons Volleyball Invite, 9:00AM
Mon/Tue, Oct. 13-14	WIAA Girls Golf State Tournament, Madison
Tuesday, Oct. 14	Boys Soccer vs Ashwaubenon, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field **Senior Night**
Thu-Sat, Oct. 16-18	WIAA Girls Tennis State Tournament, Madison
Thursday, Oct. 16	Volleyball vs Manitowoc Lincoln, 7:00PM **Senior Night**
Tuesday, Oct. 21	WIAA Boys Soccer Regional vs TBD
Thursday, Oct. 23	WIAA Volleyball Regional vs TBD
Friday, Oct. 24	WIAA Football Level 1 Playoff vs TBD
Saturday, Oct. 25	WIAA Boys Soccer Regional vs TBD WIAA Volleyball Regional vs TBD

Emma Hudson Qualifies for State Golf Tournament

Congratulations to junior Emma Hudson who has qualified for the WIAA Girls Golf State Tournament. She advanced after shooting an 81 for fifth place at the Thornberry Creek Sectional meet.

The State Tournament runs Monday and Tuesday at University Ridge Golf Course, Madison.

Five Redbirds Advance to State Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to girls tennis players Lilly Graf (No. 1 singles), the No. 1 doubles team of Ana and Maria Cristescu and the No. 2 doubles team of Sophia Titus and Lane Deshazer for qualifying for the WIAA Girls Tennis State Tournament. This is the second straight year the Cristescus have advanced and the third year for Graf.

The State Tournament will be held Oct. 16-18 in Madison.

Cristescu Sets Program Career Wins Record

Ana Cristescu recently became the all-time winningest girls tennis player in school history. She has 113 career victories, having surpassed the previous record of 106 wins set by her former doubles partner Sophia Fergus.

All-Fox River Classic Conference Honors

Congratulations to the following athletes who earned FRCC recognition:

Girls Golf: Emma Hudson, 1st team; Lucy Kim, 2nd team; Lilly Qualley and Sophie Sonnenburg, honorable mention.

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](#).

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 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

Congratulations to our Food Service Staff

Congratulations to the following schools on earning a [Wisconsin Farm to School Recognition Program](#) award in the school year 2024-25! This program was created to recognize and celebrate the incredible work schools are doing to advance farm to school efforts across the state.

- De Pere High School – Broccoli Crown School 🥦👑
- Altmayer Elementary School - Broccoli Flowering School 🥦🌸
- Dickinson Elementary School - Broccoli Flowering School 🥦🌸
- Heritage Elementary School - Broccoli Flowering School 🥦🌸
- Foxview Intermediate School - Broccoli Flowering School 🥦🌸

To achieve the Crown level, your school joined the [Wisconsin Local Foods Database](#) to demonstrate its commitment to local food purchasing and/or farm to school education. You also completed at least five F2S activities and five promotional activities in the three core elements of farm to school—procurement, school gardens, and education—, established at least three partnerships, created a F2S Sustainability Plan, and responded to the [Statewide Farm to School Survey](#). In addition to all of that, the Flowering schools created and implemented a F2S Mentorship Plan and completed at least one additional F2S and promotional activity (a total of six each). We are

incredibly proud of your efforts! In a time when schools are stretched for time and resources, we appreciate your dedication to farm to school programs that benefit kids, farmers, schools, and communities!

DPI Farm to School Team

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction | Bureau of School Nutrition
201 W Washington Ave | Madison, WI | 53703
(608) 266-5185 | dpi.wi.gov

De Pere Health Department

The De Pere Health Department offers free vaccinations for kids age 0-18 who meet one of the the following criteria:

*Medicaid/Badgercare enrolled or eligible

*Uninsured

*American Indian or Alaskan Native

Visit our registration form for dates and times. Appointments are recommended, but not required. <https://loom.ly/qnv964c>



Golden Apple Awards- Nominations are open through October 29

It is our pleasure to kick off the 33rd Annual Golden Apple Awards, accepting licensed education professional nominations now. **Nominations are open through Oct. 29, 2025 (3 PM).**

Key dates to note:

- Wednesday, October 1, 2025 (8 AM) |Program Kick-off / Nominations Open.
- Wednesday, October 29, 2025 (3 PM) | Nominations Close
- November 3 – 21, 2025 | Schools to confirm eligibility and correct spelling of nomination lists.
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026 |Awards Ceremony at Oneida Casino Hotel

Golden Apple Nomination Forms:

- [English Form](#)
- [Spanish Form](#)

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to determine the recipients of the Golden Apple Awards. To view and understand the judging process, please click this link: [Judging for the Golden Apple Awards](#)

We realize it takes a village to help educate our children and want to thank everyone involved. We look forward to collaborating with you as we prepare for the Golden Apple Awards. Additional information can be found at: [Golden Apple Awards](#)

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Matt Rentmeester

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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!