



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - October 23, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

October

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

Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences- [See Schedule for 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 **2:00pm and 7:00pm** 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 Break

Sat Nov 29

Redbird Holly Craft Show at DPHS from 9am-3pm

Sponsored by DPHS Parent's Club

December

Wed Dec 3

DPHS Blood Drive

Thur Dec 4

Orchestra Concert

Mon Dec 8

Band Concert at 7:00pm

Thur Dec 11

Choir Concert at 7:00pm

NEWS AND EVENTS

Parent Teacher Conferences

As a reminder, Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually again this year. DPHS will have conferences on Monday October 27 4:00pm-7:30pm and Thursday October 30 1:00pm-3:20pm and 4:00pm-7:30pm. On Thursday October 30, grades K-12 will have an early release. [Please click here to view the schedule for DPHS students on 10/30.](#)

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.

Neptune Navigate

DPHS is parenting with Neptune Navigate to teach students how to be smart and stay safe online. [Please click here to view the informational letter.](#)

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 though 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

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

Congratulations One Act Play!

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of the Competition One Act Play who did very well at the District event and will be going on to Sectionals!

Veterans Day Program - Monday, Nov. 10

The DPHS girls soccer team is going to be holding a Veterans Day program on **Monday, November 10th**, and they are looking for pictures of your relatives who have served, or who are currently serving in the military. Please label the pictures with the following:

- the Veteran's name
- your student's name
- their relationship to the student
- where and when they served

These pictures will be used as part of a slide show during the presentation and will be returned to you after they are scanned in for the slide show. Please email any pictures you have to Mr. Andy Steger at asteger@depere.k12.wi.us or send them to school with your student **by November 4th**.

We are also looking to have local veterans come in and be a part of our program, so please have them contact Mr. Steger at the above email address. The program will take place from **9:30 am until 12:00 pm**

De Pere FFA Fruit Sale is Back — Order Now Through Nov. 7th!

The annual De Pere FFA Fruit Sale is officially underway — now through Friday, November 7th!

All proceeds help support FFA leadership events and the many community service projects our students do right here in the De Pere community.

De Pere FFA will reach back out in later November with an official date and time to pick up fruit from the High school

👉 [Click the link below to order your fruit and support our amazing FFA members!](#)

Thank you for helping our students grow strong roots in leadership, service, and citrus!

Redbird Productions Presents- Grease

Grease will have performances in the DPHS Auditorium on;

November 13th at 7:00pm

November 14th at 7:00pm

November 15th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

The show is PG-13

Tickets one sale starting on October 20

You can buy tickets online at [Grease ticket link](#)

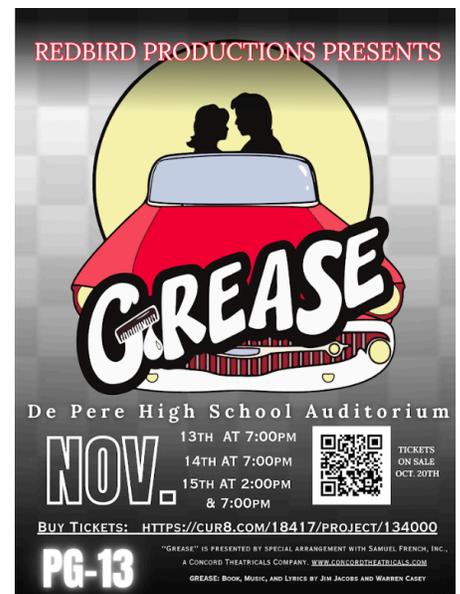
De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store Fundraiser

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.



Crimson Aviator

Here are the stories we have published in the past week:

[Ranking the water fountains from best to worst](#)

[Mr. Rosenbaum makes his return to DPHS](#)

[Cristescu sets record for tennis wins](#)

[Interviews with DPHS's National Merit semifinalists](#)

[A review of the latest Taylor Swift album](#)

[Record number of schedule request changes](#)

As always, thanks for reading!

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** at Graystone Alehouse. An email will be coming soon with more details. You do not need to have a Senior to help plan!

Attention Junior 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!

Please contact Maureen Hodgdon, Post Prom Committee Chair at mlhodgdon32@gmail.com with any questions.

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 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

ACP Talks

The next session of ACP (Academic & Career Planning) Talks is set to take place on **Monday, October 27** during **3rd hour and FLEX** in the High School auditorium. This event is open to ALL students and will focus on Engineering. This provides an opportunity to gather students, staff, representation from local industry and higher

education to present and discuss this career cluster in a meaningful and impactful way. [Here is the sign up.](#) Attendance on the day of the event will be taken as you enter the auditorium so please **bring your student ID.**

HSHS Winter Healthcare Bootcamp

This event is scheduled for December 30th at HSHS St. Vincent's - Green Bay. This one-day event is free of charge for students. Flyer [here](#). **The deadline to apply is November 14th.**

Union Construction Learning Opportunity

Link here: <https://wrtp.org/event/big-step-builders-green-bay-recruitment-session/> and flyer [here](#).

You're Invited: Fall Connection Event – An Evening of Career Discovery & Information for Post-High School

Join us for a special event designed to connect students and their families with local business leaders and build valuable skills for life after high school. Whether you're exploring career paths, preparing for college, or just starting to think about the future, this evening offers something for everyone.

 **Location:** Pilotsmith, 1911 Airport Drive, Green Bay

 **Date:** Tuesday, November 11, 2025

 **Time:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Event Schedule:

- 5:00 – 6:00 PM | Career Discovery
- 6:00 – 6:30 PM | Resume 101
- 6:30 – 7:00 PM | Networking Basics
- 7:00 – 7:30 PM | Funding College
- 7:30 – 8:00 PM | Open Networking

Pre-registration is appreciated through the QR code on the [flyer](#) or by using this link: <https://forms.gle/RFXPufp6TR6uCLPb7>

Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights, ask questions, and start planning for your future!

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME & WIAA EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 23	WIAA Volleyball Regional vs Appleton West, 7:00PM
Friday, Oct. 24	WIAA Football Level 1 Playoff @ Neenah, 7:00PM
Saturday, Oct. 25	WIAA Boys Soccer Regional @ D.C. Everest, 7:00PM
	WIAA Volleyball Regional vs TBD
	WIAA Cross Country Sectional @ UW-Green Bay
	Boys race: 11:30am; Girls race: 12:30pm

Emma H Places 18th at State Golf

Junior Emma H tied for 18th place at the WIAA Division 1 girls golf state tournament last week in Madison. She shot a two-day total of 160 (84-76).

Boys Soccer Claims Conference Title

The Redbirds earned a share of the Fox River Classic Conference championship (with Sheboygan North) by finishing 7-0-2 in league play. De Pere's next game is a WIAA regional final, 7:00pm Saturday at D.C. Everest.

Grady L Runs to Another FRCC Championship

Senior Grady L captured his third straight conference title at the FRCC cross country meet, leading the Redbirds boys to the team championship. De Pere scored 46 points to outdistance runner-up Green Bay Preble by nine points.

The Redbird girls took third, led by senior Bella H in third place.

[Complete Boys Results](#)

[Complete Girls Results](#)

Sister Duo Capture Third Place at State Tennis Tournament

The sister duo of Ana C (senior) and Maria C (sophomore) finished third at the WIAA girls tennis state tournament in Madison. They compiled a 27-1 season record. Ana C also finishes as De Pere's all-time career victories leader with 117.

Lilly G also competed at state and posted a 17-8 season record. The doubles team of Sophia T and Lane D split their two matches at state and ended 18-5.

All three of De Pere's doubles teams won sectional championships, including Olivia K and Maggie M who finished 23-2.

All-Fox River Classic Conference Honors

Congratulations to the following athletes who earned FRCC recognition:

Football: 1st Team Offense - Sam R (WR), Mason B (K); 2nd Team Offense - Ryan K (OL), Dante M (RB), Cayden C (TE); 1st Team Defense - Conley H (DE), Cayden C (LB), Johnny M (DB); 2nd Team Defense - Andrew S (LB), Mason B (P); Honorable Mention Defense - Hayden C (LB)

Linebacker of the Year: Cayden C

Volleyball: 1st Team - Erin O; 2nd Team: Mallory D, Adeline D

Boys Cross Country: 1st Team - Grady L, Noah Z, Daniel Z; 2nd Team - Vincent H; 3rd Team - James D, Brett S

Girls Cross Country: 1st Team - Bella H; 2nd Team - Natalie N, Cassidy H; 3rd Team - Ashley D



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

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

Vice President Talent and Education | **Greater Green Bay Chamber**

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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

@unifiedschoolstoddepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!