



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - November 20, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

November

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 at 7:00pm
Mon Dec 8	Band Concert at 7:00pm
Thur Dec 11	Choir Concert at 7:00pm
Fri Dec 19	Student Directed One Act Festival at 7:00pm in Auditorium
Wed Dec 24-Fri Jan 2	NO SCHOOL- Winter Break

January

Mon Jan 5	Classes resume
Thur Jan 8-Sat Jan 10	DPHS Academic Decathlon- Regional Subject Testing
Fri Jan 9	Night of Jazz- Time and Location TBD
Sat Jan 10	DPHS Show Choir Day Camp & Performance

NEWS AND EVENTS

Course Registration for next school year

The first week of December, we will be starting registration for the 2026-2027 school year. All students in grades 9-11 will listen to a presentation during a designated class. The high school counselors will be presenting important registration information during this time.

Following these meetings, students will input their course selections into the Academic Planner. We will be providing you instructions on how to do this. This is the same program we have been using for a number of years, so most students will be familiar with it. **Students will have until the week of December 15th to input their selections.** Counselors will be meeting with students individually the week of the 15th to answer questions and to ensure courses are entered correctly. **Please make sure all courses are inputted prior to meeting with your counselor so that the registration process runs smoothly.**

All registration information will be available on the high school website. Below is a list of important dates so you can mark your calendar.

Registration Dates for 2026-2027 school year

December 2nd: Presentation to all 9th grade students in LA classes

December 3rd: Presentation to all 10th grade students in Social Studies classes

December 4th: Presentation to all 11th grade students in Social Studies classes

December 10th: All students will input courses into the Academic Planner during Nest.

December 16th: Counselors meet with 9th graders during their Language Arts 9 class/Acc 9/10 to finalize course selections.

December 17th: Counselors meet with 10th graders during their World History/AP European History class to finalize course selections.

December 18th: Counselors meet with 11th graders during US History/AP US History class to finalize course selections.

Thank you,
DPHS Counseling Department

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.

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.](#)

Attendance Matters

As we progress through the school year, we would like to take a moment to emphasize the critical importance of consistent school attendance for your child's academic success. Each class session provides an invaluable opportunity for learning, personal growth, and fostering meaningful connections. Regular attendance not only helps students develop essential habits but also strengthens the relationships that contribute to success, both during high school and beyond.

Research consistently demonstrates that students who attend school regularly are more likely to remain on track academically, feel a greater sense of belonging within the school community, and cultivate the confidence needed to succeed after graduation. Even a few absences can create significant challenges, particularly in the fast-paced environment of high school coursework.

We recognize that there are instances when absences are unavoidable, and we understand that each family's circumstances are unique. Our goal is not simply to monitor attendance but to actively support it. If your family is experiencing challenges—whether related to transportation, health issues, or other concerns—we encourage you to reach out. Our counselors, social workers, and administrators are available to collaborate with you and explore solutions that meet your needs.

Together, we can ensure that every student remains present, engaged, and fully prepared to learn. We greatly appreciate your continued support and partnership in helping your child reach their fullest potential.

Safety Concern

A growing trend among teenagers is the use of a new product known as Mojo Caffeine pouches. These small pouches are placed between the lip and gum, similar to smokeless tobacco products. While they may appear harmless or even appealing to students because of their flavors and packaging, they contain high levels of caffeine and other stimulants that can be dangerous for children and teens.

Each Mojo pouch can contain the caffeine equivalent of multiple cups of coffee, and consuming several in a short time may lead to serious side effects such as:

- Rapid heart rate
- Increases blood pressure
- Anxiety and restlessness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Difficulty sleeping
- In extreme cases, hospitalization due to caffeine overdose

Your child's health and well-being are of our utmost concern here at school. If your child is found in possession of these pouches, they will be taken, and you will receive a phone call home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Jeskie or Mr. Thielhelm. For more information about Mojo, please visit [Mojo caffeine pouches](#).

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.

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 Play

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of the Competition One Act Play who did very well at Sectionals on November 5 and will now be going to State!! The judges loved the show!

De Pere Band Boosters- Ticket Presale for Night of Jazz 2026

Friday, January 9th, 2026 at 4pm.

We are offering a **discounted presale** for The Night of Jazz tickets . The **presale** will run from **Tuesday, November 18th through Wednesday, December 10th**.

- To get your tickets, follow this link: <https://cur8.com/23289/project/135539>
- Or visit our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1494106677335290/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>

The Night of Jazz is a dinner event that showcases the De Pere Jazz bands from Foxview Intermediate School, De Pere Middle School, and De Pere High School.

This is De Pere Band Boosters' biggest fundraising event; the money raised from this event goes directly to benefit band students in these schools. The De Pere Band Boosters will hold a 50/50 raffle along with bucket raffles.

Come join us for an amazing dinner while enjoying some music and take your chances on the 50/50 and bucket raffles.

Thank You,
De Pere Band Boosters

Show Choir Camp

De Pere Show Choirs are hosting their one day "live the life of a high school show choir student" Show Choir Day Camp on **January 11th 2026**. This also includes a night performance with our high school show choir students!!! Students in grades 2nd-6th are welcome to register for the camp! Jam Session and Chicago Street Singers will preview their competition sets that night! Tickets go on Sale December 8th! Check out more information!

[English Flyer](#)

[Spanish Flyer](#)

Candy Donations Needed

Hands Across De Pere is asking for candy donations for events this upcoming school year. Schools will take the donations in their main offices or please contact your schools social worker via email.

Crimson Aviator

Here are a few stories we have published in the DPHS school newspaper in the past week. Thank you for reading!

[Photos from Grease the musical](#)

[New teacher profile: Ms. Allen](#)

[Lenn takes state XC title](#)

[Are athletics more important than academics?](#)

[Melinda C runs the controls for the tech crew](#)

[NBA needs to work harder to curb gambling](#)

DPHS Parent Club

The **Redbird Holly Craft Faire** will take place on **Saturday, November 29th from 9am-3pm**.

There are opportunities to volunteer on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Please check your schedule and sign up to help for as much time as you are able. If you sign up, PLEASE PLAN TO HELP. We WILL use you. This event would not be possible without many volunteers. THANK YOU!

[Holly Craft Faire volunteer sign up](#)

Looking for your Prom or Senior Ball dress? Or hoping to find something for Snowball or a future semi-formal dance? The DPHS Parent Club is excited to sponsor the **Redbird Redress sale on Saturday, January 24th, 2026** from 10:00 am-3:00 pm in the De Pere High School BACK Commons. There is no cost to shop! WE NEED YOUR DRESSES TO MAKE THIS A GREAT SALE!! There is a \$5 CASH, non-refundable fee per dress. You keep all the profit from the sale of your dress(es)! Check out our event page for more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DskZF8UPX/>

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

Monday, December 1st (**Redbird Redress/Holiday appreciation planning**)

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.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS

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.**

Bellin College- Spring and Summer Opportunities

Bellin College has announced some spring and summer opportunities for HS Students.

Here is the website <https://www.bellincollege.edu/academics/beyond-the-classroom/high-school/>
[Here is the flyer](#)

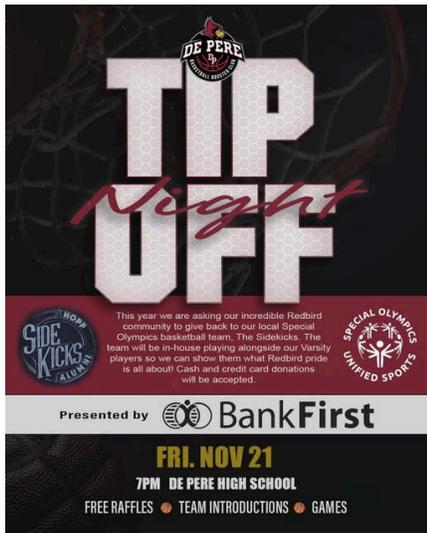
Union Construction Learning Opportunity

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

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME & WIAA EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 20	Girls Basketball vs Oshkosh West, 7:00PM **Parents Night**
Saturday, Dec. 6	Girls Hockey vs Univ. School of Milwaukee, 8:00PM @ Cornerstone
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Girls Basketball vs Kimberly, 7:00PM
Friday, Dec. 12	Girls Hockey vs Arrowhead, 7:30PM @ Cornerstone
	Boys Hockey vs Sheboygan, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena



Redbird Hoops Night Kicks Off Season on Friday Nov. 21

Come support all of our youth-through-Varsity basketball players at Tip-Off Night starting at 7:00pm at the DPHS Fieldhouse. Sponsored by Bank One and the De Pere Basketball Booster Club, this year's event gives back to the local Special Olympics basketball team, the Sidekicks.

The night will include introductions of all grade level teams, give-aways, a brief game with the Sidekicks, Varsity warm-ups, celebrations and more!

Building for the Future

REDBIRD SOCCER KICKOFF PARTY

Thursday, December 4, 2025, 6:00 – 9:00 PM
The LedgeCrest Reserve, De Pere

Admission
\$11 on GoFan (through Wed., Dec. 3)
\$15 at the door
Free Entry for Current Redbird HS players & kids age 6 and under

Food & Drinks
Drift Inn Chili • More Options
Cash Bar Available

Family Friendly Fun & Activities
Raffle Baskets • Silent Auction • 50/50 Raffle • Cornhole • Photo Op
Carnival Games & Prizes (6:00-7:30 PM) – \$ needed for game tickets
genuinelyLynn Pop-Up Shop
All proceeds support the Redbird Soccer Capital Campaign

****Emcees: Eastbridge MC Tom Zelaski and DJ Dan****
Wear your Redbird gear and join us for a night of spirit, community, and excitement – all supporting the future of Redbird Soccer!

Payment Options
Cash, checks, and Venmo are accepted throughout the event.

Redbird Soccer – Building for the Future

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the soccer program will host a kickoff party for its capital campaign. The event runs 6:00-9:00pm at The Ledgecrest Reserve. Purchase a digital admission ticket for \$11 via this [GoFan link](#), or pay \$15 at the door. Free admission for current Redbird high school players and kids ages 6 and younger.

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](#). Among the popular items is the Redbird parka, which can be ordered [here](#).



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

FRC Youth Football

If you are interested in signing up your student to participate in FRC Football, [please click here](#) to view the informational flyer and instructions.

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

@unifiedschoolstodfdeperere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!