



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - December 18, 2025

UPCOMING DATES

December

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- at Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay. Doors open at 4pm
Sat Jan 10 DPHS Show Choir Day Camp & Performance
Fri Jan 16 Last Day of 2nd quarter and end of semester 1
Mon Jan 19 **NO SCHOOL-** Teacher Professional Development & Work Day
Sat Jan 31 Snowball Dance 7:00pm-10:00pm

February

Sat Feb 7 Destination De Pere: Let's Jam Show Choir Competition- All day at DPHS
FBLA Regional 3 Leadership Conference at Shawano High School
Mon Feb 16 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-7:30pm
HS Learning Lab 3K & 4K Winter Conferences
Thur Feb 19 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00pm-3:20pm & 4:00pm-7:30pm
HS Learning Lab 3K & 4K Winter Conferences
Early Release K-12- DPHS students [use this schedule](#)
Fri Feb 20 **NO SCHOOL**

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 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.

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.

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 https://www.cesa2drivered.org/services.phtml/depere_high_school to access information regarding Driver's Education at De Pere High.

Winter Classroom session beginning on Monday January 26th Ends February 23rd 2026

Monday - Thursday January 26th - January 29th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday February 2nd - February 5th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Thursday February 9th - 12th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Wednesday February 16th - 18th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Friday February 23rd Makeup class 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Spring Classroom session beginning on Monday April 6th Ends April 29th 2026

Monday - Thursday April 6th - 9th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

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

Monday - Thursday April 20th - 23rd 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Monday - Wednesday April 27th - 29th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Thursday April 30th Makeup class 3:30 - 5:30 pm Community Room

Summer Classroom session beginning on Monday June 8th Ends June 26th 2026

Monday - Friday June 8th - 12th 12-2 pm Community Room
Monday - Friday June 15th - 19th 12-2 pm Community Room
Monday - Friday June 22nd - 26th 12-2 pm 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 https://www.cesa2drivered.org/services.phtml/depere_high_school 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. Driver's Education at De Pere High School

Inclement Weather

The District and Lamers Bus Company (the District's transportation contractor) have a cooperative procedure used when it is necessary to consider closing schools because of inclement weather. Factors taken into consideration will include: the present state of weather, predicted weather conditions, temperature, wind, visibility and condition of the roads. The District, with the assistance of Lamers, will gather information on these factors before collaboratively making a decision to close schools. Local tv and radio stations will then be notified of our emergency closings and a text message will be sent out.

If it is determined during the school day that it is necessary to dismiss early because of inclement weather, the news media will be notified. Parents are asked to have alternate plans for their children's supervision and care in the event school is closed due to inclement weather. This is especially important for young children.

Please sign up for text message notifications or tune into local tv and radio stations for school closing information. Parents have the option of keeping their children at home if they believe that the weather conditions merit such action. If parents choose to keep their children home due to inclement weather conditions, the absence will be recorded as "excused."

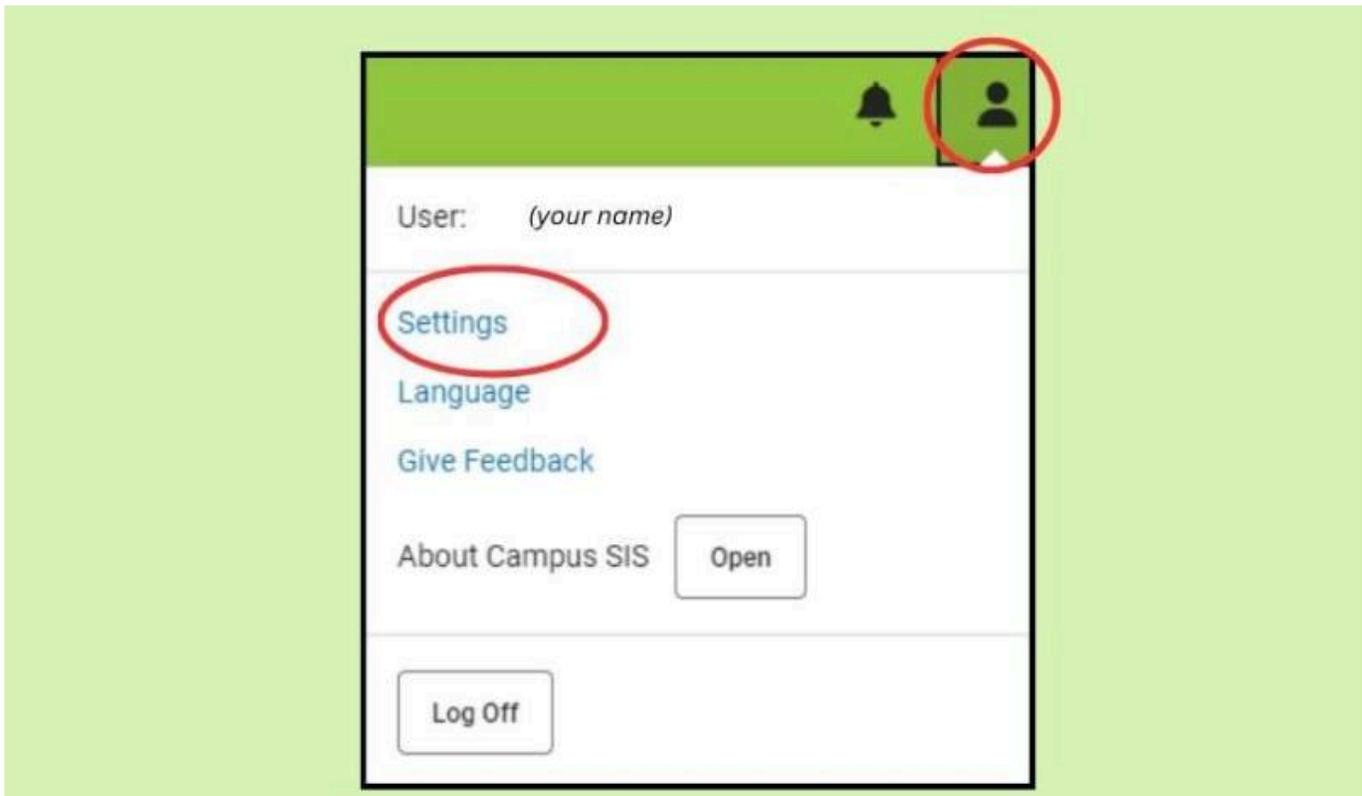
How To Receive Emergency/School Closing Text Messages

Login to Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Campus Parent)

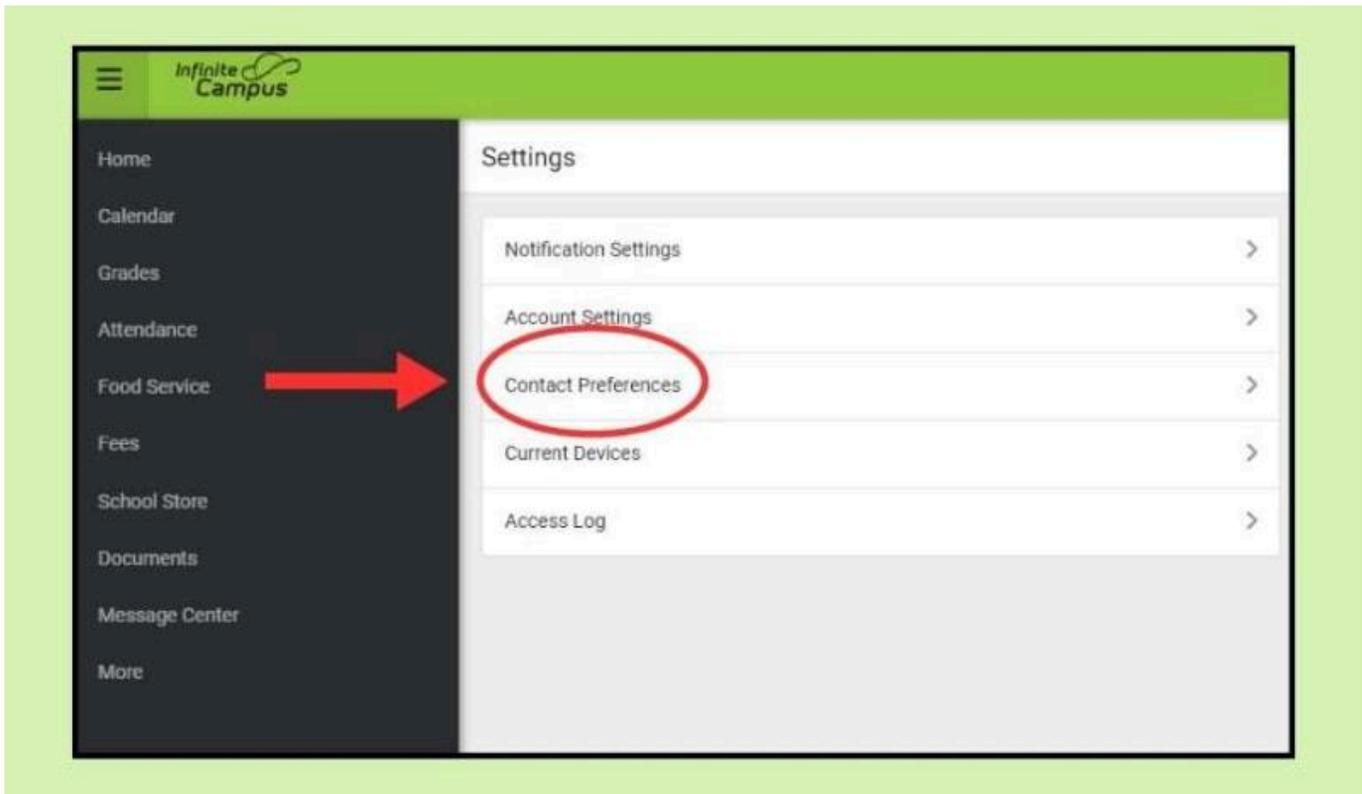
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Once logged in

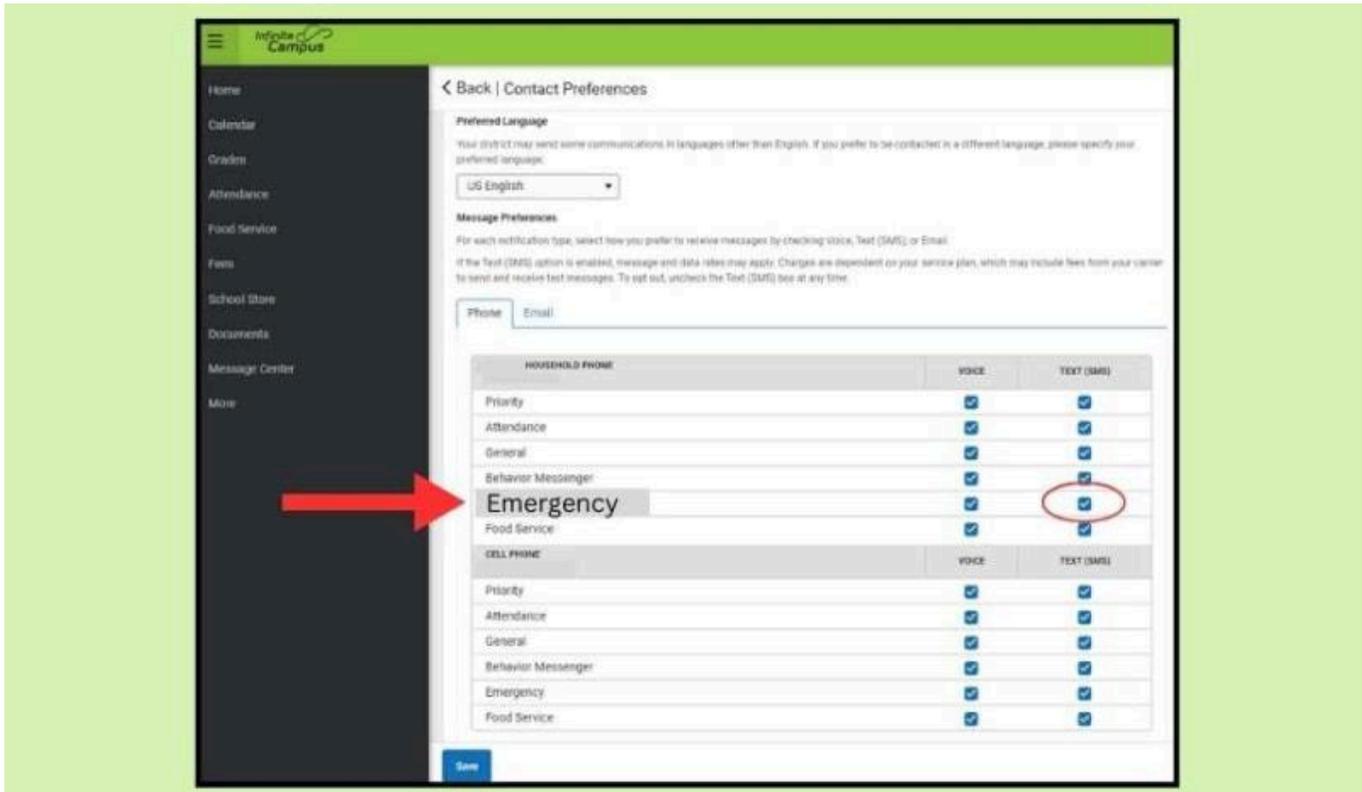
- Click the person icon in the upper right corner and select Settings:



- Click Contact Preferences



- Ensure that under cell phone, in the Text (SMS) column, under emergency that you have the check box marked.
- Click Save.



If Text (SMS) option is enabled, message and data rates may apply. Charges are dependent on your service plan which may include fees from your carrier to send and receive these text (SMS) messages. To opt out, uncheck the text (SMS) box anytime.

You must click Save in order for preference changes to be updated.

- From your cell phone, text START to 91201.
- You will receive a text back. Reply YES to confirm.

To Add Or Update A Phone Number

- In IC Portal, on the left side menu click More
- Open Family Information
- Click Update and change any information, click Update at the bottom to process the change

Please be aware that requested changes will not appear immediately. You will receive an approval notice at the time the updates have been made to your account.

TO UNSUBSCRIBE from text (SMS) messaging

- Text STOP to 91201

[Terms and Privacy Policy settings can be found here](#)

Emergency school closing information will also be announced on the following television and radio stations

Radio Stations	Television Stations
95.9 FM - WKSZ	Ch. 2 - WBAY
98.5 FM - WQLH	Ch. 5 - WFRV
100.3 FM - WNCY	Ch. 11 - WLUK
101.1 FM - WIXX	Ch. 26 - WGBA
105.7 FM - WAPL	
107.5 FM - WDUZ	
1360 AM - WTAQ	
1440 AM - WNFL	

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

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.

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 10th 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 is another collection of stories that we have published in the last two weeks. As always, thank you for reading.

[Securly system is frustrating for students](#)

[Opinion: Women can know about football, too](#)

[New 'Wicked' movie is worth missing](#)

[Girls basketball preview](#)

[Three athletes sign college NLI](#)

[Fundraiser date set for student with leukemia](#)

[Mock trial a great place to debate](#)

DPHS Parent Club

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/>

📍 Do you like planning parties? **Please join us for our next Post Prom meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 PM at Graystone Ale House.** We need your help to plan this free, fun event for our Junior students. All parents are welcome! We hope to see you there!

🏠 The next **Grad Bash** planning meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 pm at Graystone Alehouse.**

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

Tuesday, January 6th (**Redbird Redress planning**)

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

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](#)

Youth Apprenticeship Parent Information Night - Save the Date!

Attention Parents of Current Sophomores and Juniors!

De Pere High School offers Work-Based Experiential Learning Experiences like job-shadowing and supervised paid employment - Youth Apprenticeships. These opportunities allow students to earn valuable knowledge and skills outside of the high school classrooms while taking related coursework inside of the classrooms. Our Youth Apprenticeship program is conducted and managed in partnership with NEWYA, CESA 7 and the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce. Students can earn school elective credits, along with certifications from the Department of Workforce Development. Mrs. Corey Wollin is the Youth Apprenticeship Coach serving DPHS.

We will be having an informational meeting on Monday February 2nd at NWTC. After the meeting, there will be optional tours of NWTC! For more information [click here](#) and to register [click here](#)! Please reach out to Mrs. Wollin at cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us with questions.

NEWYA Quarterly Newsletter

For updates regarding Youth Apprenticeship around our region, view our first Quarterly Newsletter: [here](#).

Student Day at Wisconsin EMS Association Conference – February 6, 2026, in Green Bay

The 4th annual Student Day at the WEMSA 2026 Conference is for high school students across Wisconsin. Come learn about EMS and experience interactive hands-on learning lab/ workshops. Students will rotate through a variety of 30-minute workshops throughout the day.

Registration is \$40 per registrant (student, chaperone, parent). Lunch is included for registrants. Registration is limited to 300 attendees - register soon!

Please share with your students! Students can go with a parent or as a school group with a teacher or counselor.

<https://www.wemsaexpo.com/wemsa2026/student-day>

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME & WIAA EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 19	Boys Basketball vs Bay Port, 7:00PM *Alumni Night*
Saturday, Dec. 20	Girls Hockey vs Beaver Dam, 6:30PM @ Cornerstone Boys Hockey vs Notre Dame, 4:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Friday, January 2	Girls Basketball vs West De Pere, 7:00PM *Alumni Night* Boys Hockey vs Kettle Moraine, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Saturday, January 3	Boys Hockey vs Marquette, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Tuesday, January 6	Boys Basketball vs Manitowoc, 7:00PM Girls Hockey vs Fox Cities Stars, 7:00PM @ Cornerstone
Thursday, January 8	Wrestling vs Manitowoc, 6:00PM *Youth Night*

Friday, January 9 Girls Basketball vs Ashwaubenon, 7:00PM
Boys Hockey vs Manitowoc, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Teacher Appreciation Night

Three Redbirds Named to Academic All-State Girls Golf Team

Congratulations to Sophie S., Emma H., and Lilly Q. for their selection to the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin academic all-state girls golf team for fall 2025. Sophie and Emma received high honors while Lilly earned honors designation.

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](#).



Aurora BayCare Student-Athlete Scholarship

Aurora BayCare is offering a \$1,000 scholarship award to a student-athlete from each school contracted with Aurora BayCare Sports Medicine. Please read the application requirements on this [flyer](#). An application must be submitted through this [link](#). The deadline is February 27, 2026.

Aurora BayCare
SPORTS MEDICINE

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.

USDD 2025 Community Survey: How Are We Doing?

The Unified School District of De Pere appreciates the strong support from our families, staff, students and community members. At the same time, we are always looking to improve in all areas.

To help us focus our priorities, we are asking for your feedback via our annual Community Survey. Your input is extremely valuable and is incorporated into our planning and operations. All adults 18 and over who are District residents may complete the survey one time. To keep your responses confidential, we are working with School Perceptions, a Wisconsin-based independent education research firm.

[Click this link](#) or scan the QR code to begin. **The survey closes on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.**



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!