



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - January 8, 2026

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### January

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
Thur Jan 15	DPHS Final Exams for S1- <a href="#">Use this schedule</a> - <b>Please note the listing of class hours are not in typical order</b>
Fri Jan 16	DPHS Final Exams for S1- <a href="#">Use this schedule</a> - <b>Please note the listing of class hours are not in typical order</b>
Fri Jan 16	Last Day of 2nd quarter and end of semester 1
Mon Jan 19	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - 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 <b>Early Release K-12</b> - DPHS students <a href="#">use this schedule</a>
Fri Feb 20	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Thur Feb 26-Sat Feb 28	Redbird Productions Winter Play Performance at 7:00pm

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Final Exam Dates and Schedule at DPHS

As a reminder, DPHS will have Final Exams on Thursday January 15 and Friday January 16. We will be using the schedule below and please note the listing of class hours are not in typical order [Use this schedule](#).

Also, students will be released at 2:00pm, but buses will arrive at the normal pickup times. Students will be able to sit in the commons until they arrive.

#### Students- Please check DPHS Lost & Found

Our DPHS Lost & Found is overflowing with clothing and other items! Please stop by the area outside the main office and also check the carpeted stairs across from the Lost & Found to see if anything belongs to you. Any items not claimed by the end of the day on Friday, January 16, will be donated to charity.

## **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](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](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](mailto: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."

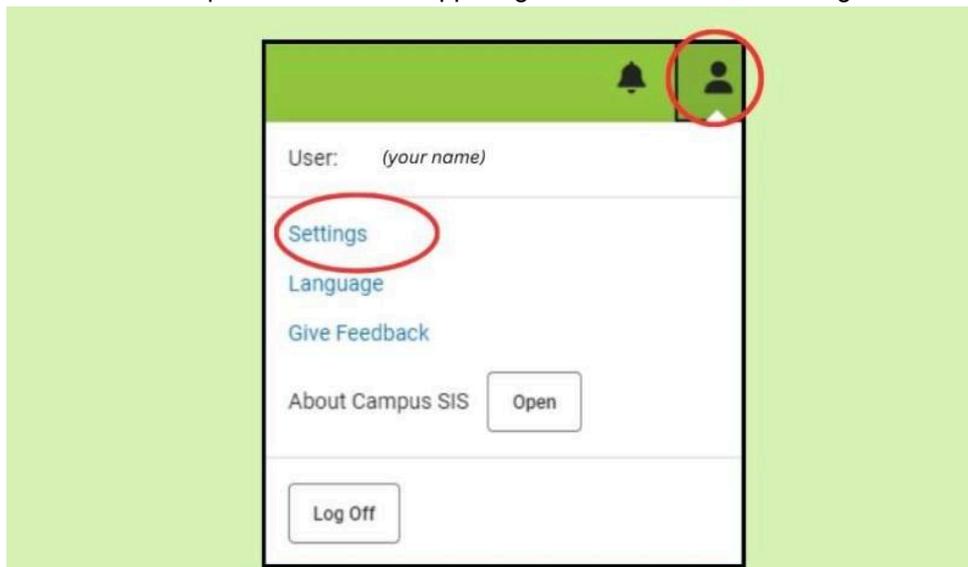
### **How To Receive Emergency/School Closing Text Messages**

Login to Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Campus Parent)

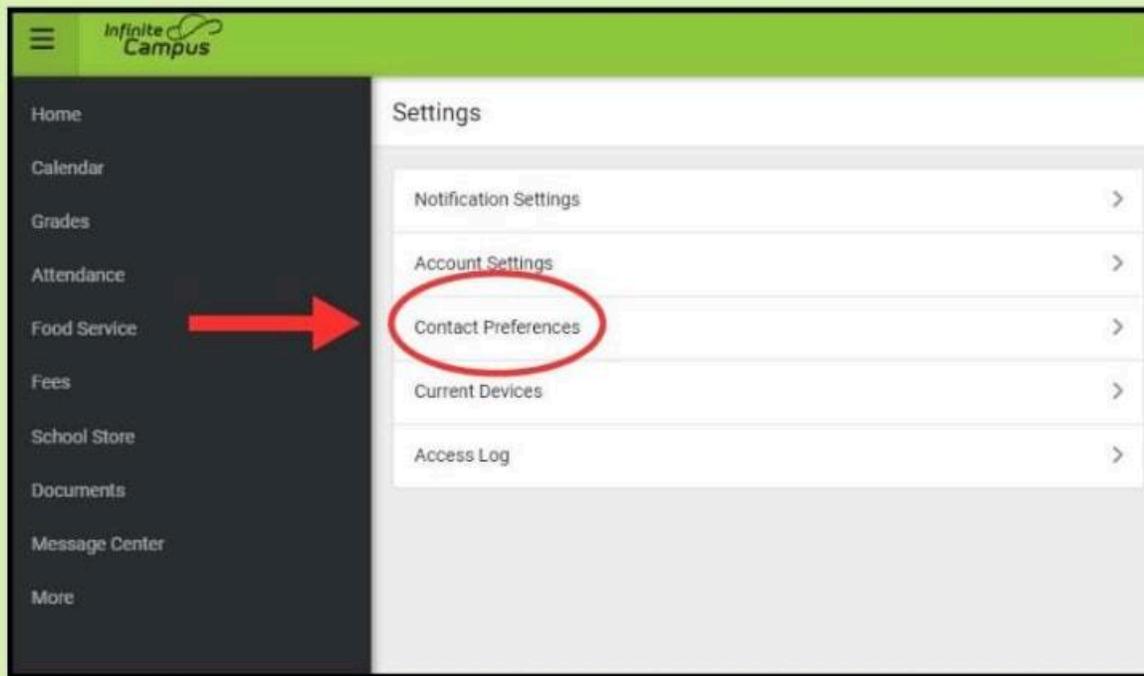
<https://depere.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/depere.jsp>

Once logged in

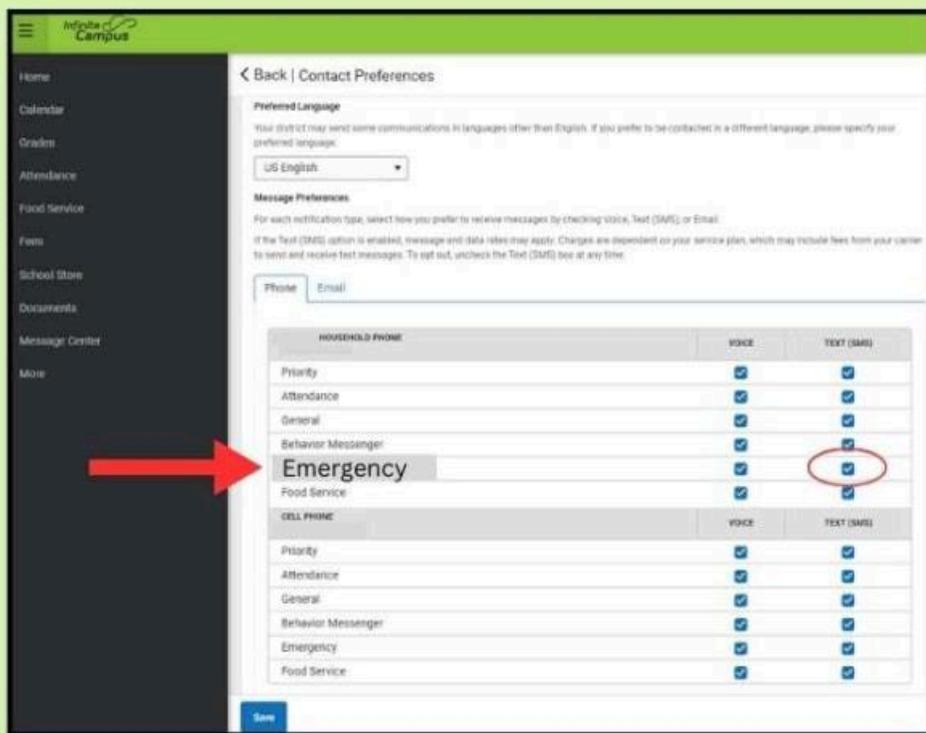
- Click the person icon in the upper right corner and select Settings:



- 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	

### **Unified School District of De Pere 2026 Summer School, June 2nd-19th**

**Course Request Period Begins Monday, April 13th at 8:00am.** Class offerings include exploratory, enrichment, sports, speed & strength training, math and reading intervention classes.

Summer School catalogs will be available online in March, along with important instructions about how to request courses. To view the catalog, visit our De Pere website, [www.deperek12.org](http://www.deperek12.org), click on Teaching and Learning, then on Summer Programs.

Pre-K through grade 2 courses will be held at Dickinson Elementary, and courses for grades 3 – 8 will be held at Foxview Intermediate. Speed and Strength, ACT prep classes and some sports classes will be held at the High School.

Parents will enter their students' summer school course requests through their Infinite Campus Parent Portal between **Monday, April 13th, at 8:00 AM through Friday, April 17th.** **Please closely read the Registration Guide ([available in March](#)) to understand this process.**

## **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**

We have produced several stories at the Crimson Aviator in the past couple weeks. Please give a few a read. Thanks!

NEWS:

[New clocks coming soon to entire district](#)

[Schedule changes won't be made until January](#)

New classes on the way: [Environmental English](#) and [AP US Government](#)

Opinion: [Beware of holiday stress](#)

Opinion: [Cell phone addiction is getting worse](#)

Opinion: [AI has too many negatives](#)

Opinion: [2000 trends coming back](#)

Opinion: [Video games are ultimate time waster](#)

Photo galleries: [Boys basketball](#) and the [winter choir concert](#)

## **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 and you keep all the profit from the sale! Check out our event page for more info: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DskZF8UPX/>

**Selling a dress? Fill out the waiver:** [Redress sale form & waiver](#)

**We need student and adult volunteers on both Friday and Saturday** to help organize the sales floor, tag the dresses, monitor the changing rooms and more. Please sign up here: [Sign Up Genius](#)

 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, February 3rd (**Teacher & Staff Appreciation meal planning**)

Tuesday, March 3rd

Wednesday, April 8th

Wednesday, May 6th

Tuesday, June 2nd

Email [dphspsc@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

### **NEWYA Quarterly Newsletter**

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

### **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](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us) with questions.

## **NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS**

### **UPCOMING VARSITY HOME & WIAA EVENTS**

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*
Saturday, January 10	Boys Basketball vs Homestead, 4:00PM **NEW START TIME**
Tuesday, January 13	Girls Basketball vs Green Bay Preble, 7:00PM
Thursday, January 15	Wrestling vs Bay Port, 6:00PM *Parents Night*
Friday, January 16	Boys Basketball vs Pulaski, 7:00PM *Youth Night* Boys Hockey vs West Bend, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena *Senior Night*
Tuesday, January 20	Boys Basketball vs West De Pere, 7:00PM
Thursday, January 22	Boys Basketball vs Notre Dame, 7:00PM
Friday, January 23	Girls Basketball vs Notre Dame, 7:00PM
Saturday, January 24	Boys Basketball vs Nicolet, 6:00PM Girls Hockey vs Brookfield, 5:30PM @ Cornerstone

### **Saturday's Boys Basketball Game Times Moved Earlier**

On Saturday, January 10, the Redbirds will host Homestead with start times earlier than originally scheduled. The JV1 and JV2 games will tip off at 2:30pm, followed by the Varsity game at approximately 4:00pm.

### **Coleman Selected to WBCA Hall of Fame**

Keith Coleman, who established the DPHS girls basketball program and coached for 26 seasons, will be inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2026.

Coleman compiled a 372-177 record from 1975-2001 while guiding the Redbirds to eight conference titles, six regional titles, two sectional championships and the 1983 WIAA Class A State Championship.

He's also a founding member of the De Pere Basketball Booster Club.

The induction ceremony will be September 27.

### **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**

### **Join Us: School Funding 101**

You have questions about how our schools are funded, and where the money goes. We want to help provide answers. Join us for School Funding 101, an in-person, interactive gathering of local citizens looking to learn more about topics affecting our schools. School Funding 101 is the first in a series of gatherings dubbed "Redbird Community Classroom." Future topics will include Career & Technical Education, and Mental Health In Our Schools.

The approximately 1.5-hour sessions will be facilitated by a subject matter expert from the District, along with USDD administrators and external resources as applicable.

Draft Agenda

- Introductions
- Presentation
- Question/answer
- Break/networking
- Presentation wrap-up, roundtable discussion
- Group feedback

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information and to sign up, scan the code or visit

[www.deperek12.org/community/redbird-community-classroom](http://www.deperek12.org/community/redbird-community-classroom)



### **De Pere Central Lacrosse- Boys and Girls**

Open Turf Sessions will be held on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9pm** on the indoor turf field at West De Pere High School starting **January 6th thru March 12th**. These sessions are optional, but a great way to reconnect with your teammates and shake off the rust before our season begins this spring. Equipment is available for new players to give this exciting spring sport a try as well. Please forward any questions to the following contacts:

Girls Lacrosse - John Uhl ([juhl@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:juhl@depere.k12.wi.us))

Boys Lacrosse - Hayden Fredriksen ([hfredriksen@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:hfredriksen@depere.k12.wi.us))

**De Pere Central Mandatory Player-Parent Meeting is taking place next week.**

When: Monday, January 12th 6:30-8:00pm

Who: Boys and Girls Lacrosse players and their parents.

Where: De Pere High School Auditorium

This meeting covers dues, schedules, fundraising, and more.

**Pre-season Open Turfs are Tuesdays and Thursdays (see more info in paragraph above)**

7-9pm on the West De Pere High School Indoor Turf

Players can enter the facility through Door 4.

New Players - we have helmets and sticks for you to use for free.

**Registration Reminder:**

If you haven't done so yet, please take a few minutes to register on [deperelax.com](http://deperelax.com). This helps us keep our email list accurate and ensures new families are receiving updates. No payment is required at this time.

Please reach out with questions!

Coach Uhl

***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***

***@unifiedschoolstodfdepere on Instagram***

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

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