



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - February 19, 2026

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### **February**

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

#### **March**

Thur Mar 12	Forensics District Meet
Wed Mar 18	Junior ACT Testing- <b><u>Only Grade 11 Attend at DPHS</u></b>
Thur Mar 19	Show Choir Showcase at DPHS at 6:30
Fri Mar 20	Last Day of 3rd Qtr at DPHS
Mon Mar 23-Wed Mar 25	10th Graders take Forward Exam in Social Studies class
Mon Mar 30-Fri Apr 3	<b>NO SCHOOL- Spring Break</b>

#### **April**

Wed Apr 8-10	HOSA State Leadership Conference at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells
Mon Apr 13-Tues Apr 14	FBLA State Leadership Conference at KI Center in GB
Tues Apr 14	Freshman and Sophomores only- follow the <a href="#">3-hour late start schedule</a> Juniors and Seniors will report to school at 10:35.

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### **Academic/Service Awards Update**

[Please click here](#) to read the letter regarding Academic/Service Awards.

#### **DPHS Teachers earn Golden Apple Awards Teacher of Distinction Honors**

De Pere High School teachers Michelle Kontny and Sao Yang will move on for consideration as Golden Apple Award winners.

Kontny teaches advanced placement European history and psychology, and Yang is an English language arts educator at the High School.

Golden Apple Award winners are selected from among area educators who have earned the Teacher of Distinction recognition. Winners are announced in April.

Launched 33 years ago, the Greater Green Bay Chamber's Golden Apple Awards program annually recognizes high-quality educators in Greater Green Bay in areas of professionalism, leadership, and innovation. The program is designed to improve awareness and the importance of quality education within our community. This year, 172 educators and 7 teams from the Unified School District of De Pere were nominated for a Golden Apple Award.

### **Attention Seniors**

Your DPHS Class of 2026 shirts are ready to order! Follow this link (<https://TeamUpAthletics-GreenBay.chippily.com/dphsseniors26>) to order. Ordering will be open until March 1st. Shirts will be delivered late March and distributed during Nest. If you are not at school during the Nest period, we will get it to you or have you pick it up in the office.

### **Math Resource Room**

Did you know the Math Resource room is open before and after school? If you need help with math, please see Mrs. A. Turriff in **room A218** in the morning from **6:46AM-7:36** and/or Mr. S Johnson in room **A238 after school until 3:50PM**. If you have questions, see your math teacher.

### **Yearbooks- Time is Running Out!!**

Time is running out to order yearbooks!! Quantities are limited and processed in the order received. Order online at [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com). The school code is 14802.

If you have any questions or need to pay via cash/check contact the yearbook advisor Ms. Beyers. [jbeyers@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbeyers@depere.k12.wi.us)



### **Lost and Found**

Please be sure to check the Lost & Found at DPHS if you are missing any personal items. You can find the Lost & Found outside the main office, behind the auditorium in a box labeled "Lost & Found," and on the carpeted stairs. Items that are not claimed by the end of each quarter will be donated to charity.

### **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.](#)

### **ACT Prep Course**

[Please click here](#) to view a flyer with information regarding an ACT Prep course on Zoom on Saturday February 21 from 8:30am-3:00pm. Use this [link to register](#).

### **Attendance Spotlight from Wisconsin DPI**

We all know kids get sick, but when should you keep them home versus sending them to school? [Here are some tips](#) from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for when to keep your child at home.

### **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  
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."

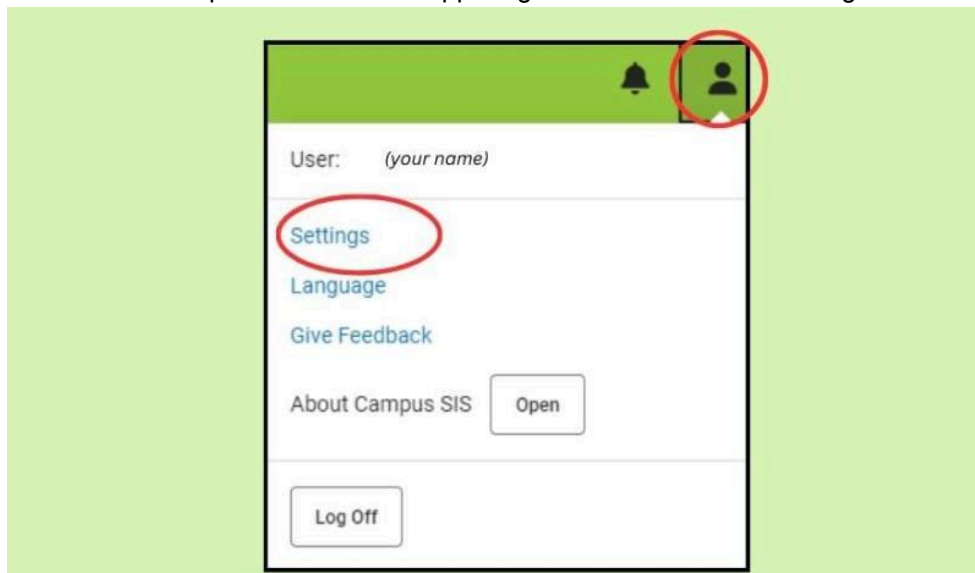
## **How To Receive Emergency/School Closing Text Messages**

Login to Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Campus Parent)

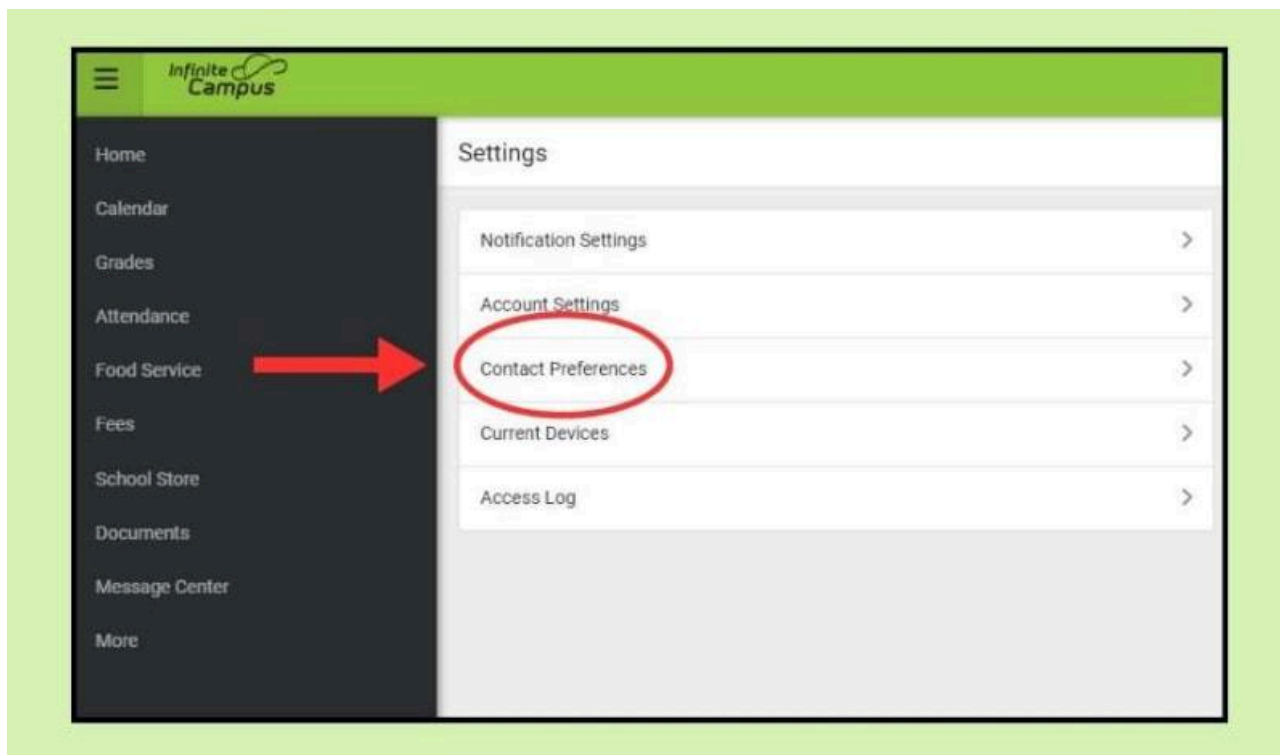
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Once logged in

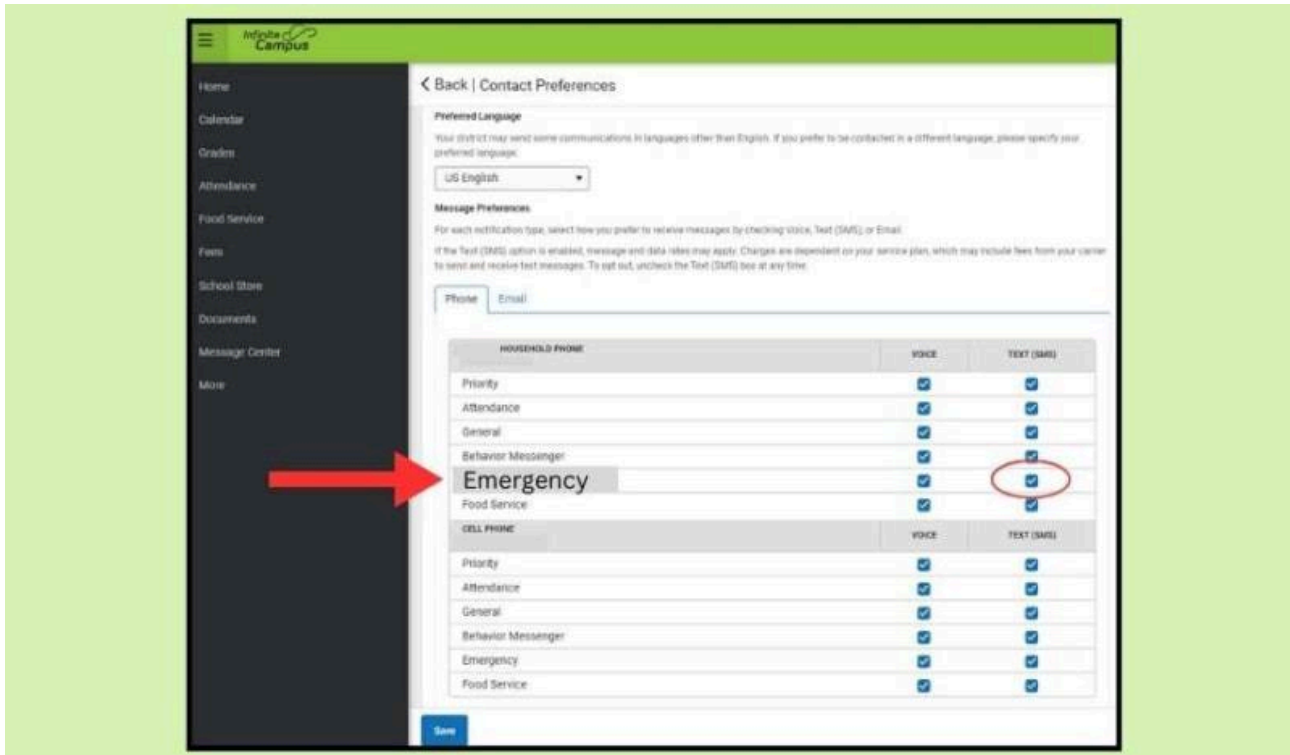
- Click the person icon in the upper right corner and select Settings:



- 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	

## **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 FBLA Places 2nd at 2026 FBLA Region 3 Leadership Conference**

On Saturday, February 7, seventy-six DPHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members competed at the 2026 FBLA Region 3 Leadership Conference in Shawano, WI. The chapter competed against students from twenty-four other local schools in business and marketing-related competitive events. As a chapter, De Pere placed 2nd in the Outstanding Chapter Award. The following students placed in the top 5 of their event and were recognized for their achievement. The forty DPHS students who placed in the top three of their event will advance to the 2026 State Leadership Conference in Green Bay in April. Kerri Herrild and Todd Anderson are the advisors for DPHS FBLA. Congratulations to the members for their outstanding individual accomplishments, [click here](#) to view the list.

### **Congratulations De Pere FFA**

A huge congratulations to our De Pere FFA members who competed at the District Leadership Development Event held at Green Bay Southwest. Our students represented our chapter with confidence, professionalism, and strong leadership skills!

We're proud to recognize our top individual placings:

Freshman **Ian B** - 3rd place in Extemporaneous Speaking

Freshman **Katie S** - 1st overall in both the FFA Creed and Extemporaneous Speaking

With her outstanding performance, **Katie S.** will be advancing on to the Sectionals in March which is an incredible accomplishment!

Great job to all our competitors for their hard work and dedication. De Pere FFA continues to shine!!

### **Jam Session Does it Again!**

Jam Session dominated the competition AGAIN at Milton's "Rock the Rock" Show Choir Invitational. Jam Session took away Best Band, Best Vocals, Best Choreography, the Spirit Award and Grand Champion. Additionally Sarah H was named the "Showstopper" during the team's Finals performance. Haven't seen the show yet? View their Grand Champion Performance [HERE](#).

Jam Session's award winning vocals are led by Vocal Section Leaders Keira H, Olivia K, Jack C, and Ethan F. Their incredibly crisp choreography is managed by team Dance Captains Lilly B, Leah G, Owen E, and Isaac V. The BEST Band is led by Seniors Cameron J, Lawson L, and Dane O.

Where can you see them live next? Come to Destination De Pere: Let's Jam in our very own DPHS Field House on February 7th! Admission is totally FREE for students and staff of the Unified School District of De Pere (just show your ID!). Go Birds!

## **HOSA Achievements**

### **Congratulations to HOSA State Qualifiers who place top 15 in their category.**

Lily H placed Bronze in Home Health Aide

Evangeline R place Gold in Health Career Photography

Zoey F and Saylor D are first alternatives and placed Gold in Medical Innovation.

### **Congrats to Regional Competitor Placements**

Ariana A place Bronze in Medical Terminology

Lydia H placed Bronze in Medical Terminology

Sierra G placed Bronze in Nutrition

Abilene W and Kiera D placed Gold in Medical Innovation

Scarlet W placed Bronze in Medical Spelling

Kaylee H and Larisa P placed Gold in Healthcare Career Display

Sam and Marguerite Y placed Gold in Healthcare Career Display

Brooke K placed Bronze in Behavioral Health

Tudor C and Cullan H placed Silver in Public Service Announcement

Abidale E placed Bronze in Medical Math

Mackenzie C, Audriana R, and Presley O placed Silver in Public Service Announcement

## **Recreation Sports Club- Ski & Snowboard Trip**

Do you like to ski or snowboard and/or meet new people? If so, bring your Code Approved self to the Recreation Sports Club meeting on **FRIDAY** (1/30) in Mr. Mohar's room A147 at **3:04pm**. We will be discussing this year's trip to BRULE on February 20th! Can't make the meeting? Please join our [google classroom here](#) or use our Google Code: **LORKYGT** (which is also Mr. Oslund's high school rap name!). Ski on!

## **Scholastic Art Award Winners**

Six of our students were recently entered in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and received awards at the regional level! Congratulations Oscar A, Mary B, Lauren F, Sasha K, Jay S, & Sawyer Z.

*The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards identifies teenagers with exceptional artistic and literary talent and brings their remarkable work to a national audience. Noteworthy past winners include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates as examples.*

Our student's work will be on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum, January 31st- March 15th. Students will also be recognized at an awards ceremony February 7th.

Sawyer Z received a gold key award which means her work will also be entered and judged at the national level. National winners receive Gold or Silver Medals, scholarships, publication or exhibition opportunities. Students are also invited to a national awards ceremony in New York City.

## **Crimson Aviator**

Thank you for reading stories from the *Crimson Aviator*, your school newspaper, this year. We published 114 stories in the first semester, by far the most ever. Some of the final ones are listed below, but there are even more if you surf around the site. Again, thanks for reading, and we will see you again in September.

[BSU aims to make impact on community](#)

[Cold weather isn't much fun](#)

[Mr. Mohar Q and A](#)

[Mr. Marlowe and his podcast](#)


[Mulva admission now free](#)

[New soda shop opening in Green Bay](#)


[Vape detectors seem to be having positive effect](#)

## **DPHS Parent Club**

The Parent Club is looking for business sponsorships to help support our two biggest events: Grad Bash and Post Prom. Your contribution creates memories for our students in a safe, alcohol & drug-free space. Please see our sponsorship flyer for more information and contact [DPHS Parent Club](#) for questions.

 [Sponsorship flyer 2026\\_email.pdf](#)


## **Senior Parents**

 Grad Bash takes place on Wednesday, May 27th at 10 pm (after the graduation ceremony). This annual event is open to all our graduating Seniors and is free to attend. Grad Bash includes many fun, student-picked activities and entertainment plus food and prizes. While the Parent Club and community cover a portion of the cost, we specifically need support from our Senior parents. Donations can be given in the form of money, prizes or food.

Please [Click here](#) to indicate how you can help!

 Our next **Grad Bash meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, March 11th** at 6:30 pm at Cycling Brews.

## **Junior Parents**

 The De Pere High School Parent Club is busy planning the Post Prom Celebration, a free event for all Junior students. Please click on the link below for more information and to see how you can help make this event a success. [2026 Post Prom Information](#) Thank you to everyone who already responded! We appreciate your support!

 Our next **Post Prom planning meeting** is on **Wednesday, March 18th** at 6:30 PM at Graystone Ale House. Please join us!

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

Tuesday, March 3rd  
Wednesday, April 8th  
Wednesday, May 6th  
Tuesday, June 2nd

Email [dphspc@gmail.com](mailto:dphspc@gmail.com) for more information and follow our Facebook page (**DPHS Parent Club**) for updates

## **ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING EVENTS**

### **NWTC Spring 2025 Open House**

#### **Spring 2025 Open House**

- Tuesday, February 24, 2026: 3:00-6:00pm, NWTC Green Bay, Marinette & Sturgeon Bay
- Talk to specialists, see labs, equipment, and classrooms in your academic area of interest!
- Families and students in grades 8-11 are invited to attend a brief presentation about dual credit/taking college credit in high school
- No registration required

### **Future Oral Health Workforce Day**

Please click the link if you are wanting more information- [Link here](#)

## **UW–Green Bay**

### **Dual-Enrollment Scholarship: \$1,000 Guaranteed**

Students who successfully complete a UW–Green Bay dual-credit course in high school automatically earn a guaranteed \$1,000 scholarship when they enroll at UW–Green Bay. After applying and being admitted, students simply complete the [scholarship application](#)—no competition required.

Students are encouraged to apply by **February 15** for priority consideration for additional scholarships, but applications are still accepted after this date.

### **One on One College Support**

To support students with their college next steps, Callyn Diamond, a UW–Green Bay admissions counselor, will be at the high school **all day on 2/24 and 3/25**, meeting one-on-one with students. To select a time that works best for the students, they can sign up in advance via [Calendly](#) or by using the QR code below.



## **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](#)

## **Women in the Pipe Trades Event**

Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 400 invites you to explore the pipe trades at our career awareness fair, 4 Ways Forward, on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Explore the essential world of pipe trades: four separate disciplines—plumbing, steamfitting, HVAC/R service, and pipe fabrication—that each pledge equal pay, exceptional benefits, and specialized skill training. All without a traditional four-year degree.

<https://ua400.org/news/events/4wf/>

## **Heavy Metal Summer Experience - FREE**

HMSE is a FREE, 30-hour summer program for high school students and recent graduates (ages 15–19) who may be interested in careers in the building trades. Participants receive hands-on instruction from industry professionals in sheet metal, piping, plumbing, and electrical work. 2026 will be Tweet Garot's third summer hosting HMSE. Visit <https://www.hmse.org/> to learn more.

What makes this program special:

- Participants gain real-world experience in contractor shops and union training environments
- There is no cost to students
- Students will receive tools during the program
- Students will keep the projects they build

Program details:

- Dates: June 8 – July 15, 2026
- Schedule: Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:00–4:30 PM
- Location: Tweet Garot Mechanical, 4001 French Road, Wrightstown
- Approximately 20 applicants will be accepted
- Application is open now via the QR code on the attached flyer or this link:  
<https://www.hmse.org/locations/locations/wrightstown.html>

## **NEWYA Quarterly Newsletter**

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

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

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

Thursday, February 19	Girls Basketball vs Manitowoc, 7:00 PM *Senior Night*
Friday, February 20	WIAA Boys Hockey Regional vs Fond du Lac, 8:00PM @ De Pere Ice Arena
Tuesday, February 24	WIAA Girls Wrestling Sectional, 5:00PM @ Waupaca HS WIAA Girls Hockey Sectional vs TBD WIAA Boys Hockey Sectional vs TBD
Thurs-Sat Feb 26-28	WIAA Boys & Girls Wrestling State Tournament @ Kohl Center, Madison
Friday, February 27	WIAA Girls Basketball Regional vs DC Everest, 7:00PM WIAA Boys Hockey Sectional final WIAA Girls Hockey Sectional final
Saturday, February 28	WIAA Girls Basketball Regional final, 7:00PM @ TBD

### **Congratulations State Wrestling Qualifiers!**

Junior Olin N. and sophomore Ethan F. have qualified for the WIAA Boys Wrestling State Tournament, to be held February 26-28 at the Kohl Center, Madison. Digital tickets can be purchased via GoFan [here](#).

Olin is 46-1 at 157 pounds while Ethan has a 40-5 record at 106 pounds. Good luck Redbirds!

### **WIAA Student-Athlete Leadership Opportunity**

The application window for the 2026-27 leadership team is open through March 31. To be eligible, you must be a student-athlete entering your junior year for 26-27. The team will include students from member schools across the state who will serve as ambassadors for their peers and the WIAA while learning more about the sports industry through various committee activities. For more about the program and to access the application form, visit the [WIAA Student-Athlete Leadership page](#) on the WIAA website.



### **ACL Prevention Free Seminar**

On Wednesday, February 25 from 6:30-7:30pm, Sports AdvantEdge will offer a free seminar for coaches, parents and athletes with tips on preventing ACL injuries as well as recovery tips for athletes of all ages. It will take place at 5700 Clairemont Drive, Appleton. For more information, contact Cam Bott, [Appleton@SportsadvantEdge.com](mailto:Appleton@SportsadvantEdge.com). [Flyer](#)

### **Aurora BayCare Offers Student-Athlete Sports Physicals at DPHS**

On **Tuesday, April 7** and **Monday, May 18**, Aurora BayCare Sports Medicine will offer comprehensive sports physical exams at De Pere High School for students currently in Grades 6-11.

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes, beginning at 5:30pm. Allow 30-40 minutes for the appointment.

The appointment will include a full health screening by a physician or physician assistant, a vision exam, and evaluation for ACL injury risk. This physical will meet school and WIAA requirements for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years. A parent or guardian must accompany the student, or sign a parent consent form.

Cost is \$25. All proceeds will be donated by Aurora to De Pere Athletics. [FLYER](#)

To sign up your student-athlete for an appointment, contact DPHS athletics secretary Kerry Guyette at [kguyette@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:kguyette@depere.k12.wi.us) (preferred), or 920-983-9174, ext 4013.

### **WIAA NIL Policy**

The 2025-2026 school year marked the first year the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) adopted language to allow athletes to profit from their Name, Image and Likeness (NIL).

There are now at least 32 states with approved NIL language in the high school interscholastic rules, and more states are considering adopting rules to adapt to our increasingly digitally personalized world.

If you are a parent of a high school athlete in a WIAA sport, and a business approaches you about NIL, there are a number of considerations to review. Please take a look at this information provided by the WIAA and our conference, the Fox River Classic Conference, because NIL contracts can affect participation if not handled correctly.

[NIL Flyer](#)

[NIL Compliance in Wisconsin](#)

Please contact our athletics director Jeff Byczek, as he can help you be sure to maintain high school eligibility for your son/daughter throughout his/her career. Mr. Byczek can be reached at [jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbyczek@depere.k12.wi.us) or 920-983-9174, ext 4012.

### **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

### **Driven at Heart Scholarship Contest**

Cousin's Subs, along with the brand's partner Donald Driver, will honor senior athletes who demonstrate academic excellence, sports leadership and community involvement, with a chance to win up to \$7,500 in scholarship funds for continuing education.

**Who can apply:** Any Wisconsin high school senior graduating in 2026, with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, participation in a WIAA-sanctioned sport and involvement in civic and/or community organization(s) or activities during their high school career.

Eligibility requirements and application can be found at this [link](#). Entry dates are February 1-28, 2026. [FLYER](#)

### **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](http://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 High 2026 Girls and Boys Summer Sports Camps**

[Please click here](#) to view the informational flyer regarding the Summer Sports Camps.

### **City of De Pere- Youth Commission 2026**

The [application](#) is now open for the 2026 term, with a deadline of Monday, April 6th. The first meeting is scheduled for May 27th at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

The Youth Commission's mission is to engage youth in civic leadership, support existing City initiatives, and help develop new programs that reflect the needs and perspectives of De Pere's younger residents. Through this work, the City hopes to encourage future leaders who will help shape our community for years to come.

Program details:

- Open to youth ages 14–18

- Applicants must reside in the City of De Pere *or* attend school in the Unified School District of De Pere or the School District of West De Pere
- Membership consists of only **7–15 students per year**
- Meeting schedule will be the fourth Wednesday of each month starting May 2026
- This is a voluntary, unpaid commitment
- Members serve one-year terms and may be reappointed annually through high school senior graduation
- Applications are accepted once per year

If students have any questions about the group, please feel free to have them reach out to me.

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### **Greater Green Bay Chamber Teen Leadership Application**

We are excited to announce the Teen Leadership application for the 2026-27 program year will open March 9. The Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership program helps build and strengthen emerging young leaders with skills, knowledge and experiences that prepare them to be effective partners for positive change in the Greater Green Bay area.

High school sophomores from Brown County meet once a month to learn about areas such as the history of our community, government, small business & innovation, health & wellness, the environment and much more. The session days consist of tours, speakers, hands-on activities, and thought-provoking discussions.

**Applications will be due Friday, April 17th.**

I would be happy to stop by your school to speak for 10 minutes with any freshmen students about this program during the week of February 23. Provide a few dates and times that would work best. Also, attached is a flyer to share at your school with any current freshman who you feel would be a good fit for the program.

The application link can be found [HERE](#) or on our website: [Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership Program | Greater Green Bay Chamber \(greatergbc.org\)](#)

### **Writing Contest**

**Cancer Pathways 2026 Teen Writing Contest** This national contest encourages teens in grades 9-12 to write about their experience with cancer for the opportunity to win one of **several** \$1,000 prizes. **The deadline for entries is February 27th, 2026.** *Cancer Pathways is a non-profit located in Seattle that provides support to anyone facing cancer.* If you have any questions, reach out to counselor Ms. O'Connor in the Student Service/Counseling Office. [soconnor@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:soconnor@depere.k12.wi.us)

### **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

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***See what's happening at De Pere High School and throughout the District***



***@depereschools on Facebook***

***@DePereHS and @USDD on Twitter***

***@unifiedschoolstofdepere on Instagram***

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

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