



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - April 2, 2026

UPCOMING DATES

March

Mon Mar 30-Fri Apr 3 **NO SCHOOL- Spring Break**

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 testing

Juniors will report to school at 10:35

Seniors will report to school at 7:40 and go to their Nest

Follow the [3-hour late start schedule](#)

Fri Apr 17 Forensics State Speech Festival

Sat Apr 18 Junior Prom 7:00pm-10:00pm at LedgeCrest Reserve

Post Prom at DPHS 10:00pm-2:00am Sponsored by Parents Club

Fri Apr 24 **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Professional Development Day

Thur Apr 30-Sat May 2 Redbird Productions Spring Play Performance at 7:00pm

May

Mon May 4 Band Concert at 7:00pm

Thur May 7 K-12 Art Show 5:00pm-7:00pm at DPHS Commons

Choir Concert at 7:00pm

Mon May 11 Orchestra Spring Concert at DPHS TBD time

Fri May 15 Jazz Concert at 7:00pm

Sat May 16 Senior Ball at Swan Club in De Pere 5:30pm-10:00pm

Mon May 18 Choir Awards and Senior Night at 7:00pm

Mon May 25 **NO SCHOOL**- Memorial Day

Wed May 27 Senior Graduation at Nowak Family Field at 7:00pm

Grad Bash (Seniors Only) following graduation 10:00pm-2:30am

Sponsored by DPHS Parents Club

Fri May 29 Last Day of School

End of 4th Quarter and Semester 2 for DPHS

June

Tues June 2 - Wed June 17 Credit Recovery 7:00am-1:00pm (Invite only)

NEWS AND EVENTS

High School Choir Concert - ONE DAY EARLIER

Please mark your District Calendars for this year's Spring High School Choir Concert on May 7th, 2026 at 7:30pm. We had to move forward one day from the original date. New day, new time, same old wonderful sound

Announcement from School Nutrition

Effective immediately, school nutrition cashiers will no longer be able to accept bills larger than \$20.00. We kindly ask that you use smaller denominations when purchasing food or consider depositing funds into your school nutrition account in advance.

March is Youth Art Month

Help us celebrate! March is Youth Art Month!

YAM is an observance nationwide to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs. Our department is busy this time of year prepping for many competitions and events. We have students' work displayed alongside world renowned artists at well known museums and galleries.

[Student pieces currently on display at:](#) The **Milwaukee Art Museum** for the Scholastic Art Show until **March 15th**.

Upcoming shows:

- **The Congressional Art Show** at the Neville or Trout Museum late **April-mid May**
- Our annual **District Art Show May 7th**, which will coincide with the High School Choir Concert. The k-12 district show will be here in the **High School commons** again so mark your calendars!

At any time you can also check out our [Instagram page](#) (dphs_art_dept) which showcases finished work, in progress videos, and behind the scenes of many of our assignments and weekly events in the art room. See our regular gallery displays and our mini gallery downstairs for updated work. Fun art challenges to come too!

On behalf of the Art Department, Thank you!

Facial Tissue Donations Wanted

DPHS is asking for your assistance in receiving facial tissue donations. We are running very low due to the very intense cold and flu season, so if you could donate any boxes, we would appreciate it! You can drop them off at the high school office during our office hours, Monday through Friday 6:45am-3:45pm while school is in session.

Academic/Service Awards Update

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

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.

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.](#)

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 to access information regarding Driver’s Education at De Pere High.

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

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

****Please note- Summer School is NOT the same as Credit Recovery offered by DPHS**
Course Request Period Begins Monday, April 13th at 8:00am**

Class offerings include exploratory, enrichment, sports, math and reading intervention classes.

Summer School catalogs are available to view online, along with important instructions about requesting courses. Go to the district website, 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 School. Speed and Strength, ACT Prep classes, and some athletic programs will be held at the High School.

Parents/students will use the Infinite Campus Portal to [request](#) courses from those offered. The request/scheduling process will consist of a daily cycle during the registration window of April 13th through 17th (see details in the [Registration Guide](#)).

Summer School course requests will be accepted on the Infinite Campus Portal beginning **Monday, April 13 at 8:00 AM** and concluding on Friday, April 17. **The Portal request option will be closed between 6:00-8:00am each day** to allow the automated scheduler to process the previous day's requests.

DO NOT LOG INTO THE PORTAL PRIOR TO 8:00AM EACH DAY.

- **If your child is a current student in a De Pere school OR already has an enrollment for the 26-27 school year**, you will log in to your Parent Portal account between 8:00am Monday, April 13 through Friday, April 17, to enter your summer school class requests.
- **If your child is not currently enrolled at a Unified School District of De Pere school but did attend summer school in 2025**, you already have a Parent Portal account and a 2026 summer school enrollment was created for you. You will log in to your Parent Portal account between Monday, April 13 and Friday April 17, to enter your summer school class requests.

If you require assistance accessing your Parent Portal, contact your child's school, the Summer School Secretary, or the district office.

- **If your child is not enrolled in a Unified School District of De Pere school and did not attend summer school in 2025, you must complete a [Summer School Only enrollment](#). This option will be available on March 1.** After your summer school-only registration is processed by our staff, an automated email will be sent to you that will include the user name and password for your Parent Portal account. **You must complete a summer school only enrollment by March 27 to ensure access to the Summer School course requests on April 13.**

More about the course request process

- An automated system will honor as many requests as possible.
- It can be considered a daily lottery, as there is no preference given to any student when creating a class roster.
- However, there is some advantage to entering course requests on the first day of the course request period, prior to classes starting to fill up.
- It's also beneficial to enter alternate course requests, in case first choices aren't met.
- Grade levels listed in the catalog are for the CURRENT school year. Request courses based on your child's current grade in school.
- There are no exceptions for placing students in classes that don't match their current grade level.

REMINDER: Do not log into the Portal before 8:00am each day during the course request period (April 13-17). The option to request summer school courses will not appear until 8:00am.


CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

De Pere has a record year at Solo Ensemble

De Pere music students participated at the largest District Solo/Ensemble to date over at Pulaski High School on March 21. Between the Band, Orchestra, Choir, and piano students there were 18 2nd place ratings, 44 1st place ratings, and 82 events that earned a starred first rating and will advance to the State Solo/Ensemble Festival. The State Festival is held at UWGB the first Saturday of May. Go Birds!

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 **Thursday, April 9th** at 6:30 pm at Scotty Dog's Pub.

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!

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

Summer Construction Training Opportunities for Students

Please click on the links below for more information.

[Here](#) and [Here](#)

Future Oral Health Workforce Day

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

NEW Quarter 3 Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Newsletter

[Please click here](#) to view the letter.

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](#)

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>

STUDENT SERVICES CORNER

New from the Student Services Department at DPHS- This is a way for them to post the most up to date information and keep students and parents/guardians informed. [Please click here](#) to view the latest news from Student Services at DPHS.

NOTES FROM THE NEST - REDBIRD ATHLETICS

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME & WIAA EVENTS

Tuesday, April 7	Girls Soccer vs Marinette, 5:30PM @ Cloud Field
Thursday, April 9	Softball vs Sheboygan North, 4:30PM @ Lone Oak Field
Saturday, April 11	Boys Lacrosse vs Pulaski, 11:00AM @ Nowak Field
	Softball vs Slinger, 11:00AM @ Lone Oak Field
Monday, April 13	Baseball vs Appleton East, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field
Tuesday, April 14	Baseball vs Pulaski, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field
Thursday, April 16	Softball vs Green Bay Preble, 4:30PM @ Lone Oak Field
Friday, April 17	Baseball vs Green Bay Preble, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field
	Softball vs Appleton East, 4:30PM @ Lone Oak Field
	Youth Players Recognition Day

Welcome New Athletics Trainer - Avery Piroch

De Pere Athletics is excited to announce the addition of Avery Piroch as our new athletics trainer from Aurora BayCare Sports Medicine.

She replaces Chris Miller, who is leaving after eight years as the Redbirds' lead trainer for a new job position. Thank you to Chris for all the time, energy and dedication he gave to our sports programs!

[Piroch Bio](#)

Aurora BayCare Offers Student-Athlete Sports Physicals at DPHS

On **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](#) NOTE: *The April 7 date is canceled due to low interest.*

To sign up your student-athlete for an appointment, contact DPHS athletics secretary Kerry Guyette at 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 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](#).



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 frcathletics.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
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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

International Fest

Stop by Heritage Elementary for International Fest on **Friday May 8 from 4:30-7:00pm**. [Please click here](#) to view the flyer.

Join the Wish Effect

Eager and passionate high school students are needed for the Make-A-Wish Wisconsin Youth Leadership Council for 2026-27 school year! Please click on the links below for more information.

[Flyer](#)

[Instructions and QR Code](#)

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 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.

[Please click on this link](#) to see the informational flyer. 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.

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 \(greatergbc.org\)](#)

Spring 2026 Collages and Origami

Looking for something to do Friday April 3? If so, drop in to the **Kress Family Branch Brown County Library** (333 N. Broadway De Pere) for Collages & Origami from **1:00-2:00pm** for **ages 11-18**. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

Scoobie Night at Culver's in De Pere

Scoobie Night will be on **Monday April 20** at Culver's in De Pere from **5:00pm-8:00pm** to benefit the De Pere Christian Outreach Store.

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

@unifiedschoolstofdeperere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!