



## De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - April 16, 2026

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### UPCOMING DATES

#### ***April***

**Tues Apr 16**

PreACT Secure Testing- [Use this 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**

**Full Day at DPHS- Normal Bell Schedule** (No longer a Professional

Development & Work 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

Tues May 26

Seniors last 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 for 9th-11th graders

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

#### **End of Year Reminders for Seniors**

Parents of seniors, please [click here](#) to view this document from Student Services.

#### **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.

## **Yearbooks**

Online orders for yearbooks have CLOSED! If you forgot to order a yearbook, you can order IN SCHOOL until May 1st or until we run out, whichever happens first. Do NOT wait. **QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED!!** A limited number of order forms are available in the high school main office.

Orders are processed in the order received. The cost is **\$50**. Only **cash or check** payments are accepted. (Make checks out to *De Pere High School*. Please write "Yearbook" in the memo line.)

***Not sure if you ordered a yearbook??*** *Students can check with the office or any high school teacher - the yearbook sales list was shared with teachers.*

## **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](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 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

## **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](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 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**

### **Celebrating an Outstanding Achievement – FFA American Degree Recipient**

We are excited to share some incredible news from our FFA program!

Please join us in congratulating Josie K on earning her FFA American Degree, the highest degree achievable in the organization. This prestigious honor is awarded to only about 3% of all FFA members nationwide, making it an exceptional accomplishment. She will be able to attend the National FFA Convention this fall to receive her degree on stage.

Even more special, De Pere has not had an American Degree recipient in the past 15 years—making Josie's achievement a truly historic moment for our program and school community.

Josie's dedication, leadership, and commitment to agricultural education have set a tremendous example for our students. We are incredibly proud of her and the hard work she has put in to reach this milestone.

Please help us celebrate and recognize Josie for this outstanding accomplishment!

### **State Qualifying Musicians**

Congratulations to State Qualifying Musicians junior **Emma H** for qualifying for the State Honors Orchestra on French Horn and junior **Jack C** for qualifying for State Honors Mixed Chorus. Each went through an audition process in February and will perform with their respective ensembles at the WSMA Teacher's Conference in October 2026. Thank you for representing DPHS!

### **Brown County Youth Government Day**

Students are invited to an exciting opportunity on Wednesday, April 22nd for Brown County Youth Government Day! Attend and you will have the chance to meet key local figures, including the Mayor of Green Bay, the County Executive, the District Attorney, and the Sheriff among others. Participants will also visit the Brown County Courthouse to observe actual court proceedings.

Details:           When: Wednesday, April 22nd  
                      Time: 7:30am to 2:30pm (we will travel together from school)  
                      Capacity: A maximum of 6 students can attend

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Spice in room E111 or email [bspice@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:bspice@depere.k12.wi.us) as soon as possible to secure your spot.

## **DPHS Parent Club**

### **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!

🎓 Be on the lookout for a Messenger next week with the event Sign Up Genius and required online waiver link.

🎓 Our next **Grad Bash meeting** will take place on **Thursday, May 7th** at 6:30 pm at Scotty Dog's Pub.

### **Junior Parents**

📍 The De Pere High School Parent Club is getting ready for 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!

**We need your help!** Officer elections and planning for the 2026-2027 school year takes place at our May meeting. We are seeking parents who may be interested in:

- Helping plan and support school events throughout the year
- Serving on event or activity committees
- Taking on leadership or coordinator roles for specific events
- Sharing skills such as organizing, communication, fundraising, or logistics

**The Parent Club meets monthly in the High School library at 6:30 pm.**

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**

### **Beyond the Classroom - Exploring Non-Traditional Careers**

Hosted by the De Pere Chamber of Commerce. Open to middle, high school and college students, and their parents. At the Ledgecrest Reserve from 5 - 7 PM on Tuesday, May 12th. This free event also includes dinner! Please register in advance at this [website](#) and see this [flyer](#) for more details.

### **Youth Apprenticeship for '26 - '27**

Parents of current Sophomores and Juniors! De Pere High School offers Work-Based Experiential Learning Experiences as Youth Apprenticeships. These opportunities allow students to earn valuable knowledge and skills outside of the high school classrooms while taking related coursework inside the classrooms. Our Youth Apprenticeship program is conducted and managed in partnership with CESA 7. Students can earn school elective

credits and certifications from the Department of Workforce Development. Mrs. Corey Wollin is the Youth Apprenticeship Coach serving DPHS.

If your students would like more information about Youth Apprenticeship, please have them email Mrs. Wollin at [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us). She will be available for contact throughout the summer for questions and setting up placements. If your student already has a job they plan on working in the summer AND into the school year, it is also *possible* to count it for Youth Apprenticeship.

### **Looking for Businesses to Hire Youth Apprentices!**

Attention Parents and Community Members! Would your business or employer be interested in hiring high school juniors or seniors as Youth Apprentices? Opportunities for students exist in Agriculture, Business, Construction, Finance, Health Sciences, IT, Marketing, Transportation, and more! Please get in touch with Mrs. Wollin for more information! [cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:cwollin@depere.k12.wi.us).

### **Summer High School Bootcamp events**

We are excited to announce the return of our Summer High School Bootcamp events! This year, we will be hosting three sessions at St. Vincent's and one session at St. Mary's in Green Bay.

These are free, one-day events designed for students entering their junior or senior year for the 2026–2027 school year, as well as recent high school graduates. Applications did open on April 6<sup>th</sup> - May 2nd.

Here is the attachment! [Here](#)

### **Summer Construction Training Opportunities for Students**

Please click on the links below for more information.

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

### **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](#)

## **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**

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 <b>**Youth Players Recognition Day**</b>
Monday, April 20	Girls Soccer vs Waupaca, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field <b>**Parents Night**</b>
Tuesday, April 21	Girls Soccer vs GB Southwest, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field <b>**Teacher Appreciation Night**</b>
Thursday, April 23	Dan Baker Track & Field Invitational, 3:30PM Softball vs Manitowoc, 4:30PM @ Lone Oak Field Boys Tennis vs Ashwaubenon, 4:00PM
Friday, April 24	Boys Tennis Invitational, 10:00AM Baseball vs Sheboygan North, 4:30PM @ Aurora Field
Saturday, April 25	Boys Tennis Invitational, 9:00AM
Monday, April 27	Track Triangular vs Bay Port/Pulaski, 4:00PM

Tuesday, April 28  
Thursday, April 30

Boys Lacrosse vs DeForest, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field  
Boys Tennis vs West De Pere, 4:00PM  
Softball vs GB Southwest, 4:30PM @ Lone Oak Field  
Girls Soccer vs Appleton East, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field

### **Boys Golf Smashes School Record**

The Redbirds opened their season by winning the two-day Washington County Invitational last weekend in record-setting fashion.

After shooting 299 in Friday's first round at Washington County GC, De Pere scored 281 on day two at Hartford GC. That broke the previous 18-hole school record by 15 strokes.

Freshman Grant L. shot 69-69 for a two-day total of 138 (minus 6), claiming medalist honors by five strokes. His 69 set a school record, before junior Cooper E. shot 68 in his second round to gain the record. Cooper E. and Jonah G. finished tied for seventh with a pair of 146s. The other scorers for De Pere were Cam B. (150) and Bennett R. (162).



### **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](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](#).



### **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](http://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.



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- 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**

### **Need help preparing for Finals or assignments?**

The Kress Family Branch in De Pere will be open after hours just for students **ages 11-18** on **May 14 from 5:00-7:30** to study for finals, complete homework assignments, or work on other passion projects. [Here is the flyer.](#)

### **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.

### **Scoopie Night at Culver's in De Pere**

Scoopie 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***

***@unifiedschoolstodfdepere on Instagram***

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

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