



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - April 30, 2026

UPCOMING DATES

April

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**)

July

Mon Jul 27-Wed Jul 29 AP Boot Camp (**Invite only**)

August

Mon Aug 17 Back to School Days at DPHS- 8:00am-11:00am Students A-M
 Tues Aug 18 Back to School Days at DPHS- 8:00am-11:30am Students N-Z
 Thur Aug 27 **Freshmen & Link Crew Day ONLY at DPHS**
 Makeup and Picture Retake Day 7:30am-12:00pm (Students or Staff who missed photos at Back to School Days)
 Fri Aug 28 **ALL Grades to report to DPHS**

NEWS AND EVENTS

Teachers of Distinction

Congratulations to Michelle Kontny and Sao Yang for being honored as Teachers of Distinction at the Golden Apple Awards Ceremony.

End of Year Reminders for Seniors

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



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.

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.

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

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

Schedules and Fees

The 2026 Summer School session will run Tuesday, June 2nd through Friday, June 19th. Class times are 8:00am-9:45am and 10:05am-11:50am, with a few exceptions. Supervision is provided between classes for students in grades pre-K through 8th.

Course registration will close Thursday, April 30. Students’ summer school class schedules are posted in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. To view your student’s schedule:

- After logging into the Portal, click on Schedule in the left column.
- Choose 25-26 Summer School from the Enrollment drop down menu.
- The “A” section is your child’s 8am class. The “B” section is the 10:05am class. If your student is registered for a Speed and Strength training class, it will be listed below the B section.
- Although a class is listed in multiple A or B boxes of your schedule view, your student is in just one section of the class. A typical schedule with two courses will show the A class in periods 1(A) and 2(A) and the B class in periods 5(B), 6(B) and 7(B). This was necessary to reflect accurate times for all courses.

If a course you already requested doesn’t appear on your student’s schedule:

1. The class is full and your student remains on a wait list. You will be notified if a seat opens due to a cancellation;
- OR 2.** You requested a class that didn’t match your student’s current grade level, and the request was denied.

If your student needs to register for the Speed & Strength training program, contact summer school secretary Kerry Guyette at kguyette@depere.k12.wi.us, or 920-983-9174, ext 4013, from 7:30am-12:30pm on school days. Speed and strength classes start Monday, June 1.

Mrs. Guyette also must be contacted in order to drop a class from your student's schedule.

Some courses have fees for supplies. Fees will be posted to your student's account in late May, and can be paid in the Portal with a credit card. Payment also can be made in person with cash or check at the High School office.

Room and teacher assignments will be communicated in late May.

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

Coding Competition Results

De Pere placed third of 32-teams in the Marquette University Coding Competition on April 15. Congratulations to the team of Donovan C, Adeline D, Quinn I, and Jack J for being one of only three teams who coded all problems correctly.

Accounting Students

On Friday April 10, several DPHS students traveled to Madison, WI for the 2026 UW-Madison Accounting Competition. Students analyzed an accounting case study and presented their findings to a panel of UW-Madison professors and industry professionals. The team of **Harper K**, **Sawyer B** and **Aiden S** placed 2nd out of 30-teams.

2026 FBLA State Leadership Conference Results

On Monday, April 13 and Tuesday, April 14, thirty-seven De Pere FBLA members competed at the 2026 State Leadership Conference in Green Bay, WI. The students competed in business and marketing related competitions against students from all over the state of Wisconsin. In addition to competitive events, students learned from business professionals, toured local businesses, attended workshops and networked with students from across the state of Wisconsin. Twelve De Pere students placed in the top five of their competitive event and eight of those students qualified for the 2026 National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, TX.



National Leadership Conference Qualifiers:

- 1st Place -Conor E in Business Management
- 2nd Place - Sawyer B, James L, and Mason S in Banking & Financial Systems
- 2nd Place - Connor M and Oliver Q in Digital Video Production
- 3rd Place - Kyle G in Advanced Accounting
- 4th Place - Ansh P in Securities & Investments

State Leadership Conference Winners (National Conference Alternates):

- 5th Place - Ian B in Agribusiness
- 5th Place - Claire P in International Business
- 5th Place - Alayna B and Payton S in Supply Chain Management

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!

De Pere Band Boosters

The De Pere Band Boosters are having their Spring Apparel sale. Check out the link for summer items! Sale runs through May 1st. This is a fundraiser that supports band students in all our schools. Delivery will be prior to May 22nd.

https://stores.inksoft.com/dphs_band/shop/home

DPEA Scholarship Fund for DPHS Seniors

Please consider ordering or donating to this Luna Coffee order, which raises funds for the DPEA Scholarship given to graduating seniors. The order window is open through Monday, May 18. Order [here](#).

If you aren't a coffee drinker, you can still make an in-kind donation. Send to Venmo account DPEA Scholarship or make a check payable to DPEA Scholarship Fund and drop off at Foxview Intermediate School or mail to:


Foxview Intermediate School

650 S. Michigan Street

De Pere, WI 54115

C/O Stephanie Neerdaels DPEA Scholarship Fund

DPHS Parent Club

 **Grad Bash** requires a **signed liability waiver** for students to use the majority of activities. Students that are 18 years old by graduation may fill out their own waiver. All students that will not be 18 by graduation must have it filled out by a parent/guardian. Please complete **ASAP!** [Grad Bash waiver](#)

This event requires a lot of Parent volunteer help, primarily from Senior parents. We need casino dealers, game attendants, prize distributors, mocktail crafters, a photographer, and more. We're also asking for food and drink donations.

[Grad Bash Sign up Genius](#)

If you generously agreed to donate money or gift cards, please have them turned in to the High School office by **May 15th**. If you have not donated and would like to, follow this link: [Senior parent donation form](#). Remember...every student that stays to the end leaves with a prize!

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

The Parent Club needs 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 dphspc@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. 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.

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 6th - 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 30	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
Friday, May 1	Boys Tennis Invitational, 10:00AM Baseball vs Menasha, 4:30PM @ Aurora BayCare Field Boys Lacrosse vs Appleton, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field

Saturday, May 2	Girls Soccer Invitational, 5:30PM @ Cloud Field Boys Tennis Invitational, 9:00AM Girls Soccer Invitational, 9:30AM @ Cloud Field Softball Quad, 10:00AM @ Lone Oak Field Baseball vs Neenah, 11:00AM @ Aurora BayCare Field
Monday, May 4	Baseball vs Appleton East, 2:00PM @ Aurora BayCare Field Softball vs Sheboygan North, 4:00PM @ Lone Oak Field Girls Lacrosse vs Appleton, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field
Tuesday, May 5	Baseball vs Green Bay Southwest, 5:00PM @ Aurora Field Softball vs Pulaski, 5:00PM @ Lone Oak Field Girls Soccer vs Notre Dame, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field
Thursday, May 6	Boys Lacrosse vs Stevens Point, 7:00PM @ West De Pere HS Boys Tennis vs Manitowoc, 4:00PM Girls Lacrosse vs Notre Dame, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field
Friday, May 8	Girls Lacrosse Invitational
Saturday, May 9	Girls Lacrosse Invitational
Monday, May 11	Baseball vs Ashwaubenon, 11:00AM/1:00PM @ Aurora Field Baseball vs Kaukauna, 5:00PM @ Aurora BayCare Field Girls Soccer vs Appleton North, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field Softball vs Ashwaubenon, 5:00PM @ Lone Oak Field

De Pere Lululemon Team Store Sale Closes April 30

Check out the spirit wear available at this shop [link](#).

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@deper.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 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

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.

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!