



De Pere High School Parent Newsletter - May 14, 2026

UPCOMING DATES

May

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

DPHS Students- Start to Clean Out Lockers

All DPHS students should begin cleaning out materials from their lockers, including hallway, PhyEd, TechEd, and athletic lockers. Please keep only what you need to finish the school year and start bringing other items home. Don't forget to remove any signs or decorations from the outside of your lockers as well.

If you have any new or gently used school supplies you no longer need, we would love for you to consider donating them. Items can be dropped off in the main office.

All lockers must be completely cleaned out and left empty before leaving for the summer. Thank you for your help!

Students Medication in DPHS Health Room

If your child has medication in the school office, please plan to pick it up prior to the end of the school year. If your child is attending summer school, please notify the school office of any medication needs.

Medications **cannot** be sent home with children due to safety concerns and must be picked up by a responsible adult. Any medication that is not picked up within 5 days from the last day of school will be destroyed. We will NOT keep the medication for the following school year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Krista Nelson, BSN RN
920-983-9174 ext. 4114
knelson@depere.k12.wi.us

Summer Meals

Make this summer one to remember with SUN Meals: USDA's Summer Nutrition Program for Kids. Children 18 and under can enjoy meals at eligible meal sites- Voyageur Park and Legion Park in De Pere. SUN Meals are free and help your kids get the nutrition they need all summer long.

[Please click here](#) to view the informational flyer with the dates and times at each park.

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 the School Year- Food Service Reminders

BALANCES -

All remaining balances (positive or negative) are carried forward to the 2026-2027 school year.

INFINITE CAMPUS LUNCH ACCOUNTS - [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)

Just a reminder that all lunch accounts are separate. Each student in a household has their own balance. Money can be transferred from one household member to another with a request to laccounts@depere.K12.wi.us

PAYMENTS -

Infinite Campus online Payments will be available throughout the summer. If you have a recurring payment you may consider turning it off for the summer.

LEAVING THE DISTRICT -

Lunch balances can be refunded or donated to district families in need. Please submit your requests in writing and mail to:

USDD - Middle School, Attn: School Nutrition, 700 Swan Rd. De Pere, WI 54115

Or email to: laccounts@depere.k12.wi.us

Please include a new mailing address with your request.

SENIOR ONLY FAMILIES -

All Seniors with siblings still in the district will have their remaining balance automatically transferred to the sibling(s) account. Seniors that are the only students in the district will have their balance directed by the Online Registration Refund/Donation choice made in Infinite Campus.

Refund checks will automatically be sent out to the address in Infinite Campus. Donations will be transferred to the Food Service Foundation (helping district families in need).

Summer EBT

[Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

Summer Meals In The Park

Summer Meals USDA 2026

Visit our School Nutrition [Web](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for school lunch information, menus and farm to school program. [Nutrislice - Menus](#)

Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Have a happy summer! USDD - School Nutrition
laccounts@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.

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.

Techquity event

This is an opportunity for families to obtain a free laptop at the USDD District Office on **Tuesday, May 19th from 2pm-5pm** through a collaboration between USDD, Brown County United Way, and Techquity.

Families have to meet criteria to qualify (the link to register and to check qualifications is below) and any children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian to obtain a laptop. **Pre-registration is required**. The district social workers are the point of contact at each of the schools for any questions about this event.

[Flyer](#) (English)

[Flyer](#) (Spanish)

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.

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.

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

CLUBS AND BOOSTER EVENTS

DPEA Scholarship Fund for DPHS Seniors



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PLEASE CONSIDER ORDERING OR DONATING! 

LUNA coffee Order Window: Wednesday, April 29th thru Monday May 18th, 2026

IF Coffee is not your thing, we do accept in kind donations as well! See Payment info below!

Through this biannual fundraiser and payroll deductions from some of our employees... We were able to give out scholarships this Spring. **We can fund 7 scholarships of \$750 if each DPEA member donated \$1 for each of the 24 pay periods! Imagine what we can do if each person donates \$5 per pay period!**



Prices and Payment Info:

\$15 per 12 oz Bag of coffee (whole bean or ground) Options: French Roast, Teachers Lounge Blend, Decaf, Decaf French Roast

(\$6 of every \$15 -12 oz bag of coffee sold will go to the DPEA Scholarship Fund)

Venmo Account: DPEA Scholarship OR Make out a Check Payable to DPEA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Drop off or Send payment via interschool mail if you are a District Employee...

Stephanie Neerdaels at Foxview

OR

Send Payment via US MAIL to...

Foxview Intermediate School

650 S. Michigan Street

De Pere, WI 54115

C/O Stephanie Neerdaels DPEA Scholarship Fund

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE DPEA SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

State Solo/Ensemble

Over 100 musicians from Band, Choir, and Orchestra performed in 80 events on Saturday at the WSMA's State Solo/Ensemble Festival at UWGB. De Pere students received 10 2nd place ratings and 70 first place ratings! Congrats to our fine musicians from De Pere!

Congrats to the following students who were nominated for an Exemplary Award at State Solo/Ensemble. The (*) next to their name means they then WON the award for their Site for the day.

We are so proud of our Redbird Musicians!

Samantha B - Soprano Solo

Jack C - Musical Theater Solo

Livi D - Soprano Solo

*Livi D - Musical Theater Solo

*Owen E and Ruby M - Musical Theater Duet

Ethan F, Marcus R, Owen E, Aiden E - TTBB Quartet

*Sarah H and Ethan F - Classical Duet

*Emma H - Flute Solo

Aniyah L - Musical Theater Solo

Madelyn M, Xavier T, Finn B, Marcus R, Isaac V, Claire F, Olivia K, Maya K, Mallory J, Lauren P - Contemporary A Capella

*Marcus R - Tenor Solo

*Jacob Y - Musical Theater Solo

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.

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!

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



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!

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.

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

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 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, May 14	Girls Soccer vs Green Bay Preble, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field **Cancer Awareness Night** Boys Lacrosse vs Middleton, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field
Friday, May 15	Girls Lacrosse vs Pulaski, 6:00PM @ Nowak Field
Saturday, May 16	Softball vs Notre Dame, 10:00AM & 12:00PM @ Lone Oak Field **Senior Day**
Tuesday, May 19	FRCC Track Meet, 3:30PM @ Dan Baker Track/Nowak Field Baseball vs West De Pere, 4:30PM @ Aurora BayCare Field Softball vs West De Pere, 5:00PM @ Lone Oak Field **Alumni Day**
Thursday, May 21	Girls Soccer vs Ashwaubenon, 5:00PM @ Cloud Field **Senior Night** Boys Tennis vs Sheboygan North, 4:00PM
Friday, May 22	Baseball vs Manitowoc, 4:30PM @ Aurora BayCare Field Boys Lacrosse vs Stevens Point, 7:00PM @ Nowak Field
Tuesday, May 26	Softball WIAA Regional vs TBD WIAA Track Regional, 3:30PM @ Preble
Wednesday, May 27	Boys Tennis WIAA Subsectional, 8:30AM @ Western Racquet
Thursday, May 28	Softball WIAA Regional vs TBD Girls Soccer vs Lakeland Union, 6:30PM @ Cloud Field Girls Lacrosse WIAA Regional vs TBD Boys Tennis WIAA Sectional, 8:15AM @ Western Racquet
Friday, May 29	WIAA Track Sectional, 4:00PM @ West De Pere HS

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](#)

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.](#)

OGA Run

Operation Guardian Angel is having a 5K, 10K and Kids Run on **Monday May 25 at Four Seasons Park in Hobart, WI**. OGA supports US service members by combatting social isolation and improving mental health.

[Click here](#) to view the informational flyer and how to sign up.

Pink Flamingo Kids Run

Online registration is now open for the **2026 Pink Flamingo Kids Run!** 

The kids' run is back this year and better than ever, and we're excited to welcome runners ages 12 and under. Join us on **Saturday, July 11 at Legion Park** for a fun-filled morning!

Registration begins at **10:00 AM**, and the race kicks off at **10:30 AM**. [Click here to view the information](#) and sign up. We hope to see you there!

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.

HADP Summer Event

The 6th Annual fundraiser for **Hands Across De Pere** will be held on **Sunday, August 30th, 2026 at The Swan Club from 3-6 pm**. Grand Union will be playing again this year and we will have food, many raffles, and a guaranteed afternoon filled with fun.

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

@unifiedschoolstoddepere on Instagram

DPHS Online Student Newspaper [Crimson Aviator](#)

It's a Great Day to be a Redbird!