



# Dragon News December 2020

*PCHS Mission: In partnership with the community, we engage, prepare and empower our students for a lifetime of success through diverse opportunities.*

“Pekin Community High School is a Title One school and, as such, receives federal funds. These funds are spent in accordance with Title One guidelines and are used with the overarching goal for every child to meet state academic achievement standards. Title I provides the programs and resources for students to meet this goal.”

**OUR DRAGONS:**  
**WEAR MASKS**  
**SOCIAL DISTANCE**  
**WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 4 (Friday): Late Start Day 10:00 AM– Red Attendance Day
- Dec. 11 (Friday): White Attendance Day
- Dec. 17 and 18: FINAL EXAMS
- Dec. 21 and 22: FINAL EXAMS
- Dec. 23 – Jan. 5: NO SCHOOL– Winter Break
- Jan. 6: NO CLASSES– Teachers Institute
- Jan. 7: WHITE First Attendance Day
- Jan 8: RED First Attendance Day

**MASKS REQUIRED**



**FOR ENTRY**



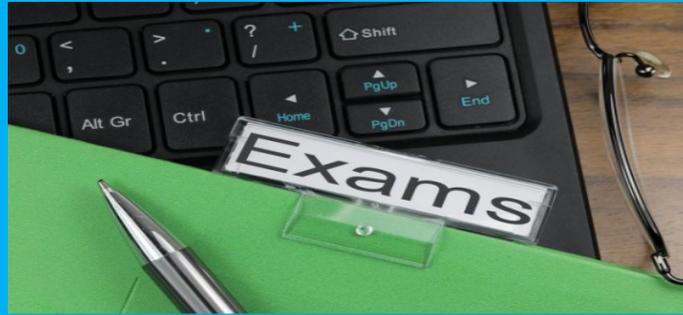
# Final Exam Incentive

- Students may be able to opt out of taking the final exam **ONLY** if they meet the requirements below. The “opt out” is decided by each individual course.

 Must have at least a 70% in the course at the cut-off date.

 No out of school suspensions during the semester

 No skipped Saturday schools during the semester.



## REMOTE DAY STUDY HALL

Do you need a quiet space to work with no distractions on your At-Home Remote Day? Reserve a seat on any At-Home Remote Learning Day on this [sign-up form](https://forms.gle/7aBB5mPZykUjyA1FA). Seating is limited so sign up quickly! <https://forms.gle/7aBB5mPZykUjyA1FA>

- ❖ Monday's - Thursday's -- 7:50 a.m. - 11:11 A.M.
- ❖ Room G200 - Mrs. Stolz / Mrs. Hall
- ❖ Lunch will be offered as a sack lunch to go
- ❖ Students in need of transportation will ride their regular bus to school with a bus provided at 11:11 for a ride home.



# REMINDERS

## Breakfast/Lunch

ALL students will be able to eat breakfast and lunch free of charge through a program made possible by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the end of the school year. Please know this includes one meal at breakfast and lunch. If students want any "extra" items outside of the standard meal, they will have to pay for those items.

Free/Reduced lunch forms are available in the principal's office and the BFO.

## Lunch Pick- up

**FULL Remote Learning students:** Pick up on Monday's from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Principal's Office.

**Red/ White Attendance Day Students:** Pick up everyday after school on attendance days in the Cafeteria for the next remote learning day.

**NO PICK UP ON FRIDAY'S**

## Late Start

- The school day is from 10:00 am – 2: 42 pm with the doors opening at 9:30am.
- Buses run two hours later than a regular day
- Early bird starts at 9:30 am and early bird students can enter at the canopy entrance starting at 9:10 am.



## Skyward Parent Access

Wanting to login into Skyward Parent Access and you just can't remember your password? Please go to our web page [www.pekinhigh.net](http://www.pekinhigh.net) and click on Menu in the upper right corner. Under the Parents tab you will click on "Forgot Your Parent Access Password" link.

## Student ID'S

Students are to carry their student ID's at all times and be prepared to present their ID anytime they are in the building or at a school activity. If a student checks in late they will be required to present their ID. If they have lost their ID a new one can be purchased at the BFO for \$4.00.

Students present your ID at sporting events and get in free.

## Dragons Closet Donations

There are organizations that are lending a helping hand. Pekin Community High School has the Dragon's Closet. The Dragon's Closet provides non-perishable food items, hygiene products and clothing for students in need through donations from the community. Donations can be dropped off in the principal's office from 7:30am to 3:00 pm.

Check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



## Yearbooks

Buy your 20-21 yearbook for \$30 until December at the BFO!

## How to Use the Canvas Parent Website & App

Follow these instructions to use the Canvas parent app! Canvas Parent enhances the potential for parents to engage in their children's education. Parents can review upcoming or past assignments, check on grades, and receive alerts for student activity.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JnVBZYLm-9ERi90IW4ScW-BUwSX67SzyPPZsR8Q\\_Nd3I/edit?ts=5ea22811](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JnVBZYLm-9ERi90IW4ScW-BUwSX67SzyPPZsR8Q_Nd3I/edit?ts=5ea22811)

If you have questions please contact Cynthia Hinderliter at 477-4235 or email [chinderliter@pekinhigh.net](mailto:chinderliter@pekinhigh.net).

INSTRUCTIONS

# 2020-2021 Yearbooks

December is the last month to get your  
2020-2021 yearbook on sale!  
Yearbooks are \$30 right now!!

If you would like to purchase a 2019-2020  
yearbook, see the BFO. They are \$35.



It's the most wonderful time of the year...  
Time to order personalized ornaments  
\$7 each

Step 1: Pick an ornament shape



Vertical/portrait



Round



Horizontal/landscape

Step 2: Choose a design for the other side of the ornament



Step 3: Email your photo(s) to [303workshop@gmail.com](mailto:303workshop@gmail.com). Please be sure to include which shape you want.  
When your order is complete, we will email you. Your order can be picked up at the BFO.

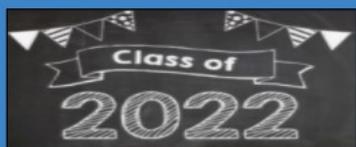
The Lifeskills workshop is ready to start making your  
personalized Christmas Ornaments!

For only \$7.00 these make great Christmas Gifts.

Follow these simple steps to order yours today!

# Counseling Department News

## JUNIOR FAMILY VIRTUAL EVENT



PLANNING LIFE  
AFTER  
HIGH SCHOOL

**WHO:** Junior Students and Their Parents/Guardians

**WHEN:** A Time that is BEST for you!

**WHERE:** Click this Link → [JUNIOR FAMILY VIRTUAL EVENT](#)

**WHY:** To learn more about your future pathway



\*MILITARY \*COLLEGE ATHLETICS \*LOCAL TRADES/APPRENTICESHIPS

\*PROCESS OF HOW TO APPLY TO EITHER A 2 YEAR OR A 4 YEAR COLLEGE

\*PROCESS OF HOW TO TRANSFER FROM A 2 YEAR COLLEGE TO A 4 YEAR COLLEGE

## VIRTUAL VISITS AVAILABLE

Juniors & Seniors ONLY

MEET WITH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES ON YOUR  
*REMOTE LEARNING DAYS*

**SIGN UP NOW**

Please fill out the form for EACH visit you plan to attend

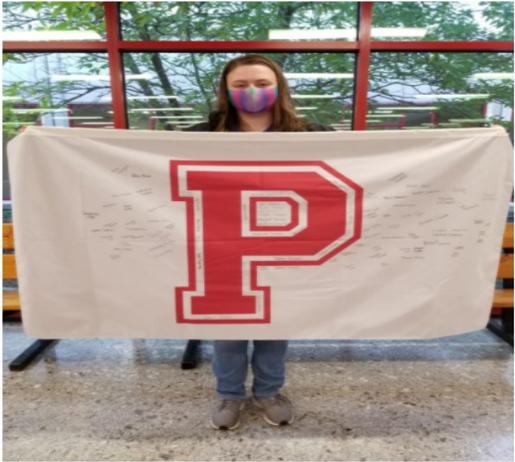
Visit the Counseling Office Canvas Course for an up to date list of colleges offering virtual visits!

# "Flying the P"

Starting the month off the winners of the "Flying the P" award are the PCHS music students who were selected for the All District Ensembles! The students had the challenging task of video recording their auditions in early October and submitting them for judging to be accepted into the ILMEA ensembles. This year PCHS had 13 students selected to these "virtual ensembles". In lieu of meeting in person, these students will take part in virtual master classes and workshops on two weekends in November. Top placements will be selected for the All-State ensembles in January. PCHS had 2 students that were the highest score among all of the jazz auditions, Sarah Arseneau and Savanna Miller. These students put in hours of work, and in these strange times, they showed that hard work pays off!

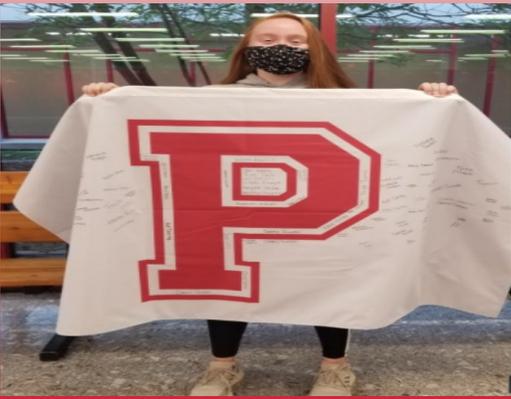
## Band

- Sarah Arseneau**
- Davin Fairchild**
- Sean Hyde**
- Bennett Jennings**
- Savanna Miller**
- Norah Springborn**
- Beth Williams**



## Jazz

- Sarah Arseneau \*top score**
- Savanna Miller \*top score**
- Sean Hyde**



# "Flying the P"

The rest of the music students are below. Please help me  
in congratulating these students!



## Choir

Brooke Calvert  
Aiden Foreman  
Hunter Hawkins  
Caroline Manning



Payton Ried

Elisabeth Sandoval

## Vocal Jazz

Payton Ried



# "Flying the P"

This week we will be honoring five students who exemplified civic engagement by participating in our democratic process. These students spent the November 3rd Election Day serving as student election judges at various polling stations. They put in a very long day registering people to vote and helping them cast their ballots.



**Congratulations Dragons!**

# "Flying the P"

WILLIAM BARNES

KAYLEE BLALOCK

HANNAH CAGLE (NOT PICTURED)

JAMESON CARNEY

KEONDRE FOSTER

BRYCE GIBSON

AUSTIN GILMORE

DALLAS GREENWAY

ROLLINS HANY

HANNAH HARMS (NOT PICTURED)

JADEN HENSLEY

ADAM HENRICHS

JACOB HORN

KYLIE KOLESAR

COLTON LANDON

MOLLY MCDUGALL

JAYCEE MILLER (NOT PICTURED)

GABRIEL RAMSAY

LUCAS REYNOLDS

GAGE ROCKHOLD

KAITLYN SCHUCK

KATLYN SPOEDE

NOAH STARLING

KYLE SALTER

PAYTIENCE SMITH (NOT PICTURED)

KALEM TRIER

WILLIAM WHEELER

# "Flying the P"

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS OF THE "FLYING THE P" AWARD! THIS WEEK WE ARE HONORING A GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALL BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO HELP WITH DRAGON'S CLOSET BY STOCKING SHELVES, TAKING INVENTORY, UNLOADING AND PROCESSING DONATIONS, SENDING SHOPPING LISTS, AND SO MUCH MORE. THIS YEAR THEY ALSO WORKED TO REDECORATE AND REORGANIZE THE DRAGON'S CLOSET ROOM. WE APPRECIATE ALL THEY DO FOR DRAGON'S CLOSET! PLEASE HELP ME IN CONGRATULATING AND THANKING ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!



# "Faculty Flying the P"

Recognizing the individuals from the PCHS family who are the reason we have a Veteran's Day! This group of people does so much to serve the students and community here at PCHS. Take a moment to thank them for the service they also provided the entire country. **Congratulations to the Faculty and Staff Flying the P Honorees: The Pekin Community High School Veterans and Active Service Members!**

**Tim Carroll**

**Mark Frederick**

**Larry Hallstrom**

**Dale Holzwarth**

**Noah Lenne**

**Eric McCann**



**Pete Miller**

**Grace Ortega**

**Ted Quinn**

**Julio Rodriguez**

**Jill Stecken**

**Roger Wahl**

**Tim Carroll: Navy**

**Mark Frederick: Air Force**

**Larry Hallstrom: Army, Lt. Colonel**

**Dale Holzwarth: Air National Guard**

**Noah Lenne: Air Force**

**Eric McCann (Active): Air National Guard, E-9 Chief Master Sergeant**

**Pete Miller: Army**

**Grace Ortega: Marines**

**Ted Quinn: Air Force**

**Julio Rodriguez (Active): Army, Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class**

**Jill Stecken: Marines**

**Roger Wahl: Marines and National Guard**

# Greetings from JROTC!

Thanks for all who helped out with the placing of the flags at the graves of veterans in Pekin in honor of Veteran's Day. This is always a great service to the Pekin community and brings us a sense of pride as we see our Cadets place flags at the Veteran's grave sites. This year we had over 60 Cadets volunteer to help. **Great work Dragons!**

Pekin JROTC. LtC Hallstrom



## Online Athletic Registration for Winter Sports

Winter sports include: Competitive Cheer, Competitive Dance, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, and Boys Swimming.

New this year: Parents and students BOTH must register in order for student athletes to be permitted to go out for their sport. To complete online athletic registration, parents and students should each create an account on the athletic website: [www.planeths.com](http://www.planeths.com). Students should use their PCHS email address for their accounts. ***This website is new for PCHS athletics as of August, 2020.***

Once the parent and student have created accounts, they then "link" their accounts to complete the registration. Please note: the registration is not complete until the information under the "Athletic Forms" tab is completed. If you have more than one student, you must add them one at a time.

Also, please be aware we are no longer issuing "Ready Cards", but sports physicals must still be submitted to Mrs. Patton or Mr. Gurvey in the Athletic Office. Student athletes need to get their online registration done **prior to the first day of Winter Sports, which is November 16, 2020.** ***The Athletic Office recommends that online registration for winter sports be completed by November 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow time to solve any issues with the registration process. IHSA by-laws state that student-athletes will not be admitted to practice - or allowed to tryout - until they have completed their athletic registration.***



# Seniors, Prepare to graduate!

Moments with class has what you need for under the tree and the most important part is the **CAP & GOWN!**

Place your order now and have your Senior Swag items in time for this years holidays.

Visit us at [www.ringsandgowns.com](http://www.ringsandgowns.com) to order!

- ♦ **A \$9 processing/handling fee is added to all orders.**
- ♦ **Choose Curbside Pick-up to have your Cap/Gown directly delivered to PCHS to avoid shipping fees. ( For Cap/Gown orders only)**

## Herff Jones Class Ring

Design your ring at [www.ringsandgowns.com](http://www.ringsandgowns.com)

Interested in a Ring Kit that includes a sizer? Email your name and address to [info@ringsandgowns.com](mailto:info@ringsandgowns.com)

