



Dragon News

February 2021

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

February 5th (Friday): Late Start Day
10:00am- RED Attendance Day

February 15th (Monday): NO SCHOOL
- President's Day

February 19th (Friday): Late Start
Day 10:00 AM- RED Attendance Day

February 25th: Parent/Teacher
Conferences 5:00-7:00pm

MASKS REQUIRED



FOR ENTRY



REMOTE DAY STUDY HALL

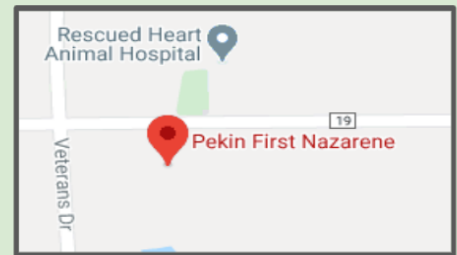
Do you need a supportive place with no distractions to do school work on your Remote Day?

Sign up using the Remote Day Study Hall Link on the PCHS Website

- ❖ Begins Tuesday, January 19th in our *NEW and EXPANDED* location!
- ❖ Monday through Thursday -- 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
- ❖ Sack lunch-to-go will be available.
- ❖ Students in need of transportation should ride their regular bus to school to be transported to the church and a bus will be provided at 11:00 for a ride home.



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3514 BROADWAY ST.



EVENING TUTORING

- ❖ Begins Monday, February 8th
- ❖ Monday through Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- ❖ Get Help From a Math, ELA/Social Studies, or Science Teacher
- ❖ Remote tutoring offered through Zoom.
- ❖ Students Sign-up in advance
- ❖ Students will receive an email back during the time they have signed up to Zoom.
- ❖ Go to www.pekinhigh.net to sign-up on the home page.
(Link will be available later this week)

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 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

If you have questions please contact Cynthia Hinderliter at 477-4235 or email chinderliter@pekinhigh.net.

INSTRUCTIONS

TIME TO PLACE YOUR 2020 SENIOR AD

Dear Parents and Friends of Pekin High School,

SHOW YOUR PRIDE. SHARE YOUR HAPPINESS Record special **MEMORIES.**


Every year senior parents celebrate their graduating seniors by placing advertisements in the 2020 yearbook. This is the perfect way to recognize and congratulate your special student, a group of friends, or team, or the entire senior class. In the past, friends and family have included poems, anecdotes, and photographs (old and new) of their children. Please consider sending a message to your special person or group by submitting an ad to the link. **ADS CAN BE SUBMITTED FROM NOW THROUGH March 16, 2021.** Pages fill up quickly, so we cannot guarantee acceptance of ads after that date.

Thank you for making this volume of the **Pekin High School** yearbook, a special one!
Pekin High School Yearbook Staff.



Justin,
You've made us so **PROUD**
with all your accomplishments!
You have grown up to an
amazing young man. We can't
wait to see where you'll go in
the future. The sky's the limit!
Here's to success and four great
years at Louisiana Tech!
We all love you!
Mom, Dad, Brian & Katie

FULL PAGE AD



BFF'S FOR EVER!
Love You All, Alicia

Megan,
We are so proud
of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

Damion,
You will always
be our little boy!
*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Jenise,
Follow your
dreams!
Love, Mom

QUARTER PAGE AD

HALF
PAGE AD

EIGHTH
PAGE AD

Please Follow the directions below to submit your advertisement.

• **GO TO WWW.YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM** and enter **JOB NUMBER 17114.**

YOU CAN CREATE YOUR AD ONLINE USING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND YOUR OWN TEXT.

• The cost of the ad will be billed to your credit card according to the following fee schedule:

FULL PAGE: \$270 • HALF PAGE \$170 • QUARTER PAGE \$90 • EIGHTH PAGE \$50

(ALL ADS ARE FULL COLOR)

• PLEASE NOTE THE LARGER THE AD YOU BUY, THE MORE PHOTOS AND COPY YOU CAN HAVE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE CONTACT:
Alyson Smith- asmith@pekinhigh.net or call the order center at
866-287-3096



At-Home Attendance 2nd Semester

- **E-Learning Day Sign-In Time** will be changing to **11:00am** this semester.
 - Includes both At-Home Day and Full Remote Day Students.
- Remember to sign into each Canvas course and fill out the Attendance Google Form.
- Engage in coursework every day!



PCHS Bell-Ringing Day 2020

As the 2020 fall semester ended, PCHS administration, faculty and staff remembered the true meaning of Christmas with bell ringing for The Salvation Army. This year the district adopted Schnuck's, Walmart, and ValuCheck kettle sites for a day to help out an organization that provides many services to the Pekin community.

Tradition is an important part of why PCHS employees ring. Kathy Gum has fond memories of the Army bell ringing. "When I was little, my mom would put change in the bucket every time we passed one. We didn't have much back then, but it was important to my mom to give." Trina North has volunteered for three years and loves the tradition of sharing the holiday spirit. "I feel that representing PCHS by volunteering to ring the bells not only shows a positive reflection of our school, but the monies raised go directly to our community to assist where needed." Alexandra Shawgo also wants to help those in need. "The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign is a Christmas tradition. I wanted to be part of this to help those in my community. Now, more than ever, people could use a little Christmas cheer." Tradition and the desire to spread hope and cheer during the holiday season are what keep people signing up to ring every year.

The day's kettles collected \$1532.03. Enough was raised to cover close to 50 nights of shelter for some-





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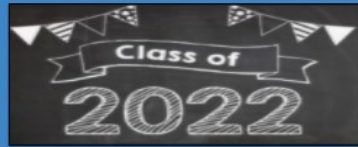
Keep your order number handy when you log on.

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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"

Honoring three students who help us start off each and every day on a positive note at PCHS with the morning announcements! They make sure the pledge of allegiance, moment of silence, and any special announcements are taken care of on a daily basis. Please help me congratulate and thank these three students for the Flying the P award!

Charity Brown, Norah Springborn, and Elisabeth Sandoval



"Flying the P"

The next "Flying the P" winners we are honoring our speech team members who placed individually or as a duet at the recent virtual Mid-Illini Conference Speech Tournament where PCHS took 2nd place in Team Sweeps! Congratulations to all of these students!

Dramatic Duet

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS– Taylor Cady & Caroline Manning

3rd place – Emma Zimmerman & Abby Hartzler

Dramatic Interpretation

2nd place – Kaeli Harkleroad

Extemporaneous Speaking

5th place – Bailey Newhouse

Humorous Duet Acting

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS– Christian Redding & Korey Young (not pictured)

Humorous Interpretation

6th place - Sage Smith

Informative Speaking

CONFERENCE CHAMPION - Norah Springborn

4th place - Anna Soupos

Oratorical Declamation

2nd place - Madison Hieser

Original Comedy

4th place - Christian Redding

Original Oratory

CONFERENCE CHAMPION - Elisabeth Sandoval

"Flying the P"

Poetry Reading

CONFERENCE CHAMPION – Taylor Cady

6th place - Jaxon Turner (Not pictured)

Prose Reading

CONFERENCE CHAMPION - Jaxon Turner (Not pictured)

3rd place - Elisabeth Sandoval

Radio Speaking

5th place - Andrew Lambe

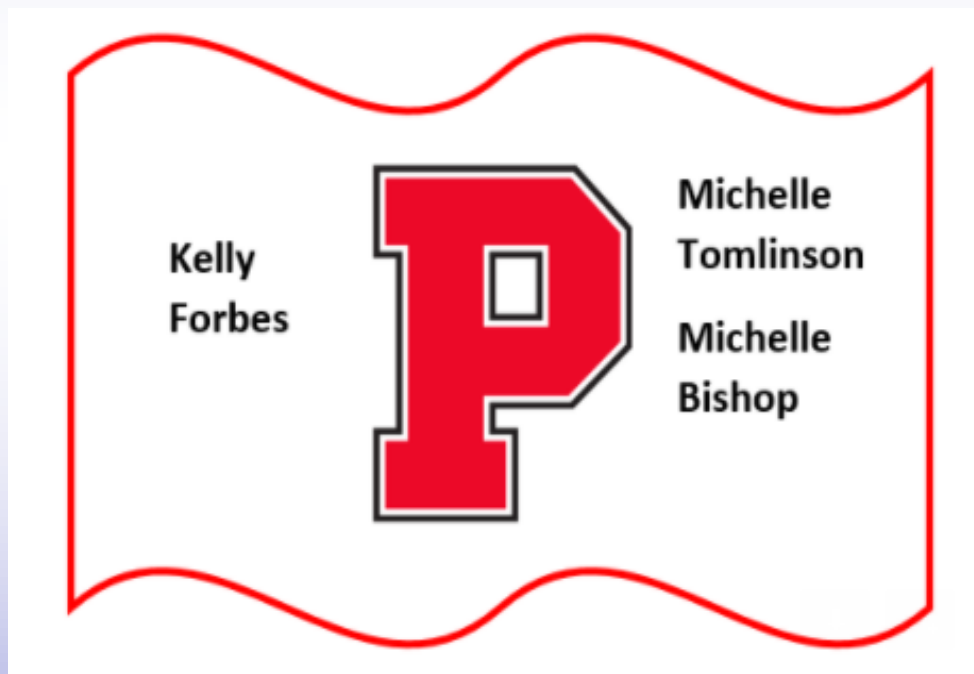
Special Occasion Speaking

2nd place - Norah Springborn



"Faculty Flying the P"

The nurse's office of PCHS is always a busy place. On a normal year, there is a lot of traffic every day, whether for illness, ice packs, checking in/out for appointments, getting medication, and much, much more. As we all know, this has been anything but a normal year! And no office has felt the impact of Covid more than the one that has navigated guidance, symptoms, contact tracing, and now rapid testing, all in addition to the typical work flow. The nurse's office team has risen to the challenge at every turn, even when that meant evenings and weekends spent trying to determine students' close contacts, communicating with parents, and learning very quickly how to effectively implement new testing procedures.



Congratulations to the Faculty & Staff Flying the P winners for the month of January -- Nurses Kelly Forbes and Michelle Tomlinson and secretary Michelle Bishop. Thank you for you do to keep the students, staff, and faculty of PCHS safe and healthy!!!

Seniors, Prepare to graduate!

Visit www.ringsandgowns.com
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your Custom Graduation
Announcements.

Use promo code,
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Feb. 7th to receive \$15
off ANY Graduation
Package!

- ♦ 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.
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