



Dragon News

September 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.”



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 3: SIP Day 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sept 6: NO SCHOOL- Labor Day

Sept 17: SIP Day 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Message from the Principal

We are excited to have everyone here together again! This year we are all going “Back to the Future” together. We are going to move forward with some changes we’ve endured this past year and apply them back to what we want high school to be. Everyone has their own perception and experience of what that is like. You are coming back today with your own unique personality, interests, and voice to contribute to our school culture. We are all Dragons. We have a strong tradition of culture here at PCHS. We have values at PCHS for our students and teachers to jointly be a part of and continue for years to come. It’s the Dragon Way.

Our school motto **“The Opportunity is here, The Fire Is Within”** is more true here than any other school. Take advantage of all of your opportunities this year in the classroom and activities.

Get involved

Ask questions

Make connections with others.

Don’t suffer in silence and use your voice.

Have fun and be excited!

Have a great year and welcome “Back to the Future”.

BLACKOUT GAME

Friday, September 10th



GET YOUR T-SHIRTS AT THE STUDENT
COUNCIL BOOTH AT LUNCH OR BFO FROM
AUG. 30 - SEPT. 10

SHORT SLEEVE:

S-XL: \$10
2XL & 3XL: \$12
4XL & 5XL: \$15

LONG SLEEVE:

S-XL: \$15

BLACKING OUT FRIDAY NIGHT
TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS FOR

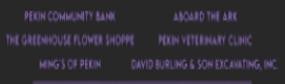


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FINAL EXAMS



Student Final Exam Incentive

- Students may be able to opt out of taking the final exam **ONLY** if they meet the requirements below. This “opt out” is decided by each individual course.
 - Must have at least a 70% in the course at the cut-off date.
 - No more than two tardies to the class.
 - No skips or evening detentions.
 - No Out of School Suspensions or In-School Interventions.

Students who meet the opt-out requirements can still elect to take the final exam for any course to attempt to increase their grade.

- *Want to improve your grades?*
- *Want to get your homework done?*
- *Want to get organized?*

**Come to
HOMEWORK OVERTIME
in the LC
from 3:10 - 3:40
EVERY
Monday through Thursday**



REMOTE EVENING TUTORING

- ❖ Begins Tuesday, September 6th
- ❖ Monday through Thursdays -- 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- ❖ One Math, ELA/Social Studies, & Science Teacher Each Night
- ❖ Remote tutoring offered through Google Meet. Get 1:1 help from a teacher at home!
- ❖ Students sign-up on link @ www.pekinhigh.net

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.

Picture retake day is on October 7th.

Order pictures online at HRImaging.com.



Late Start

- The school day is from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm with the doors opening at 9:30am.
- Buses run two hours later than a regular day
- Early bird starts at 9:27 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.

Currently, the bus company is doing its best to get every student home safely. Unfortunately, they are short on drivers. In time, this will be corrected. However, if your student is able to arrange a ride home after school for the immediate future, it would be helpful to do so. Thank you for your patience and we are confident more drivers will be hired to create more comfortable rides.

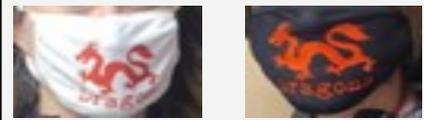


Check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Dragon Face Masks

Available 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

Counseling Department News

UPCOMING COLLEGE REP VISITS

Paul Mitchell The School - Normal	September 16th - 10:45am/4th Hour
Eastern Illinois University	September 29th - 9:40/3rd Hour
Methodist College of UnityPoint Health	September 29th - 1:20pm/6th hour
Greenville University	October 4th - 1:20pm/6th Hour
Missouri State University	October 5th - 1:20pm/6th Hour



Juniors &
Seniors only



AP EXAM REGISTRATION -- Aug 19th-Oct. 15th!!

- ❖ Any student enrolled in an AP course has had the AP exam fee(s) added to their Skyward Account.
- ❖ The total cost **per exam** is \$87.
(unless you are on free/reduced for lunch)
- ❖ Fees need to be **paid in-full no later than Oct. 15th.**
- ❖ Any students **NOT** wanting to take their AP Exam(s) will need to inform **Mrs. Bisping or Mrs. Solver** in the Counseling Office by the Oct. 15th deadline.
- ❖ Any **FEES NOT PAID** by Oct. 15th will result in an exam **NOT** being ordered for students to take the exam.

JROTC

Welcome back Pekin Community High School Army JROTC Cadets to School Year 2021-2022. We are excited to have each Cadet in the JROTC Program. JROTC is a nationwide program comprising over 350,000 Cadets at 1700 High Schools. It is a program that's mission is to "Motivate young people to become better citizens" in whatever they desire to do after high school.

We have many different activities and events within JROTC. As a review, there are four mandatory events for each Cadet within the program:

- Friday, October 1st– Marching in the Pekin Homecoming Parade
- Saturday, October 9th– JROTC Military Ball
- Saturday, November 6th– Flag Placement for Veterans
- Thursday, May 12th– JROTC End of Year Award Ceremony



Also, every student will participate in Physical Fitness on Tuesday and Thursdays. JROTC sells shirts and shorts that are required for these days for \$20. Students may purchase as many sets as they want but must have at least one set for Physical Fitness days in JROTC.

Also, Cadets will be issued a Army Service Uniform (ASU). This is a dress uniform and will be worn on Mondays during class time. This is also mandatory but there is no charge for the uniform. Students will sign for the uniform and turn their uniform in at the end of the year. It is their responsibility to care for it during the school year.

Lastly, JROTC has two extracurricular activities for Cadets. These are Marching Drill and Rifle Marksmanship. A Meeting for Cadets interested in these activities will take place on 13 October, 2021.

Please visit our website at <http://pekinhigh.net/page/jrotc-home>

Again, we are excited for the school year and to work with your Cadet/Student. Army Strong!

Regards. LTC Larry Hallstrom lhallstrom@pekinhigh.net

DRAGON ATHLETICS

CHECK US OUT - THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW WEBSITE: <https://il.8to18.com/pekinhs/home>

If you have a child who will be playing sports at PCHS, this will be the site where you will register them for their particular sport. If you have multiple children, they will all be registered with a single login, and once you're logged in, your children will be listed along the right side of the registration home page. We think you will find the site very easy to navigate and user friendly for those who need to register for athletics.

Also you will be able to find our most up-to-date athletic schedules on our new site. Check it out and plan to come to one of our upcoming games (while the weather is still favorable - GO DRAGONS!!)



"Flying the P"

These 9 amazing students came in during their last few days of summer break to help clean and disinfect toys, clear out a huge storage closet, rearrange kitchens, decorate bulletin boards, label items, and put together 2 rooms to be ready for the children. THEN they provided child care for our 22 current Little Dragons their last three days of summer break- changing diapers, serving breakfast/lunch/and snack, playing games, and did I mention changing lots of diapers? These students were a HUGE help and we wouldn't have been able to welcome our new group of Little Dragons without them.

We appreciate all they do for PCHS! Please help me in congratulating and thanking all of these students!



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