



Dragon News

October 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

Oct. 1: SIP Late Start Day - 10:00 am

Oct 7: Picture Re-take day

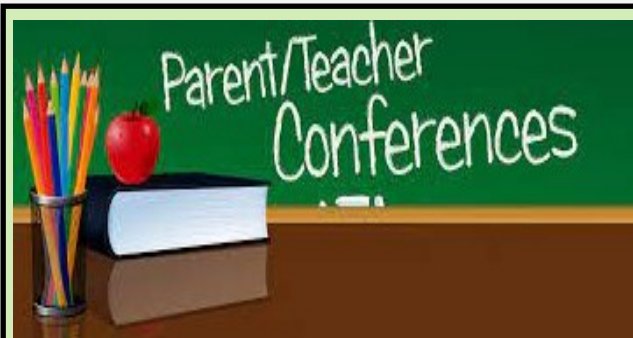
Oct. 8: Future Focus Day

Oct. 11: NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day

Oct. 15: SIP Late Start Day - 10:00 am

Oct. 21: Parent Teacher Conferences
5:00- 7:00 pm

Oct 22: NO SCHOOL- Parent Teacher
Conferences



- October 21st from 5:00 – 8:00 pm October 22nd from 8:00 -11:00am
- Conferences will be held in person or over Google Meet
- Use this link to sign-up
<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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

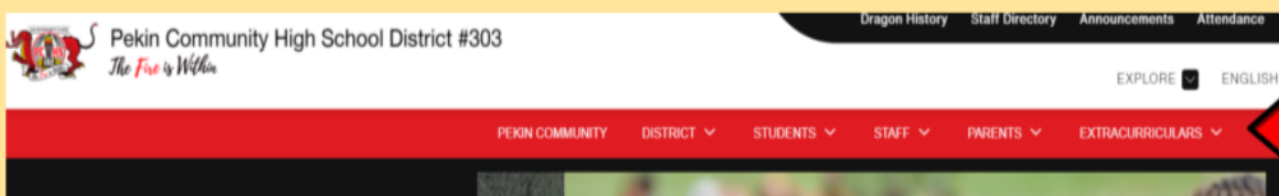


WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

TRY OUT A NEW CLUB OR ACTIVITY!

Ever wonder what's going on after school? Is it hard to remember what time/location a club or activity is taking place? We have updated our PCHS website to make it easy for you to look and find out what is happening around school!

- Go to www.pekinhigh.net and hover over the "EXTRACURRICULARS" tab under the main menu



- Click on "2021-2022 Club and Activity Calendar"
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rX29WCtdHG_qBNEU5-DijCenuhHLYmyToJU_EUvww-4/edit?usp=sharing
- **We will also provide a bus ride home every Tuesday & Thursday at 4:00 pm
**Be at the canopy entrance by 4:00 pm for a ride home.



Future Focus Day!!



October 8, 2021



At PCHS you should be learning about your passions and how to apply them to your future. This Future Focus day is designed for students to pick 2 sessions which interest you and help prepare you for your future. Your teachers are stepping out of their typical classroom to help provide a variety of topics!

- Students will come to school at normal start time of 7:50.**
- Each student will sign up for two sessions**
- Check your email to sign-up now!!**

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 HRIImaging.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

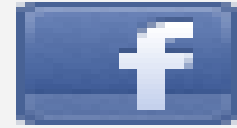
Students are to carry their student ID's at all times and be prepared to present their ID anytime they are in the building or at a school activity. If a student checks in late they will be required to present their ID. If they have lost their ID a new one can be purchased at the BFO for \$4.00.

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.



You can now pick up your 2020-2021 year-books in 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

PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION

Who: Juniors



What: (PSAT/NMSQT) - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

When: Test Date is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2021** (1st- 5th hour)

****The exam is only administered on this date.**

Why: Great practice for SAT & Possible eligibility for National Merit Scholarship Program.

How: Register at the BFO by **OCTOBER 6th**. The **\$18.00** fee will be due at time of registration. The test is free for juniors who qualify for free or reduced lunch. There are a limited number of seats so register today!

Pekin Community High School will be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13th. This would be great practice for the SAT! The test is open to juniors only and there are a limited number of tests available so it is on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to sign-up for the PSAT is Wednesday, October 6th. The test costs \$18 per student and payment is due at the time of sign-up. Juniors who qualify for free or reduced lunch can take the test for free. All interested students will need to sign-up at

PCHS will be hosting FAFSA completion events

Thurs. Oct. 7th & Wed. Nov. 10th at 6:00PM

in the PCHS Learning Commons.

Several financial aid specialists will be on campus to assist parents/guardians as you complete the FAFSA online.

All seniors, regardless of income, should complete the FAFSA each year.

The FAFSA will be completed using your **2020** tax documents.

Become familiar with Federal Student Aid by visiting <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Please bring your PCHS Chromebook.

You and your student will **EACH** need to create an **FSA ID**. This can be completed at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>. Your student SHOULD NOT use your email address or his/her/their Pekin High email address to create his/her/their ID as he/she/they will not have access to it after graduation. Each **FSA ID** must use a unique email address. Make sure to write this information down in a safe place.



October Anti-Bullying Month

Bullying: What is it?

1. Someone is "exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions."
2. Someone inflicts hurt or distress on someone else
3. Physical, verbal, or social harm
4. Can look like teasing, hitting, threatening, rumors, and excluding other
5. Repetitive

Conflict vs. Bullying

Conflict

- Disagreement or argument
- Both people are engaging in behavior
- Generally stops once complete

Bullying

- Goal is to hurt, harm, or humiliate
- Continuing behavior
- One-sided

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October's Events

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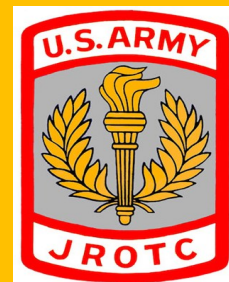
If you See
something,
Say
something!

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!

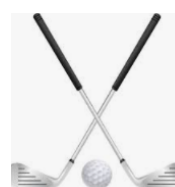
Regards. LTC Larry Hallstrom lhallstrom@pekinhigh.net

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"

Winners of the "Flying the P" award this week we are honoring our Dragon Day Assistants/Leaders! These students volunteered their time over summer break to plan Dragon Day 2021 to help plan for the Class of 2025 to transition to high school. Then, during the newly expanded two day Dragon Day they helped lead nearly 100 Dragon Day student volunteers to welcome our newest dragons to PCHS. Please help me in congratulating each of these students for all of their work in making Dragon Days 2021 a huge success!

Madi Hieser Julia Carpenter

Gavin Brandt

Noah Steger Norah Springborn



"Flying the P"

High School is a time to try to figure out what you want your passions are and what you want your future to be, as is reflected in our school motto, "The Opportunity is Here, but the Fire is Within" There are a group of students at PCHS with a "burning" passion to get a jump start in a potential future career, during school time, for school credit. These students are working at PCHS as media interns, at Our In Place, Volunteer Taps, Mack Trucking, Unity Point Healthcare, Scott Altman School, Morton Industries, and RockyTop Construction. These Dragons were resourceful, found their own internship, and are gaining real-world experience setting them up for college or a career right out of high school! Congratulations to our current Work-Based Learning Students!

Sarah Arsenau

Lilian Adams

Connor Allen

Malia Bermijo

Julia Carpenter

Malia Connor

Tanner Goss

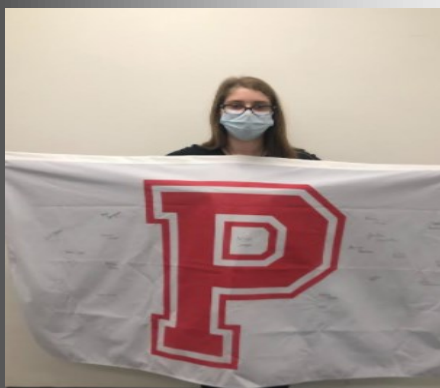
Kylee Hadsall

Jakob Hillman

Bailey Hessling

Michael Orwitz

Kayla Walsh



"Flying the P"

We are honoring our Dragon's Closet student volunteers! They take Inventory...they shop...they stock...they decorate...they clean...they organize. And they do it all with a smile. Who are these people? They are the very talented individuals who get the Dragon's Closet up and running at the beginning of the school year and who maintain it until it closes for the summer. They are (drum roll, please) the Workshop Helpers!!!! We are so very fortunate to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic team to lead the way each and every day to make sure PCHS students are taken care of. And so we honor them as this week's Flying the P Award winners! Congratulations, team. Dragon's Closet wouldn't be able to stay open without all your hard work and dedication. You are the best of the best!!! Thank you, and keep up the excellent work!

Carmen Alcantara

Alyssa Clanton

Colleen Day

Isen Englebrecht

Aidan Englebrecht

Kylee Garrison

Rollins Hany

Taylor Hartley

Adam Hinrichs

Thai Holloway

Kaydon Lane

Molly McDougall

Ethan Neibecker

Connor Ohara

Harsil Patel

Aaron Reeise

Keagan Rehder

Lucas Reynolds

David Stout

Kadie Vaupel



Class of 2022!

Prepare to Graduate!



Now is the time to start preparing for graduation!

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