

PEKIN HIGH RETURN OF THE JEDI 2022-23



Dragon News

September 2022

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."

Welcome back Principal Message

We are excited to welcome the 2022-23 school year at PCHS. Last year we came back to daily in-person learning together at PCHS and embraced the "Back to the Future" theme. The 2022-23 school year theme will be "Return of the Jedi" as we celebrate a shared focus for students to prepare for their future while taking pride in their present. The PCHS family is excited to welcome our students and support them to achieve their goals this school year!

Mr. Schmieg

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 5: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Sept 9: SIP Day – 10:00 Start Time

Sept 20: Fine Arts Concert 6:30 pm - 7:30pm

Sept 23: SIP Day – 10:00 Start Time

Sept 26 – Oct 1: Homecoming Week



Report an Absence on Parent Access

Go to www.pekinhigh.net under the attendance tab to report your student's absence online. Parents will login through Parent Access to report their students attendance. Report student absences by 7:30am. Advanced absences can also be submitted through the online platform.

Announcements link for Parents

Click on this link <https://bit.ly/3e3bUZI> in order to view up-to-date announcements about the many awesome things happening at PCHS!

Student Handbook Reminders

Dress Code

- ⇒ Dress code will be strictly enforced. View the student dress code by visiting our website: www.pekinhigh.net

Cell Phones

- ⇒ Before school, hallways, lunch, after school
- ⇒ NO BATHROOMS

Earbuds

- ⇒ ONE earbud before school, lunch, after school (No Hallways)

Bathrooms/Hallways

- ⇒ No Loitering



Blackout Game

Pekin vs. Washington
Friday, September 16th
7:30 pm



Blackout t-shirts will be on sale during all lunch periods September 6th-16th at the Student Council booth in the cafeteria. They will also be on sale at the Dragon Store.

SHORT- SLEEVE T-SHIRTS

S-XL: \$12.00

2XL- 3XL: \$15.00

4XL- 5XL: \$20.00

LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS

S- 4XL: \$20.00

Homecoming 2022

"Through the Decades"



Powderpuff Games: Wednesday, September 28th. First game starts at the stadium at 6:00 p.m.

Parade: Friday, September 30th at James Field. 5:30 p.m. start time

Dance: Saturday, October 1st. This will be at the school from 7 to 10 p.m.
You must buy tickets beforehand!

Tickets will start selling the week of September 16th

PCHS Staff 2022-2023



School Safety At PCHS



PCHS has collaborated with local police and Safer Schools Together to ensure a safe and secure school for all students.

On August 23rd, SST Trainer Steven MacDonald hosted a student assembly at PCHS and an optional Parent Assembly at Open House to discuss digital safety.

PCHS Staff conducted an Active Shooter Drill on August 26th in conjunction with Pekin Police.

PCHS will work in conjunction with the Pekin Police Department to conduct our annual Intruder Drill with students sometime between September 12th-23rd



Academic Supports: Starting Monday, Aug 22

Before/After school: meet with teachers BY APPOINTMENT

Homework Overtime: LC until 3:50, M-Th

Evening Math Tutoring: 7-8 online, M-Th

MAC Lab: Math teacher writes the pass

Gradehound Bus: 4:00 M-Th

*Great for Clubs/Activities!



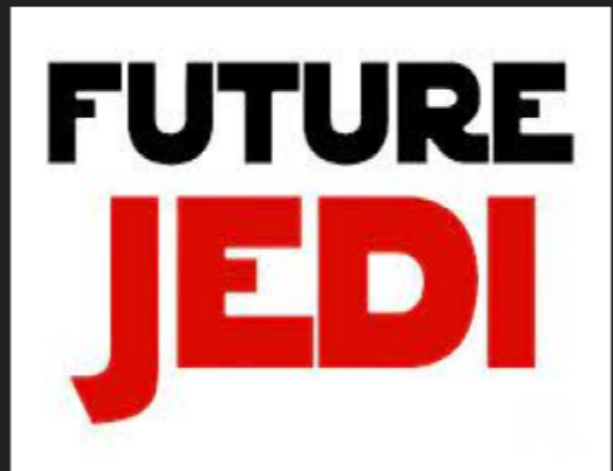
No Final Exams

- Due to the removal of Final Examinations, classroom grades over the entire semester: **100%**
- Last Days of the Semester
 - Meaningful Learning
 - Common Classroom Expectations
- Student's are excused the final SIP day of each semester if they meet ALL student incentive guidelines for the 2022-23 school year. (See below)
 - Last SIP Days
 - December 16th
 - May 5th (seniors) & May 19th
 - Incentive Guidelines
 - 70% or higher Grade in all classes
 - No more than two tardies to a class (or 7 total)
 - No skips to the class or skipped evening detentions
 - No suspensions (ISI or OSS)



Future Focus Days

- FFD #1: October 25th "Connectedness"
 - Student Break-Out Sessions
 - Career Fair
- FFD #2: January 18th "Career"
 - Tours & Xello
 - Outside Presenters
 - Job Shadowing
- FFD#3: April 18 "Connectedness"
 - Student Break-Out Sessions
 - Job Fair
 - Community Service



Counseling News

FAFSA Completion Nights

PCHS will be hosting FAFSA completion events

**Thursday, October 6th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM &
Wednesday, November 9th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**
in the **PCHS Cafeteria.**

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 2021 tax documents.

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

Please bring your 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 Pekin High email address to create his/her ID as he/she 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.

AP Exam Registration Open Aug 17th-Sept 30th!!

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 \$88 unless on free/reduced for lunch. Fees need to be **paid at the BFO or in Skyward in-full no later than Sept. 30th.**

Any students **NOT** wanting to take their AP Exam(s) needs to inform Mrs. Bisping or Mrs. Slover in the Counseling Office by the Sept. 30th deadline.

Any **fees not paid** by Sept. 30th will result in an exam **NOT** being ordered for the student.



SENIORS

Family & Financial Aid Night, September 13th

There will be an informational presentation about the Financial Aid Process given by our ISAC representative, Mr. Jacob Harlan on **Tuesday, September 13 6:00-7:30 via Google Meets**. A link to join the Google Meets will be sent to your parent/guardian's email address.

We will be discussing:

- What the FAFSA is and how it works
- What seniors and their parents/guardians need to apply for FAFSA
- Q & A to follow after the presentation



**COMING
FALL OF 2023**

**Updated canopy entrance
with secured vestibules,
remodeled office spaces
with the addition of large
capacity meeting rooms
and student commons area.**

Dragon Athletics

The Athletic Department website <http://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 your're logged in, your children will be listed along the right side of the registration home page.

Parchment for Student Transcripts

Visit our Website:
www.pekinhigh.net

Click on the students tab and then transcript request.

How to create an account:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tU9UXirGS5o>

How to order a transcript:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjsExUxHByA&t=48s>

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.

REMINDERS



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.

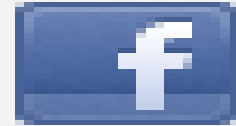
Students present your ID at sporting events and get in free.

Each student will need a bus pass to ride the bus to and from school.

If your student does not have a buss pass, they can get one in the Branch Finance Office. Bus passes are \$30 per semester if your student does not qualify.



Check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Yearbooks

Buy your 22-23 yearbook for \$30 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