

PEKIN HIGH RETURN OF THE JEDI 2022-23



Dragon News

October 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."

IMPORTANT DATES

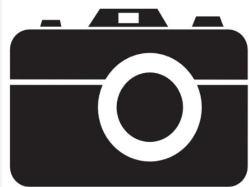
Oct 7: SIP Day - 10:00 am Start Time

Oct 10: NO SCHOOL— Columbus Day

Oct 20: SIP Day -10:00 am Start Time

Oct 20: Parent/Teacher Conferences
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Oct 21: NO SCHOOL - Parent/ Teacher
Conferences 8:00 am -11:00 am



**Picture
Retakes**

October 20, 2022

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Thursday, October 20th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, October 21st from 8:00 am - 11:00 am
- In Person or Google Meet
- Conference sign– up on the website!
 - Go to www.pekinhigh.net
 - Click on the SignUpGenius Conference link on the main page.
 - The sign– up window opens on Thursday, Oct 6th and will close on Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 3pm.



Future Focus Day October 25, 2022

Your future starts at PCHS

October 25

7:50-10:00

Student attendance
required

Focus on YOUR Future!

Career Fair
Student Activities
Teacher Sessions

Midpoint Grades

Grades will be posted on
Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

Check your students grades
via Skyward Parent Access



GRADES

Calling all 2023 Grads!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mid-Term Grad Meeting:

Wednesday, October 12 7:15 am OR 3:15 pm
in the Theater

Graduation Meeting with Herff Jones:

Thursday, October 13
During advisory in Theater

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.

PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION

Who: Juniors

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

PSAT/NMSQT

CollegeBoard / NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

When: Test Date - **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 2022**(1st- 5th hour)
****The exam is administered on this date, only.****

Why: Great Practice for SAT & Possible Eligibility for National Merit Scholarship Program.

How: Register at the BFO by **OCTOBER 7th.**

The **\$18.00** Fee will be due at time of Registration.

For Juniors who qualify for free/reduced lunches, the fee will be waived.

There are a Limited Number of Seats so Register today!

Pekin Community High school will be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12th. This would be great practice for the SAT! The test is open to juniors 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 October 7th. 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 the BFO.

Counseling News

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ASVAB TEST

WHO?	Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
WHAT?	<p>The ASVAB is the test to determine what aptitudes and abilities you might have for the military, labor trades, or in a variety of career areas.</p> <p>Taking the test provides you the opportunity to learn more about yourself and further plan for your future.</p>
WHEN?	Wednesday, November 16th @ 7:50 am
WHERE?	PCHS Multi Purpose Room (D305)
HOW MUCH IS THE COST?	FREE
WHERE DO I SIGN UP?	Complete the ASVAB Sign Up via Google Form linked here, sent to your email, or on the Counseling Office website



SIGN UP DEADLINE - November 9th



Click [**HERE**](#) for the 2022-2023 PCHS
Scholarship Database

<https://tinyurl.com/3dvpshty>

October Anti-Bullying Month



teasing RUMORS
gossiping
insults threats
CYBER BULLYING
LIES name-calling
harassment
mean words

Bullying comes in many forms, none of which are acceptable. Positive change comes as we begin to emphasize respect and inclusion and that starts in our hallways, classrooms, and facilities at PCHS. Encourage your student to Stand Up Against Bullying by making a pledge during lunch.

This is also a time for students to practice appropriate social media use and be aware of what they post online and how it can affect others. Cyberbullying is the use of digital technologies with the intent to repeatedly offend, humiliate, threaten, harass or deliberately abuse somebody.

PCHS students should spread kindness and lead positive change through the month of October and beyond. #BeKindonline

The Crucible

When: Thursday, October 27th
Friday, October 28th
Saturday, October 29th

Where: PCHS Theater @7pm

Tickets: Available Oct. 17th - \$5 each

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!



"Flying the P"

I am excited to announce the first 2022-23 winners of the "Flying the P" award. These students traveled to Atlanta, GA this summer to compete in the SkillsUSA national competition. Not only did they represent Pekin Community High School well, but they ended up bringing home some medals. Denise Solano and Val Lukehart finished 8th in the nation in Web Page Design, Cade Perfetti 3rd in the nation in Internetworking, Kent Olson 2nd in Information Technology, Trevor Vincent 2nd in Graphics Imaging Sublimation Printing, and Carter Owens brought home the Gold Medal in Screen Printing! These students have dedicated their time to putting out a fantastic product and excelling in their performance! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!



Valerie Lukehart



Kent Olson



Carter Owens



Cade Perfetti



Sam Siu



Denise Solano



Trevor Vincent

"Flying the P"

Here are the next winners of the "Flying the P" award. PCHS can be a large and intimidating campus for incoming freshmen students each year. Dragon Day is an annual tradition that takes long hours of planning to design the best experience possible to help new students be ready for the first day of school! The Dragon Day Assistants spent many hours this summer working behind the scenes to prepare for *Dragonchella 2022*. Then, they and the 150 Dragon Day leaders dedicated their last day of summer to welcoming the freshmen into PCHS and sharing information to get off them to a great start. Thank you for your leadership and dedication! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!



Gavin Brandt



Sam Siu



Isabella Ghidina



Norah Springborn



Sophia Vansahi

"Flying the P"

I am excited to announce this edition of the "Flying the P" award. This group of students has been available since the first day of school to repair student Chromebooks and help students with log-in issues. Without them, students would not be Chromebook-ready for school every day! Your diligence and dedication to ensuring all students have a device each day are second to none, even Steve Jobs would have been proud to have you on his staff! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Please help me in congratulating them on being selected for this prestigious honor!



Kaleb Davis



Alex Farris



Drake Moore



Cade Perfetti



Chris Poole



Christian Redding



Zander Ziemer

"Flying the P"

Olivia Kula was selected as a semifinalist for the 2023 National Merit Scholarship program. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recently announced the names of about 16,000 semifinalists, who have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered this spring. 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which serves as an initial screen of program entrants, according to the news release. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Congrats Olivia Kula!



"Flying the P"

Staff Edition

Mr. Horowitz achieved a Master of Science in Agriculture Education and Leadership over the summer and has established our PCHS Future Farmers of America Chapter this year! Mr. Horowitz has spread joy around the building with treats for teachers, participated in spirit days with students, and dedicated much time beyond school hours to help give his students the best experience possible. He is also a "Master of Thirlshare" as he is fantastic about posting his student's accomplishments on social media for our PCHS family to see. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Horowitz as our September Staff Flying the P winner!



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)



COMING FALL OF 2023



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

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

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INSTRUCTIONS