

PEKIN HIGH RETURN OF THE JEDI 2022-23



Dragon News

November 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

Nov. 4th: Late Start - 10:00 am
start Time

Nov. 7th: NO SCHOOL - Teachers
Institute Day

Nov. 8th: NO SCHOOL - Election Day

Nov. 11th: NO SCHOOL - Veterans
Day

Nov. 18th: Late Start - 10:00 am
start time

Nov. 23rd - 25th: NO SCHOOL -
Thanksgiving Break

PEKIN VS. NORMAL COMMUNITY



3900 E. Raab
Road, Normal IL

Friday, Nov. 3rd 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd

Thursday, Nov. 3rd

Friday, Nov. 4th

7:00 pm in the Theater

The Crucible

UPCOMING COLLEGE REP VISITS

Sign up in the Counseling Office

- 11/2 - Greenville University - 9:40 (3rd hour)
- 11/2 - ICC - 1:20 (6th hour)
- 11/9 - Paul Mitchell The School Normal - 2:15 (7th hour)
- 11/10 - Judson University - 10:35 (4th hour)
- 11/10 - US Air Force - All lunches
- 11/15 - Olivet Nazarene University - 10:35 (4th hour)
- 12/7 - ICC - 10:35 (4th hour)

Juniors/
Seniors
only

Calling all 2023 Grads!

Purchase your senior gear & cap and gown!

Prices will go up December 1st!



PEKIN HIGH SCHOOL



BASIC BUNDLE // \$35⁰⁰

1 Cap, Gown & Tassel Unit

T-SHIRT BUNDLE // \$116⁹⁰

1 Cap, Gown & Tassel Unit
1 Souvenir Memory Tassel
1 Souvenir Ice Tassel
1 Senior T-Shirt
1 Senior Hoodie
1 Senior Keychain (free)

HOODIE BUNDLE // \$144²⁰

1 Cap, Gown & Tassel Unit
1 Souvenir Memory Tassel
1 Souvenir Ice Tassel
1 Senior T-Shirt
1 Senior Hoodie
1 Senior Sweatpants
1 Senior Keychain (free)

SENIOR BUNDLE // \$174⁷⁵

1 Cap, Gown & Tassel Unit
1 Souvenir Memory Tassel
1 Souvenir Ice Tassel
1 Senior T-Shirt
1 Senior Hoodie
1 Senior Sweatpants
1 Senior Jewelry Choice
1 Proud Parent T-shirt (free)
1 Senior Keychain (free)

Senior Parents!

It's time to *purchase* your
baby ad for the yearbook!

YearbookOrderCenter.com

Code: 17114

Space is limited. Design your ad today!



MAKE TIME
STAND STILL

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

YearbookOrderCenter.com

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Counseling News

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ASVAB TEST

WHO?	Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
WHAT?	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. Taking the test provides you the opportunity to learn more about yourself and further plan for your future.
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



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

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.



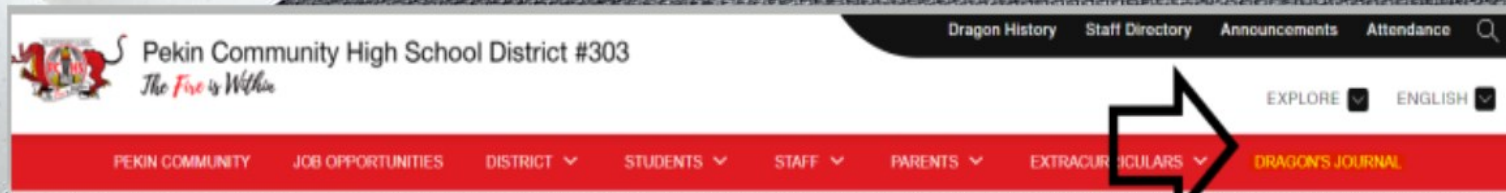
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Dragon's Journal

Dragon's Journal
is the online student
newspaper, which
covers:

Extracurricular
activities | Sporting
events | Success
stories at PCHS!

You can
access the
Dragon's
Journal
from the
school
website!



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the
end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important
courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for
graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

Reminder:

Students looking to opt out of attending school on Friday, December 16th must meet the following guidelines



- Earn a C or higher in **ALL!** classes
- Have no more than 2 tardies to any class (or 7 total)
- No skipped classes
- No skipped evening detentions and no suspensions (ISI or OSS)

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)

A red ribbon banner with the text 'NEW UPDATE' in white, slanted capital letters.

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

"Flying the P"

This edition of the "Flying the P" award is a world-renowned composer is going to write a song specifically for PCHS to be sung at future Graduation ceremonies beginning in 2023, the words were written by a PCHS student who was selected as the winner of our contest last spring. Kiedrych Mullins has written the winning text for the new PCHS Graduation Song that will be performed by all of the PCHS choirs in March, and then sung by Concert Choir at the PCHS Graduation Ceremony for years to come! In their text, they perfectly captured their "fire within," and will be woven into the rich tapestry of tradition at PCHS. You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Kiedrych Mullins



"Flying the P"

This group of students has worked extremely hard on and off the course all year to improve their game. The PCHS Boys and Girls Golf Teams had a fantastic year! Both teams finished top 3 in the regional (Boys 1st & Girls 2nd) and advanced to the sectional qualifier hosted at O'fallon. To cap off the great year, each team had a standout golfer to place in the Top 10 individuals not on a state qualifying team to represent PCHS at state. Senior Carter Stevenson, the 2022 Journal Star golfer of the year, capped his prep campaign with a third-place finish at the Illinois High School Association Class 3A boys golf state finals. Junior Sydney Hubner, finished an excellent year with several top 10 finishes and capped her season tied for 48th at the Illinois High School Association Class 2A girls golf state finals. What a historically great 2022 Golf season at PCHS! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Corbie Clark Brady Gruden Owen Gruden Matthew Juergens

Landon Riggendbach Carter Stevenson Molly Cottrell Sydney Hubner

Kami Jarvill Lauren Minkel Sierra Sitter Abigail Strode



"Flying the P" Staff Edition

I am excited to announce this edition of the Staff "Flying the P" award. The October Staff Flying the P winners are our STUCO Faculty Sponsors: Colleen Kahl, Libbi Hill, Clarice Chick, & Dan Everett. Our school year has been off to a great start and the PCHS Student Council has been very active planning fantastic events for our school. From organizing a record breaking Blackout event, an engaging Homecoming week/pep assembly/dance, the annual Track or Treat event, and much more! We appreciate your dedication to plan so many fantastic events to connect students and staff to our school! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Colleen Kahl Libbi Hill
Clarice Chick Dan Everett



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