

PEKIN HIGH RETURN OF THE JEDI 2022-23



Dragon News

January 2023

PCHS Mission: In partnership with the community, we engage, prepare and empower our students for a lifetime of success through diverse opportunities.

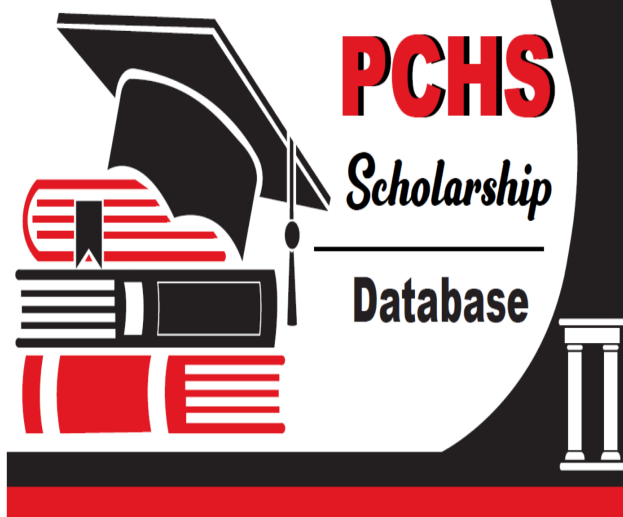
"Pekin Community High School is a Title One school and, as such, receives federal funds. These funds are spent in accordance with Title One guidelines and are used with the overarching goal for every child to meet state academic achievement standards. Title I provides the programs and resources for students to meet this goal."

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 13: SIP Day 10:00 am start time

Jan 16: NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

Jan. 27: SIP Day 10:00 am start



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

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

PCHS Vision Statement

Pekin Community High School provides a **safe and engaging environment** with **passionate educators** who support student growth through a **wealth of opportunities**.

- Supportive environment for ALL students to learn
- Encouraging environment which motivates ALL students to attend
- Engaging lessons designed for ALL students
- Opportunities for ALL students to pursue their pathway

2nd Semester Incentive

Students must meet the following guidelines to meet the 2nd Semester Incentive



- 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)

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!

January - Individual Attendance Incentive

- Miss no more than 2 days in January, your name will go into the end of the year drawing & get candy!
- Attendance tracking will run from Jan 9 - Jan 31



Spring Semester Attendance Incentive:

Each month you meet the criteria this semester, your name will be entered into a drawing for big ticket items at the end of May!!!



FUTURE FOCUS DAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

Freshmen

Lower A Building Tours
and
XELLO/Career Exploration

Sophomores

Career-Focused Sessions (Choice of 2)

Juniors & Seniors

Career Focused Speakers (2 Sessions)
or
Job Shadowing Opportunity (1hr 40min)
or
Local Business Tour (1hr 40min)



PSAT & SAT & ISA Testing

SAT & PSAT- April 12th, 2023

- 9th & 10th (PSAT), & 11th (SAT) Grade Students will test
- Watch for SAT test prep sign-ups coming in February.

Illinois Science Assessment - March 27th or 28th

- All 11th grade students will take the science test.
- Juniors will be scheduled to take the test on either March 27th or March 28th.

PSAT/SAT®

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more®

SAT®

Save the Date for

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL'S

**PARENT
PRIDE
NIGHT**

"Taking pride in your student's present"

Monday, March 13th 2023
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Formal Invitation to
Follow

Please save the date for an exciting event hosted by the PCHS community. We would love for you to join us for a night of great food, entertainment, and student-led sessions detailing the many programs, pathways, and plans of Pekin Community High School! Be on the lookout for your invitation coming soon!

Second Dance Prom Resale

Best Buddies & the Environmental Club are teaming up to bring you SECOND DANCE Fashion Show and Resale Event for prom attire.

Collections will be taken from the public for gently used women's and men's prom wear. In February, there will be a Prom Fashion Show highlighting the attire collected, followed by a resale event.

Collection Dates:

Saturday, January 21, 2023 & February 4
10:00am-1:00pm

Drive-Thru drop-off at the Canopy Entrance

Prom Fashion Show:

Thursday, February 16 6-9pm

Prom Attire Sale Dates

Friday, February 17 (3-5pm) and Saturday February 18 (10-1pm)

Calling all 2023 Grads!

Purchase your senior gear & cap and gown!



Counseling News

2023-24 Course Selection **STARTS NOW!!!**

Click here to check out course videos



- [Online course catalog and videos](#)



Course Selection Timeline

- Junior Advisory Meetings:
Wed. Jan. 11th & Jan. 13th
Forms due Tues. Jan. 17th
- Sophomore Advisory Meetings:
Wed., Jan. 18th & Jan. 20th
Forms Due Monday Jan. 23rd
- Freshmen Advisory Meetings:
Wed., Jan. 25th & Jan. 27th
Forms Due Monday Jan. 30th
- 8th grade: Course Selection Q&A Night:
Tues., Feb. 7th
Forms Due Friday Feb. 10th

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

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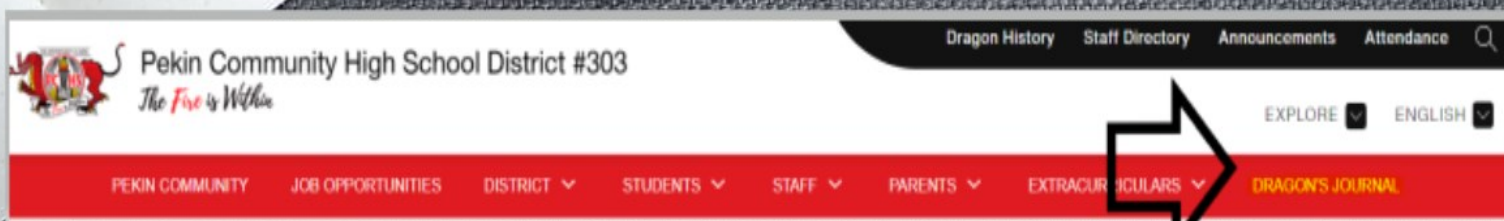


Dragon's Journal

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

Extracurricular
activities | Sporting
events | Success
stories at PCHS!

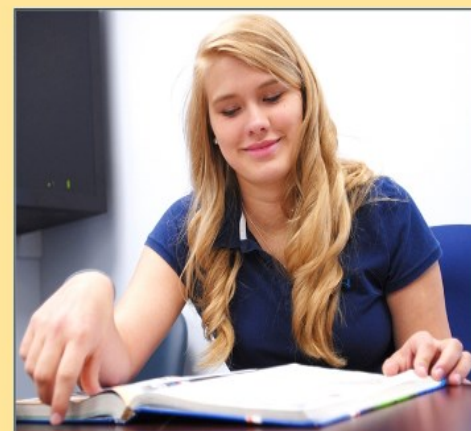
You can
access the
Dragon's
Journal
from the
school
website!



- *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 - 4:00
EVERY
Monday through Thursday**

Bus
Transportation
home is
available!



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!

Skyward Parent Access



- Check student grades
- Submit student attendance
- *New- Check student discipline
- Midpoint Progress Report & Semester Report Card
- Email your student's teachers.
- See the teachers' syllabi (posted as the 1st assignment).
- Add money to lunch accounts
- Pay Fees
- And More!

"Flying the P"

I am excited to announce this edition of the "Flying the P" award. The seniors on the 2022 Football Team led the Dragons to a historic football season. Among the team accomplishments were: The Dragons 1st outright Mid-Illini Conference Championship, the first undefeated conference Championship, best record in school history, and 2nd team to make it to the quarterfinals (been 34 years). This special team lit a fire in this community that is burning hot; let the flame of pride not die out just because the last game of the season has been played. Continue to teach our future generations of Dragons what it feels like to have pride in their community as we all have remembered what that feels like and the positive impact it can have! Thank you for your leadership on and off the field! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way!*

Brayden Beckham

Bo Benassi

Josh Bresnahan

Gunner Brophy

Dominik Brown

Elijah Degroot

Jordan Deline

Connor Drowns

Ashton Givens

Mason Glasford

Shamon Handegan

Grace Henry

Cameron Hodgson

Brayden Hoover

Adyn Houston

Jordan Howell

Scotty Jordan

Austin Piro

Houston Roberson

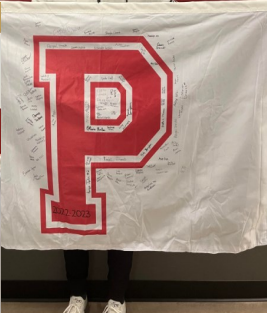
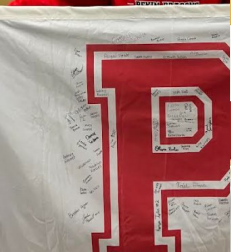
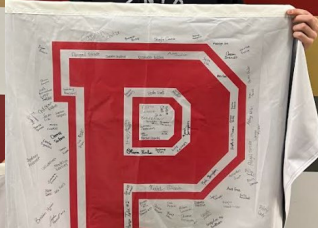
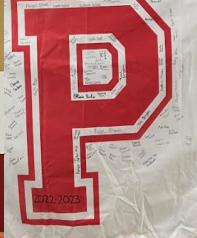
Billy Small

Tanner Sprecher

Dakota Taylor

Kanye Tyler

"Flying the P"



"Flying the P"

I am excited to announce this edition of the "Flying the P" award. This group of PCHS students excel in the classroom and in the concert hall. These musically talented students went through a rigorous audition and performance process to be considered for State. Only the top score in their respective ensemble and section is eligible. From thousands of auditions, these PCHS students showed their skills and will represent central Illinois ILMEA District 4 in Peoria this January! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!



Brooke Calvert



Davin Fairchild



Nathan James



Beth Williams

"Flying the P"

I am excited to announce this edition of the "Flying the P" award. These students have produced fun and informative Tech Tuesday Videos for our students each week. Brooke Calvert and Kade Perfetti have raised the bar for advisory videos at PCHS forever! Your wonderful on camera presence and amazing videography skills have truly shown your personality and talent to our school. For a good laugh, check out this special Bloopers Edition of Tech Tuesday. You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!



Brooke Calvert



Kade Pefetti

"Flying the P"

These art students made the extra effort to come to school on Veteran's day to make a trip to WIU. They put in extra time to make their artwork and prepare it to be hung in Western's Art Gallery. After spending the day making art with college professors, they competed against multiple high schoolers from 6 different schools. Gracie Reed won the highest honor of the Visionary Award. Olivia Torrey and Elizabeth Bouchez won first place in 3D and 2D respectively. Sage Smith, Jocelyn Stone, and Kylie Doubet took second place in 2D, 3D and Photo. Henry Nightingale and Torryn Warren were awarded 3rd place in 2D and Photo. Myra Strickler and Sofia Gianessi received honorable mention ribbons as well. All together *PCHS artists won 10 of the 15 ribbons* awarded that day! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way!*



Elizabeth Bouchez



Kylie Doubet

Sofia Gianessi



Henry Nightingale

Gracie Reed

Sage Smith

(not pictured)

Myra Strickler

Jocelyn Stone

Olivia Torrey

Torryn Warren



"Flying the P Staff edition"

I am excited to announce this edition of the Staff "Flying the P" award. The December Staff Flying the P winners are Mike Kaliski, Libbi Hill, Kassidy Meyers, Billie Jo Cassidy, Emily Moore, and Brice Reeise. These individuals have been nominated by their peers for their constant dedication going above and beyond.

Mike Kaliski and Libbi Hill were nominated for working together to help make engaging lessons to teach students important tech skills and processes that are essential to learning at PCHS. Tech Tuesday videos are a wonderful addition to our PCHS culture this year.

Libbi Hill and Kassidy Meyers were nominated for all of their hard work operating the Dragons Brew. They come in early to brew coffee and spend time outside of school placing orders and making sure that things run seamlessly. They provide our staff and outside guests a much needed jolt and are teaching the kids valuable life and work skills. Their students are always prepared, respectful, and professional.

Billie Jo Cassidy, Emily Moore, and Brice Reeise spend countless hours ordering supplies, creating meaningful lessons, and supplying our community with weekly meal specials in our world class Dragon Cafe. In addition to the weekly demands, they supervised culinary students making 280 dozen rolls and 95 cheesecakes to send out for the holidays - including rolls and cheesecakes to the Health Department. They must really trust our kitchen since they inspect it regularly!

We appreciate your dedication to our students, families, and community! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Billie Jo Cassidy Libbi Hill Mike Kaliski

Kassidy Meyers Emily Moore Brice Reeise



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' year-book in the Dragon Store!

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