

# PEKIN HIGH RETURN OF THE JEDI 2022-23



## Dragon News

February 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."



- ♦ Feb 23: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- ♦ Conferences will be held in person or via Google Meet in 8 minute increments.
- ♦ Parents can sign up on the PCHS website until Feb 22nd at 3:00 pm.

[Sign up here!](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 10: SIP Day– 10:00 am start time
- Feb 20: NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- Feb 23: Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Feb 24: SIP Day - 10:00 am start time

## 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**

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!**

## 5 Essentials Survey

This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey supplement, part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey administration. We guarantee that survey responses will never be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole.

A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to Mr. Schmieg and Dr. Owens and will enable them to make considerations based on the responses given by PCHS parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Again, your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. [\*\*YOUR OPINION MATTERS!\*\*](#)



Environmental Club and Best Buddies Present:

# SECOND DANCE

## Prom Fashion Show & Resale Event



## Prom Fashion Show:

*Thursday, Feb. 16: 6-8pm*  
*In the Theater*

Over 150 Beautiful, Gently Used  
Gowns!

Hundreds of Dollars in  
Prom-related Silent Auction  
items at the Prom Fashion Show!

(must be 18 or older to participate in silent auction)

## Resale Event:

*Feb. 17 3-5pm*

*Feb. 18 10a-1pm*

*In the Learning Commons*

All Dresses Available for just \$5.00!!!

Limit ONE per student

## 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®

achieve  
more®

SAT®



**EVERY** day  
counts  
attendance matters



### 18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



### 10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



### 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

## 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)

# Calling all 2023 Grads!

Purchase your senior gear & cap and gown!





# Counseling News

## ASVAB TEST

WHO?	Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
WHAT?	<p>The <b>ASVAB</b> 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> <p><i>***The test will be paper-pencil NOT electronic</i></p>
WHEN?	Tuesday, March 7th @ 7:50 am
WHERE?	PCHS Multi Purpose Room (D305)
HOW MUCH IS THE COST?	FREE
WHERE DO I SIGN UP?	Complete the <a href="#">ASVAB Sign Up</a> via Google Form linked here, sent to your email, or on the Counseling Office website



**SIGN UP DEADLINE - February 28th**



## UPCOMING COLLEGE REP VISITS

Sign up in the Counseling Office

**Juniors/  
seniors  
only**

2/9 - ICC - 10:35 (4th hour)  
2/22 - Southern Illinois University - 9:40 (3rd hour)  
2/23 - Midwest Technical Institute - 1:20 (6th hour)  
3/3 - Methodist College - 10:35 (4th hour)  
3/9 - ICC - 10:35 (4th hour)  
3/15 - US Navy - All Lunches  
3/21 - Missouri State University - 9:40 (3rd hour)  
3/21 - St. Ambrose University - 1:20 (6th hour)  
4/13 - ICC - 1:20 (6th hour)  
5/11 - ICC - 10:35 (4th hour)

**FOCUS**  
On Your  
**FUTURE**

# Senior Parents!

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

**YearbookOrderCenter.com**  
**Code: 17114**

Space is limited. Design your ad today!

## Girls Track

### Why Should You Join the Girls Track Team?

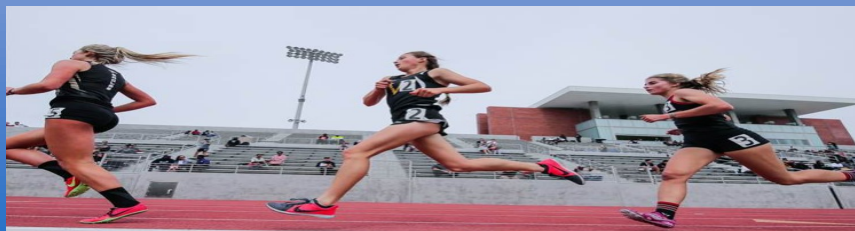
There are tons of reasons! The Track season is during the best time of the year. Enjoy time with friends in the fresh spring air, feel the sunshine on your face and get in great shape!

- Seriously all that running around, what a great way to jump-start your summer fitness!! OR work to stay in shape for other sports that you are involved in...cross country, volleyball, golf, swim/dive...
- ☐ • Ok, so maybe you haven't really been outside that much this winter, it was cold and wet and icy but that's what we get for living in Illinois. No excuses, because Spring is on its way!! So bundle up & get outside and soak up the rays of the longer daytime hours while you get in shape!
- ☐ • Even if you don't want to be PCHS' next Track star, you can still enjoy spending quality time with your peers. During our practices and at our meets, both indoor and outdoor, you will meet new people, get re-acquainted with old friends or continue forging relationships with your current friends and challenge one another to be a part of a competitive team.

Official Girl's Track Practices will begin on Monday, Feb. 6. We meet at 3:15 at the Dragon Hill doors (near the JROTC hallway). In order to attend practices, you **MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE** (Please stop by to see Mrs. Patton in the Athletic Director's office for more information on obtaining your physical).

**We will go OUTSIDE as often as we can, so come prepared with LAYERS of clothing, bring good running shoes, a bottle of water and a POSITIVE ATTITUDE!**

We are looking forward to meeting you!  
Coach MacEwan and Coach Swanson



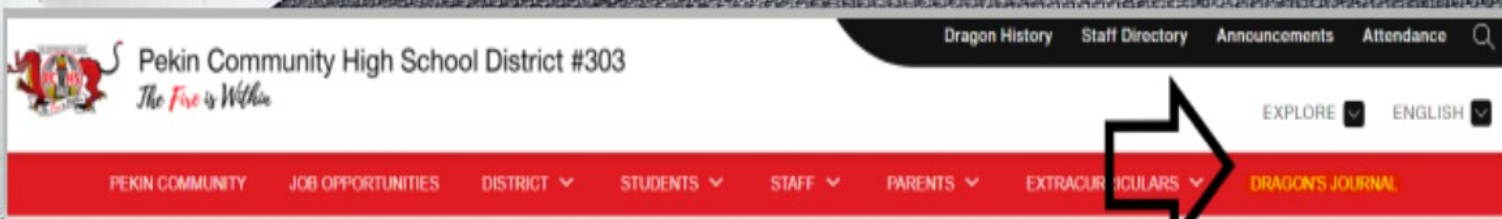


# Dragon's Journal

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](http://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"

The *Pekinian* yearbook is produced by our PCHS students each year by our students and the 2021-22 edition has recently received several recognitions. The students put in a lot of time, and energy into making the Pekin Community High School yearbook an award winning book. Results are starting to come back in and our yearbook placed **first place** in the National Scholastic Press Association contest, and was awarded **first place** in the American Scholastic Press Association as well as outstanding sports coverage and outstanding use of color. Did you know we were the only school in Illinois to get **first place** in our size in the ASPA contest? Congratulations to the students who worked on this book, and we cannot wait to do it again. At this point... Gavin Brandt and Sam Siu might be going for a three-peat with an award winning book. You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Taylor Bonk

Kolton Lambert

Ellie Sanderson

Gavin Brandt

Avery Lay

Sam Siu

Lindsay Brown

Madison Melton

Keeton Slaven

Maya Follis

Mackenzie Montford

Riley Smith

McKenna Henley

Kristen Porter

Dalelany Sohn

Gracie Johnson

Ava Rittenhouse

Felicia Walsh

Kayla Keyes

Timber Rose



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Dragon's athletics happen everywhere on the field, pool, or court. This week's winners show their spirit for so many of our sports. From tip to buzzer, every win and every loss, they are there supporting with chants, cheers, or a basket toss. Over the past weeks, many learned what we already knew, that we have the very best cheerleading crew! After a series of successful competitions, they went to State and brought home 2nd place! Congratulations to our PCHS Competitive Cheer Squad! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

**Madalyn Bowman**

**Mallory McBride**

**Gracie Resenak**

**Addison Goessman**

**Cate Murphy**

**Lucera Shipman**

**EmiliAnna Guerra**

**Taylor Olt**

**Kenzie Thomas**

**Madi Hart**

**Maddy Plante**

**Alexus Vogler**

**Mackenzie Marlatt**

**Tara Presley**

**Kylie Zimmeraman**

**Mileigh Rasmussen**

**Cali Rhodes**

**Charlize Roepenack**





# "Flying the P"

I am excited to announce this edition of the "Flying the P" award. The JROTC program at PCHS is one of the best in the nation, as evidenced by our biannual inspection results. Our Dragon Cadets always compete in a variety of extracurricular events. Braydon Call and Alaina Nehmelman represented PCHS and qualified for the JROTC Air Rifle Championships in Ohio from February 9-11. They qualified for 2 of the 8 individual spots chosen out of over 500 cadets! They took "*Future Focus*" to another level by hitting their targets and rising above the competition. Good luck at the competition! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

**Braydon Call**

**Alaina Nehmelman**



## "Flying the P Staff edition"

The January Staff Flying the P recipients are Athletic Director Cole Stoner and Assistant Athletic Director Ross Pesch. find ways to be a part of our daily school culture and are constantly working behind the scenes to ensure that our school can live by the motto, "*The Opportunity is Here, The Fire is Within*". When the school day is over, many of us leave, but their day is about to begin. These two staff members have embraced new roles this year and not only met the minimal requirements of the job, but have gone above and beyond to try to spread Pekin Pride and embody our goal of increasing student and community connectedness. We appreciate your dedication to our students, families, and community! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

**Cole Stoner      Ross Pesch**





## 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](http://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](http://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](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](mailto:chinderliter@pekinhigh.net).

INSTRUCTIONS