

PEKIN HIGH RETURN OF THE JEDI 2022-23



Dragon News

March 2023

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

IMPORTANT DATES

March 3: MORP

March 10: SIP Day - 10:00 am
start time

March 13: Parent Pride Night
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

March 14: Dragon Band day
(PCHS & Feeder School Bands)

March 16: Choral Concert @
Five Points Washington

March 18: Notables Review
show

March 20: TCHD Town Hall
Meeting for Parents/Students

March 21: Pekin String –
Sational Showcase

March 24: SIP Day - 10:00 am
start time

"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."

THE RETURN OF MORP

Friday, March 3rd (7-10 p.m.)

MORP is a blacklight dance for students of ALL classes!

- Buy tickets from the Dragon Store (BFO) for \$6
 - Tickets will not be sold at the dance
- Glow attire will be sold at the dance
 - Tattoos - \$0.25
 - Face Paint - \$0.50
 - LED Bracelets - \$1.00
- Prizes will be given away
- Wear neon and/or white to glow!

GET YOUR GLOW ON!

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

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!



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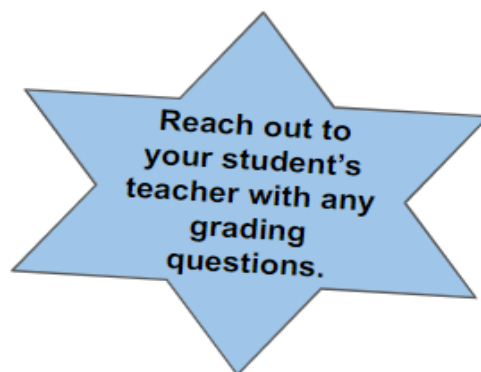
- We ask that only parents/guardians to please attend
- Parents please scan this QR code to sign up by FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

Home
Online Registration
Ethnicity/Race
Calendar
Gradebook
Attendance
Student Info
Food Service
Schedule
Test Scores
Fee Management
Conferences
Academic History
Portfolio / Report Cards
Login History

Report Card Posting

Grades will be posted for students on Wednesday, March 15th.

Check your student's grade via [Skyward Parent Access](#) by clicking on the Portfolio/Report card link.



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.

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MARCH MADNESS CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION



WHICH CLASS HAS THE BEST ATTENDANCE?

THE WINNING CLASS GETS A

ST. PAT'S/MARCH MADNESS

WATCH PARTY DURING LUNCH ON 3/17

KICK OFF IS TUESDAY - 2/28

POP-A-SHOT CONTEST DURING ALL LUNCHES!

CHALLENGE A FRIEND! WIN PRIZES!



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)

Pekin Community High School and Tazewell County Health Department are hosting a Town Hall event!

What: An event to raise awareness of substance use and trends in the area. The event will feature a panel of discussants from harm reduction agencies, the fire department, and others who will provide personal testimonies and information on prevention efforts.

When: Monday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: PCHS Theater

Everyone is welcome to attend!!



Speaker Series Coming Soon...

BRITTANY RICHMOND-ROBERTS
Youth Mental Health Speaker

MARCH 21ST, 23RD, 28TH & 30TH
DURING ADVISORY MEETINGS

"R&R For Mental Health":
Removing Negative Self-Talk &
Replacing with Joy!



Calling all 2023 Grads!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, May 19th– Graduation Ceremony @ Memorial Stadium 7:00 PM

***No rain date. The ceremony will move inside the Hawkins gym on May 19th in the event of inclement weather**

May 16th– Senior send off and cap & gown pick – up



Purchase your cap and gown here!



Counseling News

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> <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 ASVAB Sign Up 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**

- 2/23 - Midwest Technical Institute - 1:20 (6th hour)
- 3/3 - Methodist College - 10:35 (4th hour)
- 3/9 - ICC - 10:35 (4th hour)
- 3/15 - Illinois College - 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

Athletics Update:



- Winter Sports Awards- Monday, March 6th at 6:30 in Dawson Hawkins Gym
- Spring Sports Day 1- Monday, February 27th! If you missed day one— It is not too late! Get registered and get involved! Email Coach Stoner at cstoner@pekinhigh.net with any questions!
- Shoutout to all of our Winter Sports Athletes! Thanks for making this past season Memorable!

Girls Track

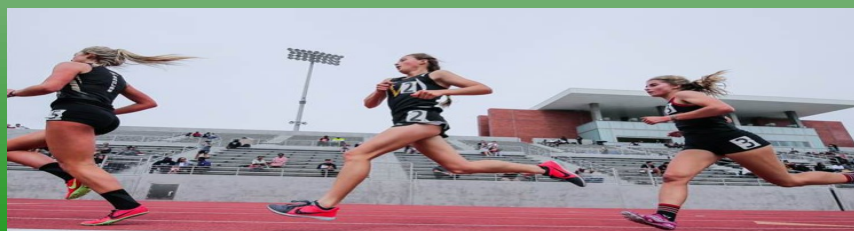
Why Should You Join the Girls Track Team?

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 reacquainted 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

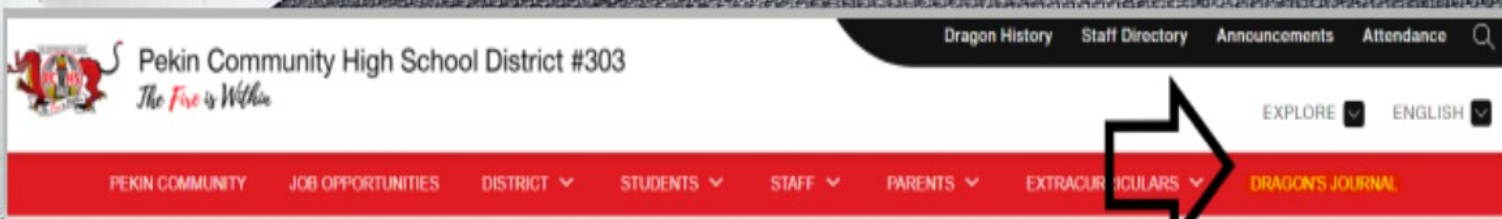


Dragon's Journal

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"

February was a fantastic month for our PCHS COMMUNITY! Our students shined with several of them qualifying to participate in State Tournaments for Speech, Wrestling, and Swim! This edition recognizes some of their contributions, as it was announced in the middle of this epic month and will highlight many of these successes. Our S'Pekin Dragons Speech Team had a wonderful year, resulting in Abby Frye, Mason Miller, Norah Springborn, Sophia Vansaghi, and Zach Webb competing at the State Tournament! Our PCHS Wrestlers also had an amazing season, culminating with Shamon Handegan finishing 2nd at the State Tournament (undefeated heading into the State Championship match) and Jaylah Dalton making history with the first Girls Wrestling Win in School History! You have all represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!



Shamon Handegan



Sophia Vansaghi



Jaylah Dalton



Zach Webb



Mason Miller



Abby Frye



Norah Springborn

"Flying the P Staff edition"

The February Staff Flying the P recipient is Priscilla Deleare. Priscilla is a 2022 inductee into the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame due to her athletic performances as a PCHS Dragon, ISU Redbird and a member of the Women's Pro Softball League Virginia Roadsters for four years. While at PCHS, Priscilla earned 12 varsity letters at Pekin — four each for softball, volleyball and basketball. The all-state softball player went on to play the sport at Illinois State, where she was a three-time first-team all-conference pick and third-team all-America. Still among the top 10 in multiple offensive categories, she was inducted into the ISU hall of fame in 2009. As a teacher at PCHS, Priscilla goes above and beyond and served as a former softball coach, a current volleyball assistant coach, faculty council member of NHS, is the Senior Class Sponsor, organizes and runs our annual *Dragon Pride* Event, helps organize one of the most successful *Volley for the Cure* campaigns in the nation, and works countless sporting events to help support our current Dragons! We appreciate your dedication to PCHS as a student and now as an educator! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Priscilla Deleare



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