



Dragon News

April 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."

PSAT/SAT

Test Date: Wednesday, April 12th

PSAT 9 & PSAT 10: 7:50 am - 11:25 am

PSAT 9 - bring your Chromebooks

SAT: 7:50 am to 12:50 pm

NO CELL PHONES/ SMARTWATCHES/ BOOKBAGS

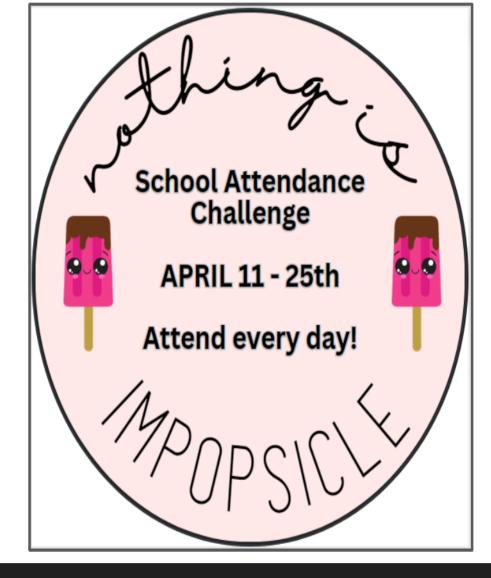
Calendar Update

The May 19th Late Start Date has been rescheduled to Monday, May 22.

Friday, May 19th is Regular Schedule

Take the April Attendance Challenge!

- April 1 10
 - Recharge over spring break
- April 11
 - Return and get ready for testing
- April 12
 - Do your best on the PSAT/SAT
- April 13 25
 - Engage in lessons, projects, class discussions and assessments See your grades and confidence grow!
- April 28
 - Celebrate your success with a popsicle at lunch!





2nd Semester Incentive

*Deadline to meet all criteria May 18th @ 7:50 a.m.

Students who meet all criteria will be able to opt out of attending school on *Monday*, *May 22nd*.

*Seniors deadline is May 11th @ 7:50 & may opt out of Monday, May 15th.

- -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)

Job Fair © Fun Sessions © Pathways Fair

Future Focus Day #3

April 18, 2023 7:50 am - 9:40 am



APRIL 21-22 7:00PM APRIL 23 2:30PM FM PETERSON THEATER



APRIL 28_{TH}
5:00-8:00
HAWKINS GYM



FREE
EVENT FOR ONLY
PCHS STUDENTS

PAY TO PIE-A-TEACHER TO SUPPORT ST. JUDE BUY CONCESSIONS OR KONA ICE

EE GAMES

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. JUDE

· DODGEBALL · KICKBALL · BAGS · BADMINTON ·

ART MAKE N' TAKE • TRIVIA • RACES • GIANT JENGA •

SPORTS SKILLS CHALLENGE • MINUTE TO WIN IT •

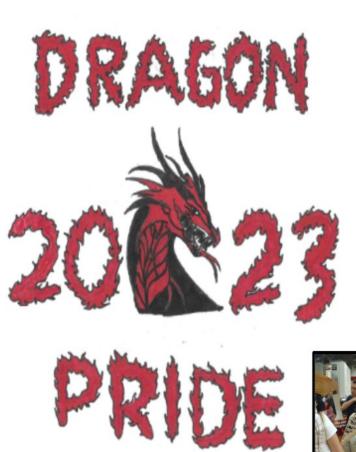
 BOARD GAMES - HUMAN FOOSBALL - CARNIVAL GAMES -AND SO MUCH MORE!

REE GAMES









When: Monday, May 1st, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: PCHS Hawkins Gym and surrounding

areas

Who participates: PCHS students and faculty

What will I see?

- Interactive displays
- Cool demonstrations,
- Projects of all kinds
- Awards presentation

Who can come? Anyone interested; so bring your family, friends, and community members







The Junior Class Presents
Prom 2023

A NIGHT IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST

When? Saturday | 8:00 pm to May 6th, 2023 | 11:00 pm Where?
COUNTRYSIDE BANQUET
FACILITY
659 School Street
Washington, Illinois

Tickets go on sale at the Dragon Store on April 11th

\$20 per Individual



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, April 20th - Senior MANDATORY meeting during advisory in the theater

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!



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





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.



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. One of our many student clubs at PCHS is our Family and Consumer Science Club or "FACS". These students go above and beyond to represent PCHS in the community. FACS Club has been offering community support by holding a fundraiser to assist different organizations, making pies for a bake sale for the Hillside Lutheran Village, Valentines for Veterans- donating gift bags and food for the General Downing Veterans home, and sending care packages to active duty Pekin High graduates. They work really hard to showcase the giving spirit of our high school. You have all represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way!*

Lily Brown

Kody Copelen

Alyssa Everhart

Allyson Funk

Delaney Hull

Gabby Koeppel

Mara Koeppel

Ella Ritchason

Keeton Slaven

Kayla Walker

Hannah Zawicki



















"Flying the P"

I am excited to announce this edition of the *Flying the P award*. Our PCHS Boys Swim team had a fantastic season. Their performances in the pool have been nothing short of exceptional and have truly set a high standard for our school. Our *200 Freestyle relay team* was early rather than late, and their low time at the IHSA Sectional earned them a trip to State! They swam hard and just missed a PCHS record1:27.97 (Record 1:27.60). They were seeded 29th and ended the season with 24th place finish at the state tournament. Months of hard work and dedication paid off for these dedicated student athletes. Please join me in congratulating the *200 Freestyle relay team* of Kainan Buley, Lucas Glesne, Isaiah Porrit, and Tyler Buck. You have represented Dragon swim with pride! You inspire others every day and are a great example of *The Dragon Way*!

Lucas Glesne Kainen Buley







We have many musically talented students at PCHS. Some of these students perform for the PCHS Noteables at shows throughout the season, and one has had an amazing year! A dragon whose voice deserves all the applause and cheers, because when she performs, it's beautiful music to our ears! Abbi Wessels has won the Outstanding Performer award as voted by the judges at not one, but three show choir competitions! Abbi won Outstanding Performer at the Manteno Main Event, Mooresville Spotlighter Invitational, and most recently at the Watseka Sensational Showcase. Abbi performed her heart out and executed the show beautifully to wow the judges. You have represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and are a great example of The Dragon Way!

Abbi Wessels



"Flying the P Staff edition"

I am excited to announce this edition of the Staff "Flying the P" award. The March Staff Flying the P winners are Susan Hamilton, Melanie Morris, and Clayton Santos These individuals have been nominated by their peers for their dedication and commitment to help English-language learner (ELL) transfer students transition to a new school, community, and country! Being a transfer student is a scary and overwhelming situation. Being a transfer student who does not know English is terrifying. Luckily, at PCHS we have a supportive environment that makes new students feel welcome. Recently, Susan Hamilton, Clayton Santos, and Melanie Morris have gone above and beyond to support our newest ELL students from Brazil. From tracking down resources, to helping her around the building, communicating with family, to connecting her to students - their care has made her feel welcomed and a part of the PCHS community. The student said, "It is really like High School Musical here at PCHS".....what more could we ask for?

Melanie Morris Clayton Zapata Susan Hamilton







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=FisExUxHByA&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.







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/1JnVBZYLm9ERi90IW4ScWBUwSX67SzyPPZsR8Q_Nd3I/
edit?ts=5ea22811

If you have questions please contact Cynthia Hinderliter at 477-4235 or email chinderliter@pekinhigh.net.

INSTRUCTIONS