# **PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

The opportunity is here. The fire is within.

#### **Dragon News**



"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."

## **NEW LOGO and MOTTO**



## **NEW VISION and MISSION**

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

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

## **OUR NEW WEBSITE**

This new site will provide all of the information as the old one, and more. Check out the athletic tab for sports schedules. Live feed will contain daily announcements and interesting things that are happening at PCHS. News will have important announcements such as finals schedules. Make sure to bookmark it on your home computer!



# **OUR NEW MOBILE APP**

Download the interactive app now for access to calendars, menus and push notifications on important news!



## **Counselors** News

Attention Juniors: Pekin Community High School will be administering the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) on Wednesday, October 11th. This would be great practice for the SAT! There are a limited number of tests available so it is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline to sign-up for the PSAT/NMSQT is Thursday, October 5th. The test costs \$16 per student and payment is due at the time of sign-up. All interested students will need to sign-up in the Counseling Office with Mrs. Coon.



Oct. 10th, 2017 Hawkins Gym 4:00 to 8:00pm Pekin vs. Morton

Please come out and support the volleyball teams in raising money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. All proceeds stay here in the local community to help with research and support for both men and women struggling with breast cancer.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Priscilla DeLaere at: <u>pdelaere@pekinhigh.net</u> or call 309-347-4101 Ext. 6409.





#### **Blackout for Easter Seals**

Student Council is working diligently to bring awareness to the services of Easter Seals through our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Blackout campaign, which will end with the home football game on September 15<sup>th</sup> against Canton. Thanks to generous donors from our school and community, we have raised over \$92,000 over the past eight years. We are excited about this year's new t-shirt design and cannot wait for all of you to check it out. Shirts (short-sleeve and long-sleeve) will be available to purchase during all student lunch periods beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> until game day on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We usually start running out of some shirt sizes the closer we get to game day, so get your shirts early! Shirts can also be purchased by community members at the Branch Finance Office. Thank you in advance for supporting Student Council and Easter Seals!

# **Child Care Program**



Our Infant/Toddler program in Child Care I will start on Thursday, September 7th and conclude on Wednesday, September 27. We offer two sessions the children can attend. The first session is from 8:10 - 9:20 and  $2^{nd}$  session is from 10:00 - 11:10. The cost is \$10.00 per session. Someone must remain in the building while the child is in the program.

Please contact Ms. Meyer at <u>pmeyer@pekinhigh.net</u> for further information.



# **September College Visits**

ICC 9/7 @ 8:45

Eureka 9/12 @ 8:45

Millikin University 9/13 @ 8:45

U of I 9/14 @ 1:20

Quincy University 9/16 @ 8:45

Illinois College 9/19 @ 1:20

Bradley university 9/21 @ 8:45

Mount Mercy 9/25 @ 2:15

Eastern Illinois University 9/27 @ 8:45

Monmouth College 9/27 @ 1:20

Find out which colleges are coming to visit PCHS and other important dates here: <u>http://www.pekinhigh.net/guidance/events/</u>

### 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 PE starts at 9:27 am and early bird students can enter at the canopy entrance starting at 9:10 am.

#### Breakfast

Breakfast is available every morning beginning at 7:00 am for \$1.25. If you qualify for free lunch your breakfast is free, or reduced lunch your breakfast is \$.30.

#### TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

A transcript request form is now available on the Pekin High website. Please note that it may take up to three days to get the official transcript completed.

#### **Board Minutes**

Videos of regular Board meetings, when recorded, are posted to the PCHS website. On the homepage, click "BoardBook – Board Agendas/ Minutes." Then click the regular meeting for the date of your choice. Finally, click the video option which will open in YouTube.

Dragon Hill will be closed before school from 7:00-7:30 am and after school from 2:45-3:15 pm.



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Fine Arts concert - Band, Choir and Orchestra

Thursday, September 28th @ 6:30

Welcome back Pekin Army JROTC Dragons. As the new school year begins, we have several events going on that we would like parents and members of the community to be aware of in 2017-2018.

September 9 &10 - Marigold parking here at Pekin High School. Letters to parents will go out this week. This is a community service project and we help the city of Pekin with parking at the weekend festival.

September 25 - Our annual Butter Braid fundraiser. More information to follow.

October 6 - The annual homecoming parade that all Cadets march in on Broadway Street. Letters went home to parents and this is a mandatory event for all Cadets that takes place immediately after school on homecoming day here at PCHS.

Uniforms are being issued as we speak. Remember, every Monday is uniform day. Cadets will get a lot of information on this and we anticipate the first uniform day to be on September 11. At this point time, there are over 170 cadets on the rolls and we are very excited to work with all of them. Please take a look at our website at <a href="http://www.pekinhigh.net/jrotc/jrotc-home/">http://www.pekinhigh.net/jrotc/jrotc-home/</a>

Regards. LTC Larry Hallstrom



The new year brings new Dragon Cards. The new PCHS Athletic Booster club and the fall sports are selling Dragon Cards for \$15.00. (good for one year of coupons)

There is **a lot more** that is being offered on the Dragon Card this year, so you won't want to miss buying yours today.

Culvers Kouris Marcos Pizza Sunset Hills Jimbo's Jumbo Papa Johns Hardess Casey's Arbys LaGondola Godfathers Fabulous Taylors Hacienda Fuentes Andy's Diner Lian Wang Our Inn Place Avantis Elevate (trampoline park) Bradys Dunkin Donuts Krystals Gold's Gym Sunset Lanes Riviera Tan Pekin Alignment and Autobody Sonic Fast Dragon Papa Murphy's Central Hair Salon Mashie's Hiller Automotive Burger King Heartland Chiropractic

Please see any of the fall sports (volleyball, cross country, golf, football, swim, cheerleading, pom poms, tennis) to buy yours today! Cards may also be purchased at the Athletic Office or the Branch Finance Office at PCHS.





Students who miss an average of one day per month or less of school or fewer meet our attendance goal and their daily attendance positively impacts student achievement.



Where are you on the attendance ladder?

RTI – PCHS Academic Supports

	Math Support	In the C300 MAC Lab daily during advisory period.	Ask your math teacher for a pass.
X	Writing Support	In the G207 Writing Lab daily during advisory period	Ask your teacher for whom you are doing the writing assignment for a pass.
	Homework Completion Support	In the LIBRARY after school Monday through Thursday from 3:10 – 3:40	No pass is needed. Sign in and get support from a supervising teacher and NHS student tutors.