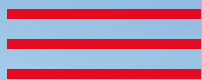


PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **4 September, 2023**
NO SCHOOL-
Labor Day
- **8 September, 2023**
SIP Day- 10:00
am Start Time
- **22 September, 2023**
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."

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE YOU!



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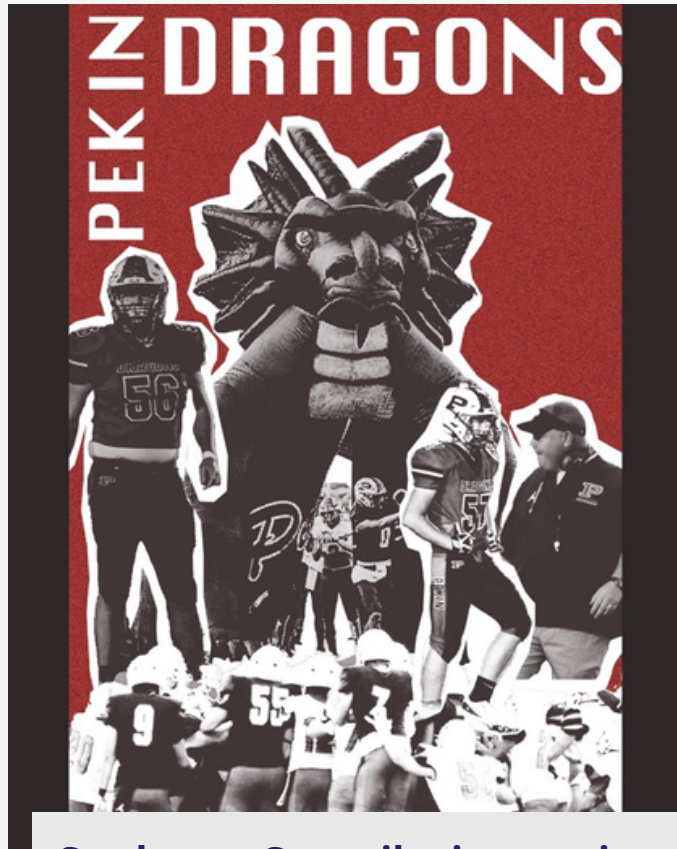
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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am privileged to have the opportunity to be the Principal of this amazing school and serve the Pekin community. Each year we begin a new chapter at PCHS and continue to grow our school based on our strategic vision of what's good for students. In 2021-22, our theme of Back to the Future focused us on College and Career Readiness. In 2022-23, our theme of Return of the Jedi focused on School Connectedness. This year, The Dragon Way theme continues to emphasize our positive school culture and a focus on Curriculum and skills. The PCHS community will continue to steward each characteristic of The Dragon Way and reflect our core values each day as we grow together along our journey. As our motto states, "The Opportunity is here, The Fire is Within" we want to light that fire and ensure that all students take pride in their present, while preparing for their future. Students need to be prepared, respectful, and present each day to be ready to accomplish their goals this year. I look forward to seeing our students grow and accomplish their goals this year!

BLACKOUT 2023



Student Council is again working diligently to bring awareness to the services of Easterseals through our 14th annual Blackout campaign, which will end with the home football game on September 8th versus Dunlap. Thanks to generous donors from our school and community, we have raised more than \$150,000 over the past thirteen years. We are excited about this year's new t-shirt design and cannot wait for you all to check it out. Shirts (short-sleeve and long-sleeve) will be available to purchase during all lunch periods beginning on Monday, August 28th until game day on September 8th. We usually start running out of some shirt sizes the closer we get to game day, so get your shirts early!

= SHIRTS =



SHORT-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS

S - XL: \$12.00

2XL-3XL: \$15.00

4XL-5XL: \$20.00

LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS

S-4XL: \$20.00

**GAME
DAY**

**FRIDAY,
SEPT. 8TH
7:00 PM**



UPCOMING



https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/319/District/2739864/Brochure.pdf

Future Focus 23-24

October 24

Mini Sessions/Career Fair

January 23

Career Speakers/Job Shadows/Business Tours

April 16

Mini Sessions/Job Fair/Pathways Fair

Timeless Threads
Homecoming Resale Boutique



Drive-thru Drop-Off
of Gently Used
Homecoming
Dresses and other
Homecoming attire
is THIS SATURDAY,
Sept. 2 from
11am-2 pm at the
top of Dragon Hill
Drive.

*Shop in the Resale Boutique in
the LC:*

Sept. 12-14 & 19-21 from 3-4 pm



Picture Day

OCTOBER, 19 2023

**Environmental Club meets every week on Thursdays, starting on
Thursday, Aug. 31.**

Our club plans school-wide events such as Homecoming and Prom Resale events to fight fast fashion, activities that promote school-wide activities that promote recycling and sustainability. We also take off-campus field trips to explore our local ecology. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested in taking part in our club, please attend our first meeting on Thursday, Aug. 31 or for more information, email Ms. Grube at egrube@pekinhigh.net.

COUNSELING NEWS

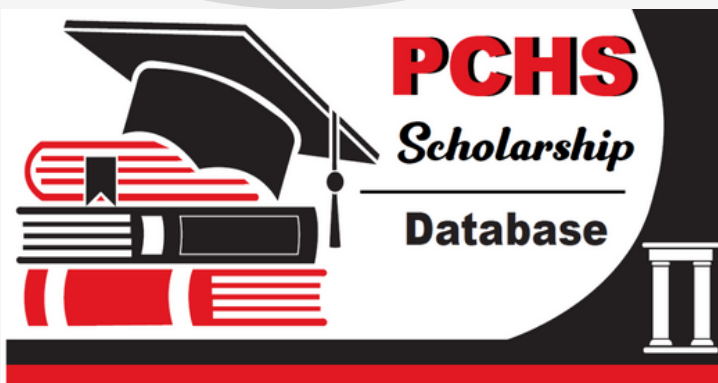


Attention Senior Parents! The Counseling Office will be hosting an informational meeting about the Financial Aid process via Google Meets on **Tuesday, September 26th 6:00-7:00pm**. This meeting will be brought to you by our Illinois Student Assistance Commission representative. Click the link to join on September 26th:

meet.google.com/fyi-zrgd-zqx

COLLEGE VISITS:

- **19 September, 2023**
Millikin University
- **20 September, 2023**
Augustana College
- **27 September, 2023**
Lincoln Technical College
- **27 September, 2023**
UIUC



CHECK OUT THE 2023-2024 PCHS
SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE!
NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED DAILY!
<https://tinyurl.com/3dvpshty>

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COUNSELING NEWS

Pekin Community High School will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 25th. This would be great practice for the SAT! The test is open to sophomores and juniors. The deadline to sign-up for the PSAT/NMSQT is September 14th. The test costs \$18 per student and payment is due at the time of sign-up. Juniors who qualify for free or reduced lunch can take the test for free. All interested students need to sign up at : <https://user.totalregistration.net/PSAT/143415>

PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION

Who: Juniors and Sophomores

What: (PSAT/NMSQT) - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

When: Test Date - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 (1st- 5th hour)

****The exam is administered on this date, only****

Why: Great Practice for SAT & Possible Eligibility for National Merit Scholarship Program.

How: Register at <https://user.totalregistration.net/PSAT/143415> by September 14th



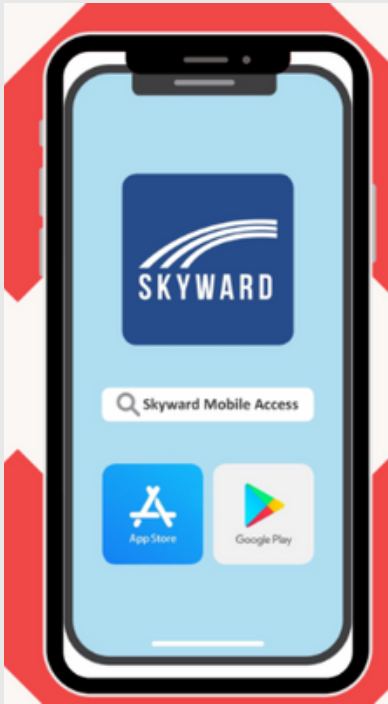
PARCHMENT FOR STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS:

Visit our Website:
www.pekinhigh.net
Click on the
STUDENTS tab and
then transcript
request.



USEFUL INFO

LEARN HOW TO USE SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS



PCHS has recently transitioned to a new version of Skyward. If you are using the Skyward app, you must delete it, download it again, and search for Pekin Community High School #303. Parents will fill in the fillable fields and students use the Sign In with PCHS Account.

Skyward Parent Access



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

Family Access Toolkit for Parents & Guardians

[CLICK HERE](#)

You are the single most important factor in your child's education. With Family Access, you can play a more proactive role in the learning process.

Social Consequences

→ Students who have accumulated 5 unexcused absences and/or excessive tardies and skips will be placed on social probation.



◆ Will not be allowed to attend:

- Extracurricular activities
- Dances
- Athletic events
- School functions

→ Social privileges will be reinstated after 30 days if a positive pattern of attendance has been established.