

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 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:

- **6 October, 2023**
SIP Day- 10:00 am
Start time
- **9 October, 2023**
NO SCHOOL-
Columbus Day
- **12 October, 2023**
Open House 4-6pm
- **19 October, 2023**
SIP Day- 10:00 Start

MAKE- UP
PICTURE DAY



Conferences 5-8 pm

- **20 October, 2023**
Conferences 8-11 am

"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."



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PCHS does not affiliate with any Snapchat pages

HOMECOMING

2023

Student Council presents...

Homecoming Dance 2023

Once upon a time...

Saturday, October 7th
7-10 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale September 25th - October 6th at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, and you will visit GoFan via the QR code available beginning September 25th.

Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door the night of the dance.

Guest passes are now available at the Dragon Store and must be returned to the Dean's Office by **October 4th**.



BUY TICKETS ONLINE

USE THE QR CODE BELOW, OR
VISIT GOFAN.CO & SEARCH
PEKIN HIGH SCHOOL



HOMECOMING DANCE 2023 - ONCE UPON A
TIME...
OCTOBER 07, 2023 | 07:00 PM

GO FAN

SPIRIT WEEK

Once Upon a Tuesday:
Dress up like a Fairy Tale or
Disney character

Class Color Magic Wednesday:

Srs- Blue Jrs-Green
Soph-Orange Fresh-Yellow

Sleeping Beauty Thursday:
Dress down or wear PJs

Dragon Domination Friday:

Wear Red to support
our Dragons



UPCOMING

October
Anti-Bullying
Weeks
Oct. 10th-20



Make a
NO!SE
about bullying

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK




Join us for a
**“School” After Hours
Open House & Ribbon Cutting**

Come see and tour the amazing renovations at
Pekin Community High School

Chamber Members and General Public are all welcome

October 12, 2023 | 4 pm to 6 pm
Thursday

Ribbon Cutting promptly at 4:15pm

Enter at the new Canopy Entrance
Parking available in the north lot
at the top of Dragon Hill Drive



UNITY DAY

OCT 18, 2023

WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE
FOR

KINDNESS
ACCEPTANCE
INCLUSION

#UNITYEVERYDAY
PACER.ORG/UNITYDAY

Let's Celebrate Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion!

Stop by and sign the banner
during lunch to stand up and
Make A Noise About Bullying.

Wear orange-Oct. 18th

UNITY DAY

SHARE KINDNESS

+

PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE

+

ENCOURAGE INCLUSION

=

BULLYING PREVENTION

UPCOMING

- Thursday, Oct. 19th 5-8pm
- Friday, Oct. 20th 8-11am
- Sign-ups open on Oct. 5th



In-person
Phone call

Sign up at:

www.pekinhigh.net

**PCHS
FALL
CONFERENCES**

MASS EVACUATION DRILL

WHEN: Wednesday, October 18th

2nd - 4th hour

(report to 1st & 2nd hour for attendance)

WHO: 9th, 11th grade students

We are looking for 20 PCHS parents of our 9th or 11th grade students who would volunteer to be a part of the drill and come pick their student up and drive them back to campus to practice our reunification process with parents.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,
PLEASE CLICK **HERE**



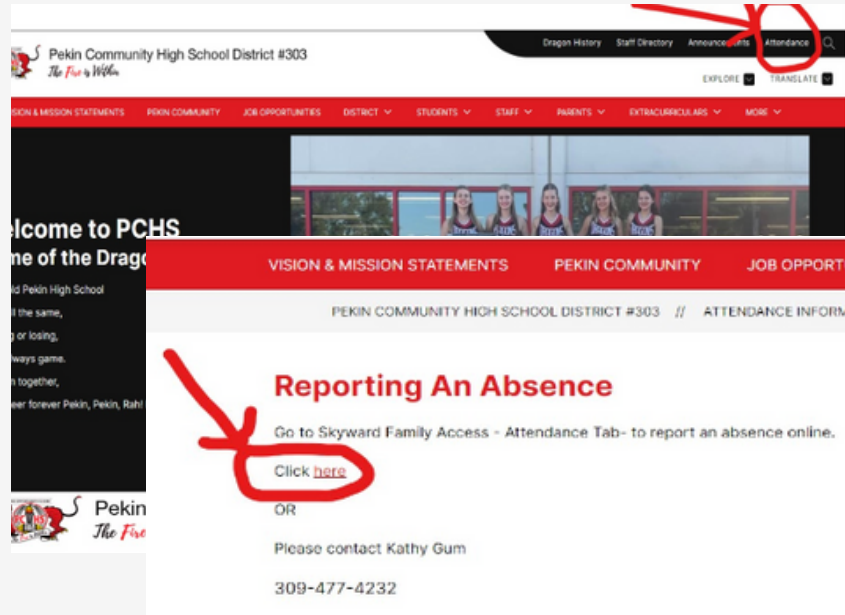
Red Ribbon Week- Oct. 23-27



RED RIBBON WEEK® OCT. 23-31 • WWW.REDRIBBON.ORG

ATTENDANCE

1. Go to www.pekinhigh.net
2. Select Attendance in the right-hand corners
3. Use the online portal submit student absences



Excessive Absences

When excessive absences occur (nine in a year), a medical release that includes the reason for the absence, diagnosis, and date(s) of the absence(s) will be required after any and all illness/medical-related absence(s) in order for the absence(s) to be considered excused.

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.

1st Semester Incentive 2023

Meet the Incentive = Earned privilege to opt out of attendance

All Students: Friday, December 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)

MYLEE HANSEN

I am excited to announce this edition of the Flying the P award.

Mylee Hansen has been a tremendous student athlete at PCHS. She has represented the Dragons for multiple years on the basketball court, soccer field, and football field. She has had

tremendous success in multiple sports. In particular, she has made over 100 extra points as a kicker on the gridiron. Recently, she committed to become the first female player in Monmouth College football history and will also be a two-sport college

athlete by playing on the Monmouth College soccer team!

Currently, there are no female players on an NCAA roster at the three division levels. You have represented PCHS with pride!

You inspire others every day and are a great example of The

Dragon Way! Please join me in congratulating Mylee on winning this edition of the Flying the P award.



FLYING THE P

I am excited to announce this edition of the Flying the P award.

A group of talented theater/drama students worked together as a team for over 15 hours this summer to write an original mystery play and then performed it as part of a luncheon fundraiser for the Pekin Women's Club. Their caring actions helped raise over \$2000 for the group. This is the second summer the students have done this, and the women were all delighted to see PCHS students positively representing their school and community by volunteering their time and talents. You have represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and are a great example of The Dragon Way! Please join me in congratulating this group for receiving this edition of the Flying the P award.

Riley Blair

Ethan Cain

Emma Donnelly

Rachel Filarski

Abby Frye

Kellen Porter

Sophia Vansaghi

Zachary Webb



FLYING THE P

I am excited to announce this edition of the Flying the P award. Over the past several weeks, PCHS Student Council has been raising money in support of the Easterseals organization. Easterseals Central Illinois provides exceptional services to ensure that children with developmental delays, disabilities, and other special needs can reach their full potential. Last year, Student Council had a record donation to Easterseals of just over \$17,000, but they blew that record away this year and hit a magical mark! This year, Student Council sold a record 2,500 shirts and raised \$22,701 to donate directly to Easterseals. Over the past 14 years, PCHS Student Council has raised over \$170,000! This week, we will be honoring our Student Council Executive Board members. Over the past few weeks, they filled Blackout shirt orders during their 5th hour lunch and advisories for our faculty and staff and each of our junior highs.

They each worked several lunch booths to sell shirts to the student body and trained our new representatives in how to work lunch booths. They also hosted our Easterseals ambassadors and representatives on the field during our September 8th Blackout game versus Dunlap. Please join me in congratulating these students on a job very well done on the 2023

Blackout campaign! You have represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and are a great example of The Dragon Way! Please join me in congratulating this group for receiving this edition of the Flying the P award.

Elizabeth Austin

Mya Chau

Riley Cady

Shayla Connor

Liz Hayden

Luke Hutton

Riley Jones

Emma Kroll

John Kroll

Emilia Rueschhoff

Camden Schulze

Alina Vang

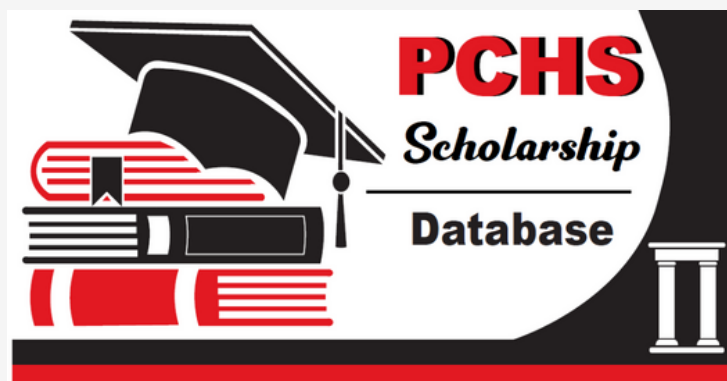


COUNSELING

NEWS

COLLEGE VISITS:

- **4 October, 2023**
Ranken Technical College
- **5 October, 2023**
Illinois State University
- **10 October, 2023**
St. Ambrose University
- **11 October, 2023**
Grand Canyon University
- **11 October, 2023**
Tricoci University
- **13 October, 2023**
Eureka College
- **13 October, 2023**
MTI
- **16 October, 2023**
St. Francis Medical Center
- **17 October, 2023**
Southern Illinois University
- **18 October, 2023**
Monmouth College
- **18 October, 2023**
Indiana State University
- **19 October, 2023**
University of Denver
- **23 October, 2023**
Western Illinois University
- **26 October, 2023**
University of Illinois Springfield
- **27 October, 2023**
Illinois Wesleyan University
- **31 October, 2023**
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CHECK OUT THE 2023-2024 PCHS
SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE!
NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED DAILY!
<https://tinyurl.com/3dvpshty>

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COUNSELING NEWS

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

The \$18.00 Fee will be due at time of Registration.

For Juniors who qualify for free/reduced lunch, the fee will be waived

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>

ATTENTION SENIORS! THE FAFSA DATE FOR 2023 IS DIFFERENT!

The FAFSA application is being overhauled and will be available by the end of **DECEMBER 2023!**

- The Counseling office will send out email reminders and put a slide in daily announcements once the exact date is known.
- Join us on **September 26** for our **Virtual Senior Family and Financial Aid Night!**
- While you wait, you and your parents need to create an **FSA ID** account.
<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- Visit the **PCHS Counseling Webpage** for additional information!
- Completing the FAFSA or FAFSA Opt-Out is a graduation requirement for the class of 2024.

GRADUATION

SENIOR GRADUATION MEETING

Thursday, October 5th
During advisory in the theater

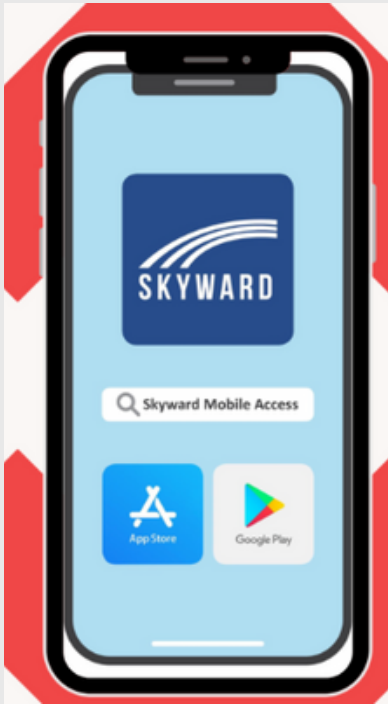
MANDATORY MID-TERM GRAD MEETING

Wednesday, October 25th
7:15 am in the Dragon Commons
OR
3:15 pm in the Dragon Commons



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.

**GET!
INVOLVED!**

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

PARCHMENT FOR STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS:

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