

**PEKIN
COMMUNITY**

DECEMBER 2023

*Happy Holidays From
PCHS!*

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **1 December, 2023**
SIP Day- 10:00 am
Start time
- **7 December, 2023**
Band Holiday Concert
6:30- 8:00 PM
- **9 December, 2023**
Vespers Concert 6:30-
8:00 PM
- **15 December, 2023**
SIP Day- 10:00 am
Start time
- **22 December, 2023**
NO CLASSES
- **25 Dec, 2023- 5 Jan, 2024**
WINTER BREAK!!!!!!

"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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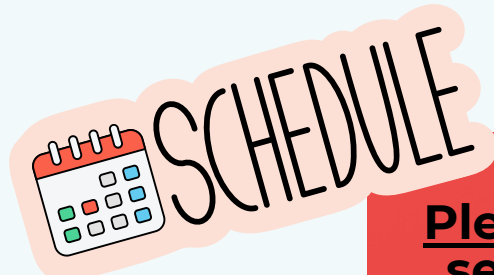
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END OF THE SEMESTER PLAN



- **DEC 13TH 8:00 AM**
 - GRADES UPDATED FOR THE SEMESTER STUDENT INCENTIVE REPORT
- **DEC 14TH ADVISORY**
 - STUDENTS ARE NOTIFIED IF THEY ACHIEVED THEIR INCENTIVE GOAL
- **DEC 15TH**
 - INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS WHO MEET CRITERIA - NO ATTENDANCE
 - SIP SCHEDULE
 - MAKEUP OR RETAKE DAY
- **DEC 18TH-19TH**
 - ALL STUDENTS ATTEND; INSTRUCTION AND REVIEW FOR UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS
- **End-of-Semester Summative Assessments**
 - *Dec. 20th Testing Periods (EB, 2nd, 4th, 6th)
 - *Dec. 21st Testing Periods (1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th)
 - *REGULAR FULL DAY SCHEDULE***



Please disregard second semester schedules as they are not accurate or finalized. Second semester schedules will be released on January 8th at 4:00 pm on the Skyward platform.



PCHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

2023 - 2024



23-24 Attendance Incentive

Each month, students who do not miss more than one day will have an opportunity to win a free used car! The winner will be announced at the end of the school year! Students have a new chance to be entered each month. Help us support our students in achieving our school goal of 95% monthly attendance!

IT'S EASY TO WIN A CHEVROLET CAVALIER

JUST SHOW UP 95% OF THE TIME



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)

UPCOMING



CLICK ON THE LINK HERE



Check out our scores for the 22-23 school year. We are extremely proud of our students, staff, and school!!

- Neutral** **Effective Leaders**
Do principals and teachers implement a shared vision for success?
- Neutral** **Collaborative Teachers**
Do teachers collaborate to promote professional growth?
- Neutral** **Supportive Environment**
Is the school safe, demanding, and supportive?
- Strong** **Ambitious Instruction**
Are classes challenging and engaging?
- Neutral** **Involved Families**
Does the entire staff build strong external relationships?



- VERY STRONG
- STRONG
- NEUTRAL
- WEAK
- VERY WEAK
- NO DATA
- LOW RESPONSE/NOT APPLICABLE

	Response Rate	IL Average
Students	98.8%	86.2%
Teachers	83.9%	75%

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

MATH EVENING TUTORING

Got a problem?
We're here to help you solve it.

FIND THE LINK TO THE GOOGLE MEET SESSION ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE THROUGH YOUR PCHS GOOGLE ACCOUNT

Monday - Thursday 7 - 8 PM

Google Meet

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Homework Overtime After school

Monday - Thursday

3:10 - 4:00 IN THE LC

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

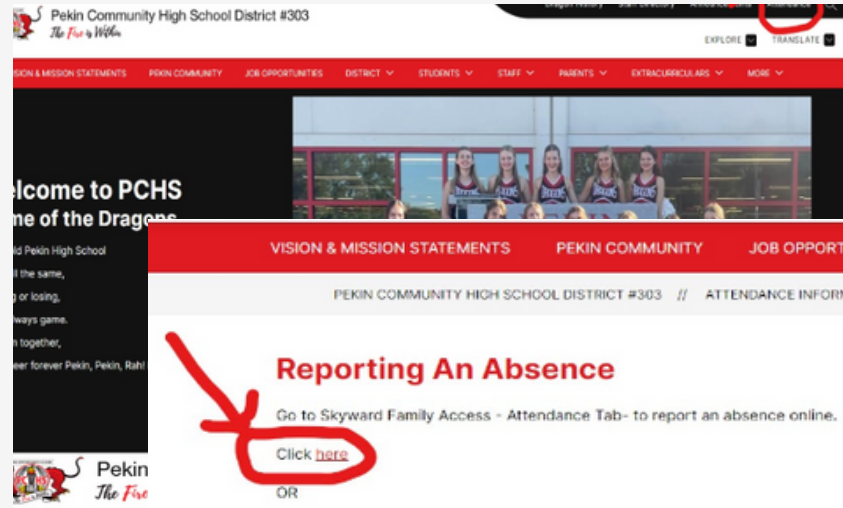
- Homework help
- Quiet environment
- Teacher support

Activity bus transportation available



ATTENDANCE


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

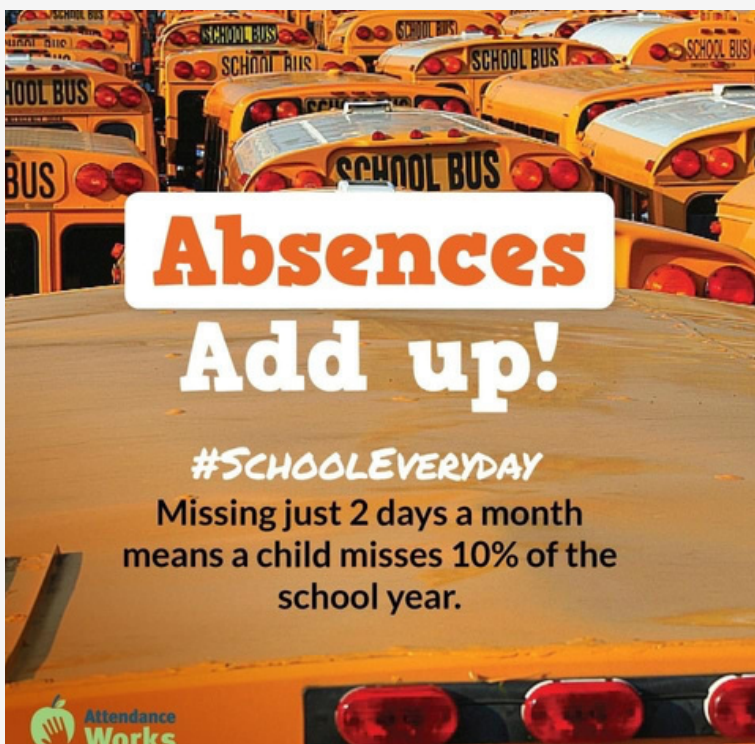


Excessive Absences

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.
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- ◆ 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.



Absences can add up quickly which can lead to students:

1. Falling behind in their assignments
2. Lower grades
3. Being referred to truancy
4. Being placed on social probation (new to this school year)



FLYING THE P STAFF EDITION

I'm excited to recognize this group of amazing individuals for the November Staff Flying the P Award. Tackling something new, even great things, can be daunting, challenging, and sometimes overwhelming. For some, change is exciting, but for others, it can be extremely unsettling and many aren't comfortable adapting to new situations. This group of people have not only embraced change, but helped all of us in one way or another adjust, adapt, and even leverage technology upgrades here at PCHS to help improve our own lives and more importantly the lives of our students. Please help me recognize the PCHS Tech Team as being selected as a recipient of the November Staff Flying the P. **Cynthia Hinderliter, Eric Lind, Brady Johnson, and Bradley Strickler.**

Another recipient is a person who is familiar to their department and others around the building. They have been recognized for their leadership in the classroom, curricular team, department, and as an Instructional Coach. As one teacher in the PE department wrote: She is a great instructional coach to everyone at PCHS. She has been a huge help to many colleagues but specifically has gone out of her way and given her time to help other departments including in my own as we start to transition to SBC. In addition to just hearing from students in passing, they speak very highly of her and enjoy her as a teacher everyday. Congratulations to Social Studies Teacher & Instructional Coach **Gabe VanDeWostine!**

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 Staff Flying the P Award.





FLYING THE P

Live the Dragon Way, and Fly the P...

It can be an achievement, something that you do, or something you see.
Go above and beyond, make an impact in our community one day at a time,
And it will be our pleasure to honor you with an above average rhyme.

As Dragons, we love and honor our students who stay involved,
But a way to honor them on campus was a mystery unsolved...
How do we show those who do so much, how much we care?
How do we cover a fence line that typically looks bare?

To answer this question, we needed quite the planner,
Possibly some folks who are good with a scanner....
A team that would take this honor as a serious manner,
And design the very best looking senior banners!

Over 100 Senior Banners were designed, printed, and grommited by this
crew,

Take Mrs. Smith's Graphics class and next year this could be you...
A chance for the world to see,
And a way to earn the right to Fly the P.

Big thanks to **Zoe Fandel, Marshal Pruitt, and Landen Vaupel** for the time
and expertise you exhibited in developing and creating senior banners for
the Athletic Department this Fall Season!

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 our
very own Dragon Tech Support on winning this edition of the Flying the P
award.

ZOE FANDEL
MARSHAL PRUITT
LANDEN VAUPEL





FLYING THE P

Here we are once again, another week to honor those who seize an opportunity,

My favorite weekly honor, handing out the Flyin' the P.

This week's winners are incredibly profound,
They soothe our souls with their rhythmic sound
A french horn, a clarinet, even a baritone sax,
The tunes are next level, I am just speaking facts.

A flute, bassoon, and some consistent percussion...

When looking for this week's winners, it was an easy discussion...

A group of PCHS Musicians played their tunes and were in demand,
So much so that they were selected for the Monmouth College Honor Band.

A day in the college life, with a guest conductor and an evening concert
indeed

As crowds gathered round to listen and be freed.

A huge shout out to our PCHS Musicians
Who put themselves above the rest in an excellent position.

Congrats on being selected for the Monmouth College Honor Band

NATHAN JAMES - FRENCH HORN
OLIVIA KAUFMANN - CLARINET
WILLA KLENZMAN - FLUTE *NOT PICTURED
RYAN KUNKEL - BARI SAX
CHARLIE STILLING - PERCUSSION
MIRANDA TENNANT - BASSOON





FLYING THE P

Another week, a few more rhymes,
A wonderful week making memories and good times...
This weeks Flyin' the P winners are especially great
As they all qualified for IHSA State!

In the land of runners, where the cross country wind blows,
Devon Hayes blazes trails, faster than it ever goes.
Incredible Dragon Speed, a legend in the making,
Under 15 minutes for the first time since 2006, talk about record breaking
Morgan Coker joins the race, a youthful stride,
Cross country dreams, with each step, she represented us with Pride
Through fields and hills, in the IHSA State's embrace,
Freshman fire, in this challenging space.

But wait, in the pool, another tale unfolds,
Izzy Kula dives in, as the swim story molds.
A freshman fish, in waters wide and free,
The 200 Freestyle, where Izzy claims her glee.

IHSA State Finals, these three were in the land of the best
Embracing the challenges as they tackled their test...
We are so grateful for the way they represented the School-a
So please give it up for Devon Hayes, Morgan Coker, and Izzy Kula

Fly the P with Pride, and let us give you a cheer,
We can't wait to see what you all do next year!

DEVON HAYES - CROSS COUNTRY
MORGAN COKER - CROSS COUNTRY
IZZY KULA - 200 FREESTYLE





COUNSELING NEWS

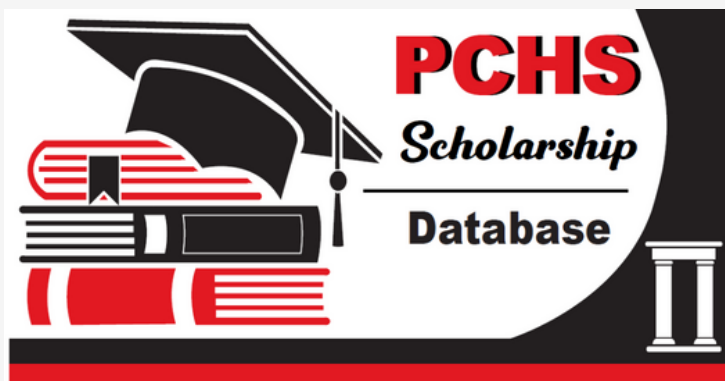
ATTENTION SENIORS! THE FAFSA DATE FOR 2023 IS DIFFERENT!

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.



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



COLLEGE VISITS:

- **12 December, 2023**
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GRADUATION



Order online at highschool.herffjones.com or scan the QR code.

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER
YOUR CAP & GOWN IS
JANUARY 15TH, 2024**



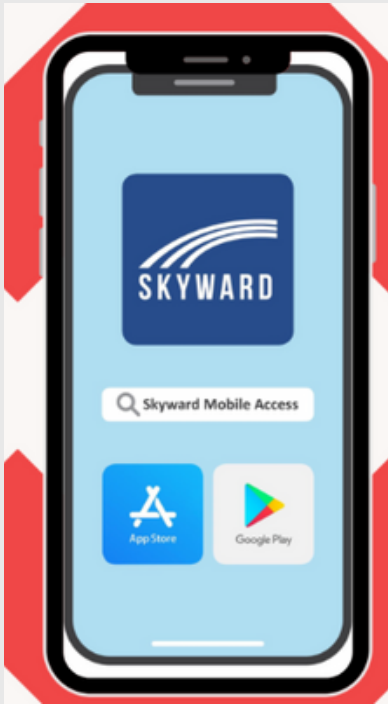
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USEFUL INFO

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!**

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PARCHMENT FOR STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS:

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