

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 2024



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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **9 January, 2024**
First Student Attendance Day
- **12 January, 2024**
SIP Day- 10:00 Start Time
- **15 January, 2024**
NO SCHOOL- MLK Day
- **23 January, 2024**
Future Focus Day
- **26 January, 2024**
SIP Day- 10:00 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."



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www.pekinhigh.net

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UPCOMING

Future Focus Day Activities

January 23rd

**Job Shadows, Career Speakers,
and Business Tours**

Students can choose from:

- Business partners host tours of their businesses.
- Juniors and seniors can leave campus to Job Shadow a career. Job Shadows must pick up a form and check in with Mrs. Anderson by January 16th.
- And speakers nationwide and local talk in-depth about their career in small groups.



PCHS INCOMING 9TH GRADE FAMILY KICKOFF

Feb. 7th @ PCHS

- Meet with your Counselor for course selection questions or Student Support Staff for IEPs/504s.
- Receive an overview of the course selection process, and join a building tour with a school leader.

**Choose one
start time.**

4:00pm OR 5:30pm

**Enter through the Principal's
Office Entrance at the top of
Dragon Hill Drive.**

UPCOMING

State Testing Dates

March 26th

- PSAT9- All 9th graders
- PSAT10- All 10th graders
- SAT- 11th grade students with at least 11 credits and 12th graders that have not taken the SAT
 - SAT is a required exam for graduation.

April 10th & 11th

- Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)- Same students at SAT.

SAT[®]



ILLINOIS
SCIENCE ASSESSMENT



Girl's Track and Field Conditioning is underway!! If you are not participating in a winter sport and want to start getting in shape for track, we are meeting at the Dragon Hill doors at 3:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come prepared to go outside (bring "layers" of clothing), especially on Thursdays!!!

2024 YEARBOOK



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2023-2024**

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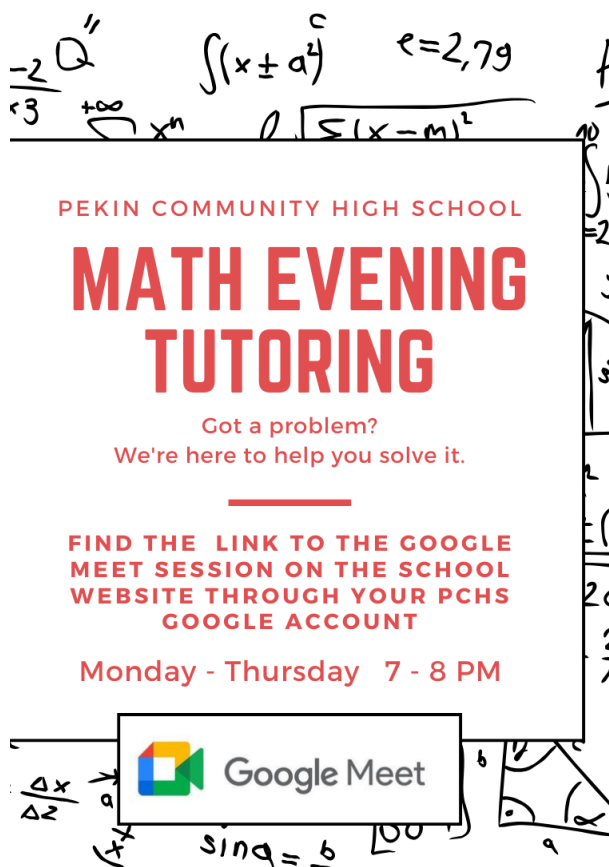
Seniors it's time to buy your baby ad for the back of the yearbook!

For the second year, parents and students can now design their own ads online!

You can reserve your space and design your ad online at yearbookordercenter.com

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You can also buy your yearbook on the same website!




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MATH EVENING TUTORING

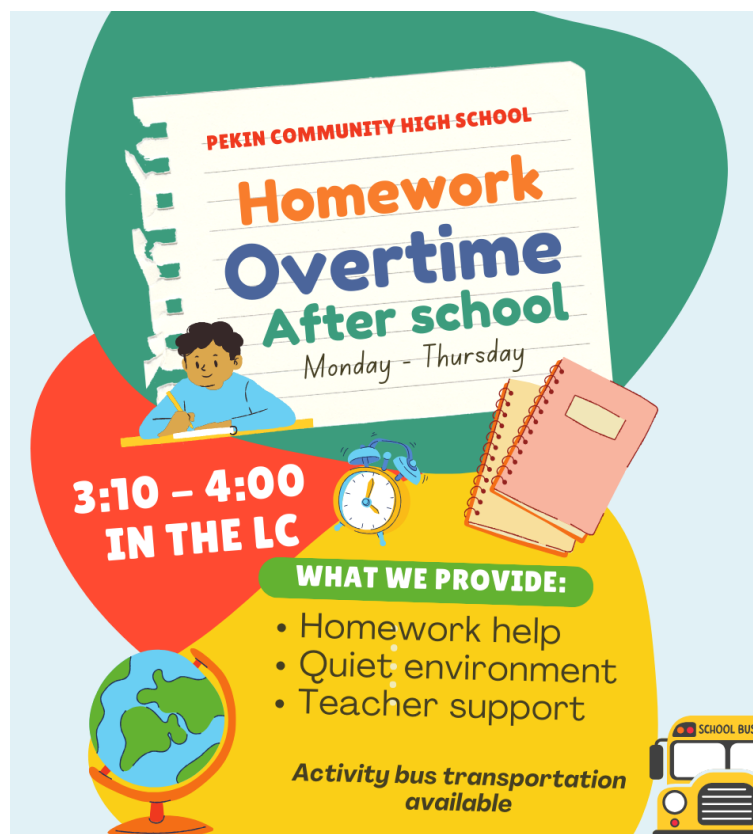
Got a problem?
We're here to help you solve it.

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

PCHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

2023 - 2024



PCHS Faculty Bell Ringing

As the semester ended 2023, PCHS faculty and staff remembered the true meaning of Christmas with a little bell ringing for The Salvation Army. This year the school adopted a Walgreens kettle site for a day to help out an organization that provides many services to the Pekin community. "Bell ringing is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and is something my daughter and I look forward to each year. It is heartwarming to see how many people contribute to a great cause. Every little bit helps!" said Erin Vietti, Assistant Principal.

Fun was had by all the participants, with several making it a family event. Caroline Wagner, English Department Chairperson, shared, "It is important to me and my family to give back in any way we can. Ringing bells for The Salvation Army is one small way for our family to give back to a community that has been so gracious to us and to spread a bit of Christmas cheer. The best part was watching my daughter's face light up as she wished each person a Merry Christmas and said thank you for each small donation. I know that she'll begin to understand her impact as she gets older!"

The day's kettle collected \$1,060.18. Enough was raised to cover almost a month of shelter and food for several people in need. PCHS is looking forward to helping out again next year and topping our total from 2024.



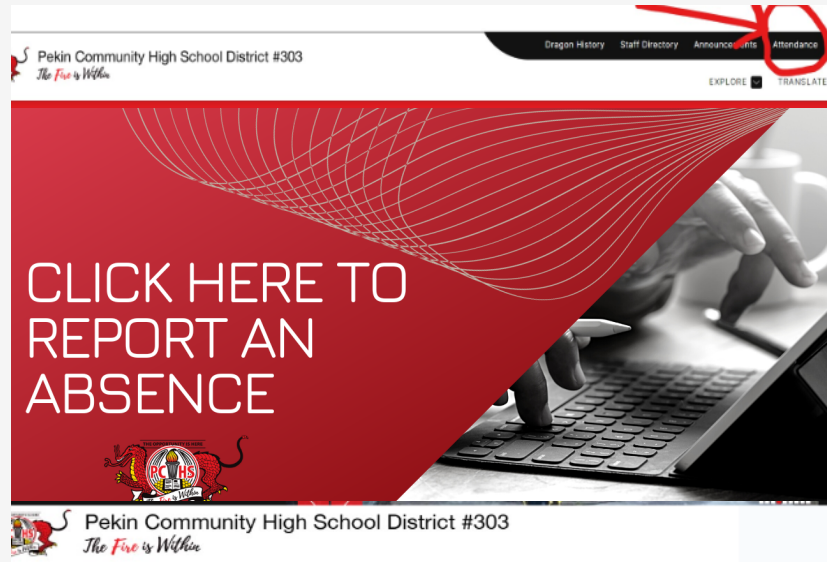
ATTENDANCE

2 Ways to Submit Student Attendance:

1. Online on our website or through Skyward Family Access- **Quickest Option*

2. Call 309-347-4101 and select the attendance line option #1.

- Leave a message with absent information.



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.

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.

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



FLYING THE P

In the halls of PCHS, a force stands tall,
When the Dragons need help, he answers the call.
Band, Firepit, Golf, Baseball, his Dragon Fire is ablaze,
Now he is setting up the gym lighting, earning our praise.

Hawkins gym transformed, a spectacle to behold,
His digital touch, turning it into pure gold.
For every home game, both girls and boys,
He commands the lighting with unwavering poise.

In the assembly's spotlight, he took his stand,
Guiding the system with a steady hand.
A maestro of light, orchestrating the show,
An artful dance, with a radiant glow.

Sporting events galore, he lends his hand,
A virtual cheerleader, for our teams to withstand.
From the field to the court, his passion unfurls,
Capturing moments, creating social media swirls.

Logan Booth, a force, a dynamic source,
For participation, he charts the course.
In the heart of PCHS, his influence grows,
A leader, a doer, his dedication shows.

So here's to Logan, with gratitude and cheer,
For making our school atmosphere very clear.
In the tapestry of PCHS, his impact is easy to see
So let's honor him this week with the Flying the P!

Thank you for your impact Logan!

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 PCHS Spirit Specialist on winning this edition of the Flying the P award.
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LOGAN BOOTH



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Happy Friday, Dragons- I hope your weekend is filled with growth, fun, and lots of glee,
But before we get that let's honor one of our own with the weekly Flying the P.

Well this week, our winner has us feeling very cheerful and merry...
Her involvement in the school and community is extraordinary.

Her time seems to be in serious demand,
As she participates in Speech, STUCO, NHS, and even Band.
As a student who gives back so much to PCHS,
There is something she's done outside of school that we feel that we must address...

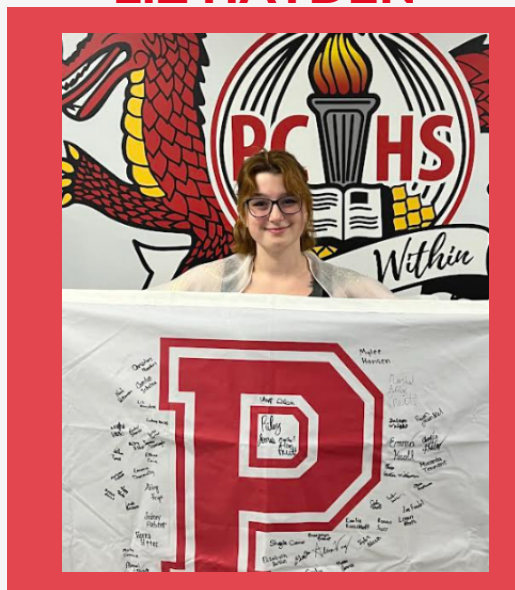
Soaring high in the sky, the majestic eagle rules the day,
A bird of symbolism, A bird of prey...
On the same level as the bird, is the Eagle Scout,
And that is what this week's Flying the P is all about!

The first female Eagle Scout in Troop 265,
She's completed 21 different merit badges and continues to thrive.
Communications, first aid, and personal management,
She's completed all of her tasks— what an accomplishment..

Her Troop built some benches, and she suggested more—
With her leadership, the troop built 64!
Wildlife Prairie Park is thankful for her desire,
And we are proud of her continued Dragon Fire!

So let's give a Dragon Roar for Liz Hayden— The First Female Eagle Scout in Troop 265 and a committed and involved Dragon! You have represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and are a great example of The Dragon Way!

LIZ HAYDEN



FLYING THE P

In a world of numbers, where confusion reigns,
enter the heroes, breaking through the chains.
The Math Assistance Center, where help is the plan,
our mathematical Dragons, equation by equation they scan.

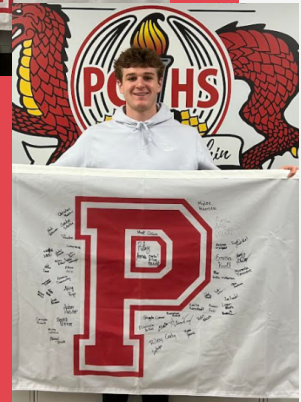
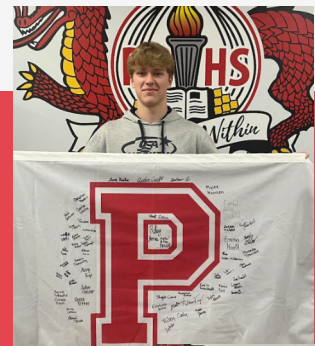
Meet our helpers, with pythagorean in their eyes,
solving problems faster than a hummingbird flies.
With calculus wit, they integrate with grace,
in the realm of math, they're the ones who ace.

Fear not, dear students, when the math is subtracting
MAC helpers will guide you, they are not just acting.
Do not let math divide us, stay on the mission!
Everything we learn is a lovely addition.

In the kingdom of math, where the X's roam,
MAC helpers are the guardians of your academic home.
So if you're lost in the maze of a math pun,
They'll be there to multiply your knowledge, not just add one!
Thank you to our MAC Tutors!

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 PCHS MAC Lab Tutors on winning this edition of the Flying the P award.

**AIDEN CRAFT
LUCAS GLESNE
AVA KULA
ANDREW LIN
AARON SCHINDLER
CARSON SIDELL
LOGAN SKOCAJ
CHARLIE STILLING**



FLYING THE P

STAFF EDITION

I'm excited to recognize the following amazing individuals for the December Staff Flying the P Award. Both of the following recipients have demonstrated amazing Dragon Pride here at PCHS! I'll begin with the first recipient, this person has helped credit recovery teachers tremendously. She is extremely knowledgeable about Apex. She helped train other teachers how to use Apex features and navigate courses outside of their content expertise. In addition, she is amazing with our PCHS Alternative School students and has developed a culture of respect within those walls. She helps teach students everything from Algebra to English, while also ensuring appropriate school behaviors. Teachers who sub for her report pleasant experiences and could tell that she had expectations that the students understood, even when she wasn't in the classroom. She truly cares for kids and is a constant support and cheerleader. She is selfless outside the classroom too, working with veterans and the Honor Flight program for years, as well as St. Jude fundraisers. She is funny and will always turn a bad day into a laugh. If anyone deserves the Flying P it is our PCHS Alternative School Coordinator Amanda Webb!

Our second recipient of the December Staff Flying the P award is constantly working with multiple teachers, students, and the community. Her hard work is reflected by getting the PCHS Workshop running smoothly for all 5 life skills classes. She helps make wonderful products for our school and also takes orders for our staff. If you are looking for her, odds are that she's out in the workshop making personalized ornaments. Our PCHS Workshop is constantly up for the challenge no matter the ask! She is constantly helping our life skills students develop workplace skills while taking pride in producing products for our school! She is able to help spread lots of Dragon Pride and joy in our school and community. Let's give it up for our second Flying the P recipient Stephanie Harris!

You inspire others every day and are a great example of The Dragon Way! Please join me in congratulating these recipients for receiving this edition of the Staff Flying the P Award.

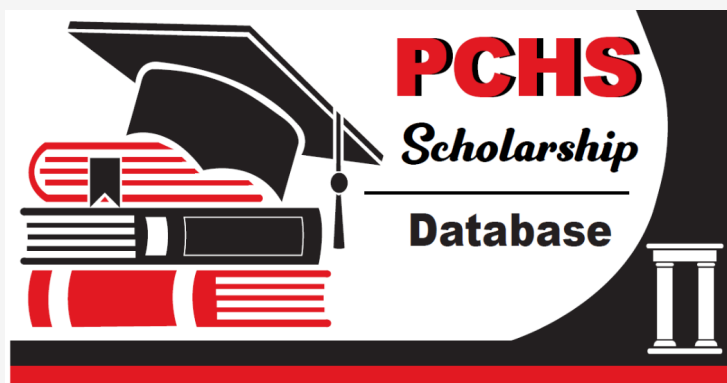
**AMANDA WEBB
STEPHANIE HARRIS**



Upcoming Mandatory Advisory Meetings 2024-25 Course Selection (In Theater)

- Current Juniors : Wednesday, January 17th
- Current Juniors Q n A: Friday, January 19th
- Current Sophomores : Wednesday, January 24th
- Current Sophomores Q n A: Friday, January 26th
- Current Freshmen : Wednesday, January 31st
- Current Freshmen Q n A : Friday, February 2nd

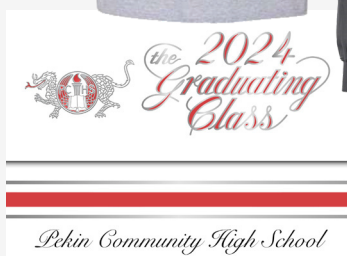
CHECK OUT THE 2023-2024 PCHS
SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE!
NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED DAILY!
<https://tinyurl.com/3dvpshty>



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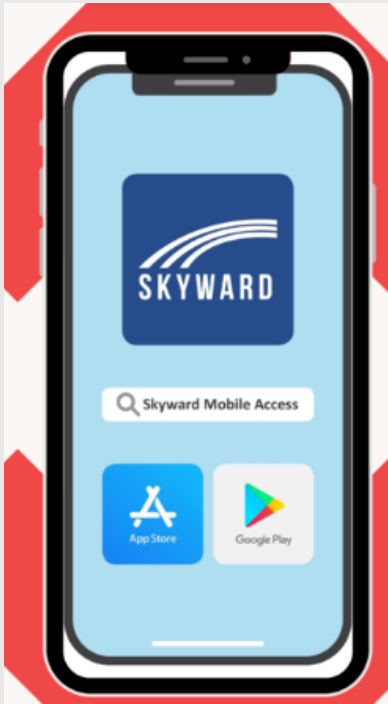
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USEFUL INFO

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

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.

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