

# PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

## MARCH 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:

- **4 March, 2024**  
Noteables Review Show 6:30 PM
- **5 March, 2024**  
Strings Festival 6:30 PM
- **7 March, 2024**  
Spring Choral Concert 6:00 PM
- **8 March, 2024**  
SIP Day- 10:00 AM Start Time
- **11 March, 2024**  
Celebrate PCHS 4:00 PM
- **12 March, 2024**  
Dragon Band Concert 6:30 PM
- **13 March, 2024**  
PARENTS- Check mid point grades via Skyward Parent Access
- **22 March, 2024**  
SIP Day- 10:00 AM Start Time
- **26 March, 2024**  
PSAT/ SAT Testing
- **29 March- 5 April, 2024**  
SPRING 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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[www.pekinhigh.net](http://www.pekinhigh.net)

PCHS does not affiliate with any Snapchat pages

**UPCOMING** ≡

# MORP DANCE

**LATE NIGHTS  
&  
BLACKLIGHTS**

**MARCH 8, 2024**

**7-10PM**  **\$6**

**PCHS CAFETERIA**

WEAR NEON OR WHITE TO GLOW  
DRESS COMFORTABLE AND CASUAL  
BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLINE  
DANCE FOR PCHS STUDENTS ONLY  
BRING \$\$ FOR FACE PAINTING & GLOW ITEMS  
WIN PRIZES  
DO NOT BRING GLOW STICKS

Buy Tickets Here:



<https://gofan.co/event/1427386?schoolId=IL21468>

**YOUR ACCESS NUMBER IS  
YOUR STUDENT ID.**



**INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO ON HOW TO  
PURCHASE MORP TICKETS**

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/7VIV5UWRASC](https://youtu.be/7VIV5UWRASC)

## CELEBRATE PCHS

**COMING SOON -- MARCH 11TH**

- STUDENT PROJECTS
- PARENT SESSIONS
- AWARD CEREMONY

PCHS INVITES PCHS  
STUDENT BODY, PARENTS  
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
TO COME TO PCHS ON  
**MARCH 11th FROM  
4:00 to 6:30pm**



## 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**<sup>®</sup>



ILLINOIS  
SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

## March 19th

**PSAT/SAT Pre-registration day**  
***Seniors are released at 2:06pm.***



**TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS HERE!**  
**OPEN THROUGH MARCH 29TH!**

<https://bit.ly/pchs5essentials>



## GIRLS TRACK



### Why Should You Join the Girls Track Team?

There are tons of reasons! The Track season is during the best time of the year. Enjoy time with friends in the fresh spring air, feel the sunshine on your face and get in great shape! **THERE ARE NO TRYOUTS, COME JOIN US!**

- Seriously all that running around, what a great way to jump-start your summer fitness!! OR work to stay in shape for other sports that you are involved in...cross country, volleyball, golf, swim/dive...
- Ok, so maybe you haven't really been outside that much this winter, it was cold and wet and icy but that's what we get for living in Illinois. No excuses, because Spring is on its way!! So bundle up & get outside and soak up the rays of the longer daytime hours while you get in shape!
- Even if you don't want to be PCHS' next Track star, you can still enjoy spending quality time with your peers. During our practices and at our meets, both indoor and outdoor, you will meet new people, get reacquainted with old friends or continue forging relationships with your current friends and challenge one another to be a part of a competitive team.

Official Girl's Track Practices will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 20TH. We meet at 3:15 at the Dragon Hill doors (near the JROTC hallway). In order to attend practices, you **MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE** (Please stop by to see Mrs. Patton in the Athletic Director's office for more information on obtaining your physical).

We will go **OUTSIDE** as often as we can, so come prepared with **LAYERS** of clothing, bring good running shoes, a bottle of water and a **POSITIVE ATTITUDE!** We are looking forward to meeting you!

Coach MacEwan, Coach Swanson, and Coach Trumbo



## Illinois State Scholars



Delaney Arnsman  
Landen Bell  
Brooklyn Bishop  
Keegan Busby  
Mya Chau  
Current Clark  
Shayla Connor  
Caiden Cook  
Colten Cox  
Alexis Daniels  
Chancellor Davis

Jack Davis  
Matthew English  
Autumn Evans  
Davin Fairchild  
Henry Fandel  
Owen Fandel  
Jolyne Faulkenberry  
Isabella Ghidina  
Addison Goessman  
Abigail Green  
Melanie Harriss

Dominic Hawkins  
Elizabeth Hayden  
Madison Hubner  
Sydney Hubner  
Nathan James  
Lauren Jarvill  
Alexis Johnson  
Sarah Little  
Connor Martin  
Samuel Million  
Jake Moehring  
Kent Olson

Benjamin Peacock  
Marshal Pruitt  
Ryder Shaw  
Carson Sidell  
Sierra Sitter  
Abigail Strobe  
Donovan Stubblefield  
Sophia Vansaghi  
Lainey Volz  
Alexander Walker  
Alexandria Weibring  
Brianna Wood





## PCHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

**CALENDAR**

2023 - 2024



## 2024 YEARBOOK



**Buy & Order  
Yours Now  
Online**

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>

&

Use our school order number is 17114

**Only  
\$40**

**LOOK  
&  
See what  
happened in  
2023-2024**

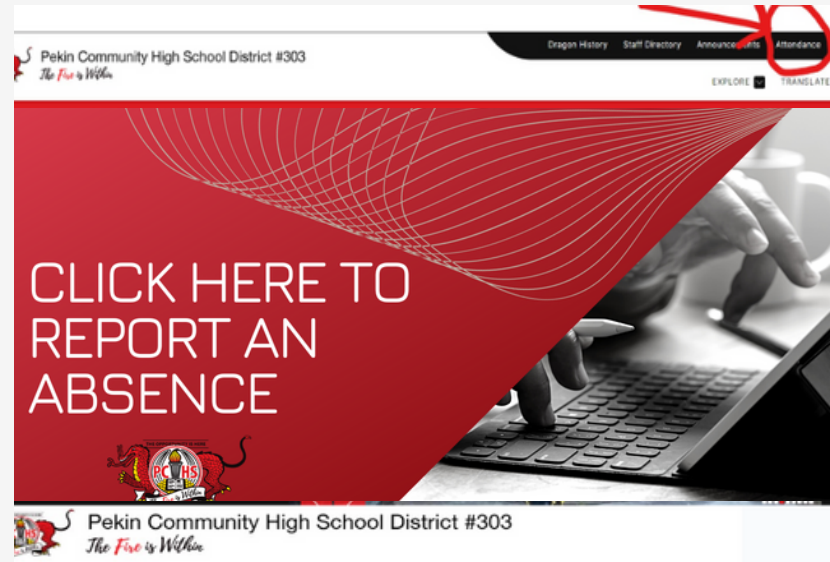
# ATTENDANCE

## 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

Their syntax and semantics are off the charts,  
Their tone and flow draws near and dear to our hearts.  
Whether its dramatic interpretation, humor, poetry, drama, or informative speaking,  
These Dragons were on a mission, they were championship seeking!

Mid-Illini Conference, Regional and Sectional Champs  
The S'Pekin Dragons light up the stage like lamps!  
Their presence and posture are hard to ignore,  
And they showed the state their perfect Dragon Roar!

Eight State Qualifiers from our great town of Pekin,  
The IHSA must have loved the words they were S'Pekin.  
But qualifying for state is not the end to this great story,  
Alina Vang was a state finalist in Original Oratory...  
A team of Dragons, who represented us with pride,  
Showed that their hard word produced results that not a soul could hide.  
Unique delivery, preparation, and style,  
All under direction of the amazing Scott Pyle.

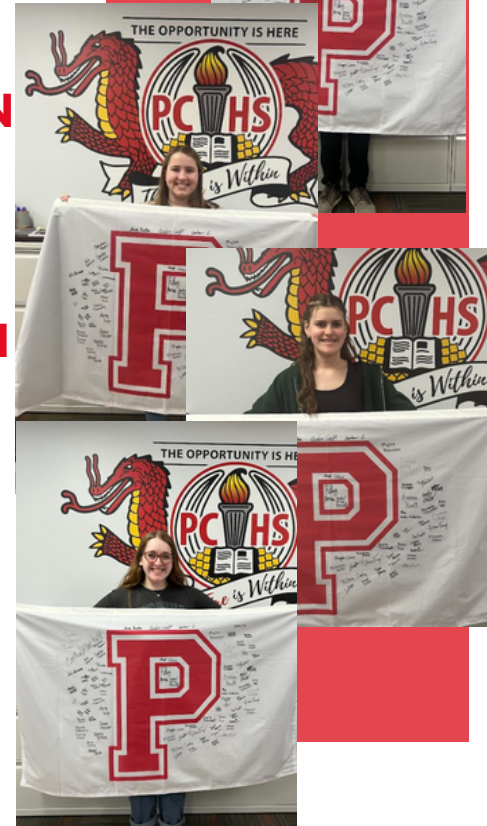
For this reason, and so many others that are plain to see,  
We are proud to announce our winners of Flying the P!

Congratulations to the S'Pekin Dragons on an amazing season!

You have represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and  
are a great example of The Dragon Way!



**ELIZABETH AUSTIN  
RILEY CADY  
RACHEL FILARSKI  
ABBY FRYE  
MEL HARRISS  
LIZ HAYDEN  
SERENITY OHLMAN  
KELLEN PORTER  
MARSHAL PRUITT  
JAYOHNA RILEY  
ALINA VANG  
SOPHIA VANSAGHI  
ZACHARY WEBB**



# FLYING THE P

In every plié, in every twirl and prance,  
Their dedication shines, in every half-time dance  
From pirouettes to leaps, they smoothly glide,  
With synchronized moves, they fill us with pride.

In sequins sparkling under the stage lights' glow,  
They dance as one, a radiant flow.  
Their unity, their spirit, like a fiery flame,  
Ignites the crowd, acclaiming their fame.

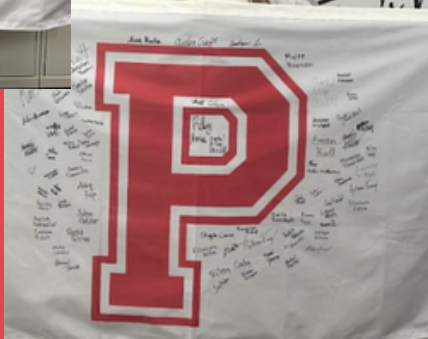
Crafting routines that are appealing to the eye  
Pekin's Dance Team, continues to soar high,  
With hard work and dedication, the Dance Team lived out their fate  
As they qualified for IHSA State!

Congratulations Dragon Dancers, your skills were great to see,  
It is an honor to present you with the Flying the P!

You have represented PCHS with pride! You inspire others every day and are a  
great example of *The Dragon Way*!



**KAELYN BERNDT  
KENDALL GARMAN  
EMMA GAUDET  
ISABELLA GHIDINA  
GRACIE MINI  
CHARLEE JOHNSON  
CLAIRE POWELL  
EMILIA RUESCHHOFF  
LAINEY VOLZ**





## ATTENTION SENIORS! FAFSA UPDATES

The FAFSA application is **STILL** being overhauled but is **NOW** available.

- It is a **GRADUATION REQUIREMENT** for the class of 2024 to complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA.
- Join us on **February 15** or **March 20** for one of our **FAFSA Completion Events** from **6-7 pm** in the **PCHS Cafeteria**. We will have financial aid experts from ISAC and area colleges to help families complete the form.
- 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.

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

**PCHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE MARCH 19TH!**

- **NOW** is the time to be filling out scholarship applications!
- New applications are added **DAILY!**
- Visit the PCHS Scholarship database today for a list of nearly **100 scholarships** that range from PCHS specific to nationwide!

<http://bit.ly/PCHS-Scholarships>

**PCHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TUES. MARCH 19TH!**

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# COUNSELING NEWS



**WHO:** SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS

**WHAT:** A TEST TO DETERMINE WHAT APTITUDES AND ABILITIES YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR THE MILITARY, LABOR TRADES, OR IN A VARIETY OF CAREER AREAS.

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH @ 7:30 AM

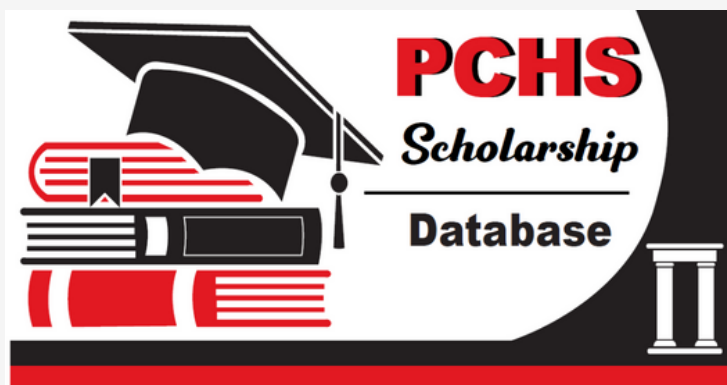
**WHERE:** PCHS MULTI PURPOSE ROOM (D305)

**COST:** FREE

\*\*\*THE TEST WILL BE PAPER-PENCIL\*\*\*

**SIGN UP BY MARCH 5TH VIA a Google Form sent to your student email**

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



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# GRADUATION

## CELEBRATE THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024



*Pekin Community High School*



**Order your Senior Items today!**

Don't wait! Order your cap and gown before time runs out!

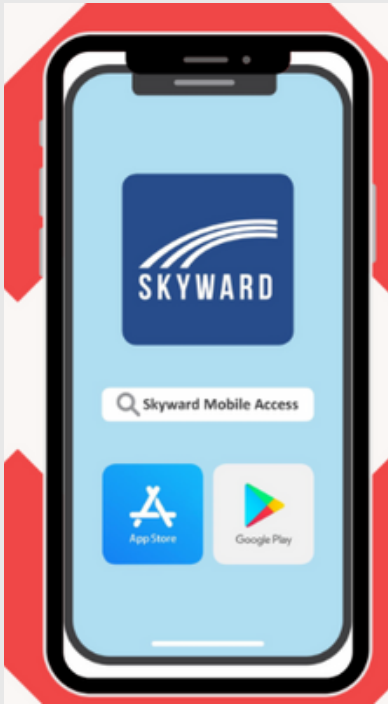
Order online at **[highschool.herffjones.com](https://highschool.herffjones.com)** or scan the QR code.



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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!

[https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset\\_uploaded\\_file/319/District/2739864/Brochure.pdf](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](http://www.pekinhigh.net)  
Click on the  
**STUDENTS** tab and  
then transcript  
request.