

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 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:

- **10 April, 2024**
SAT Testing
- **12 April, 2024**
SIP Day- 10:00 AM
Start Time
- **16 April, 2024**
Future Focus Day
- **22 April, 2024**
Jazz Appreciation
Concert 6:30 PM
- **26 April, 2024**
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."



Contact Us :

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www.pekinhigh.net

PCHS does not affiliate with any Snapchat pages

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.

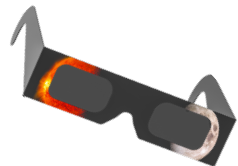
SAT[®]



ILLINOIS
SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

solar eclipse april 8th

PCHS is excited to participate in a school wide viewing of the solar eclipse taking place on April 8th from 1:52 to 2:07. There will not be another opportunity to view a solar eclipse in our area for another twenty years. Pekin will not experience a “total eclipse” but it will see 94.6% of a total eclipse, resulting in students wearing their provided safety viewing glasses for the entire duration of the eclipse viewing. Students will begin the viewing by participating in a scheduled fire drill and then be allowed to stay in their designated areas with teachers and view the solar eclipse. All students are provided with solar eclipse viewing glasses for safety. If you have any questions or concerns about your students participation to view the solar eclipse please contact the Principal's Office at 309-477-4215.



2024 Summer Driver's Education I

WHO: Students must be at least 15 years old, have at least 5.5 credits, and have passed at least 8 courses the previous two semesters.

WHERE: Room E211-Parents would drop off at receiving/band entrance steps and students would walk down to door by weight room/DE room.

WHEN: Monday -Thursday, June 3-July 11, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

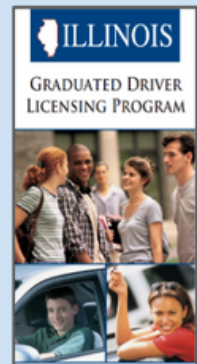
- No Class on Fridays
- No Class on June 19 and July 4
- Students may not miss more than 2 classes

FEE: \$100 - paid at the Dragon Store window next to the principal's office

HOW TO SIGN UP: Pick up the form in the counseling office. Once you've signed and completed the form, return to your counselor.

Deadline is Friday, May 10th
to fill out the form and pay the fee

Classroom Portion (NOT driving)



2024 PCHS SUMMER DRIVER'S EDUCATION II (Behind The Wheel)

WHO: Students must have passed Driver's Education I (classroom portion.) AND have a valid driver's permit.

- All students will be assigned by the group they picked and age. Priority will be given to students by the group they picked and who is the oldest in that group.

WHEN: Classes are Monday through Thursday (see form for full schedule)

- Students may not miss more than one class.
- Do not sign up for a session if you are going to be on vacation or have a job which will interfere with your driving time.

FEE: \$100 (there is no extra charge for summer DEII) paid in the Dragon Store

HOW TO SIGN UP: You can pick up the form from Mrs. Patton in the Athletic Department (D201). Once you signed and completed the form turn into Mrs. Patton in the Athletic Department (D201) by the pillar entrance.

Deadline is May 10th
to return the form and pay the DEII fee

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

The PCHS Environmental Club Presents:

SECOND DANCE Resale Event



No luck finding your
DREAM DRESS over
spring break?

Come and check out our
selection in the LC

April 8-12

All advisories and after school until
4pm.

Prom and Homecoming Dresses Available for
just \$10.00!!!

Limit ONE per student

Men's suit sets \$10-includes jacket and pants
with shirt; \$5 for jacket and shirt. Ties are

FREE!

Pekin Community High School **RESOURCE FAIR**

ADVOCATES FOR ACCESS

- APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFEPOINTS
- BEST BUDDIES IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS
- BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY FARM
- BREWER LAW OFFICE, LLC
- BRIDGEWAY
- CAMP BIG SKY
- CAREER LINK
- CENTRAL ILLINOIS SERVICE ACCESS

- DRS (DIV. OF REHAB SERV.)
- EPIC
- FAMILY MATTERS PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER
- HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
- ILLINOIS GUARDIANSHIP AND ADVOCACY COMMISSION
- ICC ACCESS SERVICES
- ILLINOIS LIFE SPAN- THE ARC OF ILLINOIS

- ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (IRVSRA)
- PATTERSON HOUSE, INC.
- PEORIA PRODUCTION SOLUTIONS
- PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES, INC.
- TAZEWELL COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER
- THE AUTISM COLLECTIVE
- TMCSEA STEP PROGRAM

This fair is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about local resources for individuals with disabilities.



APRIL 15, 2024



5:00-7:00 PM



PCHS Dragon Commons
Parking and entry at the
Canopy Entrance



CHILDCARE PROVIDED BY PCHS NHS FOR AGES 5 AND UP

Spring 2024 End of Semester Info

12th Grade

May 9th- 8:00 am gradebook deadline to qualify for Senior Incentive Day. *Last day for Senior Summative Assessments

May 10th- Tell students if they achieved the semester incentive during advisory periods.

May 13th- Senior Incentive Day, qualifying students may choose to opt out of attendance.

May 14th- LAST DAY OF SENIOR ATTENDANCE: Cap and gown pickup 8am-11am in Dragon Commons, Senior Send-off 5th hour, Senior Sunset @ Stadium at 7pm

9th-11th Grade

May 28th- 8:00 am gradebook deadline to qualify for 5/30 Incentive Day. *Last day for Summative Assessments

May 29th- Summative assessment make-up & classroom learning, 9th-11th students are told if they made the semester incentive.

May 30th- 9-11 Spring Incentive Day, qualifying students may choose to opt out of attendance. *Students released @ 10:52

The Semester is final on **May 30th**. There will be no additional make-up summatives.



PCHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

2023 - 2024



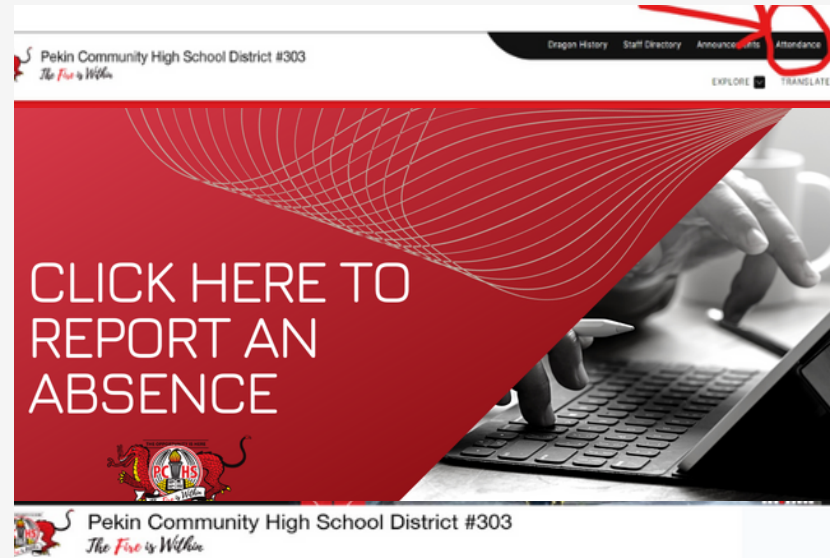
ATTENDANCE

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!

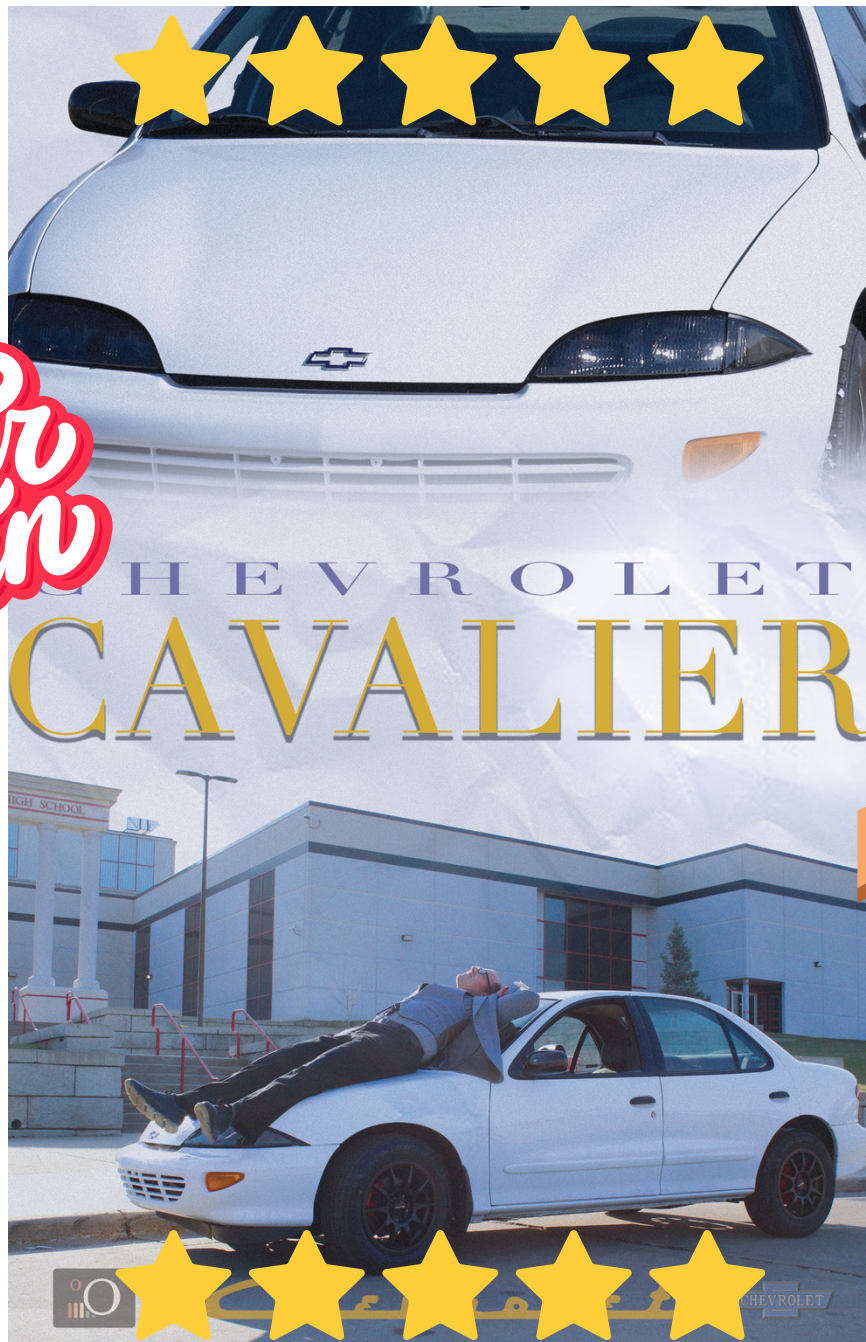
IT'S EASY TO WIN A CHEVROLET CAVALIER

JUST SHOW UP 95% OF THE TIME



ATTENDANCE

The Chevy Cavalier drawing will be May 10th during the 7th hour! Students qualify by being present in school for 95% of each month, and if they do they receive a ticket to be added for the drawing. PCHS will live stream the drawing on wall tech in classrooms 7th hour on May 10th! April is an exclusive **DOUBLE TICKET MONTH** so everyone still has a chance to be at school and win a car!



Enter to Win



FLYING THE P

Dragons on the screen, it's all about the stream
Last second shots and the crowd screams!
With Teddy Ball leading, his voice a thrall,
Guiding viewers through the game, every call.
Keegan, Xander, Allison, and Jacob too,
With Logan, Luca, each with their own view.
Together they give viewers a high level sight,
Bringing Dragon athletics into the light.
From the courts to the fields, their voices resound,
With passion and knowledge, they astound.
Mr. Kaliski, their mentor and guide,
Nurturing talent, filling hearts with pride.
Their streams go viral, spreading far and wide,
As Dragon spirit cannot be denied.
With every game, they create a scene
Of triumphs and challenges, fierce and keen.
They are professionals and know every stat
Filming all of the moments— A costly one at that!
So here's to the team, with their skills so vast,
Bringing the action, making moments last.
With Teddy Ball on the Call, they stand tall,
The Dragon Media Team, the heart of it all.

Join me in thanking these Dragons for taking our streaming productions to the next level!

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

TEDDY BALL
LOGAN BOOTH
KEEGAN BUSBY
ALLISON CARNEY
JACOB HAMPTON
LUCA HILST
ZANDER HOLMES



FLYING THE P

In Dragon Country, where the fire is blazing
This week's winners are really quite amazing.
They study hard, their minds alight,
To serve with skill, both day and night.
With knowledge growing, they fiercely strive,
In EMT service, they'll revive.
With hearts of gold, and minds refined,
Their dedication, truly divine.

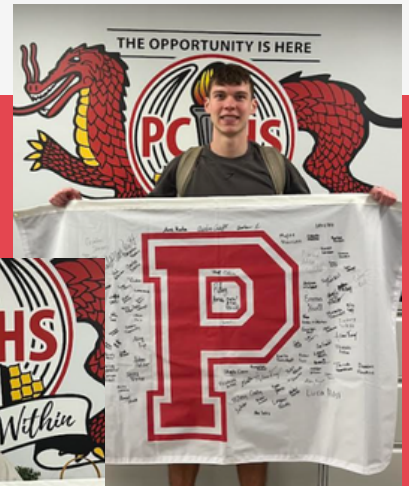
They challenge each other, they never tire,
To meet the call, with skill and fire.
For in this city, bustling and grand,
Their service shines across the land.

So let us hail these Dragons who are so bold,
And whose courage never will grow old.
Life savers, they are training to be,
And they definitely deserve this week's Flying the P!

Give it up for our ICC Early EMT participants!

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

LONDON FLOWERS DOMINIC HAWKINS BLAKE MELTON AVA SALES



FLYING THE P

In Dragon Country, where athletes shine bright,
A few wrestlers and swimmers showed their Dragon Fight

RaMez Watson and Tessa, fierce and strong,
Wrestled their way to the State all along.
With grit and skill, they battled each bout,
Facing challenges, never a doubt.

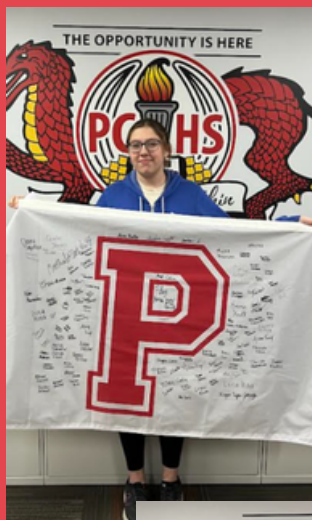
In the wrestling ring, they proved their might,
In the end RaMez stood on the podium with a 5th place finish, oh what a sight.

Meanwhile, in the pool, another tale spun,
Lucas, Tyler, Isaiah, and Colton, on the run.
Their strokes were fluid, their speed unmatched,
In the waters deep, they perfectly matched.
With determination, they swam their way,
To the IHSA State, where champions sway.

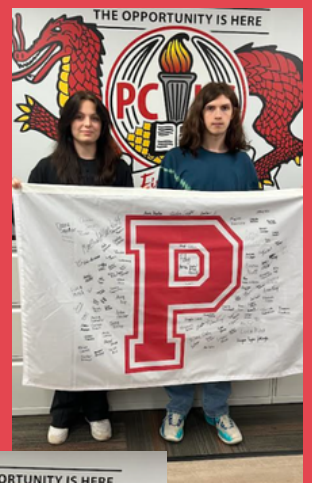
Side by side, they made their mark,
In the water's embrace, leaving a Dragon spark.
So here's to these athletes, strong and true,
For their dedication and passion breakthrough.
In wrestling and swimming, they've left their trace,
At the IHSA State, in this grand race.

Congratulations to these state qualifying 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!



**AJ CARRANZA
KEEGAN GOKBOGA
KEIRA HENNEISE
ADDY PENNINGTON
DANA SNYDER
KENZIE THOMAS
CHARLIE TRAVIS**



FLYING THE P

Another Friday, and it is easy to see,
That we have so many students, who deserve flying the P.
March Madness upon us, as the birds start to sing,
And our Dragons are busy, doing great things.

This weeks winner's have set themselves above the rest,
Their design skills were truly put to the test.

With strokes of passion, they weave their art,
Each piece a story, a glimpse of heart.
On t-shirts, brochures, and pamphlets fair,
Their creativity fills the air.

Some were nominated for their tshirts designs to improve how we dress,
You saw those designs at the wonderful event: Celebrate PCHS!

Other's were featured in a competition at ICC,
Dragons everywhere just flyin' the P!

At the competition these Dragons had the most positive intentions,
They were even honored and awarded with Honorable Mention.

In Pekin High's community, they're stars aglow,
With colors and shapes, they make hearts grow.
For in every stroke, in every line they drew,
Their spirit shines, forever true.

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

RAMEZ WATSON
TESSA DONALDSON
LUCAS GLESNE
TYLER BUCK
COLTON CECIL
ISAIAH PORRITT NOT PICTURED**



UPCOMING COLLEGE/CAREER REP VISITS

Sign up in the Counseling Office

**Juniors/
Seniors
only**

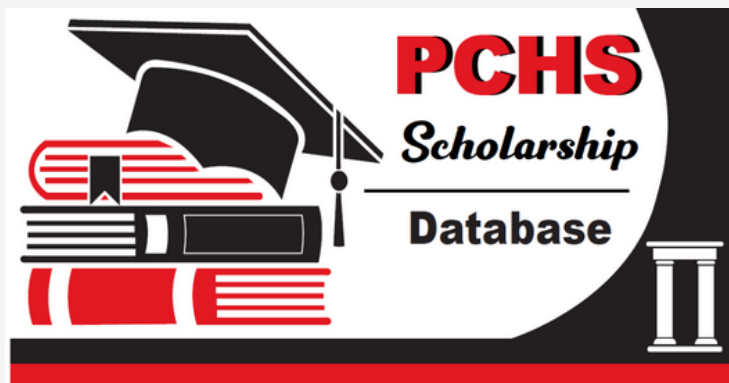
3/27 - St. Ambrose University - 9:40 (3rd hour)

4/29 - ICC - 10:35 (4th hour)

5/9 - ICC - 10:35 (4th hour)

FOCUS
On Your
FUTURE

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



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CELEBRATE THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024



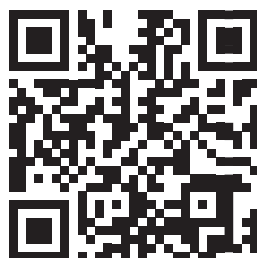
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Order your Senior Items today!

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

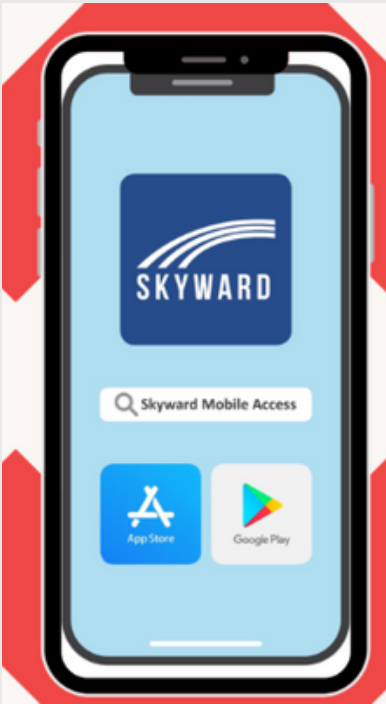
Order online at highschool.herffjones.com or scan the QR code.



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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

PARCHMENT FOR STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS:

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