



Dragon News

October 2020

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

"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."



IMPORTANT DATES

- October 1: Senior & Remote Learner Picture Day – White
- Oct 2 (Friday): Late Start Day 10:00 AM – White attendance
- Oct 5: Senior & Remote Learner Picture Day – Red
- Oct 9 (Friday): Red Attendance day
- Oct 16 (Friday): Red Attendance Day
- Oct 22: Parent/ Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 PM
- Oct 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:50 AM-12:00PM (Students not in session)
- Oct 30 (Friday): White Attendance Day



OUR DRAGONS:

WEAR MASKS

SOCIAL DISTANCE

WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY

MASKS REQUIRED



FOR ENTRY

Attention All Visitors

Before entering the building, please have a photo ID ready. Masks are required and your temperature will be taken. If you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, please refrain from entering the building.

Senior SAT Make-Up day is October 27th. Testing will start at 7:50 AM. For those who missed the original SAT testing day, information will be coming out soon. If you have any questions, please contact the Principal's Office.

PCHS Dress Code

- Masks are required, and must be worn over the nose and mouth.
- Shirts with sleeves covering the entire torso and shoulders are required.
- Pants, jeans, shorts, dresses, and skirts must extend to at least mid-thigh.
- When wearing leggings (including knit jeggings) and yoga pants, the top must cover the pelvic region and buttocks.
- No pants may have holes above mid-thigh.
- No undergarments of any kind may be exposed.
- Pajamas/pajama pants are not acceptable attire.
- As a health and safety measure, all students must wear shoes. (slippers are not allowed)

Students who choose to dress in a manner not appropriate for school will be instructed to change their clothing before they will be admitted to class.

Do you meet dress code?



Shorts are mid-thigh length



Holes are below mid-thigh



Shorts must be mid thigh or longer



No holes above mid thigh



2020-2021 Class Officers

Junior Officers

President: Rylee Caldwell

Vice President: Mya Stoller

Secretary: Aleeha Chughtai

Treasurer: Carley Kizer

Senior Officers

President: Angela Rockhold

Vice President: Darri Stuber

Secretary: Sophia Callaway

Treasurer: Micayla Porter

REMINDERS

Breakfast/Lunch

Now through the end of first semester, **ALL** students will be able to eat breakfast and lunch free of charge through a program made possible by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Please know this includes one meal at breakfast and lunch. If students want any "extra" items outside of the standard meal, they will have to pay for those items.

Free/Reduced lunch forms are available in the principal's office and the BFO.

Lunch Pick- up

FULL Remote Learning students: Pick up on Monday's from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Principal's Office.

Red/ White Attendance Day Students: Pick up everyday after school on attendance days in the Cafeteria for the next remote learning day.

NO PICK UP ON FRIDAY'S

Late Start

- The school day is from 10:00 am – 2: 42 pm with the doors opening at 9:30am.
- Buses run two hours later than a regular day
- Early bird starts at 9:30 am and early bird students can enter at the canopy entrance starting at 9:10 am.

Check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Skyward Parent Access

Wanting to login into Skyward Parent Access and you just can't remember your password? Please go to our web page www.pekinhigh.net and click on Menu in the upper right corner. Under the Parents tab you will click on "Forgot Your Parent Access Password" link.

Student ID'S

Students are to carry their student ID's at all times and be prepared to present their ID anytime they are in the building or at a school activity. If a student checks in late they will be required to present their ID. If they have lost their ID a new one can be purchased at the BFO for \$4.00.

Students present your ID at sporting events and get in free.

Dragons Closet Donations

There are organizations that are lending a helping hand. Pekin Community High School has the Dragon's Closet. The Dragon's Closet provides non-perishable food items, hygiene products and clothing for students in need through donations from the community. Donations can be dropped off in the principal's office from 7:30am to 3:00 pm.

The National Honor Society is hosting their fall blood drive on Saturday, October 17th. The blood drive will be at First Church of God at 2520 Maywood Avenue. It will run from 9 am to 2 pm. If you are 16 years old or older and would like to donate blood, you can also go to redcrossblood.org, find the NHS blood drive, and schedule the appointment online. Please do what you can to save up to 3 lives! There is an especially high need due to the pandemic.



Yearbooks

Buy your 20-21 yearbook for \$30 until December at the BFO!

How to Use the Canvas Parent Website & App

Follow these instructions to use the Canvas parent app! Canvas Parent enhances the potential for parents to engage in their children's education. Parents can review upcoming or past assignments, check on grades, and receive alerts for student activity.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JnVBZYLM-9ERI90IW4ScW-BUwSX67SzyPPZsR8Q_Nd3I/edit?ts=5ea22811

If you have questions please contact Cynthia Hinderliter at 477-4235 or email chinderliter@pekinhigh.net.

INSTRUCTIONS

Counseling Department News

PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION

Who: Juniors

What: (PSAT/NMSQT) - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

When: **Test Date is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2020** (1st- 5th hour)
**The exam is only administered on this date.

Why: Great practice for SAT & Possible eligibility for National Merit Scholarship Program.

How: Register at the BFO by **OCTOBER 8th**. The **\$17.00** fee will be due at time of registration. The test is free for juniors who qualify for free or reduced lunch.
There are a limited number of seats so register today!

**White team students can attend school to take the exam on this day bussing will be provided. Let Ms. Walker in the BFO know that you will need transportation.

PSAT/NMSQT

CollegeBoard / NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

The PCHS Counseling Office Presents:

FAFSA Completion Events

The Illinois State Board of Education has now required that all senior students MUST complete the FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) as a graduation requirement for the class of 2021. The FAFSA is used to apply for financial assistance to colleges or trade schools. The FAFSA opens on Oct. 1, 2020. If your student does not plan on filling out the FAFSA, you MUST fill out an ISBE issued opt-out form and return it to your student's counselor by Dec. 22, 2020.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
AT 6:00PM
OR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
AT 6:00PM

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/CKBDJFJRVT5ZDSRU9](https://forms.gle/CKBDJFJRVT5ZDSRU9)

VIRTUAL VISITS AVAILABLE

Juniors & Seniors ONLY

**MEET WITH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES ON YOUR
REMOTE LEARNING DAYS**

SIGN UP NOW

Please fill out the form for EACH visit you plan to attend

"Flying the P"

This week's winners of the "Flying the P" award are six students who have and continue to devote countless hours to our Little Dragons Child Care Center. These six students volunteered their own time prior to the start of school to come in and care for the children, clean, sort, rearrange, and organize all of the furniture and equipment, and put the center together. Their help was invaluable in the opening of the Little Dragons Child Care Center. Please help me in congratulating each of these students!



**PAIGE RAILEY, NOAH STEGER, GABBY KOEPPEL, BECCA
PAINTER, KAYLEE SHAW AND KYLEE HADSALL**

"Flying the P"

This week we are honoring our six Dragon Day Assistants/Leaders! These students volunteered their time over summer break to plan Dragon Day 2020 so that, even during a pandemic, the Class of 2024 would be able to have many of the same experiences they had on their very own Dragon Day. Then on Dragon Day 2020, these six students helped lead nearly 100 Dragon Day student volunteers to welcome our newest dragons to PCHS. Please help me in congratulating each of these students for all of their work in making Dragon Day



Katrina Doering & Claire Stilling



Natalie Owens & Reeti Patel



Elisabeth Sandoval & Madison Hieser

"Flying the P"

This week's winners of the "Flying the P" award are ten students who made the lasting memories of the 2019-2020 yearbook come to life! This team of students gave it their all, especially during the spring semester, to create a one of a kind award winning yearbook they are very excited to distribute to the student body in just a few weeks. These students went above and beyond to ensure that, even during a pandemic, the memories of 19-20 were preserved. Please help me in congratulating each of these students!



Kaydence Baker (not pictured)

Madysen Bultemeier

Kylie Cutting

Aareona Denham

Hannah Denure



Alexia Hayward (not pictured)

Lexi Jarvill

Sierra Jones (not pictured)

Leah McClanahan

Micayla Porter



Greetings from JROTC.

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year in JROTC, things are just as unusual for our Cadets as they are in other places in our country. With awareness raised because of COVID, JROTC will look much different than it has in the past for all of us and I want to make you aware of a few of those changes as we begin the year.

First, we have 140 Cadets in JROTC to start the school year. These numbers are down a little from previous years mainly because many Cadets have elected to stay home during the school year. We fully understand this and why they would choose to learn from home.

Second, I would like all of you to know, we are fortunate to welcome First Sergeant Julio Gonzalez as the new Assistant Instructor in JROTC. He comes to us after 26 years in the U.S Army to teach and lead our Cadets. His email follows: jrodriguez@pekinhigh.net

Next, we are hopeful that our Cadets will still be able to participate in some activities outside of the classroom, but please know we will not be doing the Homecoming Parade, the Military Ball and other events that involve large numbers. As of now, our Drill Team and Rifle Team seasons are still a go. We hope to start these activities as we have in the past in the October timeframe. There will be more information to follow regarding these team events.

Additionally, of note, we will not be issuing uniforms to Cadets until further notice. Cadets are not allowed to change or be in large formations so uniform days are postponed until further notice.

Lastly, we value having your son and daughter in our program. Please feel free to stop by or talk to us at any time. Here is the link to our page on the PCHS website: <https://www.pekinhigh.net/o/district/page/jrotc-home>

Thank you. Lt. Colonel Larry Hallstrom



Online Athletic Registration for Winter Sports

Winter sports include: Competitive Cheer, Competitive Dance, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, and Boys Swimming.

New this year: parents and students BOTH must register in order for student athletes to be permitted to go out for their sport. To complete online athletic registration, parents and students should each create an account on the athletic website: www.planeths.com. Students should use their PCHS email address for their accounts. ***This website is new for PCHS athletics as of August, 2020.***

Once the parent and student have created accounts, they then "link" their accounts to complete the registration. Please note: the registration is not complete until the information under the "Athletic Forms" tab is completed. If you have more than one student, you must add them one at a time.

Also, please be aware we are no longer issuing "Ready Cards", but sports physicals must still be submitted to Mrs. Patton or Mr. Gurvey in the Athletic Office. Student athletes need to get their online registration done ***prior to the first day of Winter Sports, which is November 16, 2020. The Athletic Office recommends that online registration for winter sports be completed by November 2nd to allow time to solve any issues with the registration process. IHSA by-laws state that student-athletes will not be admitted to practice - or allowed to tryout - until they have completed their athletic registration.***



Seniors, Prepare to graduate!

SIGN UP NOW!

In order for us to get you all the up to date information on how to order your Cap & Gown, Graduation Announcements, Senior Swag and more we need to be able to connect with you. This form is short - should take under 5 minutes to complete.



**iPad Air
Air Pods
Beats Headphones
\$200 Amazon Gift Card**

Fill out this form completely **ON OCTOBER 1st** and you will be entered into a drawing to win one of these great items! Click the link below! <https://forms.gle/xYfqpR4DF8ncB9gP6>

HERFF JONES CLASS RING

Design your ring at www.ringsandgowns.com

Interested in a Ring Kit that includes a sizer? Email your name and address to info@ringsandgowns.com

