



## Dragon News

**October 2018**

*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."

**leadership** passion  
motivation  
dedication **discipline**  
excellence **drive** heart

### Congratulations to our 2018/2019 Student Ambassadors!

Krista Carrington

Hayley Cleaver

Bennett Custer

Alexis Epkins

Olivia Evans

Allison Fralick

Brogan Gresham

Jon Haller

Tristen Hess

Hope Hill

Abigail Holub

Olivia Jeckel

Natalie Johnson

Logan Lewis

Jenna E. Martin

Julia McCammon

Grace Nieu Kirk

Braelyn Oberle

Natalie Owens

Mary Grace Patton

Evan Pogioli

Jordan Pratt

Elizabeth Sandoval

Kailee Sciortino

Ethan Sullivan

Jayden Tabb

Jenna Taphorn

Justin Taphorn

Avery Theleritis

Julieann Waldron

Andrew Wolfe

Hunter Wooding

### Important Dates

**10/3 Late Start Day**

**10/8 No School—Columbus Day**

**10/11 Midterm Testing**

**10/12 Midterm Testing**

**10/17 Late Start Day**

**10/18 Parent/Teacher  
Conferences 5:00-8:00 PM**

**10/19 No School-Parent/Teacher  
Conferences 8:00-11:30 AM**

**10/31 Late Start Day**



# Are you ready? It's coming soon - **Volley for the Cure 2018** **Oct. 9th, 2018**



## Ways to help raise money for the fight against breast cancer.

Buy a Volley for the Cure t- shirt (Cost \$10.00 (YTH L - XL) \$12.00 (2X, 3X)

Come to our restaurant nights:

Oct. 3rd - Classy Girl Boutique 5:00 - 8:00pm

Oct. 3rd - Mashie's Trivia Night 6:00 - 9:00pm

Oct. 6th - Applebee's Breakfast - Cost is \$5.00 a ticket



## JROTC Announcements

Greetings. The signs of Fall are upon us!

All Cadets will march in the homecoming parade scheduled for October 5. Remember, this is a mandatory event and a letter went home at the beginning of the school year with your Cadet for this event.

In October we will begin tryouts for both our Drill and Rifle teams. At this time, tryouts for Rifle will take place in the classroom over a 2 week period. Drill tryouts will be announced. The schedules for both teams are on our JROTC homepage.

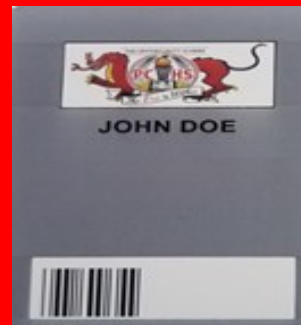
Also, during the month of October, your cadet will be selling butter braids to raise money for the Drill and Rifle Team. They will bring home information to you on this annual event.

Lastly, our annual Military Ball will take place on November 17th. Cadets will receive more information on this event. I would like to extend an invitation to all of you for the first part of the Ball. This is our formal portion of the event and parents are invited to watch. After that, we ask parents to depart and the students will participate in the informal events. Don't forget our website. [www.pekinhigh.net/jrotc-home](http://www.pekinhigh.net/jrotc-home)



## Student ID'S

**Students are to carry their student ID's at all times. They must be prepared to present their ID anytime they are in the building or at a school activity. If a student checks in late he/she 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.**



## How to Use the Canvas Parent Website & App

The Canvas Parent app allows you to see the course grades, syllabus, assignments, and events for your student's Canvas classes. Please note: Other grades may be added from items outside of Canvas, please use Skyward for cumulative grade information. For instructions on how to use the app, please go to the link below:

<http://5il.co/4wjw>

If you have questions please contact Cynthia Hinderliter at 477-4235 or email [chinderliter@pekinhigh.net](mailto:chinderliter@pekinhigh.net).



# "Flying the P"

We started a new tradition on Fridays at PCHS called "Flying the P". Each week we ask faculty and staff for nominations to recognize students for their accomplishments (ex. academic, extracurricular, athletic, etc).

The weekly recipient(s) will sign the white "P" flag and have their picture taken holding the flag. Every Friday morning, the picture of the recipient(s) is posted on social media, the flag is displayed in the cafeteria, and an announcement is made after the pledge.

**The first recipients of the "Flying the P" award were our Tech Interns.**



Carter Bumbalough, David Creech, Zac Farson  
Steven Johnson, Myles Oesch Benjamin Peterson,  
Thomas Potter, Ian Sayles, William Shea

**First place Varsity Runners for the boys and girls races in the Canton Cross Country Invite.**



Paige Arseneau and Brody Blackwell

**JROTC Color Guard students that presented the National Colors for Peoria's Annual Tee it Up for the Troops, the Manito Popcorn Festival and Pe-kin's first home football game.**



Trinity Lutz, Bailey Owens, Jessica VanDyke and  
Robert Taylor

**Congratulations to our Student Council Executive Board:**

These students helped raise \$13,281 from our annual Blackout football game to donate directly to Easter Seals. They worked very hard over the summer to get sponsors for Blackout and sold over 1500 t-shirts the past few weeks to help make Blackout a success! Over the past 10 years, PCHS Student Council has raised over \$125,000!



Lauren Spanos, Sami Curtis, Ella Curtis, Alexia Morganti,  
Angela Rockhold, Emma LaDage, Melina Hall, Katlyn  
Wooding, Hunter Wooding, Caitlin Fleming, Mary  
Grace Patton

*Congratulations!*

# Counseling Department News



## October College Visits

10/2 Millikin University @ 2:00PM  
10/9 ICC @ 8:45 AM  
10/15 MacMurray @ 9:40 AM  
10/16 Illinois Wesleyan @ 8:45  
10/16 Western Illinois @ 9:40 AM  
10/16 University of Iowa @ 1:20 PM  
10/18 Mount Mercy @ 8:45 AM  
10/18 U of I @ 10:35 AM  
10/18 Eastern Illinois @ 2:15 PM  
10/22 St. Ambrose @ 2:15 PM  
10/23 Robert Morris @ 1:20 PM  
10/24 SIU @ 1:20 PM



## ASVAB TEST

The ASVAB test will be given on Tuesday, November 13 @ 7:50 am. The test is used by the military to determine what aptitudes and abilities he/she may have for the armed forces or a variety of career areas, even if one chooses not to join the military. The test is free and offered to all Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. If these students are interested in taking the test they need to fill out the Google form sent to their email address by Tuesday, November 6th.

## PCHS College Changes Everything Event

The goal of this program is to join the nationwide effort to increase the number of students pursuing a university, college or technical school degree.

On Thursday, October 4th, all seniors will apply to at least one university/college/technical school during the school day and have access to resources such as: ISAC admissions representatives, military and healthcare.

[www.collegechangeseverything.org](http://www.collegechangeseverything.org)



## College Field Trips

Thursday, October 25th

Juniors will travel to Western Illinois University and Monmouth College. Students must have a 2.5 GPA to attend. The cost is \$6.50. Pick up an application in the Counselor's Office

**NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 4TH!**

## Attention Juniors!



Pekin Community High School will be administering the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) on Wednesday, October 10th. This would be great practice for the SAT! There are a limited number of tests available so it is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline to sign-up for the PSAT/NMSQT is Thursday, October 4th. The test cost is \$16 per student and payment is due at the time of sign-up. All interested students will need to sign-up at the BFO with Mrs. Grashoff.



# Junior Family Night

Thursday, November 15th from 6:00-7:30 PM

The Pekin Community High School Counseling Department will host a Junior Family Night: Life After High School planning meeting for juniors and their parents/guardians on Thursday, November 15, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the theater. The purpose of the meeting is to present information on post-secondary options, including the military, two-year and four-year colleges, and trade and technical training. Among the topics to be discussed will be the research process, the use of Career Cruising in helping to identify post-high school options, the importance of visits, admission requirements, the application process, scholarship/financial aid information, and skills needed to be successful in the workplace. Information will also be presented for students who wish to participate in college athletics.

In addition to hearing from the counselors, representatives from various institutions will also present information and answer questions. The PCHS counselors urge all juniors and their parents/guardians to attend this meeting. The information presented will be very helpful in the planning process after high school.



Meet Harper!

Harper is a 5 year-old Border Collie. She is a certified therapy dog through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and the Peoria Humane Society. She volunteers at the Juvenile Detention Center, nursing homes, doctor's offices, as well as Paws to Read.

**Harper will be available to meet with students during all advisories on Mondays.**

Stop in the Counselor's Office to schedule a time to meet Harper.



## Board Minutes

Videos of regular Board meetings, when recorded, are posted to the PCHS website. On the homepage, click "BoardBook – Board Agendas/Minutes." Then click the regular meeting for the date of your choice. Finally, click the video option which will open in YouTube.

## Late Start

- The school day is from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm with the doors opening at 9:30am.
- Buses run two hours later than a regular day
- Early bird PE starts at 9:27 am and early bird students can enter at the canopy entrance starting at 9:10 am.

## Breakfast

Breakfast is available every morning beginning at 7:00 am for \$1.25. If you qualify for free lunch your breakfast is free, or reduced lunch your breakfast is \$.30.

## PCHS

Join our PCHS Alumni. Fill out your information by clicking on this link [www.g00.gl/LQesFJ](http://www.g00.gl/LQesFJ). The link can also be found on our website [www.pekinhigh.net](http://www.pekinhigh.net), under the District tab.

# GO

# DRAGONS!



## Reminders

Check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



## Skyward Parent Access

New link: Wanting to login into Skyward Parent Access and you just can't remember your password? Please go to our web page, [www.pekinhigh.net](http://www.pekinhigh.net) and click on Menu in the upper left corner. Under the Parents tab you will click on "Forgot Your Parent Access Password" link.

## Scholastic Bowl



Scholastic Bowl tryouts will be October 15th and 17th after school in Room C-209. We encourage all to try out. Practices will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:00. The season runs from late October to early March. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Farley in C209 (ex. 6342) or Ms. Chick in A-241 (ex. 6379).



- 10/1 Movie Day – Dress like your favorite movie character
- 10/2 Tropical Tuesday – Dress like a Californian
- 10/3 Walk of Fame – Wear your best bright and glittery colors
- 10/4 Wear Your Class Color
  - Freshman, Yellow
  - Sophomore, Orange
  - Junior, Green
  - Senior, Blue
- 10/5 Wear School Colors Gear



Don't forget October 4th is picture retake day! Stop by the Activity Room next to the Principal's Office before/after school, during advisory, study hall, or between classes and have your picture taken.



## Yearbooks on Sale

The 2018/2019 yearbooks are on sale from now through December 21st for \$30.00. After December 21st they will be \$35.00. Buy yours today and save.



## Homecoming Parade

The PCHS homecoming parade will be on Friday, October 5th!

The parade starts at 5:30 p.m. at James Field and ends at Memorial Stadium.

Cheer on your fellow Dragons and community members while picking up some candy as well!



# The 303 Dragon Café

## Fall 2018 Menu

Pekin High School, Culinary Arts

Billie Cassidy, Teacher and Deb Smith, Aide

1903 Court St., Pekin, IL

Phone: (309)347-4101 Ext. 6316

[dragoncafe@pekinhigh.net](mailto:dragoncafe@pekinhigh.net)

Hours: 11:30-1:15

Email [dragoncafe@pekinhigh.net](mailto:dragoncafe@pekinhigh.net) or phone messages can be left 347-4101 Ext. 6316

Menu subject to change if needed. **All meals are \$5.**

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| October 2, 2018  | Pulled Pork Calzones, Coleslaw, Cookies   |
| October 4, 2018  | Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Yogurt Parfait                                    |
| October 9, 2018  | No Restaurant   |
| October 11, 2018 | Chicken Strips, French Fries, Brownies  |
| October 16, 2018 | Taco Salad, Chips & Salsa, Cheesecake Brownies  |
| October 18, 2018 | Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Garden Salad<br>(choice of dressing, see above) Cheesecake |
| October 23, 2018 | Gnocchi Soup, Caesar Salad & Rolls, Chocolate Cake                                    |
| October 25, 2018 | Club Wrap, Potato Salad, Pumpkin Roll   |
| October 30, 2018 | Chili, Mummy Dogs, Dirt Pudding   |

### **Salad dressing choices for Garden Salad:**

**Honey Mustard, Thousand Island, Italian, Ranch, Caesar, Sweet Russian**





**Stressed?**  
**Tired?**  
**Anxious?**  
**Depressed?**  
**Do you need help?**  
**Does a friend need help?**

Check out PCHS' new set of online books. We've added twenty new titles on topics that concern you and your friends.

The best part? You don't even have to go to the Learning Commons to check them out! They are all available online. Browsing is anonymous as well.

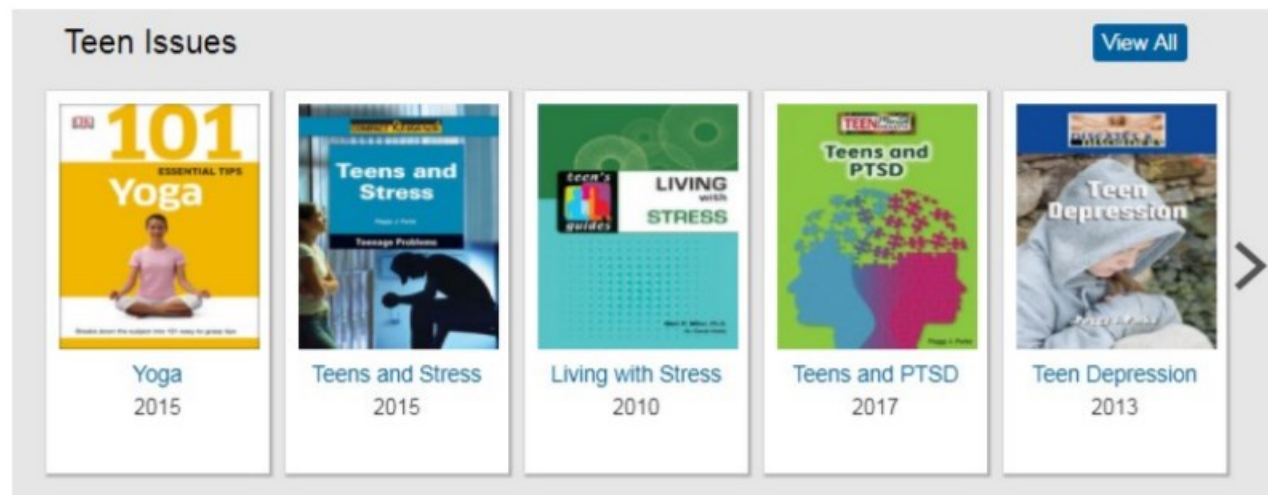
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**Dragons**

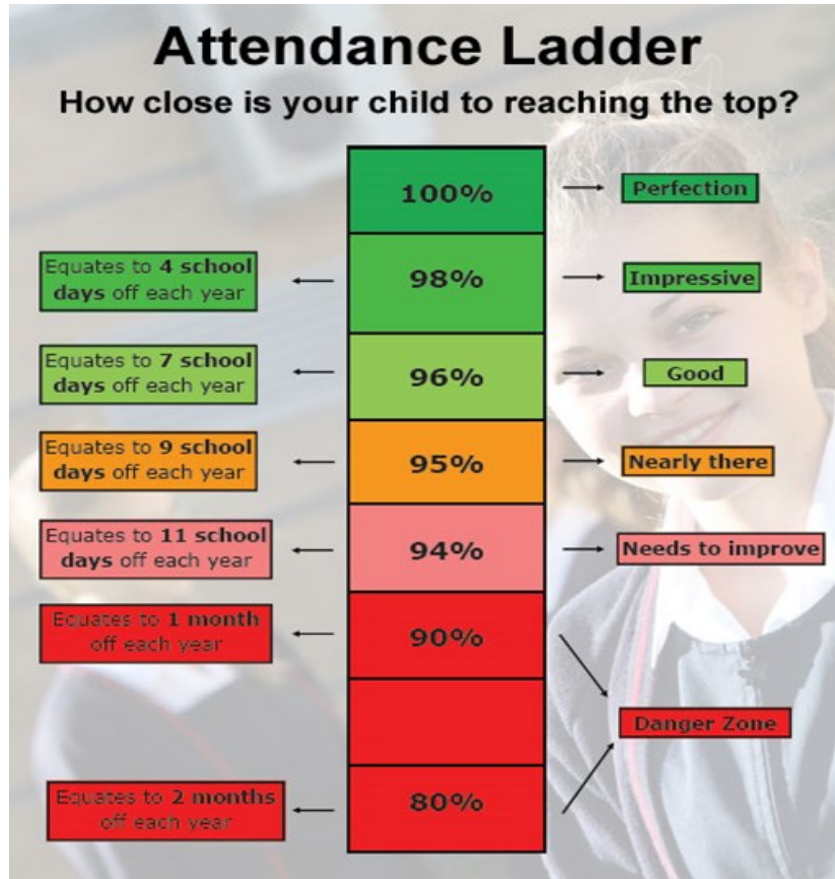
Click on the first line of books to browse through the many titles in the Teen Issues section...



Email Mrs. Hinderliter with any questions: [chinderliter@pekinhigh.net](mailto:chinderliter@pekinhigh.net)



**Rtl – Attendance Matters!**  
**Are you missing fewer than 2 days of school each month?**



**DID YOU KNOW?**






Missing more 3 days or more a month on average equates to missing more than 10% of the school year and is considered chronic absenteeism/truancy.



To improve overall student achievement and be eligible for attendance recognition, students should attend 90% or more school days, which means being absent fewer than 2 days a month.

**RTI – PCHS Academic Supports**

	Math Support	In the C300 MAC Lab daily during advisory period.	Ask your math teacher for a pass.
	Writing Support	In the G207 Writing Lab daily during advisory period	Ask your teacher for whom you are doing the writing assignment for a pass.
	Homework Completion Support	In the LC after school Monday through Thursday from 3:10 – 3:40	No pass is needed. Sign in and get support from a supervising teacher and NHS student tutors.