

## **CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS (NON-COMPETITIVE)**

### **ANIME CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Jaclyn Smith (G403)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [jsmith@pekinhigh.net](mailto:jsmith@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Thursdays after school until 3:30

**DESCRIPTION:** Anime club is for those already a fan of anime or those who want to learn more about Japanese animation. The club meets to read, watch, and create their own anime, as well as to discuss anime with other interested in it.

### **BEST BUDDIES**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Samantha Bledsoe (B305) and Mr. Tim Carroll (G301)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [sbledsoe@pekinhigh.net](mailto:sbledsoe@pekinhigh.net) and [tcarroll@pekinhigh.net](mailto:tcarroll@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** First Tuesday of every month after school at 3:00pm; activities vary.

**DESCRIPTION:** Best Buddies operates as a student-run friendship club, which creates buddy pairs between students with and without disabilities. Members of Best Buddies make a commitment to communicate with their buddy once a week via email, telephone, or at school. The club has monthly activities for the buddies and their peers (pizza parties, bowling, dances, Secret Santa, and hayrides).

### **BOOK CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Mary Hudson (G208)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [mhudson@pekinhigh.net](mailto:mhudson@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Varies by month; listen to announcements at school.

**DESCRIPTION:** Book club that reads literature for pleasure and meets to discuss the books

### **CHESS CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Chase Bushman (G213)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [cbushman@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cbushman@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** TBA

**DESCRIPTION:** Meet to play chess for fun!

### **COMMON GROUND**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Molly Moriarity (G408)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [mmoriarity@pekinhigh.net](mailto:mmoriarity@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Thursdays at 3:00

**DESCRIPTION:** Common Ground is PCHS's gay/straight alliance club. The purpose of this club is to give students and their allies a safe place to share ideas and experiences. The club's focus is also to help educate the school community on LGBTQ issues and events.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM**

**SPONSOR:** Principal's Office

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [ksalzer@pekinhigh.net](mailto:ksalzer@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Students complete service activities and submit form to the Principal's Office.

**DESCRIPTION:** Students who participate in any non-profit activity are recognized at Dragon Pride in April. Seniors who have earned 100 hours of service while in high school are recognized at graduation and by having their names published in the Pekin Times. Completed Community Service Hours Verification Forms must be submitted to the Principal's Office.

### **CREATIVE WRITING CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Theresa Bridges (G405)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [tbridges@pekinhigh.net](mailto:tbridges@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Wednesdays after school

**DESCRIPTION:** CWC promotes writing and writing events. We create bookmarks in the fall, holiday cards at the end of first semester, and Dragon Prints, a collection of student writing and artwork, every spring. We also attend workshops and enter local writing contests.

### **FACS CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Therese Bruning (A113)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [tbruning@pekinhigh.net](mailto:tbruning@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Twice per month for about one hour after school. Dates TBA.

**DESCRIPTION:** FACS Club brings together students who are interested in the use of skills learned in the Family and Consumer Science courses at PCHS. Members must be currently enrolled in a FACS course OR have previously taken a FACS course. FACS Club will sponsor a fundraiser addressing a community issue involving family needs as well as a banquet for members, their families, and invited guests. There will also be a variety of other FACS related activities.

### **FRISBEE GOLF CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Cole Stoner (C320)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [cstoner@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cstoner@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Wednesdays in the spring

**DESCRIPTION:** Times are announced over the announcements.

### **GAME CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Severn Berg (G406)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [sberg@pekinhigh.net](mailto:sberg@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Late start days 1<sup>st</sup> semester after school in the cafeteria

**DESCRIPTION:** We play video games, card games, board games, Dungeons and Dragons, and more!

### **GERMAN CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Dale Holzwarth (C207)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [dholzwarth@pekinhigh.net](mailto:dholzwarth@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Third Thursday of the month from 3:00–4:00pm

**DESCRIPTION:** Activities such as games, movies, projects to learn more about the German Culture

### **GIRL UP CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Colleen Kahl (G203)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [ckahl@pekinhigh.net](mailto:ckahl@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Scheduled Thursday mornings at 7:20 am

**DESCRIPTION:** The Girl Up Club is an organization that raises awareness and funds for girls in the developing world. The club educates individuals about the struggles girls in the developing world face such as extreme poverty, lack of education, and lack of civil or political rights. Girl Up is open to all students.

### **INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Chris Neville (C305)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [cneville@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cneville@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** March through May

**DESCRIPTION:** Open to all students; students create their own teams; offer an 8-12 game schedule with a tournament at the end; cost is \$5.

### **KEY CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Billie Cassidy (A106)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [bcassidy@pekinhigh.net](mailto:bcassidy@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Second and fourth Thursday of each month right after school

**DESCRIPTION:** Key Club is a community service organization that is dedicated to volunteering our time and effort to give back to the local community.

### **LATIN CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Marcene Farley (C209)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [mfarley@pekinhigh.net](mailto:mfarley@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Club sets a calendar – usually meets once a month

**DESCRIPTION:** Latin Club activities traditionally include weenie roast, gladiator games night, holiday bunko party, ice skating, bowling/pizza party, and our traditional Latin Banquet in the spring.

### **NETWORKING CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Eric McCann (A123)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [emccann@pekinhigh.net](mailto:emccann@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Varied – club sets a calendar and meets once a month.

**DESCRIPTION:** Networking Club is for students interested in new technology, computers, or careers in IT. Activities may include PC games, console games, and application development.

### **PEER ADVISEMENT COMMITTEE**

**SPONSOR:** Principal's Office

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**MEETING TIMES:** First and third Thursday of each month before school

**DESCRIPTION:** Students and staff work together to improve dialogue and make school improvements.

### **POLITICS CLUB**

**SPONSORS:** Ms. Megan Ramlo (G202) & Mr. Zak McArdle (G400)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [mramlo@pekinhigh.net](mailto:mramlo@pekinhigh.net); [zmcardle@pekinhigh.net](mailto:zmcardle@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00pm

**DESCRIPTION:** Politics Club is your chance to talk about the nation's (and world's) most pressing issues. This bipartisan group meets weekly to discuss current events and controversial topics. No political party preference is necessary and all political ideologies are welcome! Meetings consist of group discussion, the topics of which are brought up by the students and advisors. To be a member, all you have to do is attend! If you have a passion for politics or a desire to learn more, join Politics Club.

### **SPANISH CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Jen Doy (C211)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [jdoy@pekinhigh.net](mailto:jdoy@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Four meetings per year (3:00-4:30pm)

**DESCRIPTION:** We do a variety of arts and crafts, games, and cooking activities (usually holiday-themed).

### **STAND UP SAVE EARTH**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Clarice Chick (A241)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [cchick@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cchick@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00pm

**DESCRIPTION:** The focus of the club is to help save the Earth in any way possible (information awareness, recycling, and speakers).

### **STUDENT COUNCIL:**

**SPONSORS:** Ms. Elizabeth Swingle (B320), Ms. Clarice Chick (A241), Miss Colleen Kahl (G406), and Mr. Dan Everett (C315)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [eswingle@pekinhigh.net](mailto:eswingle@pekinhigh.net); [cchick@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cchick@pekinhigh.net); [ckahl@pekinhigh.net](mailto:ckahl@pekinhigh.net); [deverett@pekinhigh.net](mailto:deverett@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Before or after school

**DESCRIPTION:** Student Council is responsible for planning and organizing events for the student body. Our goals are to not only host events that will create memories for the students of PCHS, but also to inspire enthusiasm within our community. It is our responsibility to govern and lead our school to the best of our ability.

### **THEATRE DEPARTMENT**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Scott Pyle (G201)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [spyle@pekinhigh.net](mailto:spyle@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Fall and Spring

**DESCRIPTION:** The Theatre Department produces a fall and spring play every year, and musical every other spring semester. Students work both onstage as actors and backstage constructing the set, designing lights, operating sound, costuming the actors, and applying makeup. No prior experience is necessary. Any student can audition and participate on the crew.

### **WEIGHTLIFTING/FITNESS TRAINING:**

**SPONSOR:** All coaches

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** Athletic Director, Mr. Rick Kestner – [kkestner@pekinhigh.net](mailto:kkestner@pekinhigh.net)

**MEETING TIMES:** Every day after school

**DESCRIPTION:** Weightlifting using free weights and exercise cardio equipment. There is also agility training.

## **CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS (COMPETITIVE) – ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIRED**

### **BANDS**

#### **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Karli McCann (Band Room)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [kmccann@pekinhigh.net](mailto:kmccann@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Tuesday and Friday 3:00-5:00pm

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Students playing an instrument may audition in November

**SEASON DATES:** November – May

**DESCRIPTION:** Perform music in the jazz, Latin, pop, rock, and funk genres. Students compete against other jazz groups and participate in the Mid-Illini Festival.

#### **MARCHING BAND**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Karli McCann (Band Room)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [kmccann@pekinhigh.net](mailto:kmccann@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Early Bird, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and band camp during summer

**SEASON DATES:** July through October

**DESCRIPTION:** Students must be enrolled in either Concert Band or Symphonic Band class to participate. Students perform at home football games, some area parades, and in marching band competitions.

#### **PEP BAND**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Karli McCann (Band Room)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [kmccann@pekinhigh.net](mailto:kmccann@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** During band class

**SEASON DATES:** During boys' basketball season

**DESCRIPTION:** Pep Band performs popular tunes at all home varsity boys' basketball games. Students must be enrolled in either Concert Band or Symphonic Band to participate.

#### **WINTER PERCUSSION**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Karli McCann (Band Room)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [kmccann@pekinhigh.net](mailto:kmccann@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Mondays after school

**SEASON DATES:** All school year

**DESCRIPTION:** Indoor marching percussion and pit percussion – Includes playing music and marching for drumline members. Drumline is by audition.

### **COLOR GUARD**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Karli McCann (Band Room)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [kmccann@pekinhigh.net](mailto:kmccann@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** To be set by sponsor

**TRY-OUTS:** Last week of March

**SEASON DATES:** Same as Marching Band

**DESCRIPTION:** Part of the Marching Band – Learn routines with flags to be a part of the Marching Band.

### **NOTEABLES**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Leigh Wiedelman (Choir Room)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [lwiedelman@pekinhigh.net](mailto:lwiedelman@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** After school and/or evenings

**SEASON DATES:** January through March (competitions on Saturdays)

**TRY-OUTS:** May of each school year

**DESCRIPTION:** Noteables is an advanced show choir. It involves singing and dancing and competes with several schools within Illinois. Members must be enrolled in a curricular choir.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOWL**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Marcene Farley (C209)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [mfarley@pekinhigh.net](mailto:mfarley@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Monday and Thursday 3:00-3:45pm

**TRY-OUTS:** End of September

**SEASON DATES:** November through February on Tuesday evenings

**DESCRIPTION:** Scholastic Bowl is an academic competition much like the Jeopardy television show. The teams compete for toss-up questions to earn a chance at bonus questions on academic questions. Varsity has many Saturday competitions.

### **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Sherry Spurlock (G108)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [sspurlock@pekinhigh.net](mailto:sspurlock@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00pm

**TRY-OUTS:** No try-outs: Open to anyone interested in science

**SEASON DATES:** January through March: Practice all school year prior to competition season

**DESCRIPTION:** Science Olympiad is a team that competes in 23 science-related events against other schools. Hands-on activities as well as knowledge based activities are included.

### **SPEECH TEAM**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Eric Ewan (G101)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [ewan@pekinhigh.net](mailto:ewan@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Individual sessions once or twice a week

**TRY-OUTS:** Late August/Early September

**SEASON DATES:** October through March

**DESCRIPTION:** The Speech Team is a competitive activity that gives students the opportunity to develop their skills in the area of public speaking acting, and oral interpretation. The 34-40 member team is composed of freshmen through seniors. There are 14 individual events in which students can participate. In addition to the invitational season, there is the IHSA stat series National Forensic League district contest and national tournament. Students interested in a future in performing arts, law, or teaching should consider this team.

### **IHSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **BASS FISHING CLUB**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Greg Ries

**WEBSITE:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [gries@pekinhigh.net](mailto:gries@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** March 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **BASEBALL**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Larry Davis

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [ldavis@pekinhigh.net](mailto:ldavis@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** February 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Jeff Walraven

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [jwalraven@pekinhigh.net](mailto:jwalraven@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** November 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Cole Stoner

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [cstoner@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cstoner@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **BOYS GOLF**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Brett McGinnis

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [bmcginnis@pekinhigh.net](mailto:bmcginnis@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **BOYS SOCCER**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Gus Kormah & Mr. Brad Slover

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [abkormah@msn.com](mailto:abkormah@msn.com) ; [bslover@pekinhigh.net](mailto:bslover@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

### **BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Mitch Richards

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [mitchrichards@gmail.com](mailto:mitchrichards@gmail.com)

**START DATE:** November 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **BOYS TENNIS**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Gary Garver

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [garvergary@yahoo.com](mailto:garvergary@yahoo.com)

**START DATE:** February 29<sup>th</sup>

### **BOYS TRACK**

**SPONSOR:** TBA

**START DATE:** January 18<sup>th</sup>

### **CHEERLEADING**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. DeeAnna Guerra (Varsity)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [faith917@hotmail.com](mailto:faith917@hotmail.com)

**PHONE NUMBER:** 309-353-5318

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-5:00pm and during summer

**SEASON DATES:** August through March

**TRY-OUTS:** End of March / Beginning of April

**DESCRIPTION:** Tumbling and stunting experience helpful: Cheerleaders attend all varsity football and boys' basketball games, most freshman football games, home sophomore football games, and boys' sophomore basketball games. We attend UCA camp each summer. We also host a camp with Pekin Park District each August.

### **FOOTBALL**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Doug Nutter

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [dnutter@pekinhigh.net](mailto:dnutter@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** August 10<sup>th</sup>

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Becky Fulkerson

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [bfulkerson@pekinhigh.net](mailto:bfulkerson@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** November 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

**SPONSOR:** Ms. Erika Gilmore

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [egilmore@pekinhigh.net](mailto:egilmore@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

### **GIRLS GOLF**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Chris Neville

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [cneville@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cneville@pekinhigh.net)



**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

**GIRLS SOCCER**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Edgar Sandoval and Ms. Jessica Beck

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [esandoval@pekinhigh.net](mailto:esandoval@pekinhigh.net); [jbeck@pekinhigh.net](mailto:jbeck@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** February 29<sup>th</sup>

**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Mitch Richards

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [mitchrichards@gmail.com](mailto:mitchrichards@gmail.com)

**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

**GIRLS TENNIS**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. Gary Garver

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [garvergary@yahoo.com](mailto:garvergary@yahoo.com)

**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

**GIRLS TRACK**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Christina MacEwan

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [cmacewan@pekinhigh.net](mailto:cmacewan@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** January 18<sup>th</sup>

**POMS/DANCE**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Sue Venturi-Johnson (E203)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [sjohnson@pekinhigh.net](mailto:sjohnson@pekinhigh.net)

**PRACTICE TIMES:** Two to three times a week after school

**TRY-OUTS:** In the spring (practice times before try-outs)

**SEASON DATES:** August through early March

**DESCRIPTION:** The PCHS Pom/Dance Team is an audition-based team. The purpose of the squad is to promote and uphold school spirit and to perform at both the home varsity football and varsity boys' basketball games. Selection is based on criteria established and described in the group's constitution. The team is required to attend and compete at Summer Camp.

**SOFTBALL**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Gigi MacIntosh

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [gmacintosh@pekinhigh.net](mailto:gmacintosh@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** February 29<sup>th</sup>

**VOLLEYBALL**

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Yvonne Thompson and Mrs. Priscilla DeLaere

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [yvonne.thompson@pekinhigh.net](mailto:yvonne.thompson@pekinhigh.net); [pdelaere@pekinhigh.net](mailto:pdelaere@pekinhigh.net)

**START DATE:** August 12<sup>th</sup>

**WRESTLING**

**SPONSOR:** Mr. John Jacobs

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**START DATE:** November 9<sup>th</sup>