



The Pioneer News

Pioneer High School will welcome, value, educate, guide, and inspire all students as they develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be responsible, contributing citizens who can achieve growth and success.

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Get School Information via EMAIL— FREE!— Subscribe to PIONEER Announcements

The Yahoo Groups Internet Announcement Service for Pioneer families is open for subscription. This FREE service allows the Main Office the ability to send out school announcements and other information to anyone who chooses to "subscribe" to the group. To subscribe, simply send an email to A2PioneerAnnouncements-subscribe@yahogroups.com (you do not need to send a subject nor a body to the message). You can unsubscribe at any time by sending an email to A2PioneerAnnouncements-unsubscribe@yahogroups.com. Please note that the group is for announcements only. Replies to messages sent via the group will not be forwarded to subscribers, nor will they be answered by anyone. We are very excited about the extra benefits this additional communication tool offers our Pioneer families!

Important Information for Pioneer Parents

- February 10th PTSO meeting "Curriculum Focus", 7:30 pm Media Center. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting where parents will receive information concerning curriculum & instruction and counselors will be available to answer questions concerning filling out course schedules.
- Look for your 2nd semester postcard with important dates for the remainder of the year in your mail soon. Post this card where you will see it to remind you of dates you don't want to miss as we wind down the rest of the year.
- Sign-ups for Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up March 17 & 18. Please make sure you sign up if you would like to meet with any of your student's teacher.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences March 19th 4-7 pm. By appointment only.
- Due to some errors in compiling the 2008-2009 Student Directories, we will be printing and distributing an additional book that will contain just freshmen information. These should be available within the next few weeks and can be picked up in the General Office and the Book Depository. We apologize for this inconvenience. We hope to have a better system in place for next school year. Thanks to the volunteers who worked on this effort.
- The current version of the 2008-2009 Directory can be picked up in the Book Depository now.

PTSO Student Store

The PTSO store is open to sell snacks to students and staff during the lunch break. We sell foods that fit the nutritional guidelines set forth by the Wellness Committee of the AAPS administration. The store is located in the cafeteria and is staffed by volunteers who work one or two days a month. Proceeds from the store fund teacher mini grants.

If you are interested in helping send an email to pbranam@comcast.net. subject: PTSO volunteer.

Patty Branam
Volunteer Coordinator
PTSO Store

New Student Welcome

Welcome to all new Second Semester Students,

The staff, Administration, Guidance Dept and PTSO would like to warmly welcome you to Pioneer with a Pizza Luncheon on February 6, 2009. It is our way of giving you an opportunity to meet other first-time students to the school. You will receive an invitation during one of your classes, as we get closer to the date. Be on the lookout, as it will have details as to time and location. During the luncheon, you will also receive a special surprize that will enable you to see what we mean by "Purple Pride".

I look forward to meeting you on February 6th, but if you should need assistance prior to that date, feel free to contact me and I will connect you to some of the newer students right now!

Best wishes and bright beginnings for the New Year.
Barbara Zinser, Parent Volunteer
zinserb@hotmail.com or (734) 330-7398

CR & Online Class Planning

The deadline to submit Community Resource class applications and online class applications is **Thursday January 22, 2008**. Applications are available in the counseling area or online on the Community High School web site at www.communityhigh.org. See Ms. Jaquette in S152 during the lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

From the Principal's Desk-Cont'd

Below are helpful reminders for students taking the MME and the *ACT-Plan*:

WHAT TO BRING

- Two soft-lead No. 2 pencils with good erasers
- Acceptable photo ID (examples: driver's license, passport, school ID) must meet all of the following criteria:
 - Current (not expired)
 - Includes your first and last names
 - Issued by school, employer, or government agency
 - Current photo clearly recognizable
- A calculator for Day 1 and Day 2 mathematics assessments only (optional)
If you use a calculator, be sure to bring a calculator that you are comfortable using, along with fresh batteries. Check the Prohibited Calculator list to make sure that your calculator is permitted for use on the MME mathematics assessments.
- A watch (if you wish to pace yourself). Alarms must be turned off.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Do not bring the following items to the test room:

- Cell phone, pager, timer, or other digital/electronic equipment
Use of any device that can be used to share or exchange information at any time during testing or during the breaks is a prohibited behavior and will invalidate your test.
- Scratch paper, notes, foreign language or other dictionary (unless used as an approved accommodation) - you may do scratch work in your test booklet
- Pens, colored pencils, or highlighters
- Portable listening or recording device
- Camera or other photographic equipment

TIPS TO DO YOUR BEST

- Be well rested. Get a good night's sleep the night before each test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Make sure you have your picture ID, pencils, and calculator (if you are using one).
- Arrive on time. Students will not be admitted to the testing room once the test booklets have been distributed.
- If you are testing at an unfamiliar location, make sure you have directions.
- Pace yourself during the test. If you find yourself spending too much time on one question, move on to the next question.
- Use breaks to eat or drink any snacks you may have brought with you. No food or drink is allowed in the testing room.

Testing Schedule:

- On March 10, 2009 students taking the MME will attend the first day of testing from 7:30 - 1:00. All other students will not have school.
- On March 11, MME and *ACT-Plan* participants, 10th and 11th grade students, will attend a full day of school and test from 7:40 to 10:30. All Pioneer students will have a shortened day schedule for the rest of the day.
- On the third day, MME participants will test from 7:30 - 10:30. All Pioneer students will have a shortened day schedule for the rest of the day.

Please watch for future MME and *ACT-Plan* communications. You may also refer to Michigan Department of Education website: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_35150---00.html and the Pioneer website: <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.mme>.

All the best,

Tamber Woodworth, Class of 2010 Principal
Pioneer Assessment Coordinator
woodwort@aaps.k12.mi.us, 734-994-2141

Counseling Corner

The counseling and administrative departments want to make you aware of how we will be conducting the course selection process for this year. Our goal is to get class schedules in the hands of students **BEFORE** they leave for summer vacation. In order for this to occur we will be going to your student's classroom the first two weeks of second semester.

Wednesday, January 28: All Class Assemblies.

The purpose of these assemblies is to go over first semester data and introduce the course selection process.

Teachers of specific unique programs to present (2- 3 minutes) i.e. Trailblazers, Health Sciences, Homebuilding, Marketing, Auto Technology, African American Humanities, Humanities etc.. Applications for those programs that require them are due back to the teacher of those programs by **Friday, February 6**. Departments will present their information about scope and sequence of courses in classrooms during these two weeks as well. Assemblies are as follows:

2nd hour - Class of 2010 (current 11th graders)

3rd hour - Class of 2011 (current 10th graders)

4th hour - Class of 2012 (current 9th graders)

Thursday, January 29 & Friday, January 30

Counselors will be going to 9th grade English classes and have students input information into their Educational Development Plans and then go over course offerings for their 10th grade year. Students will begin to enter their selections in Power School.

Tuesday, February 3 & Wednesday, February 4

Counselors of juniors will meet on Tuesday, February 3, hours 1, 2 & 3 and on Wednesday, Feb 4 hours 4, 5, 6 & 7 to go over course selection sheets for their 12th grade year in their American History classes. Students will begin to enter their selections in Power School.

Thursday, February 5 & Friday, February 6

Counselors will be going to 10th grade English classes and have students input information into their Educational Development Plans and then go over course offerings for their 11th grade year. Students will begin to enter their selections in Power School.

Students will be expected to finish their course selections at home with their parents/guardians on Power School. Please be sure you review your student's course selections with them. We want to have the most accurate information possible so that we can make the best master schedule we can. We will have computers set up in the counseling wing so students can come down before school, at lunch, or after school to input classes if they do not have access to the internet at home. Computers will be available **Monday, February 9, Tuesday, February 10 and Wednesday February 11**. Course Selection sheets are due to the counselors by **Friday, February 13**.

The student portal for entering courses in Power School will close **Friday, February 13**.

Counselors will review course requests, meet with students and Teacher Consultants the week of **February 16-20**. **Course verification will be mailed home March 5th with interim reports.**

Please make sure all necessary schedule changes for second semester are done by Friday, January 23. Last day to drop and add a class for second semester is Friday, January 30.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your student's counselor

Advance Placement (AP) Examinations

AP exams will be administered this spring from May 4 through May 15 according to a published national schedule. This schedule is available through AP teachers, counselors, and the General Office, and will be printed in this newsletter on a space available basis. A copy of the AP Bulletin for Students and Parents will be given to each candidate who registers for an exam.

Students may take as many AP exams as they wish; although those who have taken the AP course are most likely to get a grade of 3 or better – out of 5 – which usually carries some college credit or placing out of an introductory course. All credit and placing – out decisions are made by the one college the candidate designates in his/her senior year. Any questions on AP credit policy must be answered by the college or colleges you are considering.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the AP program and exams. Extended time and special testing options are available based on ETS case-by-case consideration. Requests for disability testing options must be made to the AP Coordinator by the initial registration deadline.

Each AP exam costs \$100.00. Fee waivers are available to low income families after a consultation with the counselor. Fee waiver requests begin in the Career Center and must be made by the registration deadline.

AP REGISTRATION begins **MONDAY FEBRUARY 2** and ends **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**. During this limited period students (including those receiving fee waivers) must pay a nonrefundable \$25 registration deposit for each exam at the General Office. This deposit guarantees that a specific exam will be ordered for that candidate. One concern in registering is to be clear on whether the exam is Calculus AB or BC; Computer Science A or AB; French or Spanish Language or Literature; English Language (usually 11th grade) or English Literature (usually 12th grade). No late orders will be accepted after the deadline. Any latecomer may put their name on a waiting list if spots open up.

AP BALANCE PAYMENT begins **MONDAY, MARCH 2** and ends **FRIDAY, MARCH 27**. The remaining \$75.00 per exam must be paid in the General Office during this time. Ordered exams not fully paid for will be made available to students on the waiting list. A late fee will also be assessed.

MANDATORY AP ORIENTATION MEETING will be held shortly before the exam weeks. In the meantime, your AP student, AP teacher and the counselors are your best sources of information.

Joyce Williams, AP Coordinator
994-2116

Curriculum Night –February 10, 2009

If you are a parent of a current 9th, 10th or 11th grade Pioneer student, mark your calendar now to attend the next Pioneer PTSO meeting on February 10, 2009 when the counseling staff will be available to discuss the curriculum and answer specific questions from parents regarding their students' schedule for the 2009-2010 academic year. We will meet in the Media Center at 7:30 PM for a short introduction to the curriculum and then break out into a number of classrooms where individual counselors will take your questions and deal with grade-specific issues of course selection. This event will take place 1 week before course selections are to be turned in by your student. The parents who attended this event last year went away with a much clearer understanding of the courses offered at Pioneer and who should be taking them. It will help parents have a more meaningful discussion with their children regarding the courses they are selecting and what courses are needed for high school graduation.

Theatre Guild News

FutureStars 2009

Final Competition: Saturday, January 17, 7:30 pm
 Tickets: Adults--\$12, Students, Seniors, PHS Staff--\$8
 (general admission, on sale one hour before the show)

PATRON SEATING AVAILABLE (reserved, premium seating-- no waiting in line) \$25

Please visit our website at www.ptguild.org or contact Susan Hurwitz, the producer, 395-0041 for more information. To order Patron Tickets, email ptguild@gmail.com

Pioneer Theater Guild Presents

On the Verge

Written by Eric Overmyer

Directors: Alex Leydenfrost and Julia Glander

This play follows the adventures of three Victorian women explorers into what they believe to be Terra Incognita, a new, unexplored land. As the ladies progress on their travels it becomes apparent that they are not on an ordinary journey. They eventually realize that they have, in fact, traveled forward through time into 1955, and while doing so they are begin to absorb knowledge from the future. From that point forward, the

ladies actively, and often fruitlessly, try to figure out what the things they are encountering are, including Cool Whip, Jello molds, and Noxema.

This is Pioneer's entry into the statewide one-act play competition, which this year focuses on comedies. Pioneer Theatre Guild's 2002 entry, *Beauty and the Beast*, placed 2nd overall in the state, and their 2005 entry, *The Precious Maidens*, and their 2006 entry, *The Elephant Man*, both placed 4th in the state! Public performances will be held in Schreiber Auditorium.

Friday, January 30th, 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 31st, 7:30 pm

Tickets: All \$5

Competition dates:

District Competition (at TBA): January 24th, all day

Regional Competition (at TBA): February 7th, all day

State Competition (at TBA): February 13-14th, all day

Competitions are free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, please log onto our website, www.ptguild.org, or contact Jenny Doman, the assistant producer, at GenevieveDoman@gmail.com

Attention Seniors!!!

If your college(s) has requested your mid-year (first semester) grades, you must come to the **Records Office** to request that they be sent. If they have provided you with a form, please bring it. You will also need the Admissions Office(s) address. If you have already submitted a Common application Mid-Year Report, you do not need to do anything further. If you will be submitting Common Application Mid-Year Reports for the first time, please bring one for each college to which you have applied. Mid-year grade requests are due by **January 30, 2009**.

Lost and Found~Please Read

PIONEER HIGH - LOST AND FOUND - LOCATED IN THE GENERAL OFFICE

IF YOUR STUDENT HAS LOST ANY ITEM THIS SEMESTER PLEASE HAVE THEM COME TO THE GENERAL OFFICE TO CHECK. WE HAVE JACKETS, HATS, GLOVES, SCARFS, MITTENS, SWEATSHIRTS, MISC JEWELRY, SHOES AND MANY OTHER ITEMS. ITEMS NOT CLAIMED WITH BE TAKEN TO THE PTSO THRIFT SHOP OR THE SALVATION ARMY STORE ON JANUARY 21, 2009.

2008 Pillar Award

Each year the Homebuilders Association (HBA) of Washtenaw County comes together in an effort to recognize those who the association deems as "Pillars of our Industry". John Birko from the Ann Arbor Public Schools Homebuilding Program was chosen to receive the 2008 Pillar Award for Distinguished Service to the Building Industry. John was presented with the Pillar Award on January 9th. Congratulations Mr. Birko. We are honored to have you at Pioneer.

Athletic Booster Club Information



The Pioneer Booster Club's mission is to support athletic and academic excellence in all student athletes. There are over 30 sports teams available to our students. These create smaller communities, afford a way for parents to get to know each other, and help students develop discipline and make long lasting friends.

The meetings of the Booster Club in second semester will be Feb. 16 and May 18 at 7 pm in the Athletic Classroom. All are welcome to attend.

Please note: Attendance by at least one representative from each team is highly recommended, in order to keep everyone informed about Club news, Athletic Dept. policies, and upcoming events. Representation at all four meetings during this year is also required for participation in May's lottery for fundraising opportunities.

Plans are coming together for the annual **Athletic Booster Club Gala** to be held on **Friday, Mar. 27**. Place: **Weber's Inn**.

The Gala is held each year for two main purposes:

To honor a group of folks who have been selected by the Athletic Dept. who represent exceptional personification of the values and philosophy of the Pioneer Athletic programs. These include annual Legacy Award winner, Volunteer Award winner, and Alumni Award winners. The Honoree Dinner takes place on the 27th at 5:30 pm.

To raise funds to benefit the Booster Club. In past years, funds raised by the Gala have gone toward supporting needs of the program such as new tennis courts. The Gala starts at 7:30 pm on the 27th. Parents and coaches and other supporters of athletics at Pioneer are encouraged to attend. It's a fun night and a great way to get to know other parents at Pioneer. All are welcome!

Attendees may attend either function, or both if desired. Ticket prices are being determined now (most likely between \$30-\$40) and invitations will come soon, in various formats (printed and electronic).

The Gala includes live and silent auctions. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other Pioneer parents.

Winter sports are up and running - check out the schedules on the school website under Athletics. Stop in and see our student athletes in the gym, the Cube, or the pool engaged in any number of sports like basketball, swimming, hockey or wrestling. The Bowling and Dance Teams are busy, too. They would be happy to see you there!

Go, Pioneers!

2009 Pioneer National Merit Semi-Finalists

Congratulations to the 2009 Pioneer National Merit Semi-Finalists:

Ignatius Chen, Katherine Fang, Lauren Franzblau, Aparna Ghosh, Johana Godfrey, William Jackson, Gaurav Kulkarni, Sang Min Lee, Sang-Yoon Moon, Sameera Nadimpalli, William Penner-Hahn, Kyle Saunders, Joshua Stein, Nicholas Thomas, Anne Warren, Dana Wilson, Joon Sung Yoo and Jessica Zhang.

News From the Pioneer Choirs

Members of the Pioneer Choirs are preparing for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival at the new Saline High School on Saturday January 31. Soloists perform two contrasting pieces from memory one of which must be selected from an extensive list of traditional art songs. Ensembles also sing two contrasting pieces. There are no specific repertoire requirements for ensembles, but Popular music, Show Tunes, Vocal Jazz, Barbershop, and Novelty selections are not to be used. A recital including all performers will be held in the Little Theater at Pioneer on Tuesday evening, January 27 starting at 7 PM. The recital is free and open to the public.

News From the Pioneer Orchestras

Orchestra Night:

The Pioneer Symphony Orchestra will perform as part of the Ann Arbor Public Schools' **Orchestra Night 2009**. The concert will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, February 19 at Hill Auditorium.

Admission is free and open to the public. This gala concert showcases the orchestras of all five Ann Arbor middle schools, plus the Symphony Orchestras of Huron and Pioneer. More than 700 students perform in this annual event.

Trip payments due:

Attention parents, the two final payments for the orchestra trip to New York City are due in **January** and **February**. Checks may be made out to **POPS**.

Valentine's Candy Grams

It's time to send a VALENTINE'S CANDY GRAM!!

Surprise your student and say, "I care" with a card and a box of See's chocolates, or a bouquet of creamy caramel lollipops, personally delivered to your favorite student or teacher or staff member!

Simply complete the order form below for as many candy-grams as you like, then mail or bring your order and payment to Jane Burton, PHS, 601 W. Stadium, 48103 (994-2128).

Valentine's Candy-Gram Order Form

Send to (PRINT NAME): _____

From (anonymous is ok): _____

Circle the hour/class you would like it delivered:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Circle the style you would like delivered:

Boxed Chocolates \$5

Creamy Lollipop Bouquet \$3

Freshmen Deluxe \$10*

**(Deluxe Candy Gram = candy + card + '12 class shirt (specify size) + delivery)*



To our Pioneer Families:

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Pioneer Band Gala & Auction

Sunday February 8, 2009 4:30 pm Four Points Sheraton Ann Arbor

As Pioneer Families you are most cordially invited to "Let The Good Times Roll" at the 5th Annual Pioneer Band Gala & Auction on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at the Four Points Sheraton Ann Arbor.

This incredible Mardi-Gras themed evening will include a buffet-style hors d'oeuvre reception (cash bar), a raffle, live and silent auctions and special performances representing our Grammy Award-winning Pioneer Band Program.

Reservations are \$30 and must be purchased in advance by February 3, 2009. To make your reservation, please go to our Gala Online Reservation website:

http://aapioneerbands.org/?page_id=540

WHAT TO WEAR: This is a chance to dress up for a festive "happy hour." Remember to come and have FUN! Mardi Gras masks optional!

RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION: In addition to the Silent Auction with its fun, themed Family Baskets, this year brings the introduction of a full-scale raffle to the Gala. Raffle tickets will be only \$5, and you'll have the chance to win prizes comprised of packages of gift cards from local and national businesses, plus "vouchers" for services such as babysitting, snow shovelling, and tutoring provided by our students.

New Orleans is known as the "City That Care Forgot." We hope you'll join us for an evening celebrating our students talents and skills, cast away our cares for a few hours, and most importantly support the country's best band program!

The Pioneer Band Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and your auction purchases and donations may offer you tax advantages.

PLEASE JOIN US! Questions? Contact:

2009 Band Gala and Auction Co-Chairs

Janene Centurione, danjan22@hotmail.co

Ann Curtis, accurtis1@gmail.co

All Senior All Night Party 2009

Calling ALL Pioneer Parents... Although you may not have a senior this year, your help is needed to plan and produce the 2009 ASAN party for graduating seniors. Volunteers are being recruited for the day & night of the event, but we still need parents to step up and help to plan the party.



Event coordinator Julie Weintraub is looking for two more parents to help lead the way. **Our next planning meeting is January 13th at 7:30 PM in the principle's conference room...Please join us!** **If you have any questions about this, call Julie at 662-8339. This is a great tradition that we hope continues for years to come.**

Thank you to all parents who are participating in the Grocery Card Program that funds this event. Your support is needed and appreciated! It's not too late to help by participating and it costs nothing to do so! If you wish to buy a card for yourself or as a holiday gift, please contact Ann Marie Jensen at 996-1439, or email her at annmariejensen@msn.com. All others questions about the ASAN party may be directed to Julie Weintraub at 662-8339, or email her at JulesWW@aol.com.

Hospitality Today News

Not sure how you're going to feed your high school student or pay for college? Get a jumpstart on your education.

Why not look into the Hospitality Today program before making your next class selection. This is a year long two hour block class for 11th & 12th grade students interested in cooking and eating a variety of foods, that enhance the theory part of the class. Students are encouraged to work in the field to gain experience. Presently upon completion students can apply for a \$2500.00 scholarship along with many colleges giving credit for this National Restaurant Association ProStart Program.

We have had an incredible start to the year. The students have gone on a wide variety of field trips this year. They have visited the farmers market to meet with the local farmers and taste the foods from the season and toured behind the scenes while learning the difference between the chain operation of Panera Breads and Great Harvest foods while enjoying the uniqueness of local independents Demos and Washtenaw Dairy. The US ARMY culinary instructors cooked omelets for the students and talked about a typical day in their jobs. The students went to the Michigan Restaurant Trade show where they saw the latest equip and tasted foods that are in the industry. We have averaged about 1 field trip a week during our block class period.

If you want more information about this program, check out these websites:

www.nraef.org/scholarships or www.restaurant.org.

Feel free to contact me,

Chef Marilyn Suter M.S, C.E.C

suter@aaps.k12.mi.us

We still need your help with our knife sharpening fundraiser. Please use the attached coupon.

Hospitality Fundraiser

Parents & staff ,

Sharpen your kitchen knives. Did you know that it is safer to use a sharp knife than one that is dull? Please help the Hospitality Today program raise money for various competitions and field trips. Bring your knives to Arbor Vacuum located at 1226 Packard, Ann Arbor Michigan. Sharpen 1 knife for \$3.00 or 2 Knives for \$5.00. **NO KNIVES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL OR TO BE CARRIED BY A STUDENT.** Please present this coupon so that the Hospitality Today will get all proceeds.

Thank you for your support.

Marilyn Suter

Hospitality Today

The ACT'S & SAT'S Are Coming! Are You Ready?



Rec & Ed can help!

SAT/ACT Essay Workshop

Grades 10-12. Tackle the essay section on the SAT and ACT tests with confidence! You learn how to organize and write a persuasive essay within the allotted time. Each section of the essay will be thoroughly discussed. The scorer's rubric will be analyzed so you will understand exactly what is expected within your essay. You also practice writing an essay and will receive instructor feedback about ways to improve your writing for the test.

Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group Staff. 1 class.
Fee: \$65 (\$78). Scholarship recipients pay \$20.

ID# 1335.601 Tappan, Media Center
9:00AM – NOON
2/14/09

ACT Test Preparation Workshop

Grades 10-12. The ACT Preparation Workshop helps you prepare to successfully take the ACT test by: Showing you the exact format of the test and the types of questions to expect in each section; Teaching you specific strategies for dealing with each section of the test; Letting you practice through mini-tests over each of the sections; Giving you ideas for pacing yourself as well as when and how to guess at answers; Giving you a complete practice test and answer key. The best method for scoring well on the ACT and replacing anxiety with confidence is to be knowledgeable and well prepared. This workshop is for students taking the ACT during the remainder of the calendar year and includes information and strategies for the essay portion of the ACT. Bring a CALCULATOR and a WATCH WITH A SECOND HAND. A manual is provided for each participant as part of the fee. Instructor: Skills Development, Inc. staff. 1 class. Fee: \$85(\$102) Scholarship recipients pay \$45.

ID#1329.601	Pioneer, Room E106	ID#1329.601	Pioneer, Room E106
	5:30PM - 8:30PM		5:30PM - 8:30PM
	2/3/09		2/4/09

Free ACT Test

Grades 10-12. Pre-registration is required. FREE ACT practice exam will help students prepare for the real thing. Learn proven, effective strategies for acing the ACT. Achievement on the ACT exam impacts choice in colleges and the ability to secure valuable scholarships. ACT practice test will prepare students for the ACT exam and help them reach their potential. Provider: Great Lakes Educational Group.

PARENT MEETING: Parents will be provided with information about the state's ACT requirements along with their free custom analysis of their child's test score on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 pm at Tappan, Cafeteria. Register with ID# 1329.611.

ID# 1329.600 Tappan Cafeteria
5:30-8:30PM
1/28/09

ID# 1329.611 Tappan Cafeteria
6:30-8:30PM
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2009 SAT Test Dates

January 24, March 14, May 5, June 6, 2008

2009 ACT Test Dates

February 7, April 4, June 13, 2008

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Here are workshops to give you a jumpstart in finding colleges and paying for college.

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Parents & Students, Grades 9-12. Parents and students are faced with a myriad of choices about college. Let John help you and your student get a head start. He will help you find and identify the resources in your family's search for the right college. Discussion will include what your student needs and wants from school, location and admissions possibilities. Finances will also be touched upon. This class is intended for parents and students to attend together. Instructor: John B. Boshoven, M.A., M.S.W. 1 class.

ID# 1337.601	2/10	Tuesday
FEE: \$29 (\$35)	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Community Media Rm.

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ID# 1341.601	2/17	Tuesday
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1/29 FIRST SEMESTER GRADES MAILED HOME 2/14 WINTERFEST DANCE
3/5 THIRD INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS MAILED HOME

Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

January

1/13 Incoming 9th Curriculum Night (non-public) 6:30 PM
1/13 Incoming 9th Curriculum Night (all schools) 7PM
1/14 Jazz Band Concert, Schreiber Auditorium, 7:30 PM
1/16 MLK, Jr. Assembly, Schreiber, 2nd per., All School
1/17 District Band Solo/Ensemble
1/17 Future Stars Finals, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
1/19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School
1/20 1st and 2nd Period Exams
1/21 3rd and 4th Period Exams
1/22 5th and 6th Period Exams
1/22 CR Deadline (Semester 2)
1/23 7th Period Exam and Make up Exams
1/23 Semester One Ends
1/24 SAT Testing (Includes Subject Tests) PHS, 7:45 AM
1/26 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students
1/27 Second Semester Begins
1/27 District Solo/Ensemble, Little Theatre, 7:00 PM
1/29 First Semester Grades Mailed Home
1/30 Last Day to Drop or Add Classes
1/30 Theatre Guild's On the Verge, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
1/31 District Choirs Solo/Ensemble
1/31 Theatre Guild's On the Verge, Schreiber, 7:30 PM

February

2/5 Winter Band Concert, Schreiber Auditorium, 7PM
2/6 Class Meetings - 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th
2/7 ACT Testing, PHS & HHS, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
2/9 Winterfest Spirit Week
2/9 NAAPID Day
2/10 PTSO 'Curriculum Focus', Little Theatre, 7:30 PM
2/11 Student Count Day (Semester 2)
2/13 Symphony Serenades
2/13 Student/Staff Basketball Game, Big Gym
2/14 Winterfest Dance, Cafeteria, 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
2/16 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students
2/19 Orchestra Night (District-Wide), Hill Auditorium, 7 PM
2/20 Black History Month Assembly

2/20 Mid-Winter Break Begins at End of Day through 3/1/09
2/20 Third Interim Progress Period End

March

3/2 School Resumes
3/4 Class Meetings: 10th, 11th, 12th - 3rd, 4th, 5th
3/5 Third Interim Progress Reports Mailed Home
3/5 Choral Cavalcade Concert, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
3/6 Choral Cavalcade Assembly, 2nd Period
3/7 District Band Festival
3/9 Freshmen Class Meeting, 2nd Period
3/10 MME ACT+Writing (11th/Retakes) No School 12, 10, 9
3/11 MME All Add'l Tests (11th/Retakes) + ACT-Plan (10th) Late Start 12, 9
3/12 MME All Add'l Tests (11th/Retakes) Late Start 12, 10, 9
3/13 Comedy Troupe Show, Little Theatre, 7:30 PM
3/14 SAT Testing (No Subject Tests) PHS Only
3/17 Parent/Teacher Conference Signups, 7:30-9:30 AM & 2:30-6:30 PM
3/18 Parent/Teacher Conference Signups, 7:30-9:30 AM
3/18 District Choir Festival, Pioneer, TBA
3/19 District Choir Festival, Pioneer, TBA
3/19 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4 PM-7 PM, Appointment Only
3/24 MME ACT + Writing (Jr. Make up + Retakes)
3/25 State Solo & Ensemble Recital
3/25 Early Release Day, students released at 12:35
3/25 MME WorkKeys & Math (Jr Make up + Retakes)
3/26 MME Sci & Soc Studies (Jr. Make up + Retakes)
3/26 Student Council Blood Drive Semester 2
3/27 State Solo & Ensemble (Choir)
3/28 State Solo & Ensemble (Choir)
3/28 Bands in Review: East, Schreiber, 7:00 PM
3/29 Bands in Review: West, Schreiber, 3:00 PM followed by Pioneer Incoming 9th Grade Band Orientation & Information in Schreiber Auditorium

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