



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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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PIONEER PARENTS	2	<p>Beginning in earnest this week, the long-awaited downsizing of Pioneer High School is actually beginning to take effect. We have downsized our teaching staff already, and we have about 350 fewer freshmen this year than in recent years.</p> <p>During the next ten to sixteen weeks, an astounding 75 rooms/moves/teacher reassignments will be occurring. We will be experiencing one of the most complicated and disruptive moves in the history of the Ann Arbor Schools. To place the move in perspective, with seventy-five or so moves occurring within a very short period of time, the equivalent of a fairly large Class A high School will be disassembled and reassembled and/or dismantled, all right here at Pioneer High School. What will be different?</p> <p>Here is a list of the changes and improvements to the school that we will be seeing during the given time frame.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the west side of E-Hall other than the Class office and the jewelry room will be vacated and demolished. All of the teachers in this area will be moved to new rooms in the building. This area will be reconstructed during the next school year as the new home of the Ann Arbor Recreation and Education Department. • The east side of E-Hall will be demolished, reconstructed, and reoccupied late this summer in time for the beginning of school. The new classrooms will include a new 102 seat Lecture Hall; a new Health Science Tech classroom; a new drafting room; a new Robotics room; the incorporation of a digital photography lab in E-105; a new door to the Art Department Storage Room from E-105 to E-103. • Safety improvements to the Ceramics room kiln. • Safety improvements to the jewelry room. • Aesthetic improvements will be made to the E-Hall corridor by removing as many of the unnecessary fixtures and installations as practicable • As many as three to five hundred lockers will be “repurposed” from E-Hall.
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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!

From the Principal's Desk-Cont'd

- A math department office will be created out of C315
- The current Career Center will be repurposed, and a new Career Center will be reconstructed from C110 and one half of C110A.
- A door will be added from the counseling wing corridor to the "Distance Learning Lab" next to the old Career Center.
- Room C131 will be converted to a "Department Chairs Conference Room."
- Half of C110A will be converted into a utility room
- The current "external testing room" will be converted to a custodial work and storage area
- The south wall of the large gym will be moved several feet to the north so that a more appropriate bleacher may be installed in the pool, and so that activities in both the pool and the large gymnasium may be scheduled simultaneously.
- The choir room will receive mechanical (quiet and efficient) improvements to both the sound quality and the air quality management.
- Room B104 will receive minor improvements to the stage area.
- Later during the summer and throughout the next school year the gymnastics room will be reconstructed into a dance studio/classroom, a banquet room/cafeteria annex/lecture hall.
- Several of the new rooms will receive new and/or improved sound systems.
- There will be new security separations installed in the halls at appropriate points.

The changes included here are not complete. There are smaller, but important changes occurring elsewhere in the building. The changes that we are not discussing here include various opportunities to change our instructional delivery. The staff of Pioneer High School is committed to making some changes to our system of instructional delivery with the goal of producing a more robust, a more modern, and ultimately, an more effective educational opportunity for Pioneer High School students.

John Reece
9th Grade Principal

Important Information for Pioneer Parents

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT IF YOU CAN. THE DATE IS JUNE 4TH WITH HELP NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE ACTUAL NIGHT OF FUN. PLEASE SEE THE SHEET ON PAGE 11 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HELP STILL NEEDED.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out in any capacity during the 2008-2009 school year. Without your help, many of the activities would not have happened. Thank you again and look for the new volunteer sheet for the 2009-2010 school year in your registration packet at the end of the summer.

Speaking of volunteering, we are looking for some volunteers to help in the book depository for the GREAT TEXTBOOK RETURN OF 2009! The dates will be June 9-12 usually in the morning. Mr. Dion would appreciate any help you can give. Please contact Kathy Robenault, WRoben3357@aol.com, to get more information or to volunteer.

PTSO Newsletter Editor Position— I am looking for anyone interested in taking over this position for next year. My daughter will be a Senior and I would like to train my replacement before the end of the year. The best thing I can say about this job is you will always be informed on what is going on around Pioneer. The time commitment is about 3-4 hours a month putting the newsletter together and another 2 hours once a month getting the newsletters ready for mailing. Lots of fun. Please email me to volunteer: adamsl@aaps.k12.mi.us Thanks so much for all help given this year to make the newsletter a good source of information.



Senior Calendar



Week of May 4 (15 school days remaining)

- May 4 • **Two - Week AP Window begins:** US Government & Politics (8 a.m.)
Comparative Government & Politics and French Language (12 noon)
- May 5 • Computer Science A, Computer Science AB, and Spanish Language (8 a.m.)
Statistics (12 noon).
- May 6 • Mandatory Senior Class Assembly: 2nd period, Schreiber Auditorium
- May 7 • Calculus AB, and Calculus BC (8 a.m.)
Chinese Language & Culture (12 noon)
- May 7 • English Literature & Composition, and German Language (8 a.m.)
French Literature, and Japanese Language & Culture (12 noon)
- May 8 • United States History (8 a.m.)
European History and Studio Art (portfolios due) (12 noon)
- May 9 • Senior Prom 2009: EMU Student Center, 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
This is a formal affair and there is no admittance after 11:00 p.m.
The prom will be held at the Eastern Michigan University Student Center, 900 Oakwood Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197.
Parking is adjacent to the Student Center. The “Red Carpet” entrance and the limo drop-off are on the west side of the Student Center building. There will be a limo available to take students to the “Red Carpet” entrance.
Souvenir photos taken in the Student Center building may be purchased in different packets ranging from \$30 to \$80, to be paid for that evening. Each person will receive a free key chain as a prom favor, and the photographer will put your souvenir photo in the key chain as a keepsake. The “paparazzi “ will be taking pictures of “Senior Celebrities” getting out of the limo/red carpet. After the prom you can view the paparazzi pictures online for possible purchase.
Attire must be appropriate for this event. There will be a zero-tolerance attitude towards any use or possession of alcohol or any other illegal substance. Offenders will be arrested, not sent home.

Week of May 11 (10 school days remaining)

- May 11 • **AP Exams continue:** Biology and Music Theory (8:00 a.m.)
Physics B and Physics C: Mechanics (12:00 noon)
Physics C; Electricity & Magnetism (2 p.m.)
- May 12 • Chemistry and Environmental Science (8 a.m.)
Psychology (12 noon)
- May 12 - • All Senior All Night Party ticket sales: \$30 ticket, on sale at the flagpole entrance during lunch.
Please
have your student ID.
- May 21
- May 13 • English Language & Composition and Italian Language & Culture (8:00 a.m.)
Art History (12 noon)
- May 14 • Macroeconomics and World History (8:00 a.m.)
Microeconomics (12 noon)
- May 15 • Human Geography and Spanish Literature (8:00a.m.)
Latin Literature and Latin: Vergil (12 noon). **Two - Week AP Window ends**

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News For the Class of 2009– Please Read Important Information Below

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Week of May 18 (5 school days remaining)

Senior Culminating Activities

- May 18 • 7th period culminating activities
- May 19 • 1st & 2nd period culminating activities
- May 20 • 3rd & 4th period culminating activities
- May 21 • 5th & 6th period culminating activities
- May 22 • Makeup
- All obligations should be cleared by this date: book depository, media center, general office, athletics, and elevator keys
- Seniors Last Day!
- All seniors should be at Pioneer High School at 7:30 a.m.
- All seniors should go to their first period class and complete a required exit survey. If you do not have a first period class, then you report to the cafeteria to complete the exit survey.
- At the end of first period, seniors should bring their completed surveys to the large gym. This will be your ticket to enter the gym for you class picture, picking up your cap and gown, and picking up your yearbook.
- Students should then leave campus and not return unless paying for obligations. Makeup work should be completed with your teacher after the school day (2:30 p.m.)
- All Senior All Night Party ticket sales; \$30 per ticket, on sale at the flagpole entrance

Week of June 1 (Graduation)

- June 2 • Clear all remaining obligations by June 2 at noon or risk not receiving your diploma at commencement.
- June 4 • Graduation rehearsal at EMU: 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
- Graduation Ceremony at EMU: 7 p.m.
- All Senior All Night Party: Check-in is 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. This is a lock-in party. Any student attending the party must stay until 5 a.m. Tickets at the door are \$50.

URGENT NOTICE FOR SENIORS

If your college has requested your final high school transcript, you **MUST** come to the Records Office to request that it be sent. Most colleges will not allow you to attend classes in the fall or release your financial aid until they have your final transcript. If you want a Common Application Final Report to be included, please bring a copy. You also need to bring the Admissions Office address. The deadline to fill out a request form is June 12, 2009.

Important Summer Online & CR Instructions

Ann Arbor Public Schools Summer Online 09

7 Week Program: June 22 – August 7, Online

Attendance required at one Orientation session and two Proctored Tests at Skyline

Orientation Sessions: 3:00 pm 6/23 and 9:00 am 6/24

Instructional Methods:

- Online Instruction with Optional Face-to-Face Instruction (OL)
- Online Instruction with some required Face-to-Face Instruction (OL-H)

Online Coordinator: Susette Jaquette

For more information: Call 994-2026

Summer CR 09

8 Week Program: June 15 – August 7, CR

- **Deadline to submit an application is June 1, 2009.**

- If the application is approved, students must pick up a CR verification form on June 12, 2009 at Community High School, Room 215.
- Students take the verification form to one of the registration times below to register and pay the tuition for the class.
- Students are required to meet in person and show documentation of progress at least two times during the summer.

Tuition is \$190.

CR Coordinator: Danelle Mosher

For more information: Call 994-2026

How To Register for Summer Online & CR Classes

Registration is June 15th – 19th at Skyline HS

Registration Dates / Times	Session 1	Session 2
Monday 6/15	10:00 am – 12:30 pm	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday 6/16	8:00 am – 11:30 am	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesday 6/17	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday 6/18	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday 6/19	8:00 am – 11:30 am	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Both parent and student need to attend registration for Online courses. There are forms for both to complete and sign. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted. Checks are payable to *Ann Arbor Public Schools*. Enrollment forms will not be accepted before June 15th.

Students and/or parents take the CR verification form to registration at one of the dates above. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted. Checks are payable to *Ann Arbor Public Schools*.

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Important Summer Online & CR Instructions—Cont'd

Available Courses Summer Online 09

7-Week Program: June 22 – August 7, Online

Students may not take more than two classes total. For example, a student may take one class in the 5-week program and one class in the 7-week program; however, a student may not take two classes in the 5-week program and one class in the 7-week program.

“A” designates the 1st semester course and “B” the 2nd semester course.

Math Skills Development

Courses
Algebra 1B
Geometry B
Algebra 2B
Math Analysis B

Criteria:

Student has previously taken the class; received a 60% – 75% final grade in the class.

Cost:

\$250 in-district; \$275 out-of-district

Flexible Advancement in Mathematics

Courses
Geometry A/ B (full year)
Algebra 2A / 2B (full year)
Math Analysis A / B (full year)

Criteria:

Strong math student; received a 90% or better final grade in previous math class.

Cost:

\$250 in-district; \$275 out-of-district

Z or Credit Recovery

Courses
English 9A / 9B
English 10A / 10B
Algebra 1B
Geometry B
Algebra 2B
Math Analysis 1B
US Government
US History 1A or 1B
Law

Criteria:

Student has previously taken the class and received a failing or “Z” final grade.

Cost:

- \$250 in-district; \$275 out-of-district except for classes below.
- No Cost for Algebra IB or Geometry B if a student has a recovery plan from their current teacher (in-district only).

Student Choice and Enrichment

Courses
World Literature
English 9A or 9B
English 10A or 10B
US Government
US History A or B
World History & Geography A or B
Economics
Law
Health
Computer Applications
Web Design Basics HTML
C++ Programming

Criteria:

Any incoming 9th – 12th grader

Cost:

\$250 in-district; \$275 out-of-district

PTO Thrift Shop News—Spring

SPRING CLEANING? Please encourage **DONATIONS** of gently used clothing and household items. The Shop has a **truck** that can pick up large items (i.e. furniture) or 10+ bags in Ann Arbor and surrounding communities, **YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN EARN \$\$ FOR COLLECTING ITEMS** – contact the store for details.

IMPORTANT: MAY Payout for work done Jan. – Apr.! RULES FOR DISTRIBUTING FUNDS HAVE CHANGED! Tax laws regarding non-profit, tax exempt money are being more strictly enforced. These proscribe that the organization as a whole, rather than just individuals, must benefit from the funds. The thrift shop and PTSO will be working to decide how that affects future payouts. This is still a great way to earn money for your organization, so encourage everyone to participate in some way!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED at the shop all spring and summer!

Training classes are held on Sundays, and volunteers **DO** get credit for attending a training class. To register contact the Volunteer Coordinator at ptothriftshop@gmail.com and put "Volunteer Coordinator" in the subject line. Students also need a work permit, available in the General Office.

Wednesdays = TEACHER APPRECIATION DAYS– 20% Discount for Teachers for School related supplies

Requirements: You must be a teacher to sign up for the program. Bring in proof one time and you will be given a "Teacher Appreciation Discount Card". Use it any Wednesday to receive a 20% discount on "school related" or academic supplies you would use in your classroom. (e.g. books, office supplies, furniture, craft supplies, etc.).

The website www.a2ptothriftshop.org has been updated! Check it out! Other ways to contact the shop include e-mail ptothriftshop@gmail.com or call **996-9155**.

Thanks and have a great summer!

Parent rep: Martha Kershaw 663-5957

mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net

Attendance Office Reminders

Spring brings green grass, flowers and **ROAD CONSTRUCTION!** So please remind your students that they may need to leave earlier in order to make it to school on time! It is their responsibility to arrive on time to each and every class, to bring their class materials and to participate in class and complete assignments. Please remind them of their responsibilities!

Additionally, the nicer weather brings thought of skipping. Students who try to call themselves in will be reported to Administration. Remind your students that there are only about 20 more full days of school---they will survive!

Students who arrive after the beginning of their school day or who return after checking out must report to the Attendance Office to sign in and/or out. No matter what the reason, the student should be signing in and out at the Attendance Office.

Also, you must still call in to excuse your student even if they sign out. An important part of this phone call is the reason for the absence. You **must** leave a reason for your student's absence or the absence will not be excused. Excused absence reasons are listed in the Pioneer parent handbook and in your student's planner.

Happy Spring to all and thanks for your cooperation!

Counseling Corner

Seniors - Please be sure all of your obligations are taken care of BEFORE the last day of classes on May 22. If you do not pay your obligations this could result in Pioneer withholding your diploma. Check with Mr. Dion in the book depository to see if you have any outstanding books. This includes athletic equipment as well. Cap and gown pick-up is on May 22. All Senior All Night Party Tickets are on sale now. Buy them soon because the price increases each week. Culminating Activities are the week of May 18.

Juniors - AP tests are the first two weeks of May. Please be sure you have turned in your Student Profile and Brag Sheet to your counselor. They will not be able to write a recommendation for you without these important documents. If you are interested in dual enrolling at a local college next year please see your counselor BEFORE you leave for summer vacation.

Sophomores - Counselors will be meeting with you during the month of May to go over your test results for the ACT/PLAN. A copy of the results were mailed to your home. We will also be discussing junior year and what is in store for you next fall. Please come with questions.

Freshman - Finals are right around the corner. Start now organizing your notes and reviewing for the test. Most finals are cumulative. Everything you did from February until now is likely to be a part of the test. Clean out your lockers, back packs, and bedrooms to find old notes tests and review sheets that can help you study. If you need extra assistance come to see your counselor.

Lost & Found News

IF YOU HAVE LOST ANY ITEMS FROM THE START OF SECOND SEMESTER

PLEASE COME TO THE GENERAL OFFICE TO CHECK FOR THEM. WE HAVE JACKETS -

SWEATSHIRTS- SHOES - GLOVES - LUNCH BAGS - GLASSES - JEWELERY - AND MANY MISC. ITEMS.

ALL ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY JUNE 9TH WILL BE DONATED

Lawton Elementary Graduates News

Are you a LAWTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL graduate?

Did you have Mr. Schwartz or Mrs. Winkelman?

Both teachers are retiring this year. We need your help to make their retirements special!

Please complete a memory page for whichever teacher you had (or both). We are looking for any stories, good wishes or pictures you would like to share. We will be presenting each teacher with a keepsake book from students of all ages.

You can pick up the memory page from Mrs. Creal's counseling office. It can be returned to her office or the Lawton school office. If you prefer, you may send your memories by e-mail. Please include your name, the teacher's name and the year you were their student. Memories for Mr. Schwartz can be sent to kgwatts@sbcglobal.net. Memories for Mrs. Winkelman can be sent to terriruttenberg@yahoo.com or claudiakeen@mac.com.

Thank you for taking the time to make this a priceless gift!

Memory pages are due by May 15th!

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 last Booster Club meeting of the year is Monday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in the Athletic Classroom. A representative from each team is required to be there. We will be reviewing the activities of the current school year and conducting the lottery for the 2009-2010 school year fundraisers.

Pioneer Athletic Department will be offering physicals for all athletes on June 3, starting at 6 PM. Cost is \$25 and the start of the line is in the auxiliary gym. All paperwork will be available that night. Athletes will be able to register for all sports that night too. Call 994-2151 for any questions.

We will be electing board members for the 08-09 school year at this meeting. There is still a need for a few more interested folks. Please call Kathy Robenalt at 369-3366 if you would like to take part.

Best of luck to all spring sports teams moving on to playoffs and state tournaments! Congratulations to all Pioneer athletes for their accomplishments this school year.

Go, Pioneers!

Pioneer Ice Hockey News

During the summer the Pioneer Ice Hockey team skates on a weekly basis and plays in two tournaments. If your son is interested in joining the Pioneer Hockey program and to skate with us over the summer please contact coach Steve Armstrong (armstron@aaps.k12.mi.us or 734-395-8262) to receive more information. This opportunity is open to those who will be enrolled at Pioneer High School during the fall of 2009 and are interested in playing hockey for Pioneer. If you have any questions please contact Coach Armstrong.

News From the Pioneer Choirs

31 Members of Pioneer's select choirs will travel to China for two weeks of singing and sight seeing the end of June. The group will present a Bon Voyage Concert Sunday, June 14th at 3 PM in Pioneer's Schreiber Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. The singers in the tour group are Marissa Alaniz, Olivia Bassett-Kennedy, Anna Benson, Gabriel Casher, Evan Clark, Nishita Conjeevaram, Julia DeVarti, Stephanie Garris, Elizabeth Goldstein, April Hadwick, Jenny Herzog, Lydia Hiller, Emily Kloska, JinYoung Lee, Kiel Lerch, Elizabeth Lloyd, Rachel Mann, Alex Massingill, Emilio Mateo, Morgan Minger-Szyniszewski, Daniel Mozurkewich, Hannah Nathans, Andrew Neevel, Ashley Park, Alexander Rigney, Schuyler Robinson, Rory Scott, Mara Sevig, Olivia Songer, Cassie Stanzler, and Timothy VanRiper.

News From the Pioneer Choirs-Cont'd

171 members of the Pioneer Choirs sang at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Choir Festival at Holt High School Thursday and Friday April 23 and 24.

The A Cappella Choir received a superior rating at the advanced level for its performance of Mo Li Hua arranged by Chen Li, New York Girls by Kirke Mechem and The Eyes of All by Jean Berger.

The Bel Canto Choir received an excellent rating at the intermediate level for its performance of Let the Song Be Begun from the Piae Cantiones (1582), Ji Shi Kai Yo Wei arranged by Chen Li, and Great Gettin' Up Mornin' arranged by Mary Goetze.

The Cantare Choir received an excellent rating at the primary level for its performance of The Battle Above the Clouds by Vicki Tucker Courtney, Time by Donna Gartman Schultz and Viva Tutti circa 1750.

The Cantando Choir received an excellent rating at the primary level for its performance of The Ash Grove arranged by Earlene Rentz, Spring by Mozart and Joyfully Sing by Gluck.

An impressive aspect of their performances included improvement in performance scores over their district festival work for each choir; 26 to 20 for A Cappella, 32 to 27 for Bel Canto, 40 to 31 for Cantare and 36 to 34 for Cantando.

The members of Pioneer's A Cappella Choir are Marissa Alaniz, Michael Barbour, Olivia Bassett-Kennedy, Anna Benson, Stephanie Bielek, Mary Carolyn Buckingham, Gabriel Casher, Darren Chiang, Evan Clark, Nishita Conjeevaram, Clare Eisentrout, Robert Eisentrout, Michael Ferrara, Spencer Finegold, Rebecca Fisher, Stephanie Garris, Claire Gaynor, Elizabeth Goldstein, Nicolas Gonzalez, Charlotte Grenier, Alyson Halpert, Jenny Herzog, Lydia Hiller, Alex Kulick, Chewon Lee, Jea Hyung Lee, JinYoung Lee, Kiel Lerch, Vicki Li, Elizabeth Lloyd, Rachel Mann, Alex Massingill, Emilio Mateo, Melissa McClure, Ryan McCoy, Daniel Merritt, Stephen Merritt, Michael Metcalfe, Jessa Miller, Morgan Minger-Szyniszewski, Daniel Mozurkewich, Hannah Nathans, Andrew Neevel, Cara Pardon, Ashley Park, Lydia Pavach, Hannah Pearlman, Max Rasmussen, Paul Reece, Alexander Rigney, Schuyler Robinson, Rory Scott, Olivia Songer, Cassie Stanzler, Emily Stearns, Cristina Tamer, Timothy VanRiper, Wen-Ching Wei, Andrew White, Kyler Wilkins, Emma Zinn.

The members of Pioneer's Bel Canto Choir are Mara Abramson, Emma Bedard, Elizabeth Bush, Alina Charni-auskaya, Darcy Cook, Julia DeVarti, Libing Dong, Sarah Gallagher, Genevieve Goldberg, April Hadwick, Emma Hamstra, Chelsea Hanson, Morgan Hertz, Miriam Holzman, Katherine Keller, Allison Kennedy, Emily Kloska, Rebekah Lauer, Christine Lim, Suh Eun Lim, Haley McNabb, Iliana Mendoza-Nava, Vaishnavi Premkumar, Liane Racelis, Marielle Saunders, Stephanie See, Mara Sevig, Shira Steiner, Emily Steward, Taryn Thomas, Karen Toomasian, Sherry Wan, Sara Yi, Zijun Zhao.

The members of Pioneer's Cantare Choir are Kenneth Augustine, Nicholas Bertoia, Eric Bissett, Jedediah Davis, Langston Davis, Joseph Flanagan, Gabriel Isa, Julian Jocque, Matthew Jong, Yongmin Jung, Jai Yeong Koh, Michael Kundrat, Jong Min Lee, O'Dell Marshall, Andrew Matte, William Matte, Jackson Pilutti, Aaron Rosano, Michael Shack, John Spalding, Clark Stearns, Dylan Swanson, Joshua Weiland, Joseph Weindorf, Timothy Williams, Callaghan Wise.

The members of Pioneer's Cantando Choir are Kristy Abraham, Elena Arnett, Judith Aselmeyer, Emily Ause, Lindsey Averill, Justine Bartlett, Maya Bassett-Kennedy, Jade Bishop, Ramshah Bukhari, Laura Chodoroff, DeLayna Corley, Ramya Dronamraju, Sinclair Fonville, Emily Gach, Sophia Garris, Tian Hai, Sha'Rae Hendricks, Allison Hettmer, Katherine Hoebet, Jera Hogan, Meghan Jarrett, Elise Jayakar, Bethany Johnson, Bailey Jones, Brittany Kaplan, Kelsey King, Jordan Koenig, Maria Kromis, Clare Lauer, Yang Li, Morgan Lucot, Sonya Major, Julia Massey, Swita Metiranan, Elizabeth Morgan, Cimone Neal, Greta Niethammer, Deborah Park, Tori Parks, Abigail Paternoster, Carlina Paull-Baird, Julia Rampton, Victoria Reackhof, Katie Smith, Asia Vanhorn-Lee, Ayona Vanhorn-Lee, Elizabeth Walker, Chaeli Wantuck, Allison Wier, Amanda Wylie.

The Michigan School Vocal Music Association selected Ashley Park, a senior in Pioneer's A Cappella Choir, as one of the twelve outstanding high school vocalists in the state of Michigan. Ashley will perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Solo and Ensemble Recital at 9 AM on Friday, May 9th, in the Dalton Performance Hall at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Rec & Ed Classes

ACT 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. Scholarship recipients pay \$45.

ID# 1329.701 5/5 Tuesday
 Fee: \$89 (\$107) 5:30 PM-8:30 PM Pioneer, Room E106

SAT Test Preparation Workshop

Grades 10-12. Master the format of the SAT! Students find the SAT test less intimidating after taking this workshop! Students learn what the test is really about and what it measures, develop test-taking strategies, work on fundamental SAT skills and practice with real SAT questions. This workshop is for students taking the SAT I. Please bring a calculator to the workshop. A manual is provided for each participant. . Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group Staff. 1 class. Scholarship recipients pay \$20.

ID# 1330.701 5/23 Saturday
 Fee: \$65 (\$78) 9:00AM - NOON Tappan, Media Center

Register online at aareced.com or mail registration form (available online and in the Spring 2009 catalog) to or drop off at Rec&Ed office. For more information, call Ivy Juan at 734-994-2300, ext.53248.

News From the Theatre Guild

Pioneer Theatre Guild Presents STUDENT PRODUCTIONS 2009

STUDENT PRODUCTIONS has been a tradition at Pioneer Theatre Guild since 1968. Students have been writing short one-act plays over the course of the year, meeting with professional playwright Joe Zettelmaier ("The Stillness Between Breaths", "All Childish Things") to fine tune their work, making STUDENT PRODUCTIONS even more special. STUDENT PRODUCTIONS showcases these plays, directed by and acted in by students with help from professional director Alex Leydenfrost. Featuring both hilarious comedies and dark dramas, StudPros is known for the high quality of its writing. Don't miss this Theatre Guild gem!

All performances in The Little Theatre.

Tickets (general admission): \$6

Performance Dates:

- * Friday, May 15 - 7:30 p.m.
- * Saturday, May 16 - 7:30 p.m.
- * Sunday, May 17 - 2:00 p.m. matinee

May is CR Month!!

If you are planning to take a summer or fall CR or online class, please see Ms. Schaffer in Room S152 for applications, deadlines and more information.

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 to 12:00.

Summer Online & CR information is included in this newsletter.

News From the ASAN Grocery Program

**Please Help so the ASAN party will continue for the class of 2010!
All Senior All Night Party Fundraising!**

IMPORTANT: KROGER GROCERY PROGRAM FOR ASAN HAS CHANGED

As of **May 1st**, please do NOT reload your Kroger Gift Card for the ASAN event. Any balance on the card may still be used for purchases, but the new program requires only your **registered Kroger Plus card**. Please register soon as it may take 7-10 days before registration is activated.

(If you don't already have one, Kroger Plus cards are available at any Kroger customer service desk. If you use a phone # at the register, call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card #.)

Note there's a pop-up screen often during the following process. Click so that **all** content is shown.

TO REGISTER YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD:

Go to ***www.krogercommunityrewards.com***

Click *Michigan*.

Click *enroll* under Participant.

As a new online customer, click ***Sign up today!*** in the 'New Customer?' box on the right.

Under Preferred Store, enter zip code, click *find*.

Pick preferred store, click *select*.

Enter email address, create a password, click *confirm*.

Agree to the terms and conditions, click *confirm*.

You will get a message to check your email and click on the link within the body of the email.

Enter your email address and password, click *sign in*.

Click *Edit Kroger Community Rewards information* and enter your Kroger Plus card number

Click save changes.

Update or confirm your information, click *save changes*.

For organization, enter NPO number **82622** or ***Pioneer***, select from list and click *save changes*.

To verify correct enrollment, *Pioneer High School ASAN* should be on the right side of the page

Logout

Although it may take a few minutes to register, it will now be so easy to support ASAN using just your Kroger Plus card every time!

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Marie Jensen at 734-996-1439 or annmariejensen@msn.com

ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT JUNE 4TH 2009

Every year families and communities are devastated by tragic accidents killing seniors on graduation day. Pioneer High School has been hosting an all night party on graduation night for 15 years to prevent these tragedies. **Your donations will save lives!** Over 90% of our graduates buy tickets to come to school and are locked in for a night without access to alcohol and drugs.



With your help, we transform the building and provide a safe environment with novelty games, a casino, prizes, gifts and food. This party acknowledges the student's hard work but more importantly it gives parents and the community peace of mind.

If you have been a part of the grocery program thank you for your support! If you have not we need your support in order to keep this tradition alive for this class and future classes. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution (tax ID # 38-3342241). Thank you on behalf of Pioneer High School, the class of 2009 and future senior classes.

Make Checks Payable to ASAN and send to:

Julie Weintraub, ASAN Chair, 1832 Chicory Ridge Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103 JulesWW@aol.com

We would like to support the 2009 ASAN party with a tax-deductible contribution of:

_____ \$25 or over _____ \$50 or over _____ \$100 or over

Name or Business Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Great Way to see the Party! Thank you to the many parents who have already volunteered.

If you did not sign-up to help, we are still looking for help in the following areas:

Decorations	Time	# of people needed	
Friday, May 29th	3:30 - 6:00 pm	26	Move decorations from storage
Thursday, June 4 th	3:30 - 6:30 pm	22	Decorate
	5:00 - 8:00 pm	14	Decorate
	6:00 - 10:00 pm	38	Decorate
Closing/Clean-up			
Friday, June 5 th	3:30 - 7:30 am	40	Take down and store decorations
	3:30 - 6:00 am	3	Kitchen Clean-up
	5:00 am - 6:00 am	1	Return items to restaurants and/or transport leftover food to Food Gatherers (as needed)
Safety/Security	10:00pm - 1:00 am	3	Important job of sitting by exits, so that students are discouraged from leaving early
	1:00am - 3:00am	9	
	3:00am - 5:00 am	2	
"The Late Shift"	1:00 - 4:00 am	Food - 4 Casino - 12 Hoop Deck - 3 Bag Check - 2 Climbing Wall - 2 Big Gym - 2	Various jobs (food, casino, safety, etc.)

To sign up, contact Cathy Pardon at cpardon@comcast.net (preferred method) or call 662-1576.

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Pioneer PTSO News items are to be submitted *via email* to Laurie Adams at adamsl@aaps.k12.mi.us, via campus mail to Laurie Adams Skyline HS, or left in the *PTSO mailbox* in the main mailroom before 2:00 pm on the deadline dates indicated below. The PTSO sends the *Pioneer News* via bulk mail to all Pioneer families. The *News* usually arrives within a few days of mailing, but the US Post Office will not guarantee a timely delivery. Bulk rate mail can take as long as 3 weeks to be delivered, so please make sure your most time-sensitive announcements and events are submitted WELL IN ADVANCE of your event date!
NEXT DEADLINE
FRIDAY, September 4, 2009 2:00PM

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Look for the PTSO on the PIONEER Website:

<http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.home>

Parent Volunteer Opportunities — Contact PTSO or Grade Office to Help:

5/9 SENIOR PROM

6/4 ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY

Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

<u>May</u>		5/25	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
5/8	Fourth Interim Progress Period Ends	5/27	Student Council Elections for 2009-2010
5/9	Senior Prom, EMU Student Center, 9PM - 11:30 PM		
5/13	Early Release Day, students released at 12:35 PM	<u>June</u>	
5/14	Fourth Interim Progress Reports Mailed Home	6/4	PHS Commencement, EMU Convocation, 7PM
5/15	Theatre Guild Student Productions, Lt Th, 7:30 PM	6/4	All Senior All Night Party
5/16	Picnic Pops on the Lawn - all day	6/6	SAT Testing (With Subject Tests)
5/16	Theatre Guild Student Productions, Lt Th, 7:30 PM	6/8	7th Period Exams and Shortened Schedule
5/17	Theatre Guild Student Productions, Lt Th, 2:00 PM	6/9	1st and 2nd Period Exams
5/18	Senior Culminating Activities Through 5/22/09	6/10	3rd and 4th Period Exams
5/18	7th Period Senior Exams	6/11	5th and 6th Period Exams
5/19	1st & 2nd Period Senior Exams	6/12	Make up Exams by Appointment
5/20	3rd & 4th Period Senior Exams	6/12	Semester Two Ends
5/20	Jazz Band Summit Concert, HHS Meyer, 7:30 PM	6/13	ACT Testing - PHS & HHS, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
5/21	5th & 6th Period Senior Exams	6/14	Choir Bon Voyage Concert, Schreiber, 2:00 PM
5/22	Last Day for Seniors - Exit Survey	6/19	Second Semester Grades Mailed Home

For updates to the calendar, go to:
<http://ical.aaps.k12.mi.us:16080/pioneer>