



# 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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## From the Principal's Desk

As we proceed toward Commencement on June 5, 2008, I want to take a few minutes to remind parents and students that we are not yet finished. The 12<sup>th</sup> grade office continues to include lots of important information in the grade mailings as well as elsewhere in this PTSO Newsletter. This is a very busy time of the year, and just as we have more things to remember, we have more opportunities to forget. I hope you will forgive me for providing a list of items some 12<sup>th</sup> graders have "forgotten" in the past.

**Academics:** There is still a semester full of classes to record on the official Pioneer High School transcript. Please take a look at the grades you received for the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period and get back to work. The grades you receive for your final semester of school work count, and you will have to furnish colleges with a "final" transcript (see below).

**College Admittance:** If you do not believe it, we keep copies of "after-the-fact" rejection letters. Yes, even if you have already been accepted at a college or university, if the final semester does not look right to those institutions, they have the right to take names off of the admittance list. We cannot do much to avoid rejections letters from colleges and universities, but it is usually completely in our hands to avoid "de-admit" letters. Keep working right up to the end!

**College Acceptance and College Rejection:** The past few weeks have been very emotional for all seniors. Remember that you are not alone. Tens of thousands of rejection letters have been mailed out since the first of April, and even more letters of acceptance have been sent out. Our class office is going to post some of the decisions about next year that we learn about so that we can all know what schools our twelfth graders are choosing to attend. Of course, there will be changed minds in the next few weeks, and, of course, no one will be required to have us post their plans. We would also like to know about any other future plans that our students have. We already know about some who have decided to enlist in the military service, and we even know that at least one student has decided to take a "gap" year before embarking upon a college career.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## Class of 2008 Important Information

### **MAY 1ST DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CREDIT FROM NON-PIONEER SOURCES:**

Any credits that are coming from outside Pioneer must be submitted to the Records Office by May 1st.

**OBLIGATIONS:** All past due obligations (from previous semesters, **not** this semester) must be cleared by May 23rd -- Seniors' last day in the building. Obligations incurred this semester, media center materials, athletic materials, books, calculators, elevator keys, music money, etc. must be cleared by Tuesday, June 3rd at noon. **If all of your obligations are not cleared, you will not receive your diploma at commencement.**

**PROM:** This formal affair is Saturday, May 10, 2008, 9:00 p.m.-midnight (no admittance after 11:00pm) at the Eastern Michigan University Student Center, 900 Oakwood Street, 48197. The theme for prom is "An Evening in the Secret Garden." Senior input on music has been communicated to the DJ, so all genres will be played. In addition, a jazz quartet will entertain in the mezzanine lounge all evening. This venue is brand new, air conditioned, spacious and inviting -- so plan to spend the evening with your friends. Refreshments have been selected by your Student Council and promise to be delicious and plentiful. Convenient surface lot parking is adjacent to the Student Center.

Security will be provided by both EMU officers and Pioneer's police liaison officer, and will be highly visible both indoors and out. Officer Foster declares that there will be "zero tolerance" toward alcohol abuse -- abusers will be arrested, not sent home. *Take heed.*

**PROM TICKETS:** Tickets will be sold May 1st - 9th during lunch in A Hall. The price is \$15 per person. If you are bringing a non-Pioneer guest, you must complete a Guest Form. **Guest Forms will be available starting April 21st** at the Attendance Office and in the Senior Class Office. You must present the Guest Form when you purchase your Prom tickets.

**HERFF-JONES DELIVERING GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC:** If you ordered graduation announcements and related items (**not cap & gown**), pick them up on Tuesday, April 22nd between 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in A Hall. Orders must be paid in full at pick up; otherwise they will be shipped to you upon payment and incur additional shipping and handling fees.

**SENIOR FAILURE NOTICE DEADLINE:** Wednesday, May 28th noon due to counselors.

**ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY TICKET SALES:** Tickets will go on sale at the Flagpole entrance during lunch May 12-16 for \$15, and May 19-23 for \$20; on May 27-30 for \$25 in the Records Office; June 5th at EMU after rehearsal for \$25; and at the door for \$50. It pays to purchase early, even if you are not positive you will attend. This all night post-graduation party is always a blast -- the ultimate Ice Cream Social! It is put on completely by parents and ASAN volunteers at Pioneer. You will receive an invitation in the mail. A PHS Student ID must be presented.

### **CULMINATING ACTIVITIES WEEK MAY 19th - 23rd**

**Exams:** Monday - 7th hour; Tuesday - 1st & 2nd hour; Wednesday - 3rd & 4th hour; Thursday 5th & 6th hour; Friday, make-ups. Friday, May 23rd is the last day of high school for Seniors!

**Class Picture:** Friday, May 23rd report to the Big Gym right after lunch (11:30 am) for the Class Photo. The photographer will provide information at this photo session about ordering your copy of the class photo.

**Cap & Gown Distribution:** Friday, May 23rd right after the class photo (12:00) in the Big Gym you will receive your cap & gown & tassel.

**Senior Exit Survey:** TBD

**Obligations:** Clear all remaining obligations this week or risk not receiving your diploma on graduation day.

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## Class of 2008 Important Information (cont'd)

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**COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL:** Thursday, June 5th 10:00 am - 12 noon at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt Rd (between Washtenaw and Clark), Ypsilanti, MI 48197. You can take either Packard or Washtenaw to Hewitt. **If you plan to participate in Commencement you must participate in Rehearsal.**

**GRADUATION CEREMONY:** Thursday, June 5th 7:00 pm - 9 (ish) pm at EMU Convocation Center, 799 N Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Graduates are to arrive by 5:30 pm. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 sharp. In keeping with the formality of the commencement ceremony, please dress up -- no shorts or flip flops, please! Tickets are not necessary. **Noisemakers will not be tolerated; disruptive graduates or guests in the audience will be removed.** Contact Marcy Szabo at EMU 734-487-8198 (mszabo1@emich.edu) if you are interested in reserving a private suite (approximately \$250) for the commencement ceremony.

*Final information about graduation will be included in the May 15th mailing home.*

## From the Principal's Desk (cont'd)

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**Behavior:** There are a number of reminders that need to be presented here. We are asking parents to do whatever they can to assist us in the following items:

- **Pranks:** Destructive and disruptive pranks at school to "celebrate" the end of schooling are dangerous, expensive, and completely inappropriate. Please avoid any activity which could lead to your missing out on the final weeks of school and/or jeopardizing the safety of you or other students.
- **Senior Skip Day:** There is no such thing as a senior skip day. Parents are reminded that such activities have proven highly dangerous to students. Students need to be reminded also that pranks/skip days often lead to individual's losing out of end-of-year activities including Commencement and the All Senior All Night Party.
- **Inebriation:** Students who are found to be under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances will be arrested, and their further participation in senior activities comes to an end. Avoid these substances and remain conscious and alert.
- **Commencement Behavior:** We will not tolerate inappropriate behavior at this year's Commencement. We wish to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students, and we do not want foolishness to ruin the night for anyone. We want everyone to hear when each student's name is called.

Let's have a dignified conclusion to our important work together. **Congratulations on your many successes!**

Sincerely,

*John L. Reece*

John L. Reece  
Principal, Class of 2008

## Urgent Notice for Seniors (Corrected from the Mailed Version)

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 with you. The deadline to fill out a request form is JUNE 13, 2008.

## Community Forum on Child & Adolescent Depression and Suicide Prevention

Please join us on Wednesday, May 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the new Ann Arbor Skyline High School (2552 North Maple Rd.) to learn about the latest research on depressive illnesses, receive information about how to recognize and respond to signs of depression and suicide risk in youth, and have the opportunity to ask questions about these important issues.

This event is part of collaboration between the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the University of Michigan Depression Center, to provide depression awareness and suicide prevention education, training, and support for Ann Arbor Public Schools personnel. The forum is open to parents, students, community members, and AAPS staff, and there is no charge for attendance.

Superintendent Todd Roberts will host the event, with presentations by John F. Greden, M.D., Executive Director of the U-M Depression Center, and Cheryl King, Ph.D., Chief Psychologist, U-M Department of Psychiatry and international expert on childhood depression and suicide. In addition, a variety of educational and community resources will be available.

For more information, please contact Trish Meyer at [meyerpa@umich.edu](mailto:meyerpa@umich.edu)

## PIONEER SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The Pioneer Science Olympiad team competed in Regional Competition at Washtenaw Community College against several other area schools. The team placed second and qualified to compete at the State Competition in April! Please congratulate the following students on their hard work and success: Ignatius Chen--1st place Chemistry Lab, 2nd place Experimental Design, 3rd place Oceanography; Kathy Fang--1st place Astronomy; Prateek Garg--1st place Chemistry Lab, 2nd place Disease Detectives; Aparna Ghosh--2nd place Health Science; Mike Huang--2nd place Disease Detectives, Jin Hwang--3rd place Remote Sensing; Tanay Kulkarni, Sameera Nadimpalli, Sandra Park--1st place Five Start Science, 2nd place Health Science; Zoe Psarouthakis--2nd place Sounds of Music; Richard Shin--2nd place Circuit Lab; Alvin Siu, Shirley Xu--2nd place Experimental Design, 3rd place Remote Sensing, 2nd place Sounds of Music; Stephanie Yan--1st place Wright Stuff; and Ray Zhang--2nd place Circuit Lab, 1st place Five Star Science, 1st place Astronomy, 3rd place Oceanography. Also, special thanks to students Nima Khazaei and Chris Butler for their help with engineering events.

## PIONEER GERMAN STUDENT NEWS

Pioneer German students were very successful at the annual statewide German language competition at the University of Michigan on March 14. The following students received prizes placing first, second or third in various categories and will be featured on the University of Michigan German Department web site:

Elizabeth Qian- first place in reading, level 3; Julian Snow- first place in reading, level 4; Clare Riesterer- second place in reading, level 3; Joe Lipson- third place in reading, level 1; Noah Kaczor- first place in speaking, level 3; Noemie Heinen- second place in speaking, level 3; Jeff Johnson- honorable mention for speaking, level 4; Matt Bodner- third place in speaking, Level 1; Ryan King- first place in musical interpretation for performing the Mozart Concerto in A major for Clarinet-Allegro; Jessica Zhang- second place in musical interpretation for performing the Piano Concerto in A minor by Edvard Grieg; Vivien Reece- second place in spelling, level 4; Mira Nelle- third place in spelling, level 3; Scott Marlatt-second place in spelling, level 2; Kevin Tang- second place for a website design in German, level 2; Miriam Michaels - third place in role-play, level 3; Dana Wilson- third place in role-play, level 3; Emily Corwin- Renner- second place in poetry, level 2; Emily Topham- third place in poetry, level 3; Julia Whiting- second place in poetry, level 3; and Nora Wixom- third place in art, level 4.

## Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop Wish List

The PTO Thrift Shop is in need of a copier, preferably one that has the ability to do 2-sided copying, and bookshelves for the newly expanded area. Call the shop at 996-9155 if you have any of these desired items for donation. Remember all shop profits go towards student trips, athletic obligations, or PTO grants so shop often and donate regularly! The shop also now accepts furniture donations in it's newly expanded space and can pickup large items if necessary. 2280 S Industrial, open seven days a week.

## PTO Thrift Shop News

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY for all PHS Teams, Clubs and Organizations: Plan ahead for next year! Students and parents can earn \$14+ for each 2-hour shift worked at the Thrift Shop this spring and summer, which will be paid to your organization next September. PHS organizations just received over \$10,000 for work done since Sept 2007. Discuss with your organization's treasurer and take advantage of this opportunity. Please see [www.A2ptothriftshop.org](http://www.A2ptothriftshop.org) for details.

SUPPORT PHS teams, clubs etc. by SHOPPING for or DONATING gently used clothing and household items, including furniture. Stop by the store @ 2280 S. Industrial Hwy or visit [www.A2ptothriftshop.org](http://www.A2ptothriftshop.org) TODAY!

Martha Kershaw PHS representative  
[mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net)

## Theatre Guild News

Student Productions is a Theatre Guild classic featuring several short plays written, produced, acted in, and directed by Theatre Guild students. "Stud Pros" as we call it, is always an amazing show, and these original plays will impress you with their creativity and high quality.

This year, Student Productions is going to be bigger and better than it's ever been before! For the first time, we're going to include a second act consisting of a student-designed one-act play by Joe Zettlemaier called *A Very Star Wars Christmas*.

Performances are Friday May 16 and Saturday May 17 at 7:30 pm and Sunday May 18 at 2 pm in the Little Theater.

### Willie Wonka

A brand new musical based on a most beloved novel and film is cruising down a chocolate river towards Ann Arbor--- and Pioneer Theatre Guild is honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to premiere the pilot of this wonderful show. Willy Wonka, just adapted by Tim McDonald and Leslie Bricusse for the stage, will be performed by Pioneer High School Theater Guild at 7:30 pm on Sat. April 26 and Fri. May 2 at 7:30 PM. There will also be matinee performances on Sun. April 27, Sat. May 3, and Sun. May 4 at 2 PM. Based on the iconic novel "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," by Roald Dahl and featuring the music from the beloved 1971 movie by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, this new musical will also introduce several new songs, in addition to the memorable "Candyman," "Pure Imagination," and "Golden Ticket."

The show is directed by Etai Ben Schlomo, assistant directed by Gavi Savit, vocal directed by Clark Baxtresser, and choreographed by Sadie Yarrington, all of whom attend the University of Michigan. The musical director is David Perample.

General admission tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students/seniors/Pioneer faculty. Tickets are available at MORGAN & YORK (1928 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104) beginning April 16. Tickets also will be sold at the door starting one hour before the show.

For additional information, go to our website at [www.ptguild.org](http://www.ptguild.org) or contact the student board at [ptguild@gmail.com](mailto:ptguild@gmail.com). Madison Goforth, the Theater Guild president can be contacted at 734-846-4282 or our Producer/Co-Sponsor Susan Hurwitz at 734-395-0041.

## Athletic Booster Meetings

**7:00pm/Little Theatre**

May 19, 2008

The Annual Pioneer Athletic Booster Gala was held on Mar. 28 - many people came, had lots of fun, and supported the Boosters at the same time. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event happen. Watch for details about next year's Gala in the summer mailer athlete families receive in the mail.

The Boosters are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help out on the Board of Directors. Please contact Kathy at 734/369-3366 if you are interested in serving for the 08-09 school year. It's a great way to get to know other parents and to help out.

## Pioneer Men's Water Polo Wants Your Cans And Bottles

ATTENTION SENIORS!!!

As you plan your graduation parties this spring, please consider donating the returnables to Water Polo! Just let us know when and where, and we will pick up all of your returnable cans and bottles.

Please call Jean Reynolds 734-665-5697 or reynolds@aaps.k12.mi.us  
They will be picked up at your convenience!

Thank you for supporting PHS Men's Water Polo

## Football Booster dates

### Thursday, May 8 Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser

A Football Tradition for the whole family and community!

5:30-7:30 PM Pioneer Cafeteria

(live auction starts at 6:15)

\$10 per person/\$25 for 3 tickets

contact Rhonda Warren for more info:

rwarren@annarbornews.com

### June 23-26 Youth Football Camp

for more info please visit [www.pihifootball.com](http://www.pihifootball.com)

### Saturday June 27 Bowling with the Pros

Join coaching staff and several NFL stars for this fund raiser--All ages welcome!

\$25 per bowler/\$100 group of 5

6-10 PM at Colonial Lanes

contact Alan Matney for more info:

alan64@ameritech.net

### Saturday Aug. 9 PiHi Football Golf Outing

Reddeman Farms Golf Course

Shotgun start 8 a.m.

Contact Rhonda Warren for more info:

rwarren@annarbornews.com

## Doors and Windows Club

Back in 2005, four people started a club, called "Doors and Windows", to help the homeless in the Ann Arbor area. Our goal was simply to help in any way we were able to and to try to raise awareness of this problem throughout the Pioneer community. Over the last three years, our numbers have grown significantly, however we would like our membership to continue to grow after this year's seniors graduate. Most recently, we served dinner at the Alpha House family homeless shelter, eating with the residents and then leading the children's playtime afterwards. Everyone involved (especially our club members) have always had a good time at these events and come away with a better understanding of homelessness and its causes. Many of our club members conduct play-groups with children of homeless families several times a month and help tutor them. In addition to serving dinner at the Alpha House, "Doors and Windows" sponsors bake sales, either donating the proceeds to Alpha House, or using it to buy hats/gloves/socks for the DeLonis Center downtown. We also run a toiletry drive and a canned food drive benefiting SOS Community Services in Ypsilanti.

Please consider joining this worthy club next year.

Cara Clites -founder of the Pioneer Club "Doors and Windows"

## Workshops for High School students Spring 2008

### 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. 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.

Fee: \$65 (\$78). 1 class.

ID# 1335.301

Clague, Media Center

9:00AM – NOON

Sat, May 31, 2008

### SAT Test Preparation Workshop

**Grades 10-12.** Students find the SAT test less intimidating after taking this workshop! Students learn about what the SAT measures, develop test-taking strategies and also practice with real SAT questions.

Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. Fee \$65 (\$78). 1 class.

ID# 1330.301

Clague Media Center

9:00 AM—NOON

Sat, April 26, 2008

ID# 1330.302

Clague Media Center

9:00 AM—NOON

Sat, May 17, 2008

### ACT Test Preparation Workshop

**Grades 10-12.** Come and get more prepared for the ACT test. In this workshop, you learn specific strategies for dealing with each section of the test and this will definitely help you to successfully take the ACT test.

Instructor: Skills Development Inc. staff.  
Fee: \$85 (\$102). 1 class.

ID#1329.302

Pioneer, Room E110A

5:30PM - 8:30PM

Wed, May 21, 2008

## Counseling Corner

**Included with your student's grades will be a course verification sheet listing the classes your student selected for next year. Please go over this form with your student. If all the classes are correct you don't need to do anything. If you need to make a change please indicate that on the form and return the form to the counseling office either by mail or in person no later than May 1st, 2008.**

**Seniors –** Senioritis has set in for many students. Please remember that colleges will rescind your acceptance letter if you fail one or more classes the second semester of your senior year or if your grades significantly drop. Please be to classes on time and continue to work hard through your final exams. If you have not applied yet to college or you do not have any post high school plans see your counselor to discuss your options. If you have applied to Washtenaw Community College see your counselor about the Barker Scholarship. This is a \$2,000 dollar scholarship awarded to students who are in need.

If you need more information on financial aid or other scholarships please contact Mrs. Williams at the Career Center @994-2116 or go to the Pioneer webpage.

**Juniors –** Counselors will be meeting with juniors the end of April to continue college searches and discuss senior profiles and parent brag sheets. Parents look for a mailing in May with your student's transcript and the parent brag sheet. Review the transcript with your student and return the brag sheet to your student's counselor by June 1st. This document is very helpful when writing recommendations for your soon to be senior!.

**Sophomores –** Counselors will be going into the 10 grade English classes to work on career exploration and Educational Development Plans (EDP). These plans are a work in progress and students can access these programs online and work on them at home. Please encourage your child to revisit these websites listed below to update and add information.

**Freshmen –** Counselors just completed classroom visits for ninth graders. We worked on career exploration with Discover Software and Educational Development Plans (EDP). These plans are a work in progress and students can access these programs online and work on them at home. Please encourage your child to revisit these websites listed below to update and add information.

[www.expoed.com/student/aaps.asp](http://www.expoed.com/student/aaps.asp)

Username — Student ID

Password — Student 8 digit birthday

[www.act.org/discover/login](http://www.act.org/discover/login)

Username — Student ID

Password — Student 8 digit birthday

## News from the Pioneer Orchestras

Congratulations to all three orchestras! They earned a rating of I (excellent) during the MSBOA District Festival, held on March 8 at Pioneer High School. The orchestras were judged on their performance and sight-reading abilities.

In addition, many students earned individual top ratings at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival held on March 15.

### Earning a rating of I were:

Alex Massingill, Stephen

Merritt (duet)

Alvin Siu, Davis West (duet)

Alvin Siu, Oliver Kendall (duet)

Bryan LaPointe, Clara Giles (duet)

Elizabeth Qian, Yaoyao Liu (duet)

Noah Mosberg, Cory Roberts (duet)

Stephen Merritt, Alex

Massingill (duet)

Jessica Zhang (piano)

Maggie Zhang (piano)

Davis West, Ignatius Chen, Julia

Markey, Andres Uribe (quartet)

Jessica Zhang, Serena Zhao, Adam

Solsburg, Christopher Askew-

Merwin (quartet)

Jacob Joyce, Yishi Wang, Leah

Latterner (trio)

Jessica Zhang, John Masuga, Ken

Hsiao (trio)

Andrea Kriz

Andres Uribe

Brenda Shih

Daniel Kriz

Elizabeth Qian

Harrison Fang

Emily Corwin-Renner

Jacob Joyce

Jennifer Wei

Jenny Shen

Jessica Zhang

Lauren Pulcifer

Noah Mosberg

Yaoyao Liu

Zidi Chen

### Earning a rating of II were:

Claire Zyber, Kim Kaercher (duet)

Claire Zyber (piano)

Katherine Fang (piano)

Julia Markey, Laura Markey (piano

duet)

Christopher Askew-Merwin

Julia Markey

Nan Huang

Sam Kelly

Serena Zhao

Yuqing Lu

Finally, several students from the Pioneer Symphony Orchestra were nominated for various honors at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF), the culminating MSBOA event of the year.

These students were invited to audition to be a concerto soloist with the MYAF orchestra:

Jessica Zhang, piano

Jacob Joyce, violin

Jennifer Wei, violin

Zidi Chen, violin

These students were invited to audition to be in the chamber ensemble concert at MYAF:

Alvin Siu, Davis West, Elizabeth

Qian, Yaoyao Liu, Davis West,

Ignatius Chen, Julia Markey, Andres

Uribe, Noah Mosberg, Cory Roberts,

Jacob Joyce, Yishi Wang, Leah

Latterner

These students were invited to be a member of the MYAF Honors Orchestra:

Zidi Chen, violin

Jennifer Wei, violin

Jacob Joyce, violin

Andres Uribe, cello

## Pi Day Contest Results

The Pioneer Math department is proud to announce the winners of the annual Pi Day contest. Heewon Choi memorized 320 digits of pi and was this year's winner. Zijun Zhou came in second with 90 digits and Kathy Dong got third with 66 digits. Winners received gift certificates for pizza pies, and experienced nerd glory.

## Sears/DECA Scholarship Winner

Austin Tus, a member of the Pioneer DECA Chapter, and also employed at Sears, received a Sears DECA scholarship for 2008. Austin is presently on Pioneer's Co-op Program with Mr. John Baublitz, program administrator. Sears is a National sponsor of DECA, and as part of their sponsorship, they offer scholarships to students who work at Sears and participate in DECA. This is a very competitive scholarship that is open to all DECA members who work at Sears in the United States. There was an application process for Austin to apply for this scholarship which included submitting three letters of recommendation from his teachers, counselors, and local Briarwood Sears Management. Austin was rated at the A+ level at Sears and is also an excellent student here at Pioneer High School and will graduate in the top 10% of our class of 2008. Congratulations Austin!

## 2008 High School Online and CR Summer Program

### How to Apply for a Summer Online or CR Class

Complete an application and submit it with the tuition payment during one of the registration times below. **Do not drop off the application at the CR Office.**

Applications and more information are available at each school or online at <http://www.a2community.org>. (Click on Community Resource Department.)

### Registration Dates and Times (When and Where You Submit Your Application)

April 29: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at PHS, room S152

April 30: 11:00 am - 3 pm at CHS, room 215

May 1: 10:30 pm - 12:30 pm at HHS, room 6158

May 28: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at HHS, room 6158

May 29: 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm at CHS, room 215

June 16: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm at PHS, library entrance off 7th St.

June 17: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm at PHS, library entrance off 7th St.

### **CR Summer Session**

All CR classes will start on the day they are approved and end by 8/8.

### **Online Summer Sessions**

<u>Session Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Classes Offered</u>	<u>Orientation</u>	
1	5/5	8/8	Flex Math	5/5 at HHS 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
2	6/2	8/8	Flex Math / Z Rec	6/2 at CHS 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
3	6/9	8/1	MVHS classes	6/9 at HHS 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
4	6/18	8/1	MVHS classes	6/18 at CHS 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
5	6/18	8/8	Adv Math / Z Rec	6/18 at CHS 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Flexible Advancement Math Classes: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, PreCalculus

Z Recovery Classes: Algebra I (This is a hybrid class with some online and some face-to-face)

MVHS Classes: Michigan Virtual High School classes (<http://www.mivhs.org>)

### **Tuition and Fees for each class**

Online Class - \$250 per class plus books and materials, if needed.

(Out-of-district students pay \$275)

Online AP classes are not offered in the summer.

CR class - \$190 per class

Please note: Tuition is due at the time of registration. Make checks payable to AAPS.

AAPS students may qualify for a partial-tuition waiver. Parents must submit a copy of their 2007 federal tax form showing dependents and income.

Susette Jaquette, Summer CR and Online Coordinator

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PHS: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-12pm, Room S152, 994-2154

HHS: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm, Room 6158, 994-2291

CHS CR Office: 994-2026

## AFS Program



**AFS Intercultural Programs** is the original high school exchange program. AFS was founded 60 years ago by the American Field Service volunteer ambulance drivers from World War II who wanted to make a lasting

contribution to peace. Today AFS is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world, and sets the standard in international high school exchange.

### Apply now to host an AFSeer

Enrich your family's daily life simply by sharing it with a young person from another culture. Hosting is a fun and exciting way to learn about the world. Including an AFS exchange student in your family for just one school year is a lifelong gift to your family. The relationship you build with your new son/daughter/brother/sister lasts forever. And, supporting people-to-people diplomacy is something *you* can do for world peace!

Our extensive, local AFS volunteer network provides orientations, support, and fun activities throughout the experience. Hosting is so much fun that many AFS families host again and again.

**Student applications from over 50 countries are now available for the 2008-09 school year.**

Placements are already taking place. Start now to allow good selection, and time to correspond before arrival in August.

*For more info: [www.afswashtenaw@sbcglobal.net](http://www.afswashtenaw@sbcglobal.net)*

*Sharon Held at 995-1605*

*[www.afs.org/usa](http://www.afs.org/usa)*

*1-800-AFS-INFO*



### Go Abroad with AFS

Check out the exotic **AFS Community Service, Language, and Cultural summer programs**. AFS offers 170 **year, semester** and **summer** programs in over 50 countries all around the world for students ages 15-24 and teachers. Financial aid and scholarships are available. **Apply now!** Programs are filling fast.

### Congratulations!

**Michaela Carmein, Sarah Holmes, and David Torres**, have been accepted to participate in the AFS School Year program during the 2008-09 school year. **Michaela** will depart for **Argentina** in early August for a year to live with a host family and attend high school. **Sarah** will spend next year in **Ecuador**, and **David** will live in **Spain** for the 2008-09 school year. **Joyce Yoo** will spend Fall Semester in **Austria**. They will all live with an AFS host family and attend high school.

**Elaine Ezekiel** will head to **Costa Rica** in August, following her graduation from PHS. Elaine was accepted to the 18+ Community Service Semester Program.

### Be a Citizen Diplomat

Local AFS volunteers **Melinda Colquitt** and **Sharon Held** just returned from a conference in Washington, D.C. sponsored by AFS Intercultural Programs and the **U.S. Dept. of State** where they heard from the **Deputy Assistant Secretary of State** for the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, and met with representatives from **U.S. Senator Carl Levin** and **U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's** offices. The Assistant Secretary and the Senators' offices confirmed that there is strong bi-partisan support for AFS exchange programs and they make an important contribution to our foreign policy. The government would like to increase the number of exchange students coming to the U.S. We need more host families to make this a reality.

## Pioneer Greenhouse Reopens

The greenhouse at Pioneer reopens during Earth Week April 21-25.

Thanks to the efforts of John Russell, retired Pioneer science teacher and environmental educator and enthusiast, science teacher Amy Deller, and Pioneer students Bryana Boos, Henry Im, Sam Huang, Bennett Stein and Stephie Yan the greenhouse is coming back to life.

Plants are still needed -- contact John Russell@aaps.k12.mi.us, or call him at 429-3485 to make arrangements.

## Art Department News

Pioneer art students will be having an Art show at Frames Unlimited in Maple Village Mall.

The show will be running from April 20<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come and show your support for Pioneer art students.

The address for Frames Unlimited is:

Maple Village Mall  
251 N. Maple Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
(734) 994-9150



## Where Are You???

Dear Pioneer Parents:

We need your help to make the Pioneer All Senior All Night Party happen for 2008 and beyond. Parents from all grade levels participate as a way of saying congratulations to our Seniors. It is something the entire Pioneer community embraces so that our students can have a safe and fun celebration with their friends the night of graduation. Plus, when your student is a Senior, you'll be very appreciative of all the help extended by the freshman, sophomore and junior parents.

With almost 3000 students at Pioneer it is hard to believe that currently 10 parents (of 27) in leadership positions DO NOT have a student at Pioneer! We have an immediate need to fill over 270 time slots the couple days preceding and the day/night of the party. These volunteer shifts are 3-4 hours long and help in all areas of the celebration (decorating, moving decorations, supervising the night of the party, casino workers, etc.). We are especially in need of parents to fill the 1am-4am time slots. Only half of the required volunteers have been recruited as of today. This means we are in jeopardy of having to cancel this amazing event!

Looking ahead...5 of the 8 Coordinating Co-Chairs are stepping down/retiring. We also need to fill the following Committee Chairpersons roles if the party is to happen for the 2009 and beyond graduates:

Check-in

Closing

Safety

Tropical Treasures

Corporate and Parent Solicitation

Pool (we had to cancel the pool this year for lack of leadership)

Treasurer

If you are interested in stepping into a leadership role please call me or email. We look forward to hearing from you!!

Sincerely,

Susan Pearlman, Coordinating Co-Chair

734-662-6779 or email [suzpman@aol.com](mailto:suzpman@aol.com)

## VOLUNTEER JOBS FOR ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY 2008

Contact **Cathy Pardon** ([cpardon@comcast.net](mailto:cpardon@comcast.net)) to sign-up for any of the jobs that still have numbers by them.  
**WE NEED CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! PLEASE HELP!!!**

### FRIDAY BEFORE PARTY (May 30<sup>th</sup>)

#### Move Decorations to Pioneer

3:30-6:00pm – meet at the clock tower entrance.

Helpful to have vans or large cars (Need ~~50~~) (45)

### MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY PRIOR (June 2,3,4)

#### Organize Decorations

7:00-9:00pm – At Pioneer

Monday (~~20~~) (12)

Tuesday (~~20~~) (12)

Wednesday (~~20~~) (16)

### DAY OF THE PARTY (June 5, 2008)

#### Decorate/Set-up

9am-12 noon – decoration prep (~~40~~) (7)

12:00 noon – hanging tarps – a good job for men

3:00 – 7:00 pm (~~75~~) (54)

6:00 – 10:30 pm (10)

Usually staffed by freshman, sophomore and junior parents, because senior parents can be busy with graduation

#### Food Prep/Food Booths

10:30am – 1:30 pm(~~8~~) **FULL**

9:00am – 1:00pm - Pick up donated food (~~6~~) (3)

6:00 – 10:00 pm – Pick up donated food (~~6~~) (3)

8:00 – 10:30 pm – Food set-up (~~5~~) **FULL**

10:00pm-1:00am – Food Booths (buffet, beverages, smoothies, coffee bar, ice cream) (~~15~~) **FULL**

1:00-4:00 am (~~14~~) (10)

Workers at these two shifts are asked to wear black slacks and a Hawaiian shirt or white shirt

3:30-6:00am – Food clean-up (3)

#### Safety

2:15-7:00 pm (6)

7:00-10:00 pm (~~5~~) (3)

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~20~~) (11)

1:00-4:00am (~~20~~) (17)

4:00-6:00am (13)

Safety involves sitting by a door or hallway so no one goes in and out. Unusually, the presence of an adult is enough to discourage any student, however this is a VERY IMPORTANT part of making the party safe. Bring a book, since this can be a quiet job.

#### Big Gym (running various games)

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~4~~) (1)

1:00 – 4:00am (~~4~~) (3)

#### Hoop Deck (small gym)

Help with 3v3 basketball, shootout games, etc.

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~4~~) (3)

1:00-4:00am (4)

#### Temporary Tatoos

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~6~~) (3)

1:00-4:00am (6)

#### Climbing Wall

10:00pm – 1:00 am (~~2~~) (1)

1:00-4:00am (2)

#### Planetarium

11:00pm – 1:00am (1)

1:00am – 3:00 (1)

#### Make a DVD game

10:00pm – 1:00 am (~~2~~) (1)

1:00-4:00am (2)

#### Tropical Treasures (Prizes)

10:00pm – 1:00am (2)

#### Casino

8:00 – 10:30pm – Casino Prep **FULL**

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~26~~) – **FULL**

1:00-4:00am (~~26~~) (21) – Senior Parents only

#### Check-in/Bag Check/Check-out

9:00-11:00pm to help set-up (~~4~~) **FULL**

10:00pm – 1:00 am (~~25~~) (1)

1:00-4:00am (~~8~~) (7)

4:00-6:00am (20)

This is not a sit-down job. Can involve running around – moving students' possessions in and out of the Little Theater where they are checked.

#### Bingo

3:45-4:45am (~~6~~) (4)

#### Clean-up/Closing

3:30-7:30am (~~50~~) (47) or more!

7:30 – 10:30am – deflate balloons (12)

# The Pioneer News

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Pioneer PTSO News items are to be submitted *via email* to Laurie Adams at [adamsl@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:adamsl@aaps.k12.mi.us), via campus mail to Laurie Adams LOGAN Elementary, or left in the *PTSO mailbox* in the main mailroom before 2:30 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, MAY 16, 2008 3:00PM

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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:

5/15 FOURTH QUARTER INTERIM GRADES MAILED HOME  
6/5 ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY-ALL GRADES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

#### April

4/26 Th Gld Production of *Willie Wonka*,  
Schreiber 7:30PM  
4/27 Th Gld Production of *Willie Wonka*,  
Schreiber 2:00 PM  
4/29 State Choir Festival  
4/30 State Choir Festival  
4/30 Early dismissal for students, 12:35

#### May

5/1 Spring Sing Concert, Schreiber, 7:30PM  
5/2 Th Gld Production of *Willie Wonka*, 7:30PM  
5/3 SAT Testing-PHS, 7:45AM-1PM  
5/3 Th Gld Production of *Willie Wonka*,  
Schreiber, 2:00PM  
5/6 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents, B116 7:00PM  
5/6 Friends of PHS Choirs-B108, 7:30PM  
5/10 Senior Prom, EMU Student Center  
5/14 Good News Assembly- Schreiber, 2nd Period  
5/15 Fourth Interim Grades Mailed  
5/16 Incoming Freshman Dance, 7:30-9PM  
5/16 Th Gld Student Productions, Little TH, 7:30PM  
5/17 Picnic Pops on the Lawn  
5/17 Th Gld Student Productions, Little TH, 7:30PM  
5/18 Th Gld Student Productions, Little TH, 2:00PM

5/22 Academic Awards Night-Schreiber, Tentative  
5/26 Memorial Day— No School  
5/28 Student Council Elections

#### June

6/3 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents, B116, 7:00PM  
6/5 PHS Commencement-EMU  
Conv Center, 7:00 PM  
6/5 All Senior, All Night Party, Post Commencement  
6/7 SAT Testing-PHS, 7:45AM-1PM  
6/9 7th Period Exams, Shortened Sched.  
6/10 1st & 2nd Period Exams  
6/11 3rd & 4th Period Exams  
6/12 5th & 6th Period Exams  
6/13 Make-up Exams/End of 2nd Sem.  
6/14 ACT Testing-PHS & HHS, 7:45AM-1PM  
6/19 2nd Semester Grades Mailed Home