



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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Teens and Depression: Important Information for our Parents

Please plan to attend a special presentation on Wed. Mar. 26 at 7:30 pm. Experts from the University of Michigan Depression Center will be speaking and answering questions about teens and depression and related issues ... sponsored by Pioneer's PTSO, Theatre Guild Booster Club, Friends of Choir, and Athletic Boosters.

Presenters will be:

Anne Kramer, LMSW,

U of M Department of Psychiatry

Barb Blue, MSN, RN, CPNP,

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner,

U of M Department of Psychiatry

Pioneer School Psychologists

Jonathan Stern and **Kristine Wisner**

will also be in attendance to share information about services available at school.

This is information that we can all use to help us understand our children better.

Please plan to attend.

Wed. Mar. 26 at 7:30 pm in the Little Theater.

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 Parents from the PTSO

- **March 18, 19 - Parent Teacher Conference sign-ups:** Sign up for conferences with your students teachers.
- **March 20 - 4-7pm Parent Teacher Conferences** By appointment only.
- **April 22 - PTSO Meeting 7:30pm:** This meeting is to elect officers for the 2008-2009 school year. We are looking for energetic and enthusiastic folks to serve on the board. Please consider volunteering.
- **Pioneer High's New Webmasters:** Sohail Sadiq is the Dad of a current Pioneer sophomore, and a soon-to-be freshman. Hunter Harwood will serve as Sohail's back-up if needed. Hunter is also the Dad of a Pioneer sophomore. Please contact Sohail if you need to post something on our website. Sohail Sadiq: ssadiq@comcast.net or pioneer@aaps.k12.mi.us
Hunter Harwood: hharwood@usa.net

From the Principal's Desk

Great strides have been made throughout the year to improve our school culture in a variety of areas and the staff at Pioneer is justifiably proud of the role that students play in improving our environment. Even so, there is still much work to be done to make this year at Pioneer High School one in which we all can take pride.

Our 40th Commencement Ceremony is slated for June 5, at 7:00 p.m. and we want it to be dignified and respectful. It's an event that highlights in a special way, students completion of their K-12 education career. It is a time for local and out-of-town family members to reflect on the student's educational honors. When the conduct of our students and family member take away from that special moment, it is unacceptable and there are particular areas of concern that I'd like to address.

Graduating students should know we want to reduce the number of beach balls to zero. If you bring, inflate, or strike a beach ball, you are requesting that your own personal participation in the ceremony be concluded. Beach balls will not be permitted to disrupt and/or demean our commencement.

In the past, members of the audience have brought air horns and other noisemakers into the facility. We are asking our school security personnel and the security personnel at Eastern Michigan University to remove any persons using or in possession of disruptive noisemaking instruments such as air horns. These devices will not be tolerated.

Prolonged demonstrations during the calling of the graduates' names will be discouraged. In the past, there have been students whose names could not be heard during the roll call because of noisy, over exuberant, and prolonged cheering for a previous graduate. No student should have to work hard for thirteen years and then not have his or her name be heard above the roar of the crowd. All we ask is that responsible judgment is used and an atmosphere of dignity be maintained so that all of our graduates can receive their due.

We look forward to your cooperation and acceptance of these restrictions in the interest of a commemorative and joyful occasion for all graduates and their families.



Michael D. White
Principal

Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam

2008 represents the 10th anniversary of the Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam, one of the foremost youth poetry slams in the country. This year the slams will be Thursday 3/13 in the media center @ Huron, Friday, 3/14 in the Craft Theater at Community, Wednesday, 3/19 in the Little Theater at Pioneer and the 2008 Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam Finals will be Thursday, 3/27 @ The Neutral Zone. Come see our fabulous young writers blaze the microphones with their passion, creativity and insights. All Slams start @ 7pm. For more information contact Jeff Kass @ 223-7443 or kass@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Attendance Information—Please Read

ABSENCES: Call the ATTENDANCE OFFICE within 48 hours of the absence (the end of the next day after the absence). Phone: 994-2135. If you leave a message on the voice mail, make sure you leave all the requested information (student name, student number, date/hours of absence, reason for absence, etc.). We suggest that you please read the Pioneer Attendance Policy which you received in your registration packet in August. It provides you with a lot of information. Any student leaving the building during the school day must check out at the clinic or attendance office. A parent must still call to excuse the absence, but the student must check out first. If you take your student for a medical or other appt. during the day, you **MUST** bring a note to the attendance office when the student returns to school.

“EXTENDED” ABSENCES: If you will be taking your student out of school for 3 or more days, OR 1 OR 2 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER A SCHOOL BREAK, YOU MUST GET APPROVAL FROM YOUR GRADE OFFICE at least 5 days in advance. Please send your student to the office to ask for an “extended absence” form. They will bring it home for you to fill out. The student will then take it around to their teachers to sign. Once it’s completed, the form gets returned to the grade office, and the absence will be excused.

Theatre Guild News

INTERESTED IN JOINING THEATRE GUILD?!

We are always looking for more eager and interested students to join Theater Guild, especially for our upcoming Spring Musical. There are seven crews that can be joined: sets, paint, props, lights, sound, make-up, and costumes! The show is Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, so it will be technically very interesting. We love seeing new faces. For more information please attend one of our Monday Meetings, in the Little Theater at 3:45. Please visit our website (www.ptguild.org) or contact the Student Executive Board at ptguild@gmail.com.

Michigan Pops Orchestra

THE MICHIGAN POPS ORCHESTRA INVITES YOU TO: VICTORS & VILLAINS!

Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Michigan Theater (603 E. Liberty)

Ann Arbor Students: FREE AT THE DOOR!!

Advance Tickets Available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office or 763-TKTS

Adults: \$8, UM Students: \$5

Pops is a student-run, student-conducted orchestra at the University of Michigan. Our concerts are always full of great music, funny antics, and an a-maize-ing audience that it's time for you to be a part of!

Come join us as we play:

Theme from “Superman” and “Spiderman”

“Defying Gravity” from *Wicked*

Music from “Hercules”

Theme from “007”

“Night on Bald Mountain” by Mussorgsky

Theme from “Spiderman”

“Voodoo Violin Concerto” featuring composer and Michigan Alum Daniel Bernard Roumain

....And more great music that will take you on an adventure between the forces of good and evil!

Need more info? E-mail michiganpops@umich.edu

Athletic Booster Meetings

All Meetings 7:00pm/

Little Theatre except as noted

March 17, 2008 April 21, 2008 (Athletic Classroom)

May 19, 2008

Don't forget to order your tickets for the upcoming annual Booster Club Gala on Friday, Mar. 28. It will take place at Weber's Inn and promises to be a great evening of fun, food, and festivity. Prices are \$40 for Gala, and 2 for \$75. Call Joan at 417-4175 for details.

Pancake Supper

Play Ball!

Support Pioneer
Baseball



The annual Pancake Supper to support the Pioneer Baseball program will be on Wednesday March 26 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Come have some delicious pancakes and sausage, win great door prizes, and stay for the Live Auction, which starts at 6:15. There will be several great auction items, including ***lunch with baseball announcing legend, Ernie Harwell!***

Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or 3 for \$12.00. Buy them at the door or buy them from one of the Pioneer Baseball players. See details at: <http://pioneer.aaps.k12.mi.us/Ath/baseball/>

PHS Media Center Website

Questions? Need Answers? Trying to complete your homework?

The PHS Media Center website is designed to support your teenagers needs to meet their academic requirements.

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

The website allows access to the PHS card catalog [in school use only]; a selection of databases; recommended web sites; and links to mega search engines.

To assist students in producing a bibliography we highly recommend the Landmarks-Son of Citation Machine. Clicking on the 'Slate Citation' link opens this website with its interactive web tool designed to help students build bibliographies to give proper credit of resources used when writing or producing their own works. This site supports both the APA and MLA bibliography format used at Pioneer H. S.

New students arriving may review our circulation policies and learn about our mission statement, philosophy, and student instructional outcomes from our home page by clicking on the appropriate category. Contact information is located at the bottom of our home page for our Department Chair, Susan McKee.

Career Center Communications

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMINATIONS- Joyce Williams, AP Coordinator, 994-2116

AP exams will be administered this spring from May 5 through May 16 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 \$ 90.00. 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 began **MONDAY FEBRUARY 4** and ended **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**. Any latecomer may put their name on a waiting list if spots open up.

AP BALANCE PAYMENT began **MONDAY, MARCH 3** and ends **FRIDAY, MARCH 28**. The remaining \$70.00 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.

2008 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1		Week 2	
<u>Morning Session</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u>	<u>Morning Session</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u>
8 a.m.	12 p.m.	8 a.m.	12 p.m. 2 p.m.
Mon. 5/5 Government and Politics: United States	Government and Politics: Comparative French Language	Mon. 5/12 Biology	Physics C: Mechanics Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Tues. 5/6 Computer Science A Computer Science AB Spanish Language	Statistics	Tues. 5/13 Chemistry	Psychology
Wed. 5/7 Calculus AB Calculus BC		Wed. 5/14 English Language	Art History
Thurs.5/8 English Literature German Language		Thurs.5/15 Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics
Fri. 5/9 United States History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due)	Fri. 5/16	Latin Literature Latin: Vergil

News from the Pioneer Orchestras

Concerto Concert: This annual event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 3 in Schreiber Auditorium. The concert will feature the Pioneer Symphony and the seven winners of the annual Concerto Competition, held earlier in the school year. About 20 seniors auditioned for this event and these students were selected to perform concerto solos: Amanda Burnside, Kathryn Graham, Emily Hanna, Noah Mosberg, Samu Rast, Leigh Sugar, and Serena Zhao.

Solo & Ensemble Results: The Orchestra program is proud to announce the results of the District Solo & Ensemble Festival, which was held on February 9 in Livonia.

The following students earned a Rating I for a solo performance:

Noah Mosberg
Olivia Klein
Kim Kaercher
Mari Isa
Harrison Fang
Yuqing Lu
Emily Corwin-Renner
Caley McMillan
Lauren Pulcifer
Maxime Goovaerts
Alex Massingill
Shelley Zhang
Maya Ragsdale
Jacob Joyce
Daniel Kriz
Heekyoung Lee
Emily Hanna
Andrea Kriz
Mark Pickel
Serena Zhao
Aurora Hennigar
Judith Rontal
Jenny Shen
Sera Bird
Elizabeth Qian
Rachel Mangold
Chris Askew-Merwin
Julia Markey

Brenda Shih
Andres Uribe
Taylor Eagle
Sameera Nadimpalli
Serena Zhao
Bryan LaPointe
Alison Campbell
Greg Fuller
Yaoyao Liu
Andrew Mackie-Mason
Sam Kelly
Jennifer Wei
Elaine Goetz
Jessica Zhang
Zidi Chen
Nan Huang
Katherine Conen

The following students earned a Rating I for an ensemble performance:

Angela Yang, Jenny Shen, Lucy Yao
Noah Mosberg, Cory Roberts
Julia Lovejoy, Jane McDonnell
Jessica Zhang, Kevin Hsiao, John Masuga
Claire Zyber, Kim Kaercher
Stephen Merritt, Alex Massingill (2 duets)
Alvin Siu, Oliver Kendall
Alvin Siu, Davis West
Dom Kenny, Mark Pickel, Rachel Mangold,
Catrin Dowd

Serena Zhao, Jessica Zhang, Chris Askew-Merwin, Adam Solsburg
Andres Uribe, Ignatius Chen, David West, Julia Markey
Jacob Joyce, Yishi Wang, Leah Latterner
Elizabeth Qian, Yaoyao Liu
Julia Markey, Laura Markey
Nan Huang (piano)
Maggie Zhang (piano)
Katherine Fang (piano)
Claire Zyber (piano)
Alvin Siu (piano)
Jessica Zhang (piano)
Brenda Shih (piano)
Daniel Kriz (piano)

These students earned a Rating II for a solo performance:

Johana Godfrey
Steve Merritt
Aaron Trierweiler
Paige Crosset
Eli Schultz
Alice Murphy
Julia Feldman

These students earned a Rating II for an ensemble performance:

Amy Liu, Alicia Herrera
David Kim, Steven Lee
Stephanie Schaeberle, Connie Shammass
Chris Graves, Frank Diaz

News from the Pioneer Choirs

A Cappella, Singers, Bel Canto & Cantando each qualify for State Festival! 190 members of the Pioneer Choirs received excellent ratings in two days of singing at the Ford Fine Arts Facility in Dearborn, Michigan. This is the second time since 1972 that all of the Pioneer Choirs received excellent ratings at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 12 Choir Festival. Prior to that time all of the Pioneer Choirs did not attend District Choir Festival.

Choir, three performance ratings, one sight singing rating, = overall rating, and level.

Three performance scores, sight singing score, 5 to 20, with 5 best possible, total 20-100 with 20 best possible.

A Cappella	1,1,1,1 = 1	advanced	5,6,7,5 = 23
Bel Canto	1,1,2,1 = 1	intermediate	7,7,8,5 = 27
Cantando	1,1,1,1 = 1	primary	6,6,6,6 = 24
Singers	1,1,2,1 = 1	primary	5,7,8,7 = 27

A Cappella members include:

Spencer Baily, Zhe Bao, Olivia Bassett-Kennedy, Morgan Bell, Anna Benson, Zoe Berman, Stephanie Bielek, Sophia Blumenthal, Bryana Boos, Katrina Braun, Gabriel Casher, Darren Chiang, Evan Clark, Joseph Deliso, Jennifer Diep, Kelsey Duerksen, Lia Dykstra, Clare Eisentrout, Robert Eisentrout, Michael Ferrara, Spencer Finegold, Annemarie Friedo, Claire Gaynor, Elizabeth Goldstein, Kathryn Graham, Kelly Grahl, Charlotte Grenier, Lee Gunderson, Elizabeth Haller, Alyson Halpert, Jenny Herzog, Lydia Hiller, Samuel Hubbard, Alex Kulick, Hyung Lee, Jin Woo Lee, Jin Young Lee, Kiel Lerch, Vicki Li, Emilio Mateo, Melissa McClure, Ryan McCoy, Daniel Merritt,

Michael Metcalfe, Ashley Park, Hannah Pearlman, Max Rasmussen, Alexander Rigney, Rory Scott, Sarah Shubin, Matthew Smith, Olivia Songer, Cassie Stanzler, Clara Teall, Cory Toomasian, Timothy VanRiper, Erin Walker, Andrew White, Dorothy Yarrington, Eric Zinn

Bel Canto members include:

Marissa Alaniz, Emma Bedard, Jenna Brooks, Mary Carolyn Buckingham, Elizabeth Bush, Megan Chaperon, Alina Charniauskaya, Nishita Conjeevaram, Catrin Dowd, Rebecca Fisher, Stephanie Garris, Chelsea Hanson, Morgan Hertz, Miriam Holzman, Katherine Keller,

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News from the Pioneer Choirs—cont'd

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Emily Kloska, Elizabeth Lloyd, Rachel Mann, Haley McNabb, Iliana Mendoza-Nava, Dylan Mierzwinski, Jessa Miller, Morgan Minger-Szyniszewski, Sarah Monosso, Hannah Nathans, Cara Pardon, Hope Parow, Lydia Pavach, Vaishnavi Premkumar, Liane Racelis, Stephanie See, Mara Sevig, Samantha Slottow, Emily Stearns, Shira Steiner, Erin Strader, Cristina Tamer, Sasha Tarasev, Ruth Wei, Katherine Wright, Emma Zinn

Cantando members include:

Mara Abramson, Dana Anderson, Elena Arnett, Justine Bartlett, Kaitlyn Beaugrand, Ashley Belen, Jade Bishop, YooJin Chang, Libing Dong, Shira Elyakin, Sara Flannery, Sarah Gallagher, Sophia Garris, Genevieve Goldberg, April Hadwick, Emma Hamstra, Yazmin Ibrahim, Ravine Isa, Meghan Jarrett, Alyssa Jeffries, Allison Kennedy, Rebekah Lauer, Julie Lawrence, Christine Lim, Suh Eun Lim, Morgan Lucot, Michaela Martin, Julia Massey, Amber Miller, Kaitlyn Mills,

Isobel Mouat, Te'Love Page, Keanna Parks, Tori Parks, Victoria Pearson, Nora Pierson, Christa Pok, Savannah Sargent, Audrey Slizewski, Katie Smith, Emily Steward, Taryn Thomas, Karen Toomasian, Elizabeth Uribe, Asia Vanhorn-Lee, Ayona Vanhorn-Lee, Elisabeth Walker, Wilniqua White, Shavon Willis, Sara Yi, Zijun Zhao

Singer members include:

Michael Barbour, Kearney Betts, Eric Bissett, Charles Brewer, Scott Burdick, Roderick Casey, Jedediah Davis, Jonathan Evans, Anthony Garcia, Taylor Gest, Nicolas Gonzalez, Julian Jocque, Matthew Jong, Yongmin Jung, Michael Kundrat, Seth Lacombe, Chewon Lee, Benjamin Lehman, Keith Leonard, O'Dell Marshall, Alex Massingill, William Matteson, Jacob Merrell, Stephen Merritt, Eric Miller, Daniel Mozurkewich, Reilly Quigley, Paul Reece, Aaron Rosano, David Rose, Jeffrey Rousseau, William Russell, Jonas Schmid, Michael Shack, John Spalding, Robert Vanderpluijm, Joshua Weiland, Callaghan Wise

News from the Pioneer Band

Pioneer Band students received 116 first division and 40 second division ratings in SOLO competition, as well as 135 first division and 16 second division ratings in ENSEMBLE competition on January 9th at Livonia Franklin High School. Students throughout the state performed in this state qualifying event.

The following Pioneer High School Band students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 9. Students prepared a solo and/or an ensemble and performed for an MSBOA Certified Adjudicator. Their performance was evaluated and a rating between "I" (Excellent) and "V" was assigned.

Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of a SOLO were:

Arsen, Anand Bahl, Sean Beck, Rachel Bielajew, Jonathan Bower, Stephen Brielloff, Amanda Burnside, Ben Campbell, Ella Campbell, James Campbell, Chris Culbertson, Sam Deschamps, Ilana Diamond, Martin Elliott, Elizabeth Etter, Jessica Field, Patrick Fleming, Corey Garff, Eleanor Giles, Alec Glanville, Adam Graves, Chris Haddlesey, Lindsay Hall, Saunders Hayes, Rebecca Holmes, Skye Hookham, Lauren Houser, Scott Hulbert, Max Hully, Lianna Iacob, Alex Jaeckel, Andy Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Hyungjae Jung, Nathan Karr, Chad Kelsey, Ryan King, Joe Klaver, Ian Krass, Gaurav Kulkarni, Tanay Kulkarni, Julien Lafortune, Amin Lansieur, Dylan Larkins, Leah Latterner, Tasha Le, Meekyoung Lee, Yun Jae Lee, Sam Lichtman-Mikol, Julia Markey, Haley Marlette, Lucy Martin, Aidan Mase-Kemnitz, Karen Matsuo, Megumi Matsushita, Hannah Maxbauer, Isabel McKay, Miriam Michaels, Cailey Miller,

Mackenzie Miller, Zachary Miller, Alex Mitropoulos-Rundus, Susan Murphy, Kayla Oh, Neil Parikh, Will Penner-Hahn, Shelby Peterson, Samuel Rast, Linda Relson, Natalie Roll, Niko Rombes, Sarah Rontal, Daniel Saulles, Matt Schaeberle, David Shao, David Shapiro, Arthur Shih, Jeff Shipan, Scott Siler, Nate Slottow, Andrew Smith, Josh Stein, Leigh Sugar, Michael Sullivant, Jacob Swanson, Ed Szczygiel, Rachel Teeter, Natalie Ten Brink, Marshall Thomas, Victoria Tillman, Thea Torek, Tim VanRiper, Noah Wagner, Gretchen Wallner, Rachel Walsh, Alan Wang, Cindy Wang, Xiao Wang, Yishi Wang, Devin Webster, James White, Danica Whitfield, Jeremy Whiting, Dana Wilson, Hope Wilson, Matt Winick, Eric Yamakado, Jay Yamakado, Ryan Yunck, Anthony Zick, Eric Zimmer

Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of a SOLO were:

Leo Bayless-Hall, Caitlin Berrigan, Jeff Bertram, Joel Burgener, Margaret Burns, Katie Centurione, Andrew Copp, Katie Copp, Elizabeth Cvercko, Jesse Fernandez, Adam Fink, Charles Hatch, Leila Hofer, Hyungjae Jung, Caroline Laman, Seung Wun Lee, Rebecca Lemke, Matt Lerner, Veronica Long, David Michaels, Daniel Myers, Alyssa Novak, Veronika Olszewski, Julia Pakela, Stefan Petrmichl, Duncan Polot, Rahul Puttagunta, Zach Renner, Evan Reynolds, Vijay Sachdev, Dan Siler, Rachel Simon, Josh Stein, Kathryn Szczygiel, Emily Topham, Manisha Verma, Malaika Whitney, Jennifer Woolley

Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE

were: Casey Ahlbrandt-Rains, Anand Bahl, Emily Barnes, Alex Baum, Jonathan Bower, Tony Bryk, Amanda Burnside, Elizabeth Bush, Ben Campbell, Ella Campbell, James Campbell, Caroline Chen, Chris Culbertson, Elizabeth Cvercko, Werner Dahm,

Helen DeMarsh, Sam Deschamps, Meera Desai, Patton Doyle, Martin Elliott, Elaine Ezekiel, Jessica Field, Tory Fingerle, Adam Fink, Jim Fitzpatrick, Erin Fitzsimmons, Christopher Fleming, Ella Giles, Josh Goldman, Adam Graves, Christopher Haddlesey, Lindsay Hall, Andrew Hess, Nicholas Hilliard, Michael Ho, Leila Hofer, Rebecca Holmes, Skye Hookham, Andy Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Spencer Johnson, Nathan Karr, Chad Kelsey, Joe Klaver, Amin Lansieur, Dylan Larkins, Emily Larson, Leah Latterner, Anna Leavitt, Meekyoung Lee, David Liu, Emily Maier, Aidan Mase-Kemnitz, Karen Matsuo, Megumi Matsushita, Kyle Mattimore, Anna Mayne, Marina Mayne, Kate McKarns, David Michaels, Miriam Michaels, Mackenzie Miller, Sang Moon, Margaret Morgan, Jordan Morningstar, Warren Morningstar, Mackenzie Miller, Alyssa Natoci, Amanda Osinski, Hyun Soo (Sandra) Park, Ryan Pendleton, Shelby Peterson, Niya Phelan, Nate Polich, Duncan Polot, Samu Rast, Tim Rittinger, Cory Roberts, Kate Rogow, Daniel Saulles, David Shapiro, Arthur Shih, Scott Siler, Nate Slottow, Andrew Smith, Christina Smith, Danny Soto, Scott Sprau, Leigh Sugar, Jonathan Taylor, Rachel Teeter, Natalie Ten Brink, Michael Thompson, Emily Topham, Manisha Verma, Noah Wagner, Gretchen Wallner, Peter Wang, Devin Webster, Danica Whitfield, Dana Wilson, Hope Wilson, Jay Yamakado, Angela Yang, Ryan Yunck, Alan Wang, Cindy Wang, Xiao Wang, Yishi Wang, Yiqing (Shirley) Xu, Eric Yamakado, Ryan Yunck

Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were:

Kate Centurione, Katie Copp, Jonathan Evans, Sachi Gianchandani, Christopher Hass, Caroline Laman, Emily Larson, Zach Marentay, Marina Mayne, Nate Medd, Cailey Miller, Jennifer Nao, Veronika Olszewski, Natalie Roll, Rachel Teeter, Peter Wang

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 AFSer

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.



Go Abroad with AFS

Do you have a passion for the environment or social issues? Check out the exotic AFS **Community Service summer programs** doing projects in places like Ghana, Panama, and Thailand. Like sports? Spend summer with the 2004 silver-medal winning Paraguayan Olympic **Soccer Team**. Like languages? Study **Spanish** in Spain, Panama, Costa Rica or Argentina, or **Russian** in Latvia, **Arabic** in Egypt, **Mandarin** in China, or **Japanese** in Japan. Colleges and corporations understand the value of AFS. 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. AFS-USA and AFS Washtenaw offer scholarships & financial aid for highly qualified students.

Congratulations!

Joyce Yoo '10 has been awarded a **\$2500 AFS Awards for Excellence scholarship**. This is a prestigious and highly competitive national award. We are so proud of her! Joyce plans to spend an AFS semester in **Austria** living with a host family and attending school.

30 Full scholarships to study Arabic in Egypt this summer are available. AFS must receive your complete application by Tuesday, **March 25, 2008**. For more information see

http://www.usa.afs.org/usa_en/view/3730

For more info: www.afswashtenaw@sbcglobal.net

Sharon Held at 995-1605

www.afs.org/usa

1-800-AFS-INFO

New Student Program

Hello New Students and Families to Pioneer High School,

I am so happy to report that our New Student Pizza Luncheon on February 12, 2008, was a success and here was the recipe.

Recipe for Success

1 large group of incoming teenagers

A smattering of Student Mentors

A pile of pizzas and pop

Lively conversations/giveaways

Support from families, faculty and administration

Thank you to the transferees who reached out and accepted our invitation and a big thank you to the 11th grade mentors (Jennifer Wei, Alana Pinsky, Rebecca Holmes, Kyle Saunders, Promita Chakvabarty, Maggie Zhang and Stephanie Yan) who gave their time to warmly welcome our newest second semester students.

Although this will end the activities for the 2007-08 school year, I am happy to report that I am already receiving e-mails from parents for next year. My sincerest best wishes to all of you and please feel free to call or e-mail. It has been my pleasure to serve.

Barbara Zinser, Parent Volunteer (734) 330-7398 or zinserb@hotmail.com

Class of 2008 Announcements

Prom: The Senior Prom will take place on Saturday, May 10th, from 9 pm - 12 midnight, in the spanking new, gorgeous, sophisticated, spacious, air-conditioned Student Activities Building on the campus of Eastern Michigan University! Student Council is currently considering themes, music, decorations, ticket price, etc. It is our sincere hope that every Senior makes an entire evening of Prom (not a 20 minute stop by) among friends, enjoying diverse music, with or without a date. Volunteers (students and parents) would be most welcome to work on various aspects of Prom preparation. Contact Jane Burton, 994-2128 or burton@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Last Day for Seniors: Friday, May 23rd.

Commencement:

Commencement will take place on Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 pm in the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

Counseling Corner

Seniors:

Progress Reports have been mailed home. Seniors please stay on top of your grades. Colleges will withdraw your acceptance letter if your grades drop significantly in your senior year!

Juniors - The MME was given March 11-13. If you missed all or part of the three-day exam, you need to make it up. Remember you cannot graduate without completing all three parts of the test. If you do well you can earn a \$4,000 scholarship to be used towards a Michigan School.

Sophomores - We will be going into the computer labs in April to do interest inventories and career searches. We will also begin exploring post high school options.

Freshmen - We will be going into the computer lab at the end of March to work on interest inventories and looking at your year plans to see if anything needs to be revised.

All 9th, 10th and 11th graders should have entered their course selections into POWER SCHOOL before mid - winter break. If you did not do this, please see your counselor immediately. A verification sheet will be mailed home later this semester. Please check that you have signed up for the classes that you want for next year. If you change your mind or you and your teacher, or parent feels that a change should be made please contact your counselor AFTER you receive the verification sheet. Our goal is to have next years schedule in your hand before you leave for summer vacation. Please contact your counselor if you have any questions.

Thank you

The Counseling Department

College & Career Fair

You may have already had some discussions with your son or daughter about post-high school education and career opportunities. If you haven't, it's not too early to begin. To assist you in this task, the Ann Arbor Public Schools have scheduled their 23rd annual College & Career Fair at Pioneer High School on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. It is our goal to offer students the chance to explore both educational and career opportunities to plan for their future. Representatives from colleges all over the nation and businesses from the Ann Arbor area will be present to meet with you, answer your questions and provide you with pertinent literature. All the colleges will have tables in the cafeteria and businesses will be located in the hallway coming from the flag pole entrance. This night will provide your family with up-to-date information and enable you to make a person-to-person contact with college and business representatives.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Pioneer All Senior All Night Party

Our goal is to provide a safe, secure, alcohol and drug-free celebration for our students the night that they graduate.

Funding for the party comes from our grocery certificate program. Busch's, Hiller's, Kroger, and Meijer all participate. If you shop at one of these stores, you can also support the students of Pioneer. Our contact person for the Grocery Certificate program is Ann Marie Jensen @ 996-1439 or annmariejensen@msn.com. Please call or e-mail her if you have any questions. If you are a Meijer shopper, then all you need to do is to log onto <http://www.meijer.com/rewards/> and follow the directions. You will be sent a card to swipe at the check-out each time you shop. They give a percentage of your purchases to our party. It's so easy!!!

We would like for you to volunteer. There are many, many, different jobs. It takes about 500 volunteers throughout the year and the night of the party to be a success! We need senior parents but you don't have to have a senior to be a volunteer. We need parents from all grade levels. Your student's senior year will be here sooner than you think. Be a part of it now so your student may also enjoy this awesome party!

Contact Volunteer Coordinator

Cathy Pardon @ Phone: 662-1576 or e-mail cpardon@comcast.net

Consider being a committee chair or coordinating chair for next year. In order for the party to continue, we will need to fill some positions. Now is a good time to come on board and learn from the "graduating" chairs.

Do you have any questions or comments? Contact one of the coordinating co-chairs:

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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 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
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Parent Volunteer Opportunities — Contact PTSO or Grade Office to Help: 3/18-3/19– PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UPS 5/15 FOURTH QUARTER INTERIM GRADES MAILED HOME

Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

March	4/12 ACT Testing-PHS 7:45AM-1PM	B116 7:00PM
3/17 Booster Club meeting, Little Th, 7PM	4/14 School Resumes	5/6 Friends of PHS Choirs-B108, 7:30PM
3/18 Parent/Teacher Conf. Sign-up 7:30 - 9:30 AM AND 2:30 - 6:30 PM	4/15 State S&E Recital- Little Theatre, 7:00PM	5/8 Michigan Youth Arts Festival Through 5/10
3/19 Parent/Teacher Conf. Sign-up, 7:30 - 9:30 AM	4/15 BPA-Band Parent Assc Mtg - B126, 7:30 PM	5/14 Good News Assembly- Schreiber, 2nd Period
3/20 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	4/16 College & Career Fair-6-8PM, Caf.	5/15 Fourth Interim Grades Mailed
3/21 NO SCHOOL today	4/18 State Solo & Ensemble-Choir	5/16 Incoming Freshman Dance
3/25 MME ACT Plus Writing (Jr. Make-up & Retakes)	4/18 Th Gld Production of <i>Willie Wonka</i> , Schreiber, 7:30PM	5/16 Th Gld Student Productions
3/26 MME WorkKeys & Math (Jr. Make-up & Retakes)	4/19 State Solo & Ensemble-Choir	5/17 Picnic Pops on the Lawn
3/26 Early Dismissal for students, 12:35	4/21 Booster Club meeting, Athletic class, 7PM	5/17 Th Gld Student Productions
3/27 MME Science & Soc. Stud. (Jr. Make-up & Retakes)	4/22 PTSO Mtg.– Business Mtg/Officer Elections - Lt Th, 7:30PM	5/22 Academic Awards Night-Schreiber, 7:30PM
3/29 Bands in Review: East - Schreiber Aud, 7:30 PM	4/25 Th Gld Production of <i>Willie Wonka</i> ,	5/26 Memorial Day– No School
3/30 Bands in Review: West - Schreiber Aud, 3:00PM	4/26 Schreiber 7:30PM	June
3/30 Incoming 9th Band Orientation/Tour - Schreiber Aud	4/27 Th Gld Production of <i>Willie Wonka</i> , Schreiber 2:00 PM	6/3 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents, B116, 7:00PM
3/31 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents, B116 7:00 PM	4/29 State Choir Festival	6/5 PHS Commencement-EMU Conv Center, 7:00 PM
April	4/30 State Choir Festival	6/5 All Senior, All Night Party, Post Commencement
4/1 Friends of PHS Choirs-B108, 7:30 PM	4/30 Early dismissal for students, 12:35	6/7 SAT Testing-PHS, 7:45AM-1PM
4/3 Concerto Concert, Schr.-7:30PM	May	6/9 7th Period Exams, Shortened Sched.
4/4 End of 3rd Marking Period	5/1 Spring Sing Concert, Schreiber 7:30PM	6/10 1st & 2nd Period Exams
4/5 Spring Break through 4/13	5/2 Th Gld Production of <i>Willie Wonka</i> , 7:30PM	6/11 3rd & 4th Period Exams
	5/3 SAT Testing-PHS, 7:45AM-1PM	6/12 5th & 6th Period Exams
	5/3 Th Gld Production of <i>Willie Wonka</i> ,	6/13 Make-up Exams/End of 2nd Sem.
	5/4 Schreiber, 2:00PM	6/14 ACT Testing-PHS & HHS, 7:45AM-1PM
	5/6 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents,	6/19 2nd Semester Grades Mailed Home