



The Pioneer News

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

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

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

Important Information for Pioneer Parents

- Sign-ups for Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up March 17 & 18. Please make sure you sign up if you would like to meet with any of your student's teacher.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences March 19th 4-7 pm. By appointment only.
- **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.
- The district will have the presentation on next year's budget available on line with an option to ask questions or comments. Also the presentation was recorded by CTN and that schedule for reply was placed on the district's website as well.
- 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 4-5 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.

PTSO Student Store News

New Insulated Coffee Travel Mugs with Ann Arbor Pioneer available from the PTSO store.

These high quality stainless steel mugs are great for all users but particularly parents and friends supporting our athletes at outside events during the spring - great for soup/ tea or coffee. Will also keep cold drinks cold. \$18 each. Mugs and all shirts are available Fridays during lunchtime outside the main office.

Orders also taken at ajanethompson@comcast.net

Hikone Delegates Wanted

This year Ann Arbor and Hikone, Japan will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of their sister city relationship. We will be sending a special delegation of middle school students to commemorate this special event. The deadline for applying to be a part of the student delegation is March 26. (Application materials must be procured from Lyn DeGroot absolutely no later than Thursday, March 12. Lyn can be reached at degrootl@aaps.k12.mi.us if you need an application packet or more information.) In addition to receiving a student delegation, the City of Hikone is inviting ten adult Ann Arbor residents to serve as delegates on a Goodwill Mission to Hikone and surrounding areas. Our adult delegates will fly out of Detroit on Monday, October 26 and return to Detroit on Saturday, November 7. Members of the adult delegation will be hosted by Hikone families for four days and nights and spend the rest of their time in Japan visiting many interesting sites in and around Hikone and Kyoto. The cost to participate in this Goodwill Mission is \$2,600. The fee includes airfare, hotel accommodations, bus transportation while in Japan, and most meals. To reserve a spot as a Goodwill Mission delegate, adults must complete a program application and submit a \$200 deposit no later than Wednesday, April 1. (On Friday, May 1 another \$1,200 is due and the balance of \$1,200 must be paid no later than Monday, June 1.)

In support of this special Goodwill Mission, the Hikone Exchange Program office will be offering a couple meetings on Japanese culture, Japanese food and table manners and providing opportunities for basic language instruction for adult delegates.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving as a goodwill ambassador to our Japanese sister city to help commemorate the 40th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Hikone and Ann Arbor, please contact Brigitte Maassen, Chair of the Ann Arbor Hospitality Committee, no later than Thursday, March 19. Brigitte can be reached by email at bmaassen@umich.edu or by phone at 734-647-2234. Brigitte will be able to supply you with an application form, a detailed itinerary of the trip and answer any other questions you may have about it.

In the meantime, if you have any questions of me, feel free to contact me at dishmanl@aaps.k12.mi.us or by phone at 734-994-2300, ext. 53226.

Many thanks.

Larry L. Dishman

AFS Intercultural Programs



AFS Intercultural Programs is the original high school exchange program. AFS was founded 62 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.



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. Consider a gap year with AFS. 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 to our Pioneer World Ambassadors!

Joyce Yoo has been in **Austria** all year and is having a great time. **Michaela Carmein** is living in Buenos Aires, **Argentina**, **Sarah Holmes** is in Pinas El Oro, **Ecuador**,

and **David Torres** is in **Spain**. All three are on year programs. **Elaine Ezekiel** just returned from a gap semester in **Costa Rica** where she did a community service project.

Allie Stein just left to spend this semester in, **Chile**. She is living with a host family in Santiago, and attending high school (yes, in Spanish!) Allie and her family are hosting **Ana from Bolivia** this year. It is not a requirement to host a student, but it is a good way to prepare for your own experience.

Enrich your family-- 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 2009-10 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

Sharon Held at 995-1605

www.afs.org/usa

1-800-AFS-INFO

Pioneer New Student News

It was with great enthusiasm and energy, that we welcomed the newest Pioneer transfer students and foreign exchange students to a Pizza Luncheon in their honor on February 10, 2009. Though this was a much smaller group than those who come in the beginning of the year, it was no less powerful and heartwarming to see these young adults connect. With brothers from Mumbai, 2 students from China, a young man from California another from Australia, and sisters from Belleville it was certainly a mix of cultures and life experiences. Somehow all of their differences faded away over pizza and pop. Our fantastic Athletic Director graciously donated basketball tickets to this group so that they could experience "Purple Pride" first hand. Thank you Lorin Cartwright for making a difference and to the Guidance Department, particularly Colleen Creal who continues to be passionate about this effort.

This will be my last communication for this school year though you are always welcome to contact me via e-mail at: zinserb@hotmail.com or by phone to (734) 330-7398. It has been my pleasure to serve and I look forward to doing the same next year.

Sincerely,
Barbara Zinser, Parent Volunteer

Counseling Corner

April 3rd is the end of the third marking period. If your students' interim grades were not as good as you and your student had hoped, please make an appointment to come to Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 19th from 4pm-7pm. This is also a good time to stop by the counseling offices and check in with your child's counselor and make sure they have made good choices for classes next fall. It is much easier to make changes in their schedules now. Final schedules will be mailed home before school ends in June.

Seniors – Many students are coming to see their counselors about financial aid. Please be sure you and your family have filled out the FAFSA form. Even if you think you will not be eligible for any grants, it is still important to fill out the Federal Financial Aid Form. This can help your students be eligible for work - study programs and securing loans. Remember that most of the aid will come from the school your student will be attending. Please have your student go to the Career Center to see what scholarships are available. If you have questions come and see us. It is not too late to apply to some colleges. Please have your son/daughter meet with their counselor if they do not have post high school plans solidified.

Juniors – Congratulations on completing the MME!! Remember you must take all three parts of the test to graduate. This is a STATE law. Please turn in your Student Profiles and Brag Sheets to your counselor as soon as possible. They will begin writing recommendations soon and will need that information.

Sophomores – Congratulations on completing the PLAN. This practice ACT will help you prepare yourself for taking the MME your junior year. When your student gets the results from plan we will also give them a password to do the online prep to practice for the ACT. This password is good through January of 2010. You can never be too prepared to take these standardized tests!

Ann Arbor 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 has scheduled their 24th annual College & Career Fair at Pioneer High School Thursday, April 2, 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. 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. The colleges will have tables in the cafeteria, which is located near the clock-tower entrance to Pioneer High School, and the businesses will line the hallways outside of the cafeteria. 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.

College & Career Fair Committee

From the Class of 2012

Many thanks to everyone who sent candy grams on Valentine's Day. The Freshmen Council enjoyed playing cupid delivering sweet surprises, and the Class account got a real boost. Thanks!

There are still a few Class 2012 shirts -- just \$5! Stop by the Grade Office or contact Jane Burton at 994-2128 to purchase.

Youth Senate's Spring Leadership Development

Close out the school year with more confidence and skills to put to work for you!

Basic & Advanced Leadership Trainings (ALT) and Youth on Board (YOB) Foundations

from the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) since 1999

6-7:30pm, Thurs, March 19, 2009: YOB Foundations

Interested in serving on a nonprofit organization's board of directors and you are 16-18 years old? A parent is required to accompany the student to this orientation meeting. It will be facilitated by Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) staff and experienced YOB students.

Email yob@youthempowerment.com.

NOTE to Adults: Do you know a nonprofit organization that may be interested in having a teen advisory group and/or teens serve on its board of directors?

Email yob@youthempowerment.com

April, 2009 (Date/Time TBA): Basic Leadership Training

Get a jump start on the next school year, so that you can join the ALT Series next fall! Students will develop perspective on different leadership styles, while increasing their understanding of the value of youth voice, communication, teamwork, and time management. This training will be facilitated with the help of experienced YEP students.

The following three ALT sessions are open to all youth leaders.

Priority will be given to those students who are able to register and attend all three.

1-3:30pm, Wed, March 25, 2009: ALT #3 "Teamwork"

with Michael Wooten who trains teams of Advisors at the U of M Residence Education system. He will be assisted by U of M students.

Email alt@youthempowerment.com.

1-3:30pm, Wed, April 29, 2009: ALT #4 "Dialogue for Social Justice"

The Newest Topic in the Series for all youth leaders made possible with help from the U of M School of Social Work! Learn how to communicate across social and economic lines.

Email alt@youthempowerment.com.

May, 2009 (Date/Time TBA): ALT #5 "Stress Prevention"

Youth leaders can come learn how to manage their stress due to extracurricular involvement. Relax and slide through finals!

Email alt@youthempowerment.com.

TO REGISTER:

Students should email at least one week prior to the training/meeting date with

name, email, age, grade, school, extracurricular involvement, and leadership roles.

Please indicate all sessions you are registering for.

All YEP projects are youth initiated and youth led.

Thank You to Your Sponsors:

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Advance Placement (AP) Examinations

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joyce Williams, AP Coordinator
994-2116

AP Test Dates

Week 1	Morning Session <u>8 AM</u>	Afternoon Session <u>12 PM</u>	Week 2	Morning Session <u>8 AM</u>	Afternoon Session <u>12 PM</u>	<u>2PM</u>
Mon 5/4	Government and Politics:United States	Government and Politics:Comparative	Mon5/11	Biology	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Tue 5/5	Computer Science A Computer Science AB Spanish Language	Statistics	Tue5/12	Chemistry	Psychology	
Wed 5/6	Calculus AB Calculus BC		Wed5/13	English Language	Art History	
Thu 5/7	English Literature German Language		Thu5/14	Macroeconomics	Microeconomics	
Fri 5/8	United States History	European History Studio Art(portfolios due)	Fri5/15		Latin Literature Latin: Vergil	

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 meeting of the Booster Club in second semester will be May 18 at 7 pm in the Athletic Classroom. All are welcome to attend.

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

Plans are coming together for the annual **Athletic Booster Club Gala** to be held on **Friday, Mar. 27**.

Place: **Weber's Inn**. Please see the flyer included in this month's newsletter.

The Gala is held each year for two main purposes:

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

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

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

Go, Pioneers!

Pioneer Orchestra News

Congratulations to Jacob Joyce! He has been selected as a National Solo Competition Finalist by the American String Teachers Association. Jacob, a Pioneer junior who serves as concert master of the Pioneer Symphony Orchestra, will compete in Atlanta, Georgia on March 19. He will compete in the category of Violin -- Junior Division.

Concerto Concert:

The Pioneer Music Department will present its annual Concerto Concert at 7:30 p.m. April 2 in Schreiber Auditorium. The concert will feature the seven winners of the Concerto Competition from Pioneer's Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Band and A Cappella Choir. These college-level performances are accompanied by the Pioneer Symphony Orchestra. Admission is free.

The top students featured in the concert are:

Skye Hookham- Xylophone/Marimba

Christopher Fleming- Euphonium

Jessica Zhang- Piano

Dana Wilson- Horn

Alvin Siu- Piano

Olivia Klein- Violin

Ashley Park- Piano



You're Invited!

March 27, 2009

*Pioneer Athletic Booster Club
Hall of Fame Dinner*

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Honoring the 2009 Inductees to the Pioneer Athletics Hall of Fame:

Legacy Award Winner: Mike Milidonis

Volunteer Award Winner: Ed Bross (posthumously)

Alumni Award Winners: Crystal Braddock, George Huntzicker, Joe Huntzicker, Tom Huntzicker, & Richard Williams

Gala and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m.

Fabulous silent auction items and gift baskets donated by each athletic team

Hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

There is something for everyone! Please come to support Pioneer athletics!

Proceeds benefit Pioneer sports teams and facilities

One price covers the Dinner, the Gala, or both!

\$40 per person (\$25 tax deductible) or \$75 per couple (\$50 tax deductible)

Weber's Inn

3040 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Pioneer High School Athletic Office – Attention: Joan Lillie

601 W. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

734-994-2151 or 734-417-4175 (or e-mail: joanlillie@gmail.com)

_____ # attending Hall of Fame Dinner/Gala (dinner choices: _____ chicken _____ fish _____ vegetarian)

— OR —

_____ # attending Gala only

I/We cannot attend, but please accept a donation of \$ _____

Name(s): _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Total Enclosed _____ (Please make check payable to Pioneer Booster Club)

52nd Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition

49 students qualified as finalists in the 52nd Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. They were among the top 1000 students from among 8,000 students in Part I of the competition. Part I was a multiple-choice exam with forty problems given at 190 high schools throughout Michigan on October 8, 2008.

The finalists competed in Part II on December 3rd. This exam consisted of five challenging problems to which the students provided written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs of their results. Saginaw Valley State University (Saginaw Michigan) hosted a grading session in January to score the students' work on Part II. Mathematicians from about 70 colleges and universities that comprise the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America volunteered their time and expertise toward this annual project to the Michigan Section.

The students with the top 100 scores on the two parts were invited to an Awards Day program in March at Saginaw Valley State University. The top 50 were presented with scholarships ranging from bronze awards of \$250 to \$2,600 for the first place gold medalist.

A team of about 30 of these top students on the MMPC participated in training sessions in preparation for the American Regions Mathematics League Competition. For further information, visit the official MMPC web site at <http://www.svsu.edu/mmpc/>.

Two of the 49 students finished in the top 100 in the state. **Daniel Kriz** and **Bill Jackson**. The Award Day Program is this weekend so we don't know yet how Daniel and Bill placed.

The 49 Pioneer students that qualified for part II of the MMPC of the 234 students are:

Anirvan J. Guha	Anna Ronen	Kevin Pang
Amanda N. Said	Junghyun Oh	Arthur J. Shih
Kyle W. Saunders	Eli K. Schultz	Alvin Siu
Han Zhang	Jeffrey K. Shipan	Dana E. Wilson
Viknesh M. Krishnan	Xiao Wang	Taylor A. Bradford
Savannah I. Weidner	Hope C. Wilson	Brian T. Diehr
Gaurav Kulkarni	Bonnie Chung	Spencer A. Finegold
Bar Roytman	Joon S. Yoo	Arthur M. Huerta
Andrew Mackie-Mason	Prateek Garg	Desha J. Stewart
Josh Stein	Byeongjik Kim	John Fonte
David A. Durfee	Steven J. Lawton	Omar Bennouna
William A. Jackson	Rachel S. Bielajew	Grace R. Duan
Daniel J. Kriz	Zidi Chen	Tianyin Huang
Elizabeth Y. Qian	Connor M. Flynn	Hongmin Kim
Duckjin Park	Stephen S. Hur	
Katherine Y. Fang	Andrea Kriz	
Marielle E. Saunders	Jeewon Lee	

The Math Department would also like to congratulate six more students for qualifying as finalist in the American Invitation Mathematics Examination. These students will take part II of the AIME on March 17, 2009.

These students are:

Daniel Kriz
Anirvan Guha
Gaurav Kulkarni
Han Zhang
Zesi Jin
Bar Roytman

News From the Theatre Guild

Pioneer Theatre Guild Presents *URINETOWN*

Directed by **Robert Hartwell**
 Assistant Directed by **Amanda Choate**
 Music Direction by **Han Park, Brian Buckner, and Desi Oakley**
 Choreographed by **Sadie Yarrington**

All direction by students in the University of Michigan
 Musical Theatre and Dance Programs

Music and Lyrics by **Mark Hollmann**
 Book by **Greg Kotis**

Nominated for 10 Tony Awards, this groundbreaking contemporary musical comedy has redefined the world of musical theater. URINETOWN satirizes many contemporary issues, and holds the mirror up to society showing us what can happen when a greedy political system has to deal with an ecological crisis. A twenty-year drought causes all restroom activities to be done in public toilets, which are controlled by the government or big business. Strictly enforced laws ensure that people must pay to pee, or else they will be sent to Urinetown where culprits are sent but never return. A new fee hike, instituted by corrupt corporation Urine Good Company, triggers a revolutionary revolt by the poor. This ultimately leads up to a head to head battle between these two opposing forces, but with an ending that will shock and surprise!

All performances in Schreiber Auditorium.

Tickets (general admission):
 Adults \$12, Students/Seniors/Teachers \$8

There will be reserved seating (rows G-K) available for \$25 a ticket. Please contact **Jacqui Grisdale** for more information regarding these seats at ptguild@gmail.com. All other tickets will be available at MORGAN & YORK (1928 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104) by Thursday, April 9.

Performance Dates:

- * **Saturday, April 25 - 7:30 p.m.**
- * **Sunday, April 26 - 2:00 p.m. matinee**
- * **Friday, May 1 - 7:30 p.m.**
- * **Saturday, May 2 - 7:30 p.m.**
- * **Sunday, May 3 - 2:00 p.m. matinee**

Pioneer Theater Guild presents *The Heidi Chronicles*

Written by Wendy Wasserstein
 Directed by Julia Glander

The Heidi Chronicles is a Pulitzer Prize winning play that focuses on feminism and how it has changed over the years. Starting in the late 60's when Heidi Holland is in high school and following her through college and into adulthood, the play features a series of scenes chronicling her life from schoolgirl to mature woman with a variety of emotional challenges along the way. The would-be politician she loves goes off to marry someone else, and her only other male friend is a gay physician who is more dedicated to fighting AIDS than to listening to her problems. Finally, she adopts a baby. Yet the doctor is probably right when he warns she will continue "looking back at your life and regretting your choices." Written by Wendy Wasserstein, arguably the most renowned female playwright of our time, *The Heidi Chronicles* is thought-provoking, sad and funny and will touch all who see it.

All performances are in the Little Theatre

Tickets (general admission): Adults \$8
 Students/Seniors/Teachers \$6

Performance Dates:

- * **Friday, April 3rd, 7:30 pm**
- * **Saturday, April 4th,
2:00pm matinee & 7:30 pm**
- * **Sunday, April 5th, 2:00 pm matinee**

THE ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY IS FUNDED BY THE PIONEER ASAN GROCERY PROGRAM

*****We need YOU to participate!!! It's easy, and it's FREE!
Please participate!!!*****



To ensure that the ASAN party continues in years to come... when YOUR child is a senior... we need parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends of the Pioneer community to participate in the grocery card program. **THIS IS AT NO COST TO YOU!** Participating stores donate a percentage of sales purchased through the grocery cards each month. Kroger, Busch's, and Hiller's use rechargeable cards, which you can continue to add money to throughout the year. Whole Foods uses non-rechargeable cards and you can purchase as many as you want. Cards are purchased initially from our grocery program chair, Ann Marie Jensen. You may call Ann Marie at 996-1439, or email her at annmariejensen@msn.com. You may complete this form and mail it with a check to Ann Marie Jensen, 1820 Crestland, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, and Ann Marie will get your cards to you. Please make all checks out to ASAN!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Rechargeable cards:

(Add more money at the store... No need for another card when the balance is used up.)

Kroger _____ cards @ \$5 each \$_____

Busch's _____ cards @ \$100 each \$_____

Busch's _____ cards @ \$5 each \$_____

Hiller's _____ cards @ \$100 each \$_____

Hiller's _____ cards @ \$5 each \$_____

Non-rechargeable cards:

(Order a new card when yours is used up)

Whole Foods _____ cards @ \$100 each \$_____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____

(Meijer has a program that uses a plastic card/key tag which is scanned at checkout and a percentage of sales is donated to the ASAN. Sign up for the Meijer Community Rewards Program at guest services or at <http://www.meijer.com/rewards>. When you sign up, use the organization name "Pioneer High School" ... code number: 992136.)

Cash _____ Check # _____ Mailed _____ Delivered _____ Picked-up _____

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2008-09 PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL PTSO BOARD

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

3/17 & 3/18 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UPS 5/9 SENIOR PROM

Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

March

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

April

4/2 AAPS College and Career Fair, PHS Cafe, 6-8 PM
4/2 Concerto Concert, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
4/3 Concerto Assembly, Schreiber, 2nd Period
4/3 3rd Marking Period Ends
4/3 Th Guild's The Heidi Chronicles, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
4/4 ACT Testing, PHS & HHS, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
4/4 Th Guild's The Heidi Chronicles, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
4/5 Th Guild's The Heidi Chronicles, Schreiber, 2:00 PM
4/9 Latin Play
4/9 3rd Marking Period Grades Mailed Home
4/9 Spring Break Begins at End of Day through 4/19
4/20 School Resumes
4/21 PTSO Business Mtg, Officer Elections, Lt Th, 7:30 PM
4/23-24 State Choir Festival
4/25 Th Guild Presents Urinetown, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
4/26 Th Guild Presents Urinetown, Schreiber, 2:00 PM
4/28 Senior Class Assembly, Schreiber, 2nd Period

4/29 Early Release Day, students released at 12:35 PM
4/30 Spring Sing Concert

May

5/1 Multicultural Food Fair, Cafeteria, Lunch Time
5/1 Th Guild Presents Urinetown, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
5/2 SAT Testing (With Subject Tests), PHS, 7:45 AM
5/2 Th Guild Presents Urinetown, Schreiber, 7:30 PM
5/3 Th Guild Presents Urinetown, Schreiber, 2:00 PM
5/4 Advanced Placement Testing Through 5/15/09
5/8 Fourth Interim Progress Period Ends
5/9 Senior Prom, EMU Student Center, 9PM - 11:30 PM
5/13 Early Release Day, students released at 12:35
5/14 Fourth Interim Progress Reports Mailed Home
5/15 Theatre Guild Student Productions, Lt Th, 7:30 PM
5/16 Picnic Pops on the Lawn - all day
5/16 Theatre Guild Student Productions, Lt Th, 7:30 PM
5/17 Theatre Guild Student Productions, Lt Th, 2:00 PM
5/18 Senior Culminating Activities Through 5/22/09
5/18 Exit Survey & 7th Senior Culminating Activities
5/19 1st & 2nd Senior Culminating Activities
5/20 3rd & 4th Senior Culminating Activities
5/20 Jazz Band Summit Concert, HHS Meyer, 7:30 PM
5/21 5th & 6th Senior Culminating Activities
5/21 Senior Awards Banquet (tentative)
5/22 Last Day for Seniors
5/25 Memorial Day Holiday - No School
5/27 Student Council Elections for 2009-2010

June

6/4 PHS Commencement, EMU Convocation, 7PM
6/4 All Senior All Night Party
6/6 SAT Testing (With Subject Tests)
6/8 7th Period Exams and Shortened Schedule
6/9 1st and 2nd Period Exams
6/10 3rd and 4th Period Exams
6/11 5th and 6th Period Exams
6/12 Make up Exams by Appointment
6/12 Semester Two Ends
6/13 ACT Testing - PHS & HHS, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
6/14 Choir Bon Voyage Concert, Schreiber, 2:00 PM
6/19 Second Semester Grades Mailed Home