



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

Greetings Pioneer Parents/Guardians,

We are currently in the home stretch of the 2007 – 2008 academic year, it is truly time for our students to motivate themselves to prepare for end of the year exams.

Please keep in mind that each student should study or review their course work at least fifteen minutes per day for each class! The more they study, the more prepared your student will be for classes. Staying with teachers for tutorial assistance during lunch and after school (when available) will also promote solid academic habits.

The 2007 – 2008 school year saw a change in leadership at the building administrator level. To reduce the number of days students were suspended from school, the leadership team implemented several initiatives:

- Honor Level System
- Weekly Community Assistants meetings
- Increase in the number of community assistants
- Installation of surveillance cameras
- Consistency of administrative enforcement of the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook
- All administrators in the hallways at lunch every day
- Lunchtime Detention
- After-School Detention
- Saturday School, and
- Peer Mediation

We will continue to bring research-based initiatives to Pioneer High School to guide our students to be well rounded academically, behaviorally, and emotionally.

Please continue to encourage your student(s) to study and stay involved in school activities!

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

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

Class of 2008 Important Information

OBLIGATIONS: All obligations including media center materials, athletic gear, textbooks, calculators, elevator keys, music money, etc. must be cleared by Tuesday, June 3rd at noon, or your diploma will be withheld. Obligations must be resolved in the General Office which is open from 7:15 am-3:45 pm daily. Note: The General Office and the Book Depository will not be open after lunch on Friday, May 23rd. It is best not to leave this until the last moment.

HERFF-JONES GRADUATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MOMENTOS ETC: If you ordered graduation announcements and related items and have any questions about them contact the company in Belleville (734) 699-4757.

ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY TICKET SALES:

Tickets on sale at the Flagpole entrance during lunch 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.

CULMINATING ACTIVITIES WEEK MAY 19 - 23

Exams, Assignments, Sr. Projects, etc:

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 Call Photography Co. of Whitmore Lake (734) 449-2467 will provide information 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:

Will be taken in your 2nd hour class on Friday, May 23rd.

Obligations:

Clear all remaining obligations by noon on Tuesday, June 3rd in order to receive your diploma at commencement. The Book Depository and the General Office will close after lunch on May 23rd.

Yearbook Distribution:

Yearbooks will be distributed to Seniors on May 20th during lunch. Student ID and receipt (if possible) is needed when picking up yearbooks. Please pick up yearbooks by May 23rd-Last day for Seniors.

SENIOR FAILURE NOTICE DEADLINE:

Wednesday, May 28th noon due to counselors. Students who will not graduate due to course failure will be notified after this time.

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. If you are unable to attend the Rehearsal you must speak personally with Mr. Reece in the 12th grade office.**

GRADUATION CEREMONY:

Thursday, June 5th at 7:00-9:00 pm at EMU Convocation Center, 799 No. Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Due to heavy traffic allow 40 minutes travel time.

Graduates are to arrive by 5:30 pm and gather in the Practice Gym. Seating in the Practice Gym is the same as the seating on the floor of the Convocation Center.

Free surface parking is available around the Convocation Center and across Hewitt Rd.

There is ample seating for guests with special needs.

Commencement will begin at 7:00 pm sharp.

In keeping with the formality of the Commencement ceremony, please dress nicely.

Tickets are not necessary; there is no limit to the number of guests allowed.

Disruptive graduates and guests will be removed from the ceremony.

Noise makers, air horns and other distractions are not permitted.

Private viewing suites are available for rent (approximately \$250) for the commencement ceremony. Contact Marcy Szabo at EMU 734-487-8198 (mszabo1@emich.edu) if you are interested in reserving a suite.

Caps and gowns are collected at the conclusion of Commencement, in exchange for a diploma.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CONVOCATION CENTER:

Take Packard Rd. or Washtenaw Ave. east toward Ypsilanti approximately 5 miles. Turn left at Hewitt Road. EMU Stadium and Convocation Center is on your right within a mile or two. Note: Construction and lane closings are planned for Washtenaw Avenue; Packard Road may be the preferable route.

Contact Jane Burton, Senior Class Secretary at (734) 994-2128 if you have any questions regarding Commencement.

From the Principal's Desk (cont'd)

Dear Pioneer Families,

I am writing to share with you that I will be leaving my current position at Pioneer at the end of this school year. I have accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Skyline High School. It is important for me to share some things with you regarding my decision to move to Skyline. This decision was not an easy one for me to make, and I gave it a great deal of thoughtful consideration prior to making this commitment.

Professional opportunity and the continuation of my development as an educational leader are the reasons that I have chosen to accept the position at Skyline. Under no circumstances should this decision be construed as a statement against Pioneer, the Pioneer Staff, or any aspect of my position here. It is very difficult to leave the significant relationships that I share with so many members of the Pioneer community.

Additionally, I regret leaving after only the first year of Michael White's tenure here. I have seen tremendous improvements in Pioneer during this most recent school year. I look forward to admiring Pioneer's future accomplishments from a few miles away.

Lastly, I have been working collaboratively with Michael White to help select my replacement. I am committed to assisting in this process to the fullest extent that I am permitted to do so.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this community!

Gratefully,

Christopher Curtis

Important Information for Pioneer Parents

The PTSO Board would like to welcome William Penner-Hahn as the student representative for the 2008-2009 school year. We also ask that any interested parents who would like to serve on the PTSO Board, please contact any member listed on the website. We are still looking for a few more volunteers.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT IF YOU CAN. THE DATE IS JUNE 5TH WITH HELP NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE ACTUAL NIGHT OF FUN. PLEASE SEE THE SHEET ON PAGE 13 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HELP STILL NEEDED.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out in any capacity during the 2007-2008 school year. Without your help, many of the activities would not have happened. Thank you again and look for the new volunteer sheet for the 2008-2009 school year in your registration packet at the end of the summer.

Speaking of volunteering, we are looking for some volunteers to help in the book depository for the GREAT TEXTBOOK RETURN OF 2008! The dates will be June 10-13 usually in the morning. Mr. Dion would appreciate any help you can give. Please contact Kathy Robenault, WRoben3357@aol.com, to get more information or to volunteer.

High School Summer School Information

**ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL**

June 23-July 24, 2008

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

June 16 - June 20

Monday: 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday: 8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Thursday: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Friday: 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL - 7th St Library entrance LOBBY

Please go to the summer school website for all of the important information concerning summer school. www.a2pioneer.org/pioneer.departments/summer_school_2008

Urgent Notice for Seniors

If your college has requested your **FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**, you **MUST** come to the Records Office to request that it be sent. Most colleges will not allow you to attend classes in the fall or release your financial aid until they have your final transcript. If you want a Common Application Final Report to be included, please bring a copy. You also need to bring the Admissions Office address with you. The deadline to fill out a request form is **JUNE 13, 2008**.

Parents of All PHS Students!

We need you! In less than a month the 2008 Seniors will be graduating. The night of their graduation, we provide a safe, secure, and fun place for them to celebrate. We can't do this without you. We desperately need parents to work a shift at our party. Please e-mail or call Cathy Pardon cpardon@comcast.net 662-1576 and say that you would like to help keep this tradition going by volunteering at PHS the night of June 5th.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE A FEW COMMITTEE CHAIR OPENINGS FOR NEXT YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT THE TRADITION OF OUR ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY CONTINUES FOR YOUR STUDENT, THEN WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER NOW.

We have several volunteers whose students have already graduated and they stayed on so that your child could have this wonderful, safe, experience. Please call Robin or Cathy today to get more information about how you can help continue the party next year.

The party is a fun lock-in. Check-in is from 10:30p.m. - 11:30p.m. No student will be admitted after 11:30 p.m. and the student must stay until 5:00 a.m.

PTSO Mini-Grants Awarded

Each year profits from the sale of items at the PTSO School Store are used to fund mini-grants submitted by teachers, staff, athletic activities and student school-related clubs. Grants that directly impact students' academic, social and emotional growth are given priority in the funding decisions. The mini-grant applications are submitted and reviewed in the fall and spring of each academic year. A committee awarded money to purchase a human skeleton, Dewar flasks, poster and DVD's, torsion axels, fossil skulls, chemistry kits, balances and dry erase boards for the science department. The social studies department will receive digital voice recorders, quilting supplies and previews of current Supreme Court cases while the world languages department will enjoy additional novels, dictionaries and special classroom supplies. The music department was granted its request for new headphones and piano and guitar music. A mixer was purchased for hospitality classes and art department will receive jewelry casting supplies, a wireless writing tablet, camcorder, Chromalox lights and supplies for the portrait studio. Gardening supplies, an electronic educational game and storage items for special education department and a floor jack, diagnostic scanning tool for brake systems and drafting supplies for CTE. Counselors were granted money toward the purchase of a program to help students prepare for the ACT test. This year a large number of grant request were funded for a total of \$16,000, but this amount represents only about half of the total requested.

Theatre Guild News

Calling all Theatre Guild Members! The next few Monday Meetings are incredibly important! We'll be discussing things like shows for next year, and elections for student board for next year. They're always on Mondays at 3:45 in the Little Theater. Please be a part of these decisions! This is also where you can find information about Theater Guild Banquet. RSVP forms will be on the Green Board backstage. Banquet is going to be a blast, so please come by!

Media Center News

All library books will be due back by June 3, 2008. Lost books are paid for at replacement cost. For each late book the maximum fine limit ends at a \$1.00.

Overdue reminders were periodically sent through out the school year to alert students about books that were checked out and not returned. Wondering if your student still has something out? Questions or concerns may be directed to us by phoning the Media Center at 994-2160.

Favorite hangouts for our 'borrowed items' could be a student's back pack, the family bookshelf, under a seat in a vehicle, the suitcase from your last family trip, in a coat closet or locker, and even under the bed in their bedroom.

We strive to match the right resources to what our students need each time they come to pursue research or locate reading materials. Your assistance with a friendly reminder to your Pioneer student will help us to insure we have a book collection ready to serve Pioneer students next year. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Pioneer High School Media Center Staff

Teacher of the Year Award

Pioneer teacher Phillip Walker won the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association's Theatre Teacher of the Year award. This award is given for involvement in secondary school theatre curricula and activities as well as the promotion of secondary school theatre in local community affairs and statewide. Congratulations Mr. Walker!

International DECA Conference



Six Pioneer High School students received International Awards of Excellence at the 62nd Annual International DECA Career Development Conference, held April 26-30, in Atlanta, Florida. Students receiving the Competitive Awards of Excellence were Zhe Bao, Carie Goenka, Max King, Edward Song, Samuel Rogne, and Erica Williams. Students earn

International Awards of Excellence by achieving all industry standards and performance objectives for their occupational event area during three days of intense competition against the world's best and brightest high school business students. In addition Max King and Erica Williams were called to the stage and recognized as event finalists at the International DECA Conference. During the conference it was announced that Austin Tus received the Sears National DECA Scholarship. Austin Tus is an active Pioneer DECA member who is employed at Sears Briarwood. The International DECA Career Development Conference is the largest and most competitive of all student organizations with over 14,000 students in attendance from all fifty states, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Korea, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Zhe Bao, Carie Goenka, Max King, Edward Song, Samuel Rogne, and Erica Williams qualified for the International DECA Conference by winning their competitive event at the 2,200 participant Michigan State DECA Championship last March 14-16 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn.

The Pioneer DECA Chapter thanks the Pioneer PTSO, Pioneer Administration, and The Career and Technical Education Department for their support.

Hospitality Today News

After a full year we are winding down finishing off with a lot of fun filled activities. We are studying the travel & tourism industry part of this course. All the students were treated to an incredible day starting with being picked up by a deluxe Hummer limo, which was filled with an assortment of drinks compliments of Golden Limousine. They were then taken to Eastern Michigan University's new state of the art student union. They met with the entire key dining services management team, treated to breakfast & toured the facilities. The students are finishing up with their term projects that cover the customs & cultures of a variety of different countries. We have sampled several different dishes that have included chapatti- served with curried chicken and goat, shrimp scampi, sweet potato fires with a variety of dips and learned how to hand toss pizza. Our exchange student from Poland wanted to learn how to make hamburgers so we sent her off with a traditional American BBQ- burgers, ribs, chicken, coleslaw, apple crisp & brownies.



Athletic Booster Club Information

Please note: There will not be a general meeting on June 9 as originally scheduled. The June 9 meeting will be a planning meeting for next year; anyone is welcome.

We also will be holding the annual lottery for teams interested in participating in the following fundraising efforts for the 2008-2009 school year: Pioneer football concessions and the UM Corner activity during UM football games. PLEASE send a parent representative from your student's athletic team if you want to be included. If a rep. is not there, your team will not be able to participate in these efforts which provide substantial support for our athletic programs.

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

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

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

June 23-26 Youth Football Camp

for more info please visit 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

Pioneer Hockey Team

Pioneer Hockey's Summer Program

For all those interested in participating with the Pioneer Hockey team this summer please contact coach Steve Armstrong. Both on and off-ice activities are available for anyone interested in participating.

Coach Armstrong can be reached at armstron@aaps.k12.mi.us

Counseling Corner

The End of the year is quickly approaching. Please keep in mind the following information and contact your counselor if you have any questions.

SENIORS – The last day for seniors is Friday, May 23. Cap and Gown pick up is at 11:30am on the 23rd in the big gym. Please be sure all of your obligations are taken care of. Senior All Night Tickets are on sale: they are currently 15 dollars. The price goes up every week. If you wait to buy them at the door they are 50 dollars!! Please purchase them ahead of time. If you have not applied to college and still are interested in attending please see your counselor. To attend Washtenaw Community College you must apply online and take the Compass test before you enroll for classes.

JUNIORS – Your senior profile and brag sheets are due no later than June 1st. Counselors will not write recommendations without that information. If you need an extra copy please come to the counseling department. On May 20 and May 21 we were in the computer lab doing college searches. Please continue to RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH colleges on your own. Summer is a good time to visit colleges and meet with admissions officers. They will take you on tours and answer your questions about the campus. College applications will be accepted beginning Monday, September 15. The last day to turn in applications IF you want them processed before winter break is Friday, November 7, 2008. Please be aware of ALL deadlines – both Pioneer and the colleges you are applying to. If you want to do more research over the summer feel free to use the website that we worked on in May:

www.expoed.com/student/aaps.asp

The screen will then ask you for:

USERNAME = Student ID

PASSWORD = Your 8 digit birthday (01131990)

Then click on the letter EDP

There is a direct link to eDiscover if you would like to continue searching there.

This summer we will mail you your updated transcript and a checklist to make sure it is accurate.

Please review this carefully for errors. We do not want to send colleges inaccurate transcripts!!

SOPHOMORES – Each student at Pioneer was given an ACT online prep token to practice the ACT. (It was mailed home with the nine week grades) Go online to www.actonlineprep.com. This is good practice for the MME next year. You will need to put in your user ID and password. If you have lost your token please see Mrs. Tolson in the counseling department. If you would like to do college searches or explore careers please go onto expo –ed website:

www.expoed.com/student/aaps.asp

The screen will ask you for:

USERNAME = Student ID

PASSWORD = Your 8 digit birthday (01131990)

Then click on the letter EDP

Please continue to update your information. If you would like to explore more career options please use the link to eDiscover.

FRESHMEN – Please study for your finals!! Students that have failed classes need to consider summer school. Summer school runs from June 23 – July 24. Registration is June 16- June 20. Each class is 250 dollars. There are partial tuition waivers available. Student who received a “Z” on their report card will need to sign up for a “Z” recovery class this summer. Check the AAPS website for more information. If you or your student has questions please see your counselor.

News from the Pioneer Choirs

For the first time ever all four of the Pioneer Choirs received excellent ratings at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Choir Festival. A Cappella and Singers performed at Holt High School Tuesday, April 29. Bel Canto and Cantando performed Wednesday, April 30.

State Festival Results

Choir 3 performance scores, 5 to 20, with 5 best possible, total 15-60 with 15 best possible:

three performance ratings, = overall rating and level.

A Cappella 5,6,7=18: 1,1,1=1 advanced

Singers 7,7,9=23: 1,1,2=1 primary

Bel Canto 7,7,8=22: 1,1,2=1 intermediate

Cantando, 6,7,9=22: 1,1,2=1 primary

Sixteen members of the Pioneer Choirs sang at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Solo & Ensemble Festival West Site, Portage Central High School, Saturday, April 19. Those singers and their results are listed in the next column. Soulfege, one of Pioneer's eight extra curricular vocal ensembles, was selected as one of the

top 24 large ensembles in the state, as a runner up for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

The singers are:

Mara Abramson 1 for large ensemble, 1 for sight singing; Olivia Bassett-Kennedy 1 for large ensemble, 1 for small ensemble, two 1's for sight singing; Stephanie Bielek 1 for large ensemble, 1 for sight singing; Catrin Dowd 1 for large ensemble, 1 for solo, two 1's for sight singing; Kelsey Duerksen 1 for large ensemble, 1 for sight singing; Elizabeth Goldstein 2 for solo, 1 for sight singing; Kathryn Graham 1 for small ensemble, 1 for solo, two 1's for sight singing; Charlotte Grenier 1 for solo, 1 for sight singing; Jenny Herzog 1 for small ensemble, 1 for solo, two 1's for sight singing; Lydia Hiller 1 for small ensemble, 1 for solo, two 1's for sight singing; Haley McNabb 1 for large ensemble, 1 for sight singing; Hannah Nathans 1 for small ensemble, 1 for sight singing; Ashley Park 1 for large ensemble, 1 for solo, two 1's for sight singing; Hannah Pearlman 1 for large ensemble, 1 for sight singing; Elizabeth Uribe 1 for solo, 1 for sight singing; and Erin Walker 1 for large ensemble, 1 for sight singing.

Choir awards 07-08

Pratt Award, senior leadership of the A Cappella Choir: Kathryn Graham
Millett Award, outstanding senior in musical theater: Hope Parow & Zoe Berman
Patterson Award, outstanding Black American singer, not a senior: John Spalding

Silver Pins, top 25% of senior class singers

Spencer Baily

Zhe Bao

Morgan Bell

Zoe Berman

Kelsey Duerksen

Lia Dykstra

Elizabeth Haller

Samuel Hubbard

Jin Woo Lee

Hope Parow

Erin Walker

Gold Pins, top 10% of senior class singers

Katrina Braun

Kathryn Graham

Lee Gunderson

Clara Teall

Cory Toomasian

Eric Zinn

80th Annual MITES Competition

The 80th annual MITES (Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society) competition was held May 8-10 in Lansing. Pioneer submitted 14 projects. Out of those 14, 8 of the projects placed in the top ten at the state level! It was Pioneer's best performance to date! The level of student work at the state competition is always amazing and these students should be very proud!

Doug Knox - Architectural Model - 5th Place (Vocational Block category)

Sami Yanikoglu - Architectural Model - 6th Place (Vocational Block category)

Amanda Mazzaro - Architectural Model - 7th Place (Senior/Junior category)

Emily Williams - Architectural Model - 2nd Place (Senior/Junior category)

Michelle McCowan - Architectural Model - 3rd Place (Sophomore/Freshmen category)

Nicole McCowan - Architectural Model - 4th Place (Sophomore/Freshmen category)

Jack Riesterer - Architectural Model - 5th Place (Sophomore/Freshmen category)

Ian Paschal, Architectural Rendering - 4th place

Chelsea Gallagher, Interior Design Board - honorable mention

Ian Krass, Residential Floor Plan - honorable mention

Nicole McCowan - Residential Floor Plan - honorable mention

Michelle McCowan - Residential Floor Plan - honorable mention

Quinn MacKenzie - Detail and Assembly Drawing - honorable mention

Thorne O' Connor - Detail and Assembly Drawing - honorable mention

News from the Pioneer Orchestra

Parents, we need your help to fill several roles in the Pioneer Orchestra Parents' Society for next year. Would you like to help organize parents to bring in snacks for rehearsals? Could you help distribute uniforms? Could you help take the minutes at POPS meetings or help plan the orchestra luncheons? We need you to get involved and support our new orchestra director. Not all jobs require a big time commitment. Please contact the POPS president, Sam Kelly at SVK166@yahoo.com. Be sure to look for our mailing in the summer and plan to attend our first POPS meeting in September. Thanks again for all you've done to make this a successful school year for our talented orchestra students!

News from the Pioneer Band

June 10th, 2008 is our end-of-year Pioneer Band Association Meeting at 7:30pm in the Pioneer Band Room. All incoming & current band parents are welcome. Watch our Pioneer Band Association Website www.aapioneerbands.org which will be periodically updated during the summer.

Important dates to remember:

August 11th, 2009, 9am to noon, Band Registration. If you're new to Pioneer Bands, please contact us prior to Registration.

August 12 - 18th, Band Camp at Interlochen

Summer Contact Information:

David A. Leach, Director, director@aapioneerbands.org

Nancy R. Waring, Asst. Director, asstdirector@aapioneerbands.org

Gloria Wilson, President, Pioneer Band Association, president@aapioneerbands.org, 734-975-0081

Pioneer Science Olympiad

The Pioneer Science Olympiad team competed at the State Tournament at Michigan State University. The team competed against 47 other teams from all over the state. The last time Pioneer made it to the state finals was in 2005, so they were very excited to return. Overall, the team placed 10th out of 48 and the following students won individual awards: Ignatius Chen--1st place Oceanography, 1st place Chemistry Lab; Kathy Fang--2nd place Astronomy, 6th place Ecology; Prateek Garg--6th place Disease Detectives, 1st place Chemistry Lab, 6th place Fermi Questions; Mike Huang--6th place Disease Detectives; Nima Khazaei--6th place Circuit Lab, 1st place Remote Sensing; Sameera Nadimpalli--6th place Ecology; Richard Shin--6th place Circuit Lab, 1st place Remote Sensing; and Ray Zhang--2nd place Astronomy, 6th place Fermi Questions. Additional members of the team are: Aparna Ghosh, Tanay Kulkarni, Alvin Siu, Chris Butler, and Stephanie Yan. The team has worked very hard this year and deserves a big pat on the back. Please congratulate these talented students on a job well done!

Harold Eastman Outstanding Youth Achievement Award

Academic achievement, leadership, industry and community service have earned two Pioneer juniors the Harold Eastman Outstanding Youth Achievement Award from the Breakfast Optimist Club of Ann Arbor. Honorees are Jhordan Wynne and Alvin Siu.

Jhordan is a NAACP Freedom Fund Scholar, a Peer Mentor, a member of student council, a member of Gospel Choir, a four sport award winning athlete, a volunteer for many organizations and highly involved in her church activities. She is the principal bassist for the Pioneer Chamber Orchestra and is the American Cancer Society Team Sheleydaws representative for Ashley Park. Jhordan hopes to become a chemical or biomedical engineer.

Alvin Siu maintains a 3.97 GPA, is in Symphony orchestra where he is philharmonic concert master and won the Pioneer Outstanding Musician Award. Alvin is a Peer Mentor, the Pioneer Learning Center Student Coordinator, the webmaster for the counseling and administrative departments, a member of Robotics Club, Science Olympiad and National Honor Society. He also volunteers for many organizations and plays golf at Pioneer. Alvin aspires to a career in medicine.

Book Depository News

In order to avoid confusion, unnecessary billing and shortages in the fall, PLEASE RETURN ALL TEXTBOOKS, NOVELS AND CALCULATORS TO THE BOOK DEPOSITORY BY THE END OF FINALS WEEK. Some books may be collected in class as a part of your final exam. Return materials as soon as you are finished with them. If you know you have lost a book, please pay for it at the General Office before school ends. A copy of each student's account will be provided to him/her in class during May to facilitate the identification of materials on loan. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

AFS Program



Congratulations!

Joyce Yoo '10 won a **\$5,000 AFS Washtenaw / Esperance**

Foundation scholarship to study in **Austria** for the 2008-09 school year. In addition, Joyce won the top merit award from AFS-USA from the **Awards for Excellence** program. Her total award is **\$7,500**.

Michaela Carmein '10 won a **\$2,000 AFS Washtenaw / Esperance Foundation scholarship** to study in **Argentina** for the 2008-09 school year.

Sarah Holmes '10 won a **\$500 AFS Washtenaw merit scholarship**. Sarah will spend the 2008-09 school year in **Ecuador**.

Allie Stein '10 won a **\$400 AFS Washtenaw Merit scholarship**. Allie will spend winter semester 2009 in **Chile**.

Elaine Ezekiel '08 won a **\$250 AFS Washtenaw merit scholarship**. Elaine will spend a semester in **Costa Rica** on the 18+ Community Service Program.

Emily Arsen '09 won **\$100 AFS Washtenaw merit scholarship** and will spend the summer in **Panama** on the Community Service program.

Carolyn Blessing '08 was named runner up **Young Citizen of the Year by the Ann Arbor News**. Carolyn spent a summer in **Costa Rica** on the AFS Community Service Program in 2006.

Congratulations to our new host families!

The **Whitaker family** will host **Mohammad Akram** from **India**. The **Beck/Levinsohn family** will host **Dima Tretyakov** from **Russia**. The **Mouat/ Snapp family** will host **Almira Baglar** from **Turkey**.

More placements are in the works, and more host families are needed.

Thank you!

The AFS exchange students would like to give a huge thank you to **Porscha Kazmierczak '08**, for organizing and leading the **Pioneer Exchange Club** for two years. We wish her well as she takes her impressive leadership skills to college.

A big **Thank You** to this year's host families: **Clinthornes** (Nur from Indonesia), **McKarns** (Laura from Germany), **Gaytons** (Najat from Philippines), **Qian/Dong family** (Kyoko from Japan), **Rodgers** (Dianita from Chile), **Kaczor/ Church family** (Clara from Germany), **Herstein family** (Simon from Sweden), **Stryker family** (Jarb from Thailand). They will be honored at the AFS Appreciation Tea June 8.

Make a difference

Hosting an AFS exchange student is a fun and exciting way to learn about the world. Including an AFSer 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 ask to host again and again. (It isn't as hard or scary as you think!)

Student applications from over 50 countries are now available for the 2007-08 school year.

Wanted: Host family for an exchange teacher. Exchange teachers serve as a resource for all Ann Arbor schools. For details please contact Melinda Colquitt at 668-6536.

Go Abroad with AFS

AFS offers 170 year, semester and summer programs in over 50 countries all around the world for students ages 15-24 and teachers. Learn more at www.afs.org! Apply early. Many countries fill well before the deadlines.

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.

For more info:

afswashtenaw@sbcglobal.net

Sharon Held at 995-1605

www.afs.org/usa

1-800-AFS-INFO

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)

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.

CR Summer Session

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

Online Summer Sessions

<u>Session</u>	<u>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

jaquette@aaps.k12.mi.us

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

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Ann Arbor Public Schools
Community Resource Program

How to Apply for an Online or CR Class

Complete an application and submit it by the deadline to the CR Office at your school or mail it to:
CR 08-09 Program, 401 North Division St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

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

DEADLINES FOR 08-09

1st Semester - Thursday 9/11/08

2nd Semester - Thursday 1/22/09

Not sure what a CR class is??

These courses are a contracted learning experience, awarding high school credit, taught by an “expert” member of the community either on-site or in the school and monitored by certified teaching staff. A CR is an opportunity for enrichment, exploration of career options, a chance to experience college curricula, an opportunity to do community service, or a way to accommodate a learning style preference.

Who May Apply for an Online Class

Students who have failed a class and want to retake the class for credit, students who have a scheduling conflict that can't be resolved, seniors who need a class to graduate, students wanting to advance a level in mathematics, students who have only 5 classes, students taking online government. Students not eligible may take one online class for a fee. See Susette Jaquette to discuss this option.

Important Information for Online Students and Parents

- Lab science online classes can only be taken for credit recovery.
- The MVHS Health Science A or B classes do not fulfill the health graduation requirement.
- An online class will be added to a student's schedule *after* it has been approved.
- An online class follows the *same* drop deadline and grade reporting as all classes.
- Students must attend an orientation session before starting their class. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Students must have at least two of their course tests proctored at school during scheduled proctored tests sessions.

Available Online Classes

AAPS instructor with ALEKS
MVHS

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, PreCalculus
All Flex classes (except Personal Fitness), AP classes
Go to www.mivhs.org for a list of MVHS classes.

CR Office Hours

CHS: Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm, 994-2026

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Updated 5/16/08 VOLUNTEER JOBS FOR ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY 2008

Contact **Cathy Pardon** (cpardon@comcast.net) to sign-up for any of the jobs that still have numbers by them.

If you are a senior parent and have not volunteered for your student's party, please consider one of these jobs. Undergraduate parents are also needed.

FRIDAY BEFORE PARTY (May 30th)Move Decorations to Pioneer

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

Helpful to have vans or large cars (Need ~~50~~) (15)

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY PRIOR

(June 3,4)

Organize Decorations

7:00-9:00pm – At Pioneer

Tuesday (~~20~~) (3)

Wednesday (~~20~~) (10)

DAY OF THE PARTY (June 5, 2008)Decorate/Set-up

9am-12 noon – decoration prep (~~40~~) (4)

12:00 noon – hanging tarps – a good job for men (1)

3:00 – 7:00 pm (~~75~~) (25)

6:00 – 10:30 pm (~~10~~) (2)

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~~) (1)

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

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

8:00 – 10:30 pm – Food set-up (~~5~~) (1)

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

1:00-4:00 am (~~14~~) (8)

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 (~~8~~) (1)

3:30-7:00 pm (4)

7:00-10:00 pm (~~5~~) (1)

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~20~~) (FULL)

1:00-4:00am (~~20~~) (11)

4:00-6:00am (~~13~~) (12)

Safety involves sitting by a door or hallway so no one goes in and out. Usually, 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~~) (FULL)

1:00 – 4:00am (~~4~~) (3)

Hoop Deck (small gym)

Help with 3v3 basketball, shootout games, etc.

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~4~~) (FULL)

1:00-4:00am (4) (FULL)

Temporary Tattoos

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~6~~) (FULL)

1:00-4:00am (~~6~~) (2)

Climbing Wall

10:00pm – 1:00 am (~~2~~) (FULL)

1:00-4:00am (2) (FULL)

Planetarium

11:00pm – 1:00am (~~1~~) (FULL)

1:00am – 3:00 (1) (1)

Make a DVD game

10:00pm – 1:00 am (~~2~~) (FULL)

1:00-4:00am (~~2~~) (1)

Tropical Treasures (Prizes)

10:00pm – 1:00am (2) (FULL)

Casino

8:00 – 10:30pm – Casino Prep (FULL)

10:00pm – 1:00am (~~26~~) – (FULL)

1:00-4:00am (~~26~~) (12) – 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~~) (FULL)

1:00-4:00am (~~8~~) (5)

4:00-6:00am (20) (10)

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~~) (37) or more!

7:30 – 10:30am – deflate balloons (~~12~~) (11)

Thanks to all parents who have already volunteered! You will receive a reminder of your job and other details within the next two weeks. Contact Cathy Pardon if you have questions.

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, via campus mail to Laurie Adams Skyline HS, 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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 2:30PM

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PLEASE READ EVERYTHING! LOTS OF INFORMATION INSIDE!!!

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: **6/5 ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY-ALL GRADES VOLUNTEERS**

Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

- May**
 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 Convention 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 Schedule
 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

Date	Time	Period Exam
Monday, June 9 th	Adjusted Bell Schedule Periods 1-6	7 th Hr Exam (see below)
Tuesday, June 10 th	7:45 – 9:15 am 9:45 – 11:15 am	1 st Hr Exam 2 nd Hr Exam
Wednesday, June 11 th	7:45 – 9:15 a.m. 9:45 – 11:15 p.m.	3 rd Hr Exam 4 th Hr Exam
Thursday, June 12 th	7:45 – 9:15 a.m. 9:45 – 11:15 p.m.	5 th Hr Exam 6 th Hr Exam
Friday, June 13 th	Make up Exams	Make arrangements with teacher

Buses will leave at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. (No Bus service on Friday.)



Monday, June 11 th	Bell Schedule		
	Period	Time	
1 st Period	7:40	–	8:28
2 nd Period	8:36	–	9:24
3 rd Period	9:32	–	10:20
Lunch	10:20	–	11:00
4 th Period	11:08	–	11:56
5 th Period	12:04	–	12:52
6 th Period	1:00	–	1:48
7 th Period Exam	2:00	–	3:30