

The Pioneer News

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From the Principal's Desk

We have so much important information to relate that we want to begin with an ardent appeal that everyone read this PTSO Newsletter carefully.

Administrative Changes

- We have two critical administrative changes that everyone needs to know about. First, we are saying good-bye and best wishes to Ms. Tamber Woodworth. Ms. Woodworth will be moving to Ann Arbor Open @ Mack as of February 1, 2011. Serving as principal of Pioneer High School for the past twelve months has been a challenging and rewarding experience. Pioneer is always a busy place, and Ms. Woodworth's year as principal was marked by the near completion of our transition to the smaller high school that we now are; the near culmination of our complicated and difficult reconstruction project; and as well as the day-to-day operation of this great school.
- We are welcoming back Principal Michael White who has been on active military duty for the past year. Mr. White has been training combat forces at Ft. Benning, Georgia. We will all be happy to assist Mr. White in his transition from military to civilian life. Mr. White's first order of business will be to meet and familiarize himself with the class of 2014 freshmen and reacquaint himself with the rest of the students, staff, and parents. We thank Mr. White for his service, and wish him well upon his return.

Upcoming events

- **Michigan Merit Examinations (MME) for all juniors.** On Tuesday, March 1, Wednesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 3, 2011, all juniors will be taking the MME. Required for a high school diploma in Ann Arbor, the MME is the high-stakes standardized test given to all juniors in the state.

The Michigan Merit Examination is the state assessment administered to all students enrolled in Grade 11 in March of each year. Twelfth grade students who did not take the MME or those who do not have valid scores must take the MME as well. The combined MME assessments measure student learning in the Michigan high school standards, benchmarks, and core content expectations. All Ann Arbor high school students are required to take the MME to receive a diploma.



The MME has three components: 1) *ACT + Writing* college entrance exam; 2) *WorkKeys*, a job skills assessment; and 3) Michigan-developed tests in Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. Each component is administered on different days: The *ACT + Writing* is administered on Day 1, March 1, 2011; the *WorkKeys* is administered on Day 2, March 2, 2011; and the Michigan tests are administered on Day 3, March 3, 2011.

The benefits of taking the MME are these: It fulfills one element of the graduation requirement; It provides an opportunity to take a free ACT (students

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can ask to have their results sent to colleges and universities they may wish to attend; and, the MME provides students with an Employment Certification.

Students must take all three days of the MME to receive valid MME scores in each subject area to be eligible for graduation. Parts of each test, *ACT + Writing*, *WorkKeys*, and Michigan components, count toward the total score in each subject area.

Here are some MME tips:

WHAT TO BRING

- Two soft-lead No. 2 pencils with good erasers
- Acceptable photo ID 's such as a driver's license, a passport, or a school ID. All ID's must meet all of the following criteria:
 - Current (not expired)
 - Includes first and last name
 - Issued by school, employer, or government agency
 - Current photo clearly recognizable
- A calculator may be used for Day 1 and Day 2 (mathematics assessments only). If a calculator is used, students should be sure to bring a calculator that he or she is comfortable with. Check the calculator for fresh batteries. Finally, check the Prohibited Calculator list (This will be included in the semester 1 grade mailing) to make sure that any given calculator is permitted for use on the MME mathematics assessments.
- A watch (if you wish to pace yourself). Alarms must be turned off

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- No cell phones, pagers, timers, or other digital/electronic equipment may be used. Use of any device that can be used to share or exchange information at any time during testing or during breaks constitutes a prohibited behavior that will invalidate tests.
- No scratch paper, notes, foreign language or other dictionary (unless being used as an approved accommodation) may be used. Students may use their test booklets for making scratch marks.
- No pens, colored pencils, or highlighters may be used.
- Portable listening or recording devices are prohibited.
- Students may not have cameras or other photographic equipment.

TIPS FOR MME TESTING

- Be well rested. Get a good night's sleep the night before each test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Make sure to have picture ID, pencils, and calculator (if you are using one).
- Arrive on time. Students will not be admitted to the testing room once the test booklets have been distributed.
- If testing at an unfamiliar location, make sure correct directions have been secured.
- An appropriate pace should be used during the tests. If spending too much time on one question, students should move on to the next question.
- Use breaks to eat or drink any snacks. No food or drink is allowed in the testing rooms.

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TESTING SCHEDULE

- On the first day, March 1, 2011, only students taking the MME (all juniors and those seniors who do not have valid scores) will attend school from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During this time the students will be taking the *ACT + Writing* tests. All other students will not have school on this day. **SPECIAL BUS DEPARTS PHS AT 1:00 P.M.**
- On the second day, March 2, 2011, MME participants will take the *WorkKeys* assessments from 7:40 to 10:30. All Pioneer students will have a shortened day schedule for the remainder of day three, commencing with lunch at 10:45 a.m.
- On the third day, March 3, 2011, MME participants will test from 7:30 - 10:30. All Pioneer students will have a shortened day schedule for the rest of the day.

NOTE:

On days two and three, those students who are not testing but who ride the bus to school must arrive at school at the normal time. There will be activities in the auditorium and in the gymnasium. **NO SPECIAL TESTING BUSES ARE SCHEDULED.**

Please watch for future MME communications. You may also refer to Michigan Department of Education website: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_35150---,00.html and the Pioneer website: <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.mme>.

OTHER NOTICES

On Monday, February 14, 2011, we will participate in **NAAPID**, the National African American Parent Involvement Day. Parents are invited to come to school and meet administrative and other staff at breakfast and lunch, attend the **Black History Month Assembly** during second hour, listen to a speaker at lunch, and shadow their own students through all or part of the school day.

Be aware that during the next three or four weeks, our students will be involved in the **Course Selection Process** for next year's classes, and we invite active parent participation.

Wednesday, February 9, 2011, is the official second semester **Count Day**. Be sure your student attends each of his or her classes on that date.

Orchestra Night at Hill Auditorium is Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

John Reece
Principal of Classes 2012 and 2013
Pioneer Assessment Coordinator
reece@aaps.k12.mi.us
734-994-2128



What? Michigan Merit Exam (MME)

When? Tues. March 1 7:40-01:00
Wed. March 2 7:40-10:45
Thurs. March 3 7:40-10:45

*Shortened Day Schedule in the afternoon on
March 2 & 3*

*Buses depart Pioneer at 1:00 P.M. on Tues. March 1
and there is a normal bus schedule for March 2 and March 3*

For? 11th Grade Class 2012
(and those seniors who have not taken the MME)

Why? Required for Graduation

You may also refer to Michigan Department of
Education website:

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-
22709_35150---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_35150---,00.html)

the Pioneer website:

[http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.mme.](http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.mme)



You're Invited!

Friday, March 25, 2011

*Pioneer Athletic Booster Club
Hall of Fame Dinner*

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*\$40 per person (\$15 tax deductible) or \$75 per couple (\$25 tax deductible)
(Dinner price includes admission to the Gala)*

Honoring the 2011 Inductees to the Pioneer Athletics Hall of Fame:

*Tony Anderson, Marilyn Karr Freda, Howdy Holmes, Darcy Thorpe Knoll,
Charmaine Byer Sizemore, Bob Spaly, & Paul Test*

Gala and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m.

\$35 per person (\$15 tax deductible) or \$60 per couple (\$20 tax deductible)

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 *all* Pioneer sports teams and facilities

Weber's Inn

3040 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan

COMPLETE & RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Pioneer High School Athletic Office - Attention: Patti Kralik
601 W. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Questions?: email pattik725@yahoo.com or call 734-930-6845

_____ # 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)
(Please respond by March 15, 2011)*

Send a Valentine's Day Cookie-Gram

to your favorite student (or teacher, or counselor, or staff member) !

Valentine **cookies** (baked by Great Harvest Bread Co. here in Ann Arbor), **festively packaged**, with a **personalized card** from you (anonymous is fun too), **delivered** during the hour of your choice on Valentine's Day.

Send or bring \$4 for each cookie-gram to:
Jane Burton, 11th Grade Office, 601 W. Stadium, AA 48103
or call 994-2128 if time is too short for mailing.

TO: _____
(print name clearly)

FROM: _____

HOUR/CLASS: _____

FOR JUNIOR PARENTS ONLY:

Cookie-Gram Deluxe includes the above PLUS a class tee shirt for \$10. If you would like a Deluxe, please specify the size.

Money from this year's cookie-grams will be put towards purchasing, preparing, and serving a meal to the residents of Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor this Spring.

Thank you from the Junior Class for your support of our class and this community service activity.

Ronald
McDonald
House



Purchase Your Omega Yearbook and Accessories

(Accessories may be purchased even if you have already purchased a yearbook)

Item	Qty	Price	Total
Yearbook		\$65.00	
Hear the Year		\$12.99	
Signature Package		\$17.70	
Deluxe Package		\$24.94	
1 Line Personalization		\$5.45	
2 Lines Personalization		\$7.60	
Icons (0-4)		\$3.40	
Clear Protective Cover		\$2.30	
Autograph Section		\$2.25	
Photo Pockets		\$2.05	
Donate A Yearbook		\$65.00	
Total Due			

Yearbooks, Personalization and Icons available until February 18, 2011.

All other items available until April 29, 2011.

Return form to C214/C216 during lunch or after school.

For more information contact Betsy van der Zee at 994-2293.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone #: _____

Personalization: (Max. 29 Characters Per Line)

Icon Code(s):

Find additional information describing accessories at-
Jostensyearbooks.com

The yearbook is working with a new publisher this year and several new accessories are available. These options are available even if you have already purchased a yearbook. Descriptions are available at jostensyearbooks.com. You may also get information at lunch and after school at the Omega Yearbook Office (C214). Since these are new options, the publisher has agreed to extend the opportunity to purchase yearbooks and personalization until February 18th. Other items will be available until April 29th. Yearbooks will be available after February 18th while supplies last.

Get School Information via EMAIL Subscribe to PIONEER Announcements

The Yahoo Groups Internet Announcement Service for Pioneer families is open for subscription. This FREE service allows administration 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).

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!

PLEASE NOTE: To successfully UNSUBSCRIBE you must unsubscribe using the same e-mail address you used to subscribe. It is recommended that if you are switching e-mail carriers—unsubscribe before you make the switch.

Bell Schedule for MME & ACT-PLAN Testing Days
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, March 1, 2, 3, 2011

Time	Tuesday, March 1
7:40 am - 12:41 pm	MME - ACT + Writing (11th grade)
No school for grades 9, 10, and 12 on Tuesday, March 1st 11th grade students released when testing is completed.	

Time	Wednesday, March 2	Thursday, March 3
7:40 - 10:45 am	MME WorkKeys (11 th grade)	MME Mathematics, Science & Social Studies (11th grade)
10:45 - 11:19 am	lunch	lunch
11:27 - 12:22 pm	1st hour (9, 10, 11, 12)	4th hour (9, 10, 11, 12)
12:30 - 1:25 pm	2nd hour	5th hour
1:33 - 2:28 pm	3rd hour	6th hour
2:36 - 3:04 pm	7 th hour	7th hour
	Shortened Day Schedule for 9th 10th and 12th, 10:45 – 2:35 (6th) or 3:05 (7th)	Shortened Day Schedule for 9th 10th and 12th. 10:45 – 2:35 (6th) or 3:05 (7th)

Revised 1/24/11

Choir Solo & Ensemble Participants

The following Pioneer High School Choir students participated in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) District Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 12, at Eastern Michigan University. Students prepared two solos and/or an ensemble and performed for an MSVMA Certified Adjudicator. Their performance was evaluated and a rating was assigned.



Marissa Alaniz, Iman Aslani, Emily Ause, Kelsey Detering, Julia DeVarti, Libing Dong, Ramya Dronamraju, Robert Eisentrout, Adriana Ellis, Becca Fisher, Nicolas Gonzalez, April Hadwick, Joey Hathaway, Hannah Hesseltine, Julian Jocque, Gabrielle Keen, Samuel Kidd, Kelsey King, Kathleen Kollman, Chewon Lee, JinYoung Lee, Jordie Liao, Emily Lim, Alex Massingill, Jordan McKay, Jessa Miller, Emmalee Mills, Sophie Morris, Jenny Nathans, Andrew Neevel, Greta Niethammer, Gabriel Novak, Cara Pardon, Jack Pilutti, Maddie Polovick, Victoria Reackhof, Paul Reece, Schuyler Robinson, Sabra Satz-Kojis, Marielle Saunders, Lilly Scheerer, Michael Shack, Mark Strader, Karina Stribley, Cristina Tamer, Taryn Thomas, Lukas Trierweiler, Sherry Wan, Allison Weir, Natalie White, Lucy Yao, & Anastasia Zolova.



1ST ANNUAL ANN ARBOR DODGEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHO: Middle School (boys or girls) Teams
Co-ed High School Teams
College/Adult Co-ed Teams

WHEN: Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 12pm (noon)-9pm
(Snow date: Sunday February 13th)

WHERE: Skyline High School, 2552 N. Maple Road, Ann Arbor

COST: \$10/per individual entered on a team (minimum of 6 per team)

Grab 5-9 of your best friends (sport team, club, after school activity, fraternity, Euchre group, etc.) & form a dodgeball team for the 1st Annual Ann Arbor Dodgeball Championship!!!

Teams of 6-10 people can compete for a trophy, prizes and most of all, bragging rights, while playing one of the best games ever!

There will be Trophies and Prizes for #1 team in each these categories:

- Middle School Boys
- Middle School Girls
- High School Co-ed
- College/Adult Co-ed
- Best Team Costume

Details and the Registration form are available at:
www.annarbordodgeball.com

Deadline: Monday, January 31st. Individual Walk-ins allowed on the day of the event (space permitting).

This is a fundraiser for the Skyline High School Crew team.

QUESTIONS? Contact skylinedodgeball@umich.edu

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

In partnership with Ann Arbor Public Schools, the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) is revitalizing Achievement Solutions Teams (AST) at Pioneer! AST was organized by the Youth Senate at Pioneer and Huron High Schools in response to results from their youth-led research over two years on achievement disparities among high school students in the AAPS. Negative peer influence was identified by the student research as among the top three of 21 core barriers to academic achievement. Fourteen hundred students participated in the research project.

The school-based AST program has been developed by students and adult allies to provide positive peer support through academic peer coaching to assist struggling students in taking charge of their success in school. AST is not a tutoring program. Rather, AST peer coaches help their peers set and reach short- and long-term personal and scholastic goals. Now in its third year, AST has produced promising academic outcomes; results each semester over the last two years reflect on average 75 percent of participating students' failing grades raised to passing ones, and combined GPAs were .67 points higher.

YEP is currently planning to have an introductory AST lunch meeting at Pioneer during the first week of second semester. If you are interested in getting your child involved in AST as either a peer coach or a peer, please contact YEP for more information. You can speak to either Ebba Hierta or Jess Chung at (734) 761-3005, or e-mail ast@youthempowerment.com. We hope to hear from you soon!

Important Dates Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar

For a complete calendar of key events at Pioneer please visit

http://www.a2pioneer.org/pioneer.calendar/phs_google_calendar

ATTENTION SENIORS

If your college has requested your mid-year (first semester) grades, please come to the Records Office to fill out a request form. Be sure to bring the Admissions Office address with you. If you have been provided with a form from the college, please bring that. Many of you have already submitted your colleges' mid-year report forms (including the Common Application Mid-Year Report). If this is the case, your grades will be automatically forwarded and you don't need to do anything further. **IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED THE COMMON APPLICATION MID-YEAR REPORT, YOU MUST BRING A FORM FOR EVERY COMMON APP SCHOOL TO WHICH YOU APPLIED TO THE RECORDS OFFICE** All requests for mid-year grades must be submitted by the end of January 2011.

EVENTS @ NEUTRAL ZONE

ACT Test Strategy Workshop

Neutral Zone and The Princeton Review have teamed up to present a series of **FREE** college admissions preparation workshops. The series is designed for teens, but parents are welcome to attend.

On Thursday, February 17, the ACT Test Strategy Workshop will be held at 5 p.m. at the Princeton Review offices located at 1220 S. University, Suite 102. ACT workshop participants will learn how to apply effective test-taking strategies for each section of the test. A Princeton Review instructor will lead participants through several ACT sample problems. The workshop is free; no pre-registration is required.

Future workshops and dates:

College Admission Workshop:

Wednesday, March 9, 5 p.m.

@ Neutral Zone, FREE

Admission and Standardized Test Essay Workshop:

Wednesday, March 23, 5 p.m.

@ Princeton Review, FREE

Do Ask Do Tell

On Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m., Neutral Zone's Riot Youth program is sponsoring "Do Ask Do Tell" an evening for our community to ask and hear from LGBTQQA youth about their experiences to create change. Free and open to the public; no pre-registration required. For more information, go to www.neutral-zone.org or call NZ at (734) 214-9995.

Pioneer Spirit Ware!

We have new in-stock items -- great Pioneer t-shirts, shorts, crew and hooded sweatshirts and they all come in a variety of colors and sizes. We carry purple, black, gray and white Pioneer (and "Ann Arbor Pioneer") t-shirts and sweatshirts in S, M, L, XL and 2XL. We also carry Pioneer sweatpants, windbreakers, shoe laces and lanyards! Please note that special or custom orders need 2 weeks. Please send any questions to the spirit ware contact at:

pioneerptsostore@gmail.com

Please see our new order form on page 14 of this newsletter. Our order form is also at:

http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.parents/files/ptso_store_order_form_2010.pdf

Thank you for your support!

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PTSO · The Pioneer News · Article-Info Deadline

Wednesday—Feb. 23 (might change)

To: gsicorp@sbcglobal.net

STUDY SKILLS WINTER 2011

ACT Preparation Workshop

Grades 10-12. Enrolling in the ACT Preparation Workshop helps you prepare to successfully take the ACT test. This workshop is for students taking the ACT during the remainder of the calendar year. The best method for scoring well on the ACT and replacing anxiety with confidence is to be knowledgeable and well prepared. Information and strategies for each section of the test are included. Bring a **CALCULATOR** and a **WATCH WITH A SECOND HAND**. A manual is provided for each participant as part of the fee. Scholarship recipients pay \$20. Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. **1 class.**

ID# 1329.601	2/5	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12 Noon	Tappan, Media Center

ID# 1329.602	3/26	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12 Noon	Tappan, Media Center

Finding the College that Fits Parents & Students (Grades 9-12) together. Parents and students are faced with a myriad of choices about college. Let John help you and your student find and identify the resources in your family's search for the right college. Discussion will include what your student needs and wants from school, location, admissions possibilities and finances. This class is intended for parents and students to attend together. Instructor: John B. Boshoven, M.A., M.S.W. **1 class.**

ID# 1337.601	2/15	Tuesday
FEE: \$29	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Community, Room 213

Paying for the College that Fits Parents & Students (Grades 9-12) together. Find out where money for college comes from and how to get your fair share. Families will learn about sources of aid, the FAFSA, the College Scholarship Search Profile (CSS), and scholarship searches. Instructor provides resources to help find financial assistance for college. Instructor: John B. Boshoven, M.A., M.S.W. **1 class.**

ID# 1341.601	2/16	Wednesday
FEE: \$29	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Community, Room 213

The Art of Writing a Winning College Application Essay

Parents and Students Grades 9-12. College admissions officers spend minutes reading an essay, so how can yours be as impressive as Mt. Everest—strong and memorable—and not an anonymous anthill? Learn what admissions officers are looking for, how to bring out your unique writing voice, and engaging ways to emphasize your strengths without bragging. Discuss and take home samples of winning essays. Come to class with a notebook and optional essay drafts for feedback. Expect to leave class energized, with a jumpstart on your essay. Instructor: Debbie Eisenberg Merion. **1 class.**

ID# 1339.601	3/23	Wednesday
FEE: \$29	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Community, Room 213

Enroll online at aarecd.com or call Ivy Juan at 734-994-2300 ext. 53248.

PLEASE help so the ASAN party will continue for class of 2011 and beyond!

All Senior All Night Party Fundraising!

Kroger Program has changed please read below!

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

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

TO REGISTER YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD:

- Go to ***www.krogercommunityrewards.com***
- Click *Michigan*.
- Click *enroll* under Participant.
- As a new online customer, click ***Sign up today!*** in the '**New Customer?**' box on the right.
- Under Preferred Store, enter zip code, click *find*.
- Pick preferred store, click *select*.
- Enter email address, create a password, click *confirm*.
- Agree to the terms and conditions, click *confirm*.
- You will get a message to check your email and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Enter your email address and password, click *sign in*.
- Click *Edit Kroger Community Rewards information* and enter your Kroger Plus card number
- Click save changes.
- Update or confirm your information, click *save changes*.
- For organization, enter NPO number **82622** or **Pioneer**, select from list and click *save changes*.
- To verify correct enrollment, *Pioneer High School ASAN* should be on the right side of the page
- Logout

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

If you have any questions or need a new card please contact Judy Kaplan 734-995-8370 or email judykapa2@aol.com



Pioneer PTSO/ASAN

GROCERY PROGRAM ORDER FORM

THE PIONEER PTSO/ALL SENIORS ALL NIGHT (PTSO/ASAN) GRADUATION PARTY provides our seniors with a safe, drug & alcohol-free, supervised, fantastic celebration at the school on graduation night.

Why should I participate in the grocery program if my student isn't a senior? To ensure the ASAN party continues, so it will be available when your student *is* a senior. **The** major source of funding for the party is this grocery program. Year-round participation in the program helps cover party costs. **No other group at Pioneer uses this fundraiser, so ALL of our families can contribute to making this night SAFE and SUCCESSFUL.**

If this is at no cost to me, how is it a fundraiser? Participating grocery stores donate a percentage to ASAN calculated from grocery sales each month.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

- **MEIJER'S Community Reward Program.** Register online at www.meijer.com/rewards. Organization name: Pioneer High School, code number: 992136
- **KROGER'S Plus Card Reward Program.** Register online at - www.krogercommunityrewards.com with this program you must re-enroll every year. For organization enter NPO number 82622 or Pioneer High School. Kroger is willing to give a lot to the program if you register your Kroger plus card today! Instructions are on the next page!

• **Rechargeable cards. (Add more \$ at the store, no need for another card when balance is done.)**

BUSCH'S _____ cards @ \$5 each \$ _____

HILLER'S _____ cards @ \$5 each \$ _____

• **Not rechargeable cards. (Order a new card when used up.)**

WHOLE FOODS - _____ cards @ \$100 each \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Complete order form, make check payable to: **PIONEER PTSO/ASAN**

Turn in at registration or Mail form & check to:
Judy Kaplan 1893 Snowberry Ridge Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Questions call 734-995-8370 or email judykapa2@aol.com

Thank you for your support!

Cash _____ Check # _____ Given @ reg _____ Mailed _____ Delivered _____ Picked-up _____

Ann Arbor PTO



THRIFT SHOP

A2PTOThriftShop.org

2280 S. Industrial Hwy • 734.996.9155

SHOP - DONATE - FUNDRAISE

A non-profit resale shop
with all proceeds benefitting Ann Arbor
Public Schools and student enrichment

Hours

M-F 9-7 • Sat 9-6 • Sun 11-5

Donations Accepted Mon-Sat
Call for Details and FREE Furniture Pick-up

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Featuring: Athletic Equipment • Books • Clothing • Toys
Furniture • Household Goods and More

PTO THRIFT SHOP NEWS

January payout to PHS is **\$7,310**
to **only 10** groups!

Don't miss out on your opportunity to raise funds:

Does your group produce a program or newsletter? The Thrift Shop will pay you to promote!

There are still summer spots available for "Show Your Support" posters (\$250-500), an easy way to have funds at the beginning of next year.

Find out more at www.a2ptothriftshop.org under "Fundraising" then contact the Fundraiser Coordinator: a2ptothrift@gmail.com

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED!

What's a rep? S/He acts as liaison between Pioneer PTSO and the AA PTO Thrift Shop:

- 1) Communicates information and reminders from the Thrift Shop to the school PTO and school community, via newsletter or announcements;
- 2) Attends three Thrift Shop Board meetings per year when checks for volunteer hours are distributed;
- 3) Delivers the payout check and distribution list to the school PTO treasurer.

This position is REWARDING because you facilitate thousands of dollars of support to school organizations. It is NOT time consuming, and can be done in the evening. Please read more at www.a2ptothriftshop.org and contact me!

Parent rep. (for now): Martha Kershaw 663-5957 mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net

***Shop for Thrifty Valentine's or Birthday
Gifts at the AAPTO Thrift Shop
2280 S. Industrial Hwy.***

All proceeds benefit Ann Arbor Public School Students!

Pioneer Band students received **102** first division and **22** second division ratings in **SOLO competition**, as well as **115** first division and **22** second division ratings in **ENSEMBLE competition** on January 15 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 January 15. 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. **The symbol (2) after a students name indicates that they had two events receiving that rating in the same category.**



Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of a SOLO were: Maddie Allen, Shreya Bahl, Halley Bass, Aaron Baum, Jolla Bennett, Caitlin Berrigan, Ben Bielajew, James Boyd (2), Michael Buiteweg, Galen Burrell, James Campbell, Takeo Cauley, Katie Centurione, Iris Chen, Han Qiu Cheng, Andrew Choe, Hyewon Choi, D'Arcy Cook, Alex Copp, Katie Copp, Rennie Cotner, Amelia Diehl, Peter Doyle, Eric Dutton, Jonathan Evans, John Fan, Rebecca Fisher, Kevin Flannagan, Nina Freter, Charlie Geronimus, Celisa Gutierrez, Christopher Haddelsey, Christopher Hass (2), Andrew Hess, Clare Higgins, Leila Hofer, Conor Howe, Skye Huerta, Max Hully, Taylor Johnson, Jae Jung, Kayoon Jung, Aina Kelsaw-Fletcher, Simmon Kim, Anna Latterner, Tyler Leach, Olivia Lee, Siyan (Daniel) Li, Emily Liu, Yuming Liu, Sara Long, Wei Luo, Hannah Lynn, Zach Marentay, Andrea Martin, Natalie Martin, Anna Mayne, Jack McKarns, Isabel McKay, Jordan McKay, Sowdeepya Nadimpalli, Alyssa Natoci, Daniel Olson, Veronika Olszewski, Henry Pakela, Julia Pakela, Audrey Park, EunSoo Park, Evan Park, Sara Park, Abraham Paternoster, Bo Peng, Elliot Polot, Norah Rast, Linda Relson, Carly Renner, Natalie Roll, David Shao, Michael Shapiro, Josh Sherick, Michael Shin, Rebecca Shipan, Ken Simon (2), Antonia Smith, Gina Son, Austin Stout, Jacob Swanson, Kevin Tian (2), Nick Terrell, Charles Wang, William Wang, Hope Wilson, Enze Xing, Thea Yagerlener, Eric Yamakado, Tina Yu, Kevin Zhang, Megan Zheng

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Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of a SOLO were: Shreya Bahl, Rachel Bielajew, Sam Blackburn, Dean Brigham, Heewon Choi, Ruby Emberling, Christine Etter, Jesse Fernandez, Kristal Frazzini, Alex Ginsburg, Kiley Judge, Jared Kaufman, Sara King, Moritz Lehner, Nicholas Lemerand, Hannah Lynn, Patricia Nease, Oksana Palczynski, Michael Saunders, Andrew Siddall, Ryan Teeter, Nick Verhun

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were: Alex Baum, Riley Bean, Joella Bennett (2), Caitlin Berrigan (2), Ben Bielajew (2), Galen Burrell, James Campbell (2), Takeo Cauley, Katie Centurione, William Chen, Elizabeth Choi, Eddie Codrington, D'Arcy Cook, Katie Copp, Rennie Cotner, Alayna Coverly (2), Rosie Curtis, Nick DeMarsh, Meera Desai (2), Peter Doyle, Ruby Emberling, Jonathan Evans (2), Jack Fan, John Fan, Monica Fink, Kevin Flannagan (2), Alex Ginsberg (2), Meaghan Glanville, Andrew Hess, Clare Higgins, Leila Hofer (2), Conor Howe, Vijay Ilankamban, Kevin Jiang, Kiley Judge, Jae Jung, Kayoon Jung, Konstantin Kecman, Hyeyoung Kim, Simmon Kim, Yeong Hyeon Koh, Meghan Kymal, Christopher Landau, Anna Latterner, Edward Lee, Harry Lee, Jesse Lemons, Levy Li, Sam Lichtman-Mikol, Emily Liu, Wei Luo, Hannah Lynn, Zach Marentay (2), Andrea Martin, Natalie Martin, Anna Mayne (2), Manasseh McClair, Isabel McKay, Jordan McKay, Luke Mykolenko, Veronika Olszewski, Julia Pakela, Sara Park, Terralyn Parks, Elliot Polot, Norah Rast, Linda Relson, Tim Rittinger, Natalie Roll, Michael Saunders, Laura Schickling, Kaylee Schonsheck, David Shao, Michael Shapiro, Josh Sherick, Dana Shin (2), Rebecca Shipan, Ken Simon, Hunter St. Pierre, Gina Son (2), Mario Sulaksana, Jacob Swanson, Maria Ten Brink, Nick Terrell, Stephanie Terrell, Jordan Vale, Peter Wang, William Wang, Hope Wilson (2), Ted Xiao, Thea Yagerlener, Eric Yamakado, Angela Yang (2), Tina Yu, Annie Zhang, Kevin Zhang (2), Alan Zhou, Eric Zimmer

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were: Alex Bartko, Hangil Choi (2), Samantha Freshley, Anna Hayman, Guanlun He, Haley Jakabcsin, Tela Kabisch, Kyle Kantebet, Aina Kelsaw-Fletcher, Ruohao Li, Nathan Morningstar, Oksana Palczynski, Niket Parikh, Richie Peterson, Gabe Puno, Sarah Starman, Kathy Sun, Stephanie Terrell, Noah Thompson, Rachel Verhun, Brinda Yarlagadda

We are very proud of each one of these students!

David Leach and Nancy Waring, Pioneer Bands



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Welcome back, Mr. White!

We are glad to have you here again and look forward to a productive second semester.

- Sign-ups for Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up March 15 & 16. Please make sure you sign up if you would like to meet with any of your student's teachers. Details will be in the March newsletter. These conferences are similar to the conferences held last fall and procedures will be the same for signing up.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences March 17th 4-7 PM. By appointment only.
- Does your student need sweat pants (the warmest possible), t-shirts, hoodies and even shorts to get ready for Spring? Please fill out the order form included in this edition (and every edition) of the newsletter and return to Tricia Kalosa.
- In addition, several of our current board members will not be returning in the fall. We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with various tasks during the year - if you are interested, please attend the April 19 PTSO meeting or contact any of the board members listed on the back page of this newsletter.
- The All Senior All Night Party is approaching. There are many ways you can help as a parent of any student at Pioneer. Please see details in this newsletter.
- Help is needed for Teacher Appreciation week in May - if you are interested, please contact Kathy Robenalt at WRoben3357@aol.com. If you expressed interest in this on your volunteer sheet in the fall—you will be contacted.

*From the
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Please let us know if you have ideas or suggestions for making Pioneer a better place.

Kathy Robenalt - PTSO President

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From the Editor—Be sure to spot errors and typos and send them my way :) Also, and much more importantly - please let me know what you would like to see in future newsletters. My e-mail address and telephone number are just above on the left.

Gerry Humes