

# The Pioneer News

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL PTSO · 2011-2012 · December · Issue Five



## *Send a VALENTINE'S COOKIE-GRAM or CAKE-GRAM*

*Say "I care" with a card and a festive package of Valentine sweets ~  
a heart-shaped devil's food cake or sugar cookies,  
Freshly baked right down the road by Ann Arbor's own  
Great Harvest Bread Company.*

*Each cookie-gram or cake-gram will be personally delivered with a card to  
your favorite student, or teacher, or staff member here at Pioneer.*

### *TO ORDER NOW...*

*Complete the order form below for as many Valentine-grams as you like.  
Mail or bring the form + \$5 per cookie/cake gram to  
Jane Burton, PHS, 601 W. Stadium, 48103.  
(Parents may call 994-2128 to place orders, if time is short.)*

### *Valentine Cookie-Gram or Cake-Gram—Order Form*

*Send to (print whole name):* \_\_\_\_\_

*From (anonymous is ok):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle the hour/class you would like it delivered if you have a preference:*

1    2    3    4    5    6    7

*Thanks for supporting this Senior Class fundraiser!*



*You're Invited!*

# Friday, March 23, 2012

*Pioneer Athletic Booster Club  
Hall of Fame Dinner*

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\$45 per person (\$20 tax deductible) or \$80 per couple (\$30 tax deductible)  
(Dinner price includes admission to the Gala)

Honoring the 2012 Inductees to the Pioneer Athletics Hall of Fame:

*Janet Baublis, Heather Brown Butler, David Elliott,  
Daniel Eskin, Doug Hennigar, & Betty Yahr (posthumously)*

## *Gala and Silent Auction*

7:30 p.m.

\$35 per person (\$15 tax deductible) or \$65 per couple (\$25 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  
*Dinner - The Atrium, Gala - Grand Ballroom*

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](mailto: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)  
(Respond by March 12, 2012)*

# PTO THRIFT SHOP NEWS

***TRANSPORTATION FUNDS AVAILABLE***  
through a generous grant from the PTO Thrift Shop!  
Contact the Principals Office for requests.

**PAYOUT** for fundraising activity Sept.-Dec. 2011  
will be available in early February.

***SHOW YOUR SUPPORT*** for **Men's Lacrosse** by shop-  
ping during the week of **1/29 – 2/4**  
and voting for them!

**\*\*\*New SYS dates** available this summer –  
plan ahead for next fall – contact Anne Farnham:  
[a2ptothrift@gmail.com](mailto:a2ptothrift@gmail.com)\*\*\*

25% STUDENT DISCOUNT SATURDAYS with ID  
25% AAPS STAFF Discount FIRST SUNDAY with ID

***ANN ARBOR PTO THRIFT SHOP***  
***2280 S. INDUSTRIAL HWY.***

***www.a2ptothriftshop.org***

All proceeds benefit Ann Arbor Public School Students!

**\*\*\* NEW REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED \*\*\***  
**Rewarding and not time consuming - please contact me!**  
**Parent rep: Martha Kershaw \*\*\* [mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net)**

# MEDIA CENTER/TEXTBOOK DEPOSITORY

## HOME ACCESS VIEW RIGHTS

Students and parents may now view their Pioneer Media Center and Book Depository loan records from home. Utilizing Destiny, a web based program, and their student log-in name and student ID number, students and parents may now review at any time what items are still on loan and what fines or obligations, if any, have been applied. Please note: obligations must still be cleared from wherever the item was borrowed – either the Media Center or the Book Depository.

### DIRECTIONS FOR HOME ACCESS

From the Pioneer website home page:

- Click on the MEDIA CENTER link in the left navigation bar.
- Click on the CATALOG link in the next webpage.
- Click on the LOG-IN box in the upper right hand corner to open a new webpage.

LOG-IN using the same information that students use to access student server space. Remember that it is case sensitive.

Log In: Graduation year-last name-first name-middle initial [2012SmithJohnM]

Password: Student ID number

### VIEWING THE CHECKOUT RECORD

By default, the screen opens to search the catalog of PHS Media Center. In the top navigation bar on the left side, beneath Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor MI, is the MY INFO button.

Clicking on this button will allow you to view the ITEMS OUT from both the Media Center [Library Materials] and Book Depository [Textbooks].

It will also give you information on fines posted to your account. Media Center fines are 10 cents per day and max out at \$1.00 for each book that is late, while textbook fines represent replacement cost for a damaged or lost textbook. Both our Media Center and Book Depository charge for lost or damaged books. Receipts are provided for payment by cash or check only. Checks must be payable to: Pioneer High School. No credit cards are accepted at this time.

Under ITEMS OUT you will see: date due; title of item; book price and date checked out. The Pioneer Media Center and Textbook Depository utilize different due dates.

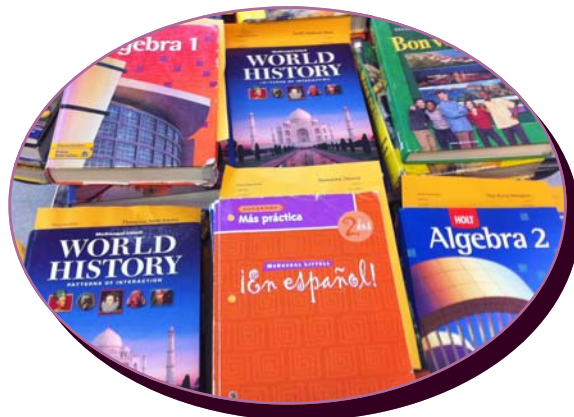
Questions or inquiries are always welcomed so please feel free to contact us during the school day at the following phone numbers for assistance.

Pioneer High School Media Center:

734-994-2160 Deborah Young

Pioneer High School Book Depository:

734-994-2186 Kathy Robenalt





734.996.9155

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Ann Arbor #6 AATA BUS LINE



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## Rec & Ed Workshops

### Study Skills Winter 2012



#### Learn to Study and Take Tests!

**Grades 6-8 & Grades 9-12.** Do you have difficulty taking tests? Learn various study and test taking strategies that will help you prepare for upcoming test and quizzes. This class will teach the effective skills you need to prepare test day! Parents are strongly encouraged to attend class with you during the last meeting period. Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. **5 classes.** No class 3/31, 4/7.

ID# 1327.201 (Gr. 6-8)	3/10-4/21	Saturday
FEE: \$95	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Tappan, Media Center
ID# 1327.202 (Gr. 9-12)	3/10-4/21	Saturday
FEE: \$95	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Tappan, Media Center

#### 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# 1329.201	2/4	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12 NOON	Tappan, Media Center
ID# 1329.202	3/3	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12 NOON	Tappan, Media Center
ID# 1329.203	3/24	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12 NOON	Scarlett, Media Center

#### Finding for 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# 1337.201	2/29	Wednesday
FEE: \$35	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Community, Room 213

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### **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# 1341.201	3/7	Wednesday
FEE: \$35	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Community, Room 213

Instructor: Debbie Eisenberg Merion, M.S.W, is the owner of Essay Coaching (essaycoaching.com), which has helped thousands of students write winning college application essays since 2005. She is the author of Solving the College Admissions Puzzle: A Guide for Students and Families About College Selection, Essay Writing and High-Stakes Testing with co-authors John Boshoven, M.S.W, and Geri Markel, Ph.D. Debbie's students have been admitted to Harvard, Yale, Columbia and other prominent universities. Her supportive, clear and effective techniques evolved from her experience in counseling, teaching college English, and 30 years of professional writing as an award-winning journalist and essayist.

### **Write and Edit 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? In the first session of this two-session class, learn the secrets to bringing out your unique writing voice and emphasizing your strengths without bragging, and then start writing. Continue drafting essays at home after the first session and bring your drafts to the second session for feedback and editing tips. Handouts include samples of winning essays. Instructor: Debbie Eisenberg Merion. **2 classes.**

ID# 1339.202	3/20, 3/27	Tuesday
FEE: \$69	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Community, Room 213

**Enroll online at [aarecd.com](http://aarecd.com) or contact Ivy Juan at 734-994-2300 x53248.**





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## Please help so the ASAN party will continue for the class of 2012 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](http://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](mailto:judykapa2@aol.com)

## PTSO STORE PIONEER WEAR ORDER FORM

Please fill out this order form COMPLETELY and either mail it to the address below, take it to the General Office or e-mail it back to **PioneerPTSOstore@gmail.com**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print your e-mail address clearly since we use this to contact you when your order is available)

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Order: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Rec'd	Item	Price	Color (circle one)	Size (circle one)	Logo (circle one)	Total \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	T-shirt Short-sleeve	\$12	Gray    Purple Black    White	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Ann Arbor Pioneer or Pioneer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	T-shirt Long-sleeve	\$17	Gray    Purple	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Ann Arbor Pioneer or Pioneer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hooded Sweatshirt	\$36	Gray    Purple Black	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Ann Arbor Pioneer or Pioneer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sweatpants	\$20	Gray    ONLY	S, M & L ONLY	Ann Arbor Pioneer or Pioneer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Girls Shorts	\$14	Gray    Purple			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lanyard	\$3	Purple w/white letters			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoe Laces	\$4	Purple w/white letters			
<b>SPECIALS ORDER</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crew Neck Sweatshirt	\$36	Gray    Purple Black	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Ann Arbor Pioneer or Pioneer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hooded Windbreaker	\$40	Purple    Black	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Pioneer ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket	\$36	Purple    Black	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Ann Arbor Pioneer or Pioneer	

**Do you want a name or class year on the back of your shirt or under Pioneer on the Windbreaker?**

**Cost is \$12.00 per item.**

Print VERY clearly please: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment must be made with the order. Make checks payable to PIONEER PTSO STORE**

You can mail orders to: PTSO, c/o Mary Tobin, Ann Arbor Pioneer HS, 601 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Questions? Email: PioneerPTSOStore@gmail.com

You will be called or e-mailed when your order is ready.

For Store Staff ONLY:    Special: \_\_\_\_ In-stock: \_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_ Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Completed by PTSO Store Staff (please initial): \_\_\_\_\_  
 This section must be completed before the order can be processed. Thank you!

## **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](http://www.a2pioneer.org/pioneer.calendar/phs_google_calendar)

## **NEWS FROM ATTENDANCE**

### **– PLEASE READ:**



Hello. It's that time of year to remind all students and parents of the procedures regarding student attendance.

- Please call the Attendance number at (734) 994-2135 to report any absences. Remember to provide a REASON for the absence so that it can be properly noted. ("Running late" or "oversleeping" are not excusable reasons.)
- Please remind your students to ALWAYS check in and out at the General Office when they arrive or leave early. There is a clipboard there that they should sign and complete.
- A STAFFING NOTE: : Our staffing was decreased for this school year. The Attendance messages are received by Kathy Robenalt, also the Book Depository Manager. The phone line for Attendance is set up to go directly to voicemail. If you need to speak to her, please leave a number and she will call you back promptly. Due to this staffing change, your patience is greatly appreciated!!

Details regarding Attendance polices can be found in the Back to School Guide at the following link: <http://www.a2schools.org/parents/files/pioneerbts1112.pdf> on pages 13-14. They can also be found in the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

### **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](mailto: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.



## Athletic Booster Club

*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 the 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.*



### 2011-12 PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL

#### PTSO BOARD

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Pioneer PTSO news items are to be submitted via e-mail to Gerry Humes at: [gsicorp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gsicorp@sbcglobal.net) before 5:00 P.M. on the deadline date which will be circulated each month. The PTSO sends the Pioneer News via electronic mail to all Pioneer families who have signed up. Please make sure your most time-sensitive announcements and events are submitted well in advance of your event date!

*Non-Discrimination Policy: No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, height, weight, marital or familial status, or disability.*

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734.994.2120

Please look for the PTSO  
on the Pioneer web site:  
[www.a2pioneer.org](http://www.a2pioneer.org)

**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 is just above on the left.

*Gerry Humes*