

# The Pioneer News

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL · 2010-2011 · June · Issue Ten

## CLASS OF



**CONGRATULATIONS**

## URGENT NOTICE FOR SENIORS!

If your college has requested your final high school transcript, you **MUST** come to the Records Office and arrange to have it sent. Most colleges will not allow you to attend classes in the fall or release your financial aid until they have your final transcript. Please bring the Admissions Office address with you. The deadline to fill out a request form is June 17, 2011.

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## **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT**

### **Community Volunteer Teams**

TEENS: Having trouble getting a summer job? Build a GREAT resume with REAL job skills and GOOD references by joining a week-long Community Volunteer Team!!

The Youth Senate is once again hosting summer Community Volunteer Teams. Students will commit to a week of diverse volunteering experiences with five different local non-profits, going to one organization each day of the week with their work team. Teens will also learn about resumes, interviews and job skills. One of the Community Volunteer Teams' weeks in August will be used to kick off the Youth Senate's "Women in Leadership: What's Next?" year-long program. Go to our Home Page then email for more information: [senate@youthempowerment.com](mailto:senate@youthempowerment.com). 761-3005

### **Young Women in Leadership Program for 2011-2012: What's Next?**

Without a doubt, women and girls have come a long way with regards to leadership in the past few decades. More and more, society is seeing women break barriers and emerge as leaders in their field. However, there are still steps to be taken. The Youth Empowerment Project's "2011-2012 Women in Leadership: What's Next?" program endeavors to identify those next steps and help students in Washtenaw County use them as they move forward.

The year-long program includes week-long Summer Volunteer Teams of local teenage girls to volunteer with and learn about non-profits that serve women and their children. The program also aims to provide young women with nearly a dozen forums throughout the 2011-2012 school year that include speakers, panels, and question and answer sessions with local women in leadership in all areas of society. Through volunteering and mentoring forums, YEP's "Women in Leadership: What's Next?" program aspires to help the current generation of women leaders pass their lessons of leadership on to the next generation and enable the young women of today to enact today and tomorrow.

### **Contact: *Women in Leadership: What's Next?***

WIL Steering Committee of the Youth Empowerment Project

Phone: 734-761-3005 Ask For: Ebba Hierta

Email: [INFO@youthempowerment.com](mailto:INFO@youthempowerment.com)

### **Dodging Poverty!**

Area High School students are now teaming up to organize a charity DodgeBall Tournament to be held at Burns Park in Ann Arbor on Friday afternoon June 17th (11:30 at park shelter). "Dodging Poverty" will also feature a picnic with great food, music, games and prizes! Get a pre-registration form from our Home Page to register a team of six, or email [senate@youthempowerment.com](mailto:senate@youthempowerment.com) for more information. Money raised from this event will be used to help homeless and impoverished children in Washtenaw County. Adults are encouraged to join high school youth and create teams of six to participate in the tournament. The \$10 per person pre-registration fee (or \$12 if at the event) includes great food and fun prizes!

Youth Empowerment Project

[www.youthempowerment.com](http://www.youthempowerment.com)

734-761-3005

# 2011 High School Testing Out Information

Below you will find information on the June/July 2011 Summer Testing Out administration which is scheduled for June 30th and July 13th, 2011.

Location— Washtenaw Intermediate School District  
(Near the corner of Wagner and Scio Church Roads)

Students must choose one date to take the exam(s). No splitting dates for exams will be permitted. **NO DATE CHANGES ARE PERMITTED ONCE STUDENTS COMMIT THEIR DATE IN MOODLE REGISTRATION.** Health/Wellness and World Language exams are given on June 30, 2011 **ONLY**. Students may sign up for other courses for this date if they choose.

There are no other dates for testing out.

Students should go to the AAPS website on/or after March 31, 2011 and until April 30 at 4:00 p.m. to register for testing out. Registration will take place through AAPS moodle site.

The website address: [http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps/students/high\\_school](http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps/students/high_school)

Information to enter student's X-san account will be listed under Testing Out on the AAPS Moodle website

Student Registration Process – This procedure has been moved to the AAPS Moodle website. Instructions are posted on the Moodle site.

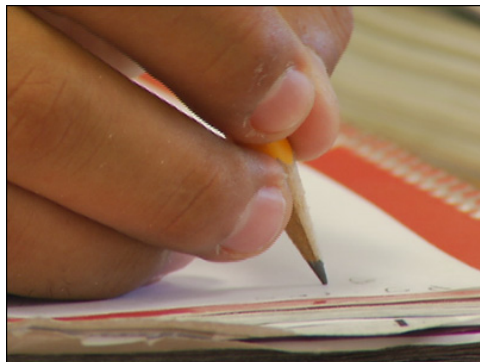
All electronic (AAPS Moodle Website) registrations must be completed by April 30, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The registration process will be closed after this date and time.

Course syllabi for the course(s) can be found on the AAPS Moodle Website.

Only courses listed will be offered for Testing Out. Students must print two copies of their registration form and then have their counselor sign one for final approval.

Counselors will give one signed copy of the registration form to the student after reviewing. Students will take a *parent and counselor signed copy* of their registration form to pick up textbook(s) from the Book Depository of their attendance area school.

Washtenaw Intermediate School District – Wagner/Scio Road  
Syllabi for students are located on district's AAPS Moodle web site.



# **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.

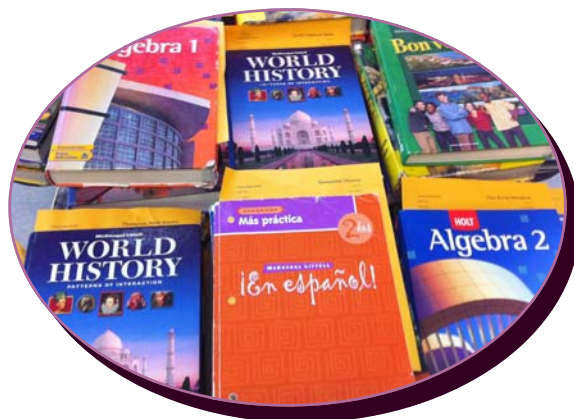
Questions or inquiries are always welcomed so please feel free to contact us during the school day at the following phone numbers for assistance.

Pioneer High School Media Center:

734-994-2160 Deborah Young

Pioneer High School Book Depository:

734-994-2186 Kathy Robenalt



## Rec& Ed workshops

(June thru August) for high school students

### SAT/ACT Essay Workshop

**Grades 10-12.** Learn how to organize and write a persuasive essay within the allotted time. The scorer's rubric will be analyzed so you will understand exactly what is expected within your essay. You will practice writing an essay and receive instructor feedback about ways to improve your writing for the test. Scholarship recipients pay \$20. Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. **1 class.**

ID# 1335.701	6/1	Wednesday
FEE: \$75	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Pioneer, D111

### 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# 1329.701	6/8	Wednesday
FEE: \$79	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Pioneer, D111

### Learn to Study and Take Tests!

**Grades 6-12.** 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. **4 classes.**

ID# 1327.801	7/12-7/21	Tuesday& Thursday
FEE: \$95	1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Rec & Ed, Conference Room

### ACT SUCCESS

**Grades 10-12.** ACT SUCCESS prepares students for all five sections on the ACT Test: English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning, and Writing. Utilizing effective teaching methods and completing relevant weekly homework, students learn the rules, strategies, and test-taking skills necessary for success. Students will work with real ACT practice tests, as well as, numerous skill builders to further enhance their test-taking abilities. Of the students who complete the ACT SUCCESS class, 95% increase their ACT scores! Book and material fee (\$45) will be collected on the first day. Scholarship recipients pay \$45. Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. **7 weeks.**

ID# 1329.821	7/18-8/29	Monday
FEE: \$389	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pioneer, Room D212

## 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# 1339.801	7/21	Thursday
FEE: \$35	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Pioneer, Room D212

*Debbie Eisenberg Merion, M.S.W, founded Essay Coaching (essaycoaching.com) to show students how to write a compelling and successful college essay. 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. Her email address is debbie@essaycoaching.com and her website is [www.essaycoaching.com](http://www.essaycoaching.com)*

## Jump Start Geometry

**Grades 9-10.** For students who have completed Algebra 1. Students will study the fundamentals of Geometry: explore lines, segments, angles, polygons, and proof. Instructor: Karen Cole. **2 weeks (10 days).**

ID# 1311.801	7/11– 7/22	Mon-Fri
FEE: \$149	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Pioneer, Room E107

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ID# 1329.801	8/9	Tuesday
FEE: \$79	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Rec & Ed, Conference Room

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ID# 1335.801	8/11	Thursday
FEE: \$79	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Rec & Ed, Conference Room

*Enroll online at [aarecd.com](http://aarecd.com). Any questions, call Ivy Juan at 734-994-2300 x53248.*

**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.

**PARENTS!**

Parents are reminded to update phone numbers with your child’s class office. Keeping your information up-to-date allows staff members to be able to contact parents in the event of an emergency.

**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)

## 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](mailto:pioneerptsostore@gmail.com)

Please see our new order form on page 13 of this newsletter. Our order form is also at:  
[http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.parents/files/ptso\\_store\\_order\\_form\\_2010.pdf](http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.parents/files/ptso_store_order_form_2010.pdf)

Thank you for your support!

# Ann Arbor PTO



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# From the PTSO

## Important Information for Parents:

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out in any capacity during the 2010-2011 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 2011-2012 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 return of textbooks. This will take place during Finals Week in the mornings. Please contact Kathy Robenalt, at: [robenalt@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:robenalt@aaps.k12.mi.us), to get information or to volunteer.

We are looking for new board members for next year. Please consider participating in this way. It's a great way to get to know administrators, teachers, and other Pioneer parents. You may contact any of the current board members listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Thanks,

*Kathy Robenalt - PTSO President*

*[WRoben3357@aol.com](mailto:WRoben3357@aol.com)*

*734-369-3366*



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions? Email: PioneerPTSOstore@gmail.com

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 This section must be completed before the order can be processed. Thank you!

# September 2011

## PTSO · The Pioneer News · Article-Info Deadline

**Friday—Sep 9** (might change)

**To: gsicorp@sbcglobal.net**



## 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.*

### 2010-11 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 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.*

### The Pioneer News

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on the Pioneer web site:  
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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*