

The Pioneer News

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL PTSO · 2011-2012 · October · Issue Two

Hello all fruit eaters!

The Pioneer Choirs would like to help you find the freshest grapefruits, oranges, and clementines available for the holiday season.

Our annual citrus fruit sale begins on November 1st and runs through November 17th. Fruit is delivered to Pioneer High School on Saturday, December 10th, just in time to help you celebrate all your December holidays.

So make plans to place your order on November 1st with any Pioneer Choir student or by using an order form from our Pioneer Choir website, <http://pioneer2.aaps.k12.mi.us/choir/>, and mailing the payment to the high school.

Give yourself plenty of vitamin C this winter while supporting the Pioneer Choirs!



Pioneer Theater Guild is proud to announce it's 2011-2012 show season

The Phantom of the Opera, Broadway's longest running show, tells the story of a masked phantom who haunts the famed Paris Opera House. The phantom's obsessive love for the innocent young soprano, Christine, drive him to spin an elaborate scheme to make her the star of the Opera. Andrew Lloyd Webber's sensational score and the captivating special effects make this famous show a must-see. **Five Performances: November 5th-13th.**

Comedy Troupe

Looking for a fun night of skits and improv comedy to make you laugh your head off? Come to the performances by Pioneer Theater Guild's Comedy Troupe. **Three Performances a year.**

Competition Drama: Spring Awakening

This is Pioneer's 2011 entry into the state-wide forensics play competition. A 45 minute adaptation of Frank Wedekind's 1890 play, edited both for the one-act play competition rules as well as for content, this intense drama will test the skills of our students. The students and crew will work together every day for two months to prepare for the competition, hosted at other schools around the state. **Competitions on Saturdays Jan. 28th - Feb. 18th. Two Public Performances Feb. 3rd-4th.**

FutureStars

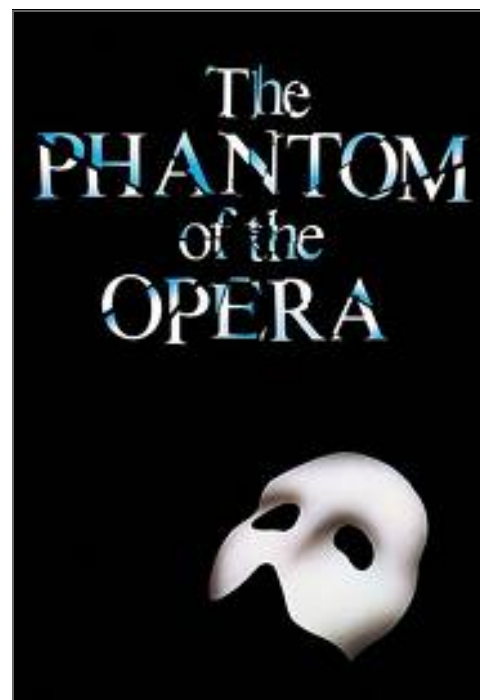
One of the most popular talent shows in the area, FutureStars 2012 is going to be better than ever as we celebrate our 10th year. This singing and dancing competition is open to any Ann Arbor public high school student, so we welcome any Skyline, Huron, and Community students. We encourage our under-classmen to audition for the show's Rising Star ensemble. **Preliminary Shows, Jan. 13th-14th. Finals Competition, Jan. 21st.**

West Side Story

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is transported to the 1950's in New York City, as two young idealistic lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs, the Jets and Sharks. Their struggle to survive in a world of hate, violence, and prejudice is one of the most innovative love stories of our time. The fantastic work of Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim give it the acclaimed title of the "perfect musical." **Five Performances, April 28th-May 7th.**

Student Productions

Affectionately called "Stud Pros" by students, this show gives students the unique experience to write, direct, act in, produce or manage a play. This one-of-a kind show produces phenomenal shows that are a joy—and a laugh—to watch. **Two Performances May 18th-19th.**



For any questions or updates, please refer to our website—www.ptguild.org



Thank you for the dues payments and additional contributions thus far this school year... In these challenging economic times, we know it can be difficult to make such contributions.

Please be assured all funds are used to benefit your student's experience at Pioneer!



PIONEER PTSO DUES ENVELOPE
FOR: PTSO NEWSLETTER, STUDENT PLANNER, STUDENT NEWSPAPER, TEACHER APPRECIATION AND OTHER BUDGET NEEDS

FAMILY NAME: _____

STUDENT(S) NAME(S): _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

PTSO DUES \$30.00 PER PIONEER FAMILY
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Make check payable to PIONEER PTSO)

RETURN THIS ENVELOPE AT REGISTRATION

If you missed the PTSO Dues envelope during the registration process and you would like to make a dues payment or an additional contribution, please complete the form to the left and send it to Pioneer PTSO, 601 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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.

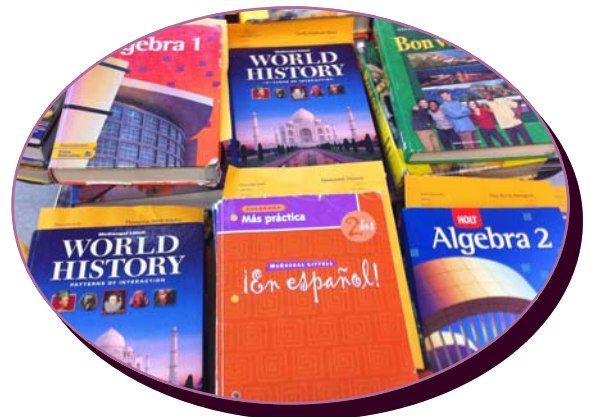
Questions or inquiries are always welcomed so please feel free to contact us during the school day at the following phone numbers for assistance.

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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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SENIORS

If you want your college application materials mailed by the start of Winter Break (December 22, 2011) you **MUST** submit your request to the General Office no later than **Friday, November 11, 2011 at 3:00 pm**. This includes counselor reports and/or your counselor's letter of recommendation. In fairness to everyone, no exceptions will be made.

PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE—PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR DEADLINES!

Pioneer can no longer mail paper copies of your transcript to colleges. You must register with Parchment.com in order to have your transcript forwarded to your college(s). The information on how to do this was provided in the summer senior mailing, and also is in the "Countdown to Graduation" booklet you received from your counselor. If you have not received the booklet, please pick it up in the Counseling Office.

Ellen Marshall
Office of Student Records
Pioneer High School
(734) 994-213

Each year The College Board identifies outstanding students of Hispanic/Latino heritage. Student Scholars are selected based upon excellent PSAT scores and high school GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

This year we are pleased to report that Pioneer Senior Amanda Said has been named a *National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar*. Amanda, you have distinguished yourself, and our high school. Congratulations!

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation and the National Achievement Scholarship Program select academically talented students based upon PSAT scores. Seniors with scores in the top 1% nationally are designated semifinalists. We are pleased to announce the names of Pioneer's 23 semifinalists :

Semifinalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Competition:

Rebecca Bilich, Sophie Buchmueller, Julie Chen, Tian Fan, Charles Geronimus, Daniel Huang, Skye Huerta, Anje Li, Jamie Lutz, Clara Nees, Thomas Orr, Konstantinos Papaefthymiou, Jackson Pilutti, Jean Rafaelian, Julia Rothchild, Caleb Stevens, Leon Sunstein, Aoxue Tang, Sherry Wan, Qiong Wu, and Kevin Zhang.

Semifinalists in the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Competition:

Ivy Gregory and Reina Larkin. These Seniors had PSAT scores in the top 1% of African American students nationally.

These Seniors will proceed to the next stage in this rigorous competition, and we wish them well. Congratulations from your Pioneer classmates, teachers, and staff!

Jane S. Burton

Rec& Ed workshops

Study Skills Fall 2011

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# 1329.111	1/12/2012-3/1/2012	Thursday
FEE: \$389	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Pioneer, Room D212

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# 1329.101	10/15	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	Clague, Media Center
ID# 1329.102	12/3	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	Clague, Media Center

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# 1335.101	10/8	Saturday
FEE: \$79	9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	Clague, 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# 1337.101	10/12	Wednesday
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

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scholarship searches. Instructor provides resources to help find financial assistance for college. Instructor: John B. Boshoven, M.A., M.S.W. **1 class.**

ID# 1341.101	10/19	Wednesday
FEE: \$29	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.

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 the answer in this one-session class. You'll discover easy techniques to bring out your unique writing voice, and engaging ways to emphasize your strengths without bragging. Discuss and take home samples of winning essays. Expect to leave class energized, with a jumpstart on your essay. Instructor: Debbie Eisenberg Merion. **1 class.**

ID# 1339.101	10/13	Thursday
FEE: \$35	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Community, Room 213

Write Your Best Possible College Admission Essays and Applications

Grades 12-10 (Parents welcome!). What do you say in an essay and application that will reveal your unique, positive qualities? What are colleges looking for (and not looking for)? With the competition for college admission tougher than ever, well-composed essays and applications can often make the difference. The instructor has helped students gain admission to dozens of colleges including UM, MSU, Harvard, MIT, and many others. With actual examples, find out what makes a compelling essay and application and how to strengthen yours. Bring 2 copies of an essay you have started, or if you haven't begun, this class will get you going. The end of class may be spent discussing your individual essay or ideas. Instructor: Liza Atreya, editor and consultant (www.essayandapp.com). **1 class.**

ID# 1338.102	10/22	Saturday
FEE: \$39	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Clague, Media Center

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

PTO THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Create unique Halloween costumes and props at a Bargain!

25% Student Discount Saturdays with ID

Shop at the Thrift Shop these weeks and vote for PHS teams:

- Oct. 9 – 15: PHS Men's Hockey
- Oct. 23 – 29: PHS Baseball

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

All proceeds benefit Ann Arbor Public School Students!

- **\$310** – Earned by Women's Water Polo for SYS poster last week
- **\$2,600** – Earned by PHS clubs and teams this summer!
- **\$13,750** – Paid out to PHS over the past year!

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED!

What's a rep? She/He acts as liaison between Pioneer PTO 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



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! Instruction's on the back!
PLEASE see the next page for instructions.

Rechargeable cards

(Add \$ at the store, no need for another card when balance is done.)

BUSCH'S _____ cards **FREE (0 dollars to obtain...load at store)**

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

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$_____

Please note: Whole Foods Cards Are No Longer Available

Please complete order form, make check payable to: **PIONEER PTSO/ASAN** and 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 # _____ Mailed _____ Delivered _____ Picked-up _____

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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**
- 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

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			
SPECIALS ORDER						
<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!

Hello New Transfer and Foreign Exchange Families!

I certainly hope that your first month in your new school has gone well and you are making the adjustment successfully.

To welcome you one more time and to give you another opportunity to meet with other new transfer and foreign exchange students, the administration is hosting a Pizza Luncheon for you on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 during the scheduled lunch period. Invitations will be distributed on Monday and Tuesday to you during the school day, so be on the lookout. As of this date, there were approximately 145 new transfer and foreign exchange students on the list. WOW! So, you are not alone and I want you to come and see everyone that is in the process of making the same transition.

Therefore, be on the lookout for your invitation and please come and enjoy your FREE lunch with all of your newest friends.

Sincerest best wishes and I look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday.

Barbara Zinser
Parent Volunteer

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.

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Friday—Oct 28 (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.

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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.

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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