



The Pioneer News

Pioneer High School will welcome, value, educate, guide, and inspire all students as they develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be responsible, contributing citizens who can achieve growth and success.

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From The Principal's Desk:

There are a number of initiatives that we have conducted this year to better our educational environment. These initiatives allow educational rigor, relevance, and relationships in the curriculum to become vividly evident. This spring we are building one more step in creating our educational scaffolding system to move Pioneer High School from good to great. We have instituted software such as My Access, ACT/SAT tutorial program, and the Honor Level System.

My Access

MyAccess is an online writing program designed to help students gain proficiency in their writing and to receive immediate feedback. Students write to a given prompt and receive instant feedback based on a national, objective, online rubric. Although not replacing in-class instruction, MyAccess is an important tool for both students and teachers. Currently the district has obtained software licenses for 9th grade only, with the intention of adding 10th through 12th grades in the future.

ACT Testing Practice

Thanks to Ms. Tolson and the counseling department, Pioneer High School will offer ACT Prep classes starting next quarter. Dr. Curtis is taking care of the logistics of how students will be able to sign up and after school practices will be held in one of the computer lab classrooms and Media Center.

Honor Level System

In an effort to support and encourage our students at Pioneer

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

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

Important Information for Parents from the PTSO

- **March 18, 19 - Parent Teacher Conference sign-ups:** Sign up for conferences with your students teachers.
- **March 20 - 4-7pm Parent Teacher Conferences** By appointment only.
- **April 22 - PTSO Meeting 7:30pm:** This meeting is to elect officers for the 2008-2009 school year. We are looking for energetic and enthusiastic folks to serve on the board. Please consider volunteering.
- **Student Store Changes:** New Wellness Regulations have been put in place in the district and the School Store will be making adjustments in the items that are sold. Nutritious food items, low in fat and calories, will be sold. Look for these changes coming soon.

Attendance Information~Please Read

ABSENCES: Call the ATTENDANCE OFFICE within 48 hours of the absence (the end of the next day after the absence). Phone: 994-2135. If you leave a message on the voice mail, make sure you leave all the requested information (student name, student number, date/hours of absence, reason for absence, etc.). We suggest that you please read the Pioneer Attendance Policy which you received in your registration packet in August. It provides you with a lot of information. Any student leaving the building during the school day must check out at the clinic or attendance office. A parent must still call to excuse the absence, but the student must check out first. If you take your student for a medical or other appt. during the day, you **MUST** bring a note to the attendance office when the student returns to school.

“EXTENDED” ABSENCES: If you will be taking your student out of school for 3 or more days, OR 1 OR 2 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER A SCHOOL BREAK, YOU MUST GET APPROVAL FROM YOUR GRADE OFFICE at least 5 days in advance. Please send your student to the office to ask for an “extended absence” form. They will bring it home for you to fill out. The student will then take it around to their teachers to sign. Once it’s completed, the form gets returned to the grade office, and the absence will be excused.

New Student Program

Hello New Students and Welcome to Pioneer High School,

My name is Barbara Zinser and I am a Parent Volunteer who sincerely wishes to welcome you and your family to Pioneer and Ann Arbor.

At this moment in time, I am pleased to report that 19 new students have begun classes during the start of the second semester. I will make every effort to contact each family to discuss ways that your child can become integrated and comfortable in their new surroundings. Please feel free to call me or send an e-mail if I don't reach you first (see contact information below).

On February 12, 2008, (during the regularly scheduled lunch hour) with the help of the PTSO and the Guidance Department, we will be hosting a Pizza Luncheon in honor of our newest students. It will be their opportunity to see and interact with other incoming transferees. Some of our student mentors will also be on hand to answer questions and assist during the transition. We will be giving away FREE tickets to the evenings home basketball game and it is our wish that all new students attend so that they can experience first hand what "Purple Pride" is all about.

My very best wishes to each and every one of you and again, Welcome!

Barbara Zinser, Parent Volunteer
(734) 330-7398
zinserb@hotmail.com

Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam

2008 represents the 10th anniversary of the Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam, one of the foremost youth poetry slams in the country. This year the slams will be Thursday 3/13 in the media center @ Huron, Friday, 3/14 in the Craft Theater at Community, Wednesday, 3/19 in the Little Theater at Pioneer and the 2008 Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam Finals will be Thursday, 3/27 @ The Neutral Zone. Come see our fabulous young writers blaze the microphones with their passion, creativity and insights. All Slams start @ 7pm. For more information contact Jeff Kass @ 223-7443 or kass@aaps.k12.mi.us.

ASAN Party Information

VOLUNTEERS- Parent involvement with the party occurs at many levels. There are jobs to fit everyone's busy schedule; we need your help to make this party a success. Please contact Cathy Pardon, cpdon@comcast.net, 662-1576, today to volunteer, this is a tradition worth continuing.

PRIOR TO THE PARTY- parents from all grade levels help. Some tasks require a one time 3-4 hour commitment, others may be small amounts of time throughout the year.

THE DAY OF THE PARTY- underclassmen parents do 95% of the set up, senior parents are busy with graduation. (At some point your student will be a senior; you'll want the party there for them!)

DURING THE PARTY- senior parents along with parents of underclassmen staff the party. It's NOT chaperoning, everyone has a job to do. Plus, if parents don't work, there's no party.

BECOME A COMMITTEE CHAIR- Now is a good time to sign up and get involved to plan your future senior's party! Robin Brooks (volunteer coordinator) 761-1988 or rbrooks@comcast.net

FUNDING- This is the major source of revenue for the party. Busch's, Meijer's, Kroger & Hiller's make a donation to the All Senior all Night party based on the dollar amount of grocery purchased. Each store has their own program; it's easy and at no cost to you. Please contact the grocery program chair, Ann Marie Jensen, 996-1439 or annmariejensen@msn.com for details as to how to participate.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact any of the party coordinating co-chairs:

Liz Bauman- oldliz791@aol.com	761-5593
Laurel Fingerle- laurelf@aol.com	665-0284
Susan Pearlman- suzpman@aol.com	662-6779
Myra Court- courtmyra@comcast.net	971-4864

All Senior All Night 2007 will be held on June 5, 2008, immediately following Pioneer's Class of 2008 Graduation ceremonies.

Principal's Desk –Cont'd

High School in developing and maintaining good character in citizenship and academic behavior, we instituted the Honor Level System on November 5, 2007. The Honor Level System is a computerized database that staff can refer to in order to recognize students for good choices and citizenship.

We are awaiting two additional software programs to be approved by central office personnel this month, Exam View and Odyssey Learning. I will share with you next month the academic purpose of these two programs.

Michael White, Principal

Athletic Booster Meetings

All Meetings 7:00pm/

Little Theatre except as noted

March 17, 2008

April 21, 2008 (Athletic Classroom)

May 19, 2008

Please see the flyer information for the Annual Booster Club Gala Event in this month's newsletter on page 7.

The 8th Promise

Have you noticed the large number of Pioneer students reading The Eighth Promise by William Poy Lee? This book was selected by the *Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2008* program with the goal of promoting community dialogue and cultural awareness by having many groups read, and discuss, the same book. The slogan of the program is "one book, many conversations". "The Eighth Promise" is the story of a Chinese-American family and introduces the reader to the joys, uncertainties, adventures and personal sorrows of this particular Asian immigrant experience. The program has given each student a copy of the book, free of charge, partnering with the public schools to involve young people with a literature-based community venture. The students will receive "extra credit" for taking advantage of the many enrichment opportunities around Ann Arbor in support of this project. One of the weekend discussion groups will be meeting at an Asian bakery to entice readers to spend a few hours in vigorous discussion! The students will use this book as the launching point for a research paper under the direction of Ms. Dahl's student teacher, Joseph Bommarito. "Mr. B" and Mrs. Dahl attended a community forum at Washtenaw Community College last weekend where they met the author and heard his reasons for writing the book. *THANK YOU to the committee for helping to make this project meaningful and relevant for the classes of Claire Dahl.*

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

On Jan. 11, Pioneer High School's Benito Juarez Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica held its annual initiation ceremony. The Sociedad is a national honor society for high school students that recognizes high achievement in the study of Spanish. The following 28 Pioneer students qualified for membership and were inducted: Sahar Aggour, Bradley Baker, Carly Carn-Saferstein, Promita Chakrabarty, Timothy Clendenin, Nishita Conjeevaram, Maeve Daly, Max Davis, Anna Dean, Ilana Diamond, Nour El-Kashlan, Katherine Globerson, Kara Grupe, Aniruan Guha, Gong He, Mari Isa, Woo Kang, Chad Kelsey, Meaghan Kennedy, Ruth Kershaw, Connor Luczak, Sang Moon, Neil Parikh, Salman Rajput, Andres Uribe, Diane Wang, Xiao Wang, and Seunghyun Yoo.

Theatre Guild News

Was Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory one of your favorite movies as a child!?!?

Then come and participate in Theatre Guild's new musical *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory*! This musical is based off of the book by Roald Dahl, with the music you know and love from the Gene Wilder movie! Since this musical is new, the production team gets to work with the writer as production develops. Auditions for *Willy Wonka* are Mon., Feb. 18, and Tues., Feb. 19, with callbacks on Wed., Feb. 20. All of our crew signups are still open. For more information please come to our next Monday Meeting at 3:45pm in the Little Theatre, go to www.ptguild.org, or send us an email at ptguild@gmail.com!

Career Center Communications

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMINATIONS- Joyce Williams, AP Coordinator, 994-2116

AP exams will be administered this spring from May 5 through May 16 according to a published national schedule. This schedule is available through AP teachers, counselors, and the General Office, and will be printed in this newsletter on a space available basis. A copy of the AP Bulletin for Students and Parents will be given to each candidate who registers for an exam.

Students may take as many AP exams as they wish; although those who have taken the AP course are most likely to get a grade of 3 or better – out of 5 – which usually carries some college credit or placing out of an introductory course. All credit and placing – out decisions are made by the one college the candidate designates in his/her senior year. Any questions on AP credit policy must be answered by the college or colleges you are considering.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the AP program and exams. Extended time and special testing options are available based on ETS case-by-case consideration. Requests for disability testing options must be made to the AP Coordinator by the initial registration deadline.

Each AP exam costs \$ 90.00. Fee waivers are available to low income families after a consultation with the counselor. Fee waiver requests begin in the Career Center and must be made by the registration deadline.

AP REGISTRATION began **MONDAY FEBRUARY 4** and ends **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**. During this limited period students (including those receiving fee waivers) must pay a nonrefundable \$20 registration deposit for each exam at the General Office. This deposit guarantees that a specific exam will be ordered for that candidate. One concern in registering is to be clear on whether the exam is Calculus AB or BC; Computer Science A or AB; French or Spanish Language or Literature; English Language (usually 11th grade) or English Literature (usually 12th grade). No late orders will be accepted after the deadline. Any latecomer may put their name on a waiting list if spots open up.

AP BALANCE PAYMENT begins **MONDAY, MARCH 3** and ends **FRIDAY, MARCH 28**. The remaining \$70.00 per exam must be paid in the General Office during this time. Ordered exams not fully paid for will be made available to students on the waiting list. A late fee will also be assessed.

2008 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1		Week 2	
<u>Morning Session</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u>	<u>Morning Session</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u>
8 a.m.	12 p.m.	8 a.m.	12 p.m. 2 p.m.
Mon. 5/5 Government and Politics: United States	Government and Politics: Comparative French Language	Mon. 5/12 Biology	Physics C: Mechanics Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Tues. 5/6 Computer Science A Computer Science AB Spanish Language	Statistics	Tues. 5/13 Chemistry	Psychology
Wed. 5/7 Calculus AB Calculus BC		Wed. 5/14 English Language	Art History
Thurs. 5/8 English Literature German Language		Thurs. 5/15 Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics
Fri. 5/9 United States History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due)	Fri. 5/16	Latin Literature Latin: Vergil

News from the Pioneer Orchestras

The annual Orchestra Night concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 at Hill Auditorium. The free concert features orchestras from all Ann Arbor middle schools, along with the Pioneer Symphony Orchestra and Huron Symphony Orchestra. The Pioneer Symphony will perform Tchaikovsky's *Marche Slave* and John Williams' *Superman March*.

Other upcoming events:

Pioneer will host the MSBOA District Orchestra Festival on Saturday, March 8. Pioneer groups perform as follows: Philharmonia Orchestra, 2:25 p.m.; Chamber Orchestra, 3:55 p.m., and the Symphony Orchestra, 5:40 p.m. Performances are open to the public.

POPS Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, and on Monday, March 31 in the Orchestra Room. All orchestra parents are welcome!

News from the Pioneer Choir

Erica Zinn, a senior in Pioneer's A Cappella choir, was selected to sing with the Michigan School Vocal Music Association's All State Honors Choir at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival this May. Singing with that choir is the highest honor given to individual choral singers in Michigan. This is Eric's second year to be so honored.

AFS Program



AFS Intercultural Programs is the original high school exchange program. AFS was founded 60 years ago by the American Field Service volunteer ambulance drivers from World War II who wanted to make a lasting contribution to peace. Today AFS is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world, and sets the standard in international high school exchange.

Families needed to host exchange students for 2007-08

Hosting is a fun and exciting way to learn about the world. Including an AFS exchange student in your family for just one school year is a lifelong gift to your family. The relationship you build with your new son/daughter/brother/sister lasts forever. And, supporting people-to-people diplomacy is something *you* can do for world peace! Our extensive, local AFS volunteer network provides orientations, support, and fun activities throughout the experience. Hosting is so much fun that many AFS families host again and again.

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

Placements are already taking place. Start now to allow good selection, and time to correspond before arrival in August.



Go Abroad with AFS

Do you have a passion for the environment or social issues? Check out the exotic AFS **Community Service summer programs** doing projects in places like Ghana, Panama, and Thailand. Like sports? Spend summer with the 2004 silver-medal winning Paraguayan Olympic **Soccer Team**. Like languages? Study **Spanish** in Spain, Panama, Costa Rica or Argentina, or **Russian** in Latvia, **Arabic** in Egypt, **Mandarin** in China, or **Japanese** in Japan. Colleges and corporations understand the value of AFS. AFS offers 170 **year, semester and summer** programs in over 50 countries all around the world for students ages 15-24 and teachers. Financial aid and scholarships are available. **Apply now!** Programs are filling fast. AFS-USA and AFS Washtenaw offer scholarships & financial aid for highly qualified students.

\$2,000 scholarships available for programs to **Turkey or Malaysia**. Full application must be submitted by Feb 29. Call now!

Congratulations!

Abby Ryder Huth '09 has been awarded the **Esperance Foundation Scholarship for \$3000**. (And she got more fee reductions for being a host family and getting her application in early.) Abby just left to spend spring semester in **Whangarei, New Zealand**. She is living with a host family and attends high school.

For more info: www.afswashtenaw@sbcglobal.net
Sharon Held at 995-1605

www.afs.org/usa
1-800-AFS-INFO

MME – Michigan Merit Exam

Please visit the Pioneer MME website at <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneer.mme/home>

Michigan Merit Examination (MME) - The Michigan Merit Examination is the state assessment administered to all students enrolled in Grade 11 in March of each year. The MME consists of three major components: the ACT college entrance examination, the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and mathematics, and Michigan assessments in mathematics, science, social studies, and persuasive writing. The combined MME assessment measures student learning in the Michigan high school standards, benchmarks, and core content expectations.

Who needs to take the exam?

ALL 11th Grade Students - It is required to earn a diploma!

Exceptions: Students retained in Grade 11 who already met or exceeded state standards in reading, writing, mathematics, and science (earned a 1 or 2 in each MME content area) - qualified for Michigan Promise installment payments Who used their one retest opportunity in Fall 2007 (redeemed their MME voucher).

12th Grade - Only the Following:

Did not redeem their MME voucher in Fall 2007

Scored 3 or 4 on MME reading, writing, mathematics, or science

No MME score in reading, writing, mathematics, or science

When is the exam?

March 11, 2008 (ACT + ACT Writing) 7:40 start time

March 12, 2008 (WorkKeys + Michigan Math) 7:40 start time

March 13, 2008 (Michigan Science + Michigan Social Studies) 7:40 start time

Do I have to take all of the MME sections?

Yes, in order to generate a valid MME score and qualify for the Michigan Promise Scholarship Program.

Why?

Each component of your MME score is developed from multiple examination sections as outlined in the chart below:

MME Reading Score	MME Writing Score	MME Math Score	MME Science Score	MME Social Studies Score
ACT Reading WorkKeys Reading	ACT English ACT Writing Michigan Social Studies (Constructed Response)	ACT Math ACT Science Michigan Math WorkKeys Math	ACT Science Michigan Science	Michigan Social Studies (Multiple Choice and Constructed Response)

What Do I need to bring with me on MME testing days?

Current Student ID Card (or other picture identification)

Number 2 Pencils

Calculator (www.actstudent.org or call toll free 800/498-6481 for a recorded message about the latest list of prohibited calculators)

What Do I need to not have on MME testing days?

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Where do I report to take the MME?

Student will be assigned to specific Pioneer classrooms for MME testing - room postings will be made available approximately one week prior to testing (early March).

When do I fill out my ACT and MME registration forms?

Students will be called in groups to work with counselors on completing the "pre-bubbling" of MME and ACT forms during the regular school day during the month of February.

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MME – Michigan Merit Exam–Continued

Will there be "regular classes" on the MME testing days?

The first day (March 11th) there will be testing only and no other classes.

The second and third days (March 12th and 13th) there will be regular classes only in the afternoon, following the morning testing sessions.

What are some of the prohibited behaviors during testing?

The following behaviors are prohibited. You will be dismissed and your answer document will not be scored if you are:

- looking back at a test on which time has already been called
- looking ahead in the test booklet in a different section of the test
- looking at another examinee's test booklet or answer document
- giving or receiving assistance
- using a prohibited calculator or a calculator on a test that does not permit it
- using any device to share or exchange information at any time during testing or during breaks
- attempting to remove test materials, including test questions or answers, from the test room by any means
- using highlight pens, colored pens or pencils, scratch paper, notes, dictionaries, or other aids
- not following instructions or abiding by the rules of the test center
- exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior
- creating a disturbance
- filling in, or altering ovals, or continuing to write the essay after time has been called on each test; filling in ovals on a previous test during a later test, or filling in ovals even with the test booklet closed is prohibited and your test will be marked Prohibited Behavior and will not be scored. If we notice that a test has not been completed and later notice that it has been, that will be grounds for voiding your answer document.

When can I anticipate getting my test scores?

Standard ACT scores - sent home April / May

MME reports - June

Non-College reportable scores - late August

MME / ACT Preparation Opportunity

All Pioneer MME participants are being provided with a login and password to the ACT online preparation site. Pioneer has obtained funding to provide access for all of our MME participants to use the ACT online test preparation service. This service includes the opportunity to take practice tests and receive customized tutorials related to the ACT. Students will be receiving information including login and passwords from the counselors during course selection meetings.

The computer lab in room C 231 is available every day after school from 2:30 to 4:30 for students to access the ACT online test preparation service. Mr. Burch will be supervising the computer lab during these sessions. He can be reached via email at burchd@aaps.k12.mi.us. Note: there are a limited number of computers available.

College & Career Fair

You may have already had some discussions with your son or daughter about post-high school education and career opportunities. If you haven't, it's not too early to begin. To assist you in this task, the Ann Arbor Public Schools have scheduled their 23rd annual College & Career Fair at Pioneer High School on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. It is our goal to offer students the chance to explore both educational and career opportunities to plan for their future. Representatives from colleges all over the nation and businesses from the Ann Arbor area will be present to meet with you, answer your questions and provide you with pertinent literature. All the colleges will have tables in the cafeteria and businesses will be located in the hallway coming from the flag pole entrance. This night will provide your family with up-to-date information and enable you to make a person-to-person contact with college and business representatives. We look forward to seeing you there.

Class of 2008 Announcements

Prom:

The Senior Prom will take place on Saturday, May 10th, from 9 pm - 12 midnight, in the spanking new, gorgeous, sophisticated, spacious, air-conditioned Student Activities Building on the campus of Eastern Michigan University! Student Council is currently considering themes, music, decorations, ticket price, etc. It is our sincere hope that every Senior makes an entire evening of Prom not a 20 minute stop by) amongst friends, enjoying diverse music, with or without a date. Volunteers (students and parents) would be most welcome to work on various aspects of Prom preparation. Contact Jane Burton, 994-2128 or burton@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Last Day for Seniors: Friday, May 23rd.

Commencement:

Commencement will take place on Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 pm in the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

PIONEER DECA QUALIFIES 40 FOR STATE COMPETITION



Pioneer High School Marketing Education students identified themselves as one of the best DECA Chapters in Michigan by receiving 78 total awards at the District IV. DECA Career Development Conference hosted by Eastern Michigan University on January 10, 2008. 7 students placed first in the District Proficiency Test, 13 students placed first in the District Occupational Test, and 18 placed first in the Oral Participatory Event. Forty of the one hundred-fourteen Pioneer DECA Chapter

members qualified for the 62nd Annual State DECA Career Development Conference to be held at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn on March 14-16, 2008. DECA's District IV Conference at Eastern Michigan featured over 700 competitors from thirteen area high schools. The Pioneer High School DECA Chapter sincerely thanks The Pioneer PTSO for financial support of their participation in this District Conference.

DECA is an international association of marketing, management, and entrepreneurship students with more than 185,000 members. DECA's co-curricular programs are integrated into local high school marketing and entrepreneurship programs to help teach the skills and standards required in business today. DECA's renowned Competitive Events Programs uses interviews, tests, role-plays, business plans, and written project reports to evaluate marketing and management skills. These business and entrepreneurial skills are taught in the marketing classroom, co-op job training stations, and in DECA activities. These important skills have been identified by the business community as essential for success.

More than 2,000 Michigan DECA members from 165 Michigan High Schools will compete at the Michigan State Career Development Conference this year and over 300 business professionals will serve as event judges. Marketing students winning in their specific event at the State DECA Career Development Conference will receive automatic bids to compete in the 62nd Annual International DECA Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on April 25 - 30, 2008. The International DECA Conference in Orlando will bring 14,000 students from all 50 U.S. States, Canada, Germany, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to compete in a truly world event.

2008 Pioneer DECA Chapter





Don't Miss This...

Mark Your Calendars and

Save this date for ...

The Pioneer Athletics Gala

and

Silent Auction

March 28th 5:00pm for Hall of Fame Dinner
7:00pm for Gala and Silent Auction
at Weber's Inn 3050 Jackson Road

It's a great time with wonderful auction items created by each athletic team. There is something for everyone and a fun evening with friends.

The Pioneer Athletics Booster Club helps all teams at Pioneer to improve fields, purchase awards, banners, letters and numbers for jackets, plaques, trophies, scholarships, lighting for track and field, port-a-johns for outdoor activities. The Boosters are working towards a new year- round training facility to be utilized by all teams.

Please come out and support Pioneer Athletics!

___Reservations for Hall of Fame Dinner for 2008 Inductees \$35.00
___Gala and Silent Auction Only \$ 40.00/ person or \$75.00 per couple
___I am unable to make the Gala but would like to donate \$_____

Total \$ _____

Please return to:

*Pioneer High School Athletic Office
601 W. Stadium Blvd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734.994.2151*

**PIONEER PTSO 2007-2008
ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT
VOLUNTEER FORM**

**PTSO ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT (ASAN) GRADUATION PARTY
NOT JUST FOR SENIOR PARENTS**

ASAN is a Pioneer High School community effort supported by the PTSO to give our graduating seniors a safe, drug and alcohol-free, supervised and fantastic all-night lock-in celebration with their fellow classmates on the night of graduation—a high risk time. It requires hundreds of volunteers from all class levels as well as financial support via the grocery gift card program to keep our kids safe and our PIONEER ALL SENIOR ALL NIGHT tradition going strong!

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____ ALT PHONE (____) _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
 STUDENT NAME/CLASS OF _____ of _____
 STUDENT NAME/CLASS OF _____ of _____

WE NEED 500 VOLUNTEERS! MARK THE AREAS WHERE YOU WISH TO HELP.

- **CALLERS**
 Make calls to schedule volunteers (January to May) _____
- **COMMITTEE CHAIR**
 Help plan your 2008, 2009, 2010, or 2011 graduate's party! _____
- **DECORATIONS**
 Party day shifts: 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. _____
 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. _____
- **FOOD**
 Pre-party food prep: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. _____
 Pre-party set up: 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. _____
 Party day shifts: 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. _____
 1:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. _____
 Pick up food from vendors (varies) between 6 & 10:00 p.m. _____
- **SECURITY, SMALL PRIZE RAFFLE, TEMPORARY TATOOS, & AUXILARY GYM (BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS)**
 Party day shifts for four above areas: 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. _____
 1:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. _____
- **CASINO** (senior parents have priority)
 Party day shifts: 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. _____
 1:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. _____
- **CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT**
 Check in students/volunteers: 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. _____
 Runner for bag-check room: 1:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. _____
 BINGO: 4:00 a.m.-6:00 a.m. _____
- **CLOSING**
 Take down and store decorations 4:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. _____

**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PIONEER GENERAL OFFICE, OR MAIL TO:
 Cathy Pardon, 2130 Blaney Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48103, OR E-MAIL YOUR VOLUNTEER PREFERENCES TO:
 cpardon@comcast.net.**

YOUR ASSIGNMENT WILL BE CONFIRMED PRIOR TO THE PARTY. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMING CALL, PLEASE CONTACT CATHY PARDON AT cpardon@comcast.net or 734-662-1576.

Please volunteer, it is just one night for you and a very special, memorable night for our seniors.

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Parent Volunteer Opportunities — Contact PTSO or Grade Office to Help:

3/18-3/19— PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN-UPS

Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

February

- 2/16 Winterfest Dance, 9:00 PM-11:00 PM
- 2/18 NO SCHOOL for Students - Teacher Learning Day
- 2/21 Orchestra Night (District Wide) - Hill Auditorium- 7:00 PM
- 2/22 Black History Month Assembly - Special Schedule
- 2/22 Third Interim Marking Period Ends
- 2/23 Mid-Winter Break through 3/2

March

- 3/1 SAT Testing - PHS
- 3/3 School Resumes
- 3/4 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents, B116 7:00 PM
- 3/4 Friends of PHS Choirs-B108, 7:30 PM
- 3/8 District Band Festival
- 3/11 MME Testing - 3/11 thru 3/13
- 3/11 MME ACT Test Plus Writing JRs; 9,10, 12 - No School
- 3/11 BPA-Band Parent Assc Mtg - B126, 7:30 PM
- 3/12 MME WorkKeys & MI Math, AM-JRs; PM-reduced schedule- all
- 3/13 MME MI Science & MI Soc.Stud, AM-JRs; PM-reduced schedule- all
- 3/13 Choral Cavalcade Concert - Schreiber, 7:30 PM

- 3/14 Choral Cavalcade Assem.-2nd hour
- 3/14 Fashion Show - Schreiber Aud, 7:30 PM
- 3/17 Booster Club meeting, Little Th, 7pm
- 3/18 Parent/Teacher Conf. Sign-up 7:30 - 9:30 AM AND 2:30 - 6:30 PM
- 3/19 Parent/Teacher Conf. Sign-up, 7:30 - 9:30 AM
- 3/20 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- 3/21 NO SCHOOL today
- 3/25 MME ACT Plus Writing (Jr. Make-up & Retakes)
- 3/26 MME WorkKeys & Math (Jr. Make-up & Retakes)
- 3/26 Early Dismissal for students, 12:35
- 3/27 MME Science & Soc. Stud. (Jr. Make-up & Retakes)
- 3/29 Bands in Review: East - Schreiber Aud, 7:30 PM
- 3/30 Bands in Review: West - Schreiber Aud, 3:00pm
- 3/30 Incoming 9th Band Orientation/Tour - Schreiber Aud
- 3/31 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents, B116 7:00 PM
- April**
- 4/1 Friends of PHS Choirs-B108, 7:30 PM

- 4/3 Concerto Concert, Schr.-7:30pm
- 4/4 End of 3rd Marking Period
- 4/5 Spring Break through 4/13
- 4/12 ACT Testing-PHS 7:45AM-1PM
- 4/14 School Resumes
- 4/15 State S&E Recital- Little Theatre, 7:00pm
- 4/15 BPA-Band Parent Assc Mtg - B126, 7:30 PM
- 4/18 State Solo & Ensemble-Choir
- 4/18 Th Gld Spring Musical, Schreiber 7:30pm
- 4/19 State Solo & Ensemble-Choir
- 4/21 Booster Club meeting, Athletic class, 7pm
- 4/22 PTSO Mtg.— Business Mtg/Officer Elections - Lt Th, 7:30pm
- 4/25 Th Gld Production of *Willie Wonka*,
- 4/26 Schreiber 7:30pm
- 4/27 Th Gld Production of *Willie Wonka*, Schreiber 2:00 PM
- 4/29 State Choir Festival
- 4/30 State Choir Festival
- 4/30 Early dismissal for students, 12:35

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