



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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ATTENTION WEBSITE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

Everyone is receiving a paper copy of the first newsletter to make sure that you have the Yahoo Groups subscription instructions. This Yahoo Group will keep you updated with school announcements and other information as well as the monthly PTSO Newsletter—*The Pioneer News*.

In order to receive these benefits you must 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.

This information will be printed at the bottom of every newsletter for future reference.

Everyone who handed in a form at registration will be taken off the postal mailing list after this issue. If at any time you want to add your name to the electronic group, register with the above email address and inform Holly Weller in the Attendance Office so that she can change your information on her postal mailing list.

Thank you for helping to keep our production costs down and saving some trees in the process.

Here's to a great year,
Laurie Adams
Pioneer News Editor

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents:

I am both excited and honored to be the Principal of Pioneer High School. As I travel across the 367-acre campus, and a building comprised of 180 classrooms, and 17 academic departments, I am amazed at the awesome education that is provided to our students each day. The staff does a dedicated job of providing services for every student here. Our students are engaged in their classrooms and the teachers are functioning as facilitators of education. The student body is active and asks challenging and intelligent questions that require meaningful responses.

Pioneer High School has a sound with which to curriculum to maximize learning. Our academic departments are working diligently to ensure that the State of Michigan Benchmarks are the focus of the lessons taught. We intend to continue delivering instructions using the best educational practices available today. Therefore, our instructional focus this year will be to encourage technology use in the classroom and differentiated instruction. Establishing a safe and orderly environment that is practical for Pioneer High School is to the forefront of our goals. We will assess every aspect of our school climate, curriculum, and extra-curriculum programs at Pioneer High School to ensure your child the best services.

In an effort to strengthen our staff's belief that Pioneer High School is a positive, rewarding, and safe environment, we have adopted the Honor Level System. The Honor Level System is a positive discipline system that rewards students on a regular basis for appropriate behavior. In addition, it also teaches students that there are consequences for making poor choices.

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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

MANY THANKS to all of the Registration and Book-Pulling Volunteers! During mid-August and Registration, many of our parents and students gladly contributed their time to the painstaking and strenuous process of pulling of the Pioneer students' books and helping during Registration. This could not happen without the generous aid of all of the volunteers. The PTSO and Pioneer staff extend heartfelt gratitude to all of you. By preparing the books in this way, hours are shaved off of the Registration process for all of the families; it's a great help!

If you were unable to help this time but would like to be part of the process next fall, please email Kathy Robenalt at wroben3357@aol.com. We also help with the book gathering process at the end of the school year and always need help with this, too.

Please review the information about the upcoming PTSO meetings. You will also be receiving a postcard you can post on your refrigerator that lists the fall meetings. Conferences will be coming soon; information is listed here with the details.

Plan to come to the first meeting on Sept. 18 and meet our new principal at a welcome reception. This reception begins at 7:00 in front of the Little Theater.

Thanks again for all of your help!

Kathy Robenalt

Registration Chair

New for PTSO: Come join us in a walk for Breast Cancer on Sat. Oct. 20

Here's the scoop:

The PTSO is putting together a group to walk in support of the American Cancer Society's Strides for Life event on Sat., Oct. 20 at Gallup Park here in town. It's a 3 mile walk, starts at 9 am, so you can be off to your other activities in an hour, if you are a fast walker! We would love to show a big support for this effort – many of us are past victims of this disease or know someone who is affected in some way.

Sign up is easy:

1. Go to www.cancer.org/stridesonline.
2. You will see a US map – click on Michigan.
3. Click on Ann Arbor event in a list – Oct. 20, 2007
4. Next page, scroll down the left side, you will see a list of teams, click on "View all teams." You will find the Pioneer High School PTSO listed, click on "Join team." Follow those directions.

Call Kathy Robenalt with any questions. We can all wear purple so we stand out and can find each other! It would be great to raise some money along the way, too, so ask your friends and family to support you.

Parents, students, teachers – all are welcome.

Thanks in advance,

Kathy Robenalt, PTSO, Pioneer Parent, and Cancer Survivor

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PTSO Board Minutes for Aug. 07

We discussed several items and began work on compiling the volunteer forms. We got a great start on this part; people took home lists and are finishing their lists at home and sending to Laurie to compile. (Laurie has already emailed the template to all.) Laurie will get them together and send to people at school who need them, etc.

We will be holding a reception from 7-7:30 on Sept. 18, the night of the first PTSO meeting. Refreshments will be provided by the Baking Team or will be purchased; we'll figure that out later.

We reviewed the budget and Eric and Michele will finalize it for approval at the Sept. 18 meeting.

We talked about the School Store: they are proceeding and will open Tues. and we will play it by ear, once we see the effects of the lunch changes. Some modifications have been made in stock to follow Wellness guidelines.

PTSO will be putting together a team to walk in the Oct. 20 Strides for Life Cancer walk. Details to come.

Finally, we talked about the new principal's ideas. Most of us have some reservations about the execution of these changes and will watch closely the first week. Michele is gathering some emails she has received from parents about concerns. We will be communicating with administration once school starts.

From the Principal's Desk (continued)

Our goal is to improve the climate of our school's community by using techniques that promote positive motivation. Enclosed is a list of behavior expectations that we feel every student at Pioneer High School must learn and demonstrate to make this an effective learning institution.

I would like to briefly explain how the Honor Level System works. When a student displays inappropriate behavior or fails to meet expectations, the incident is recorded on an expectation slip. At the end of each day, the expectation slips are entered into the computer notating the inappropriate behavior and assigned value points. This data is maintained in the students file. The student is then given an automatic progressive consequence and a classification level. Each student has a clean slate fourteen days from the date of the last infraction. Periodically rewards are given based upon the honor level the student has obtained.

Honor Level All-Stars

Students will have no value points at all on their records.

Honor Level One

Students will have accumulated no value points/failure of expectation slip within 14-day period

Honor Level Two

Students will have accumulated 1-12 value points/failure of expectation slips in a 14-day period

Honor Level Three

Students will have accumulated 13-20 value points/failure of expectations slips in a 14-day period

Honor Level Four

Students will have accumulated 21 or more value points/failure of expectations slips in a 14-day period

Naturally, we know that students will make mistakes in their endeavors for success and our staff will be there to assist in changing these mistakes into teachable moments for our students. On the other hand, students who make inappropriate choices will be held accountable through our progressive levels of computer-generated discipline. Consequently, in a fourteen-day period if the student receives one expectation slip, he will automatically receive a lunchtime detention. The second expectation slip requires an after-school detention. The third expectation slip requires an In-School Suspension. The fourth expectation slip will result in an automatic one-day Out of School Suspension and each expectation slip thereafter will require the student to see the principal or assistant principal for serious disciplinary action. Parents, keep in mind that these consequences are for failure of expectations (see enclosed expectation list).

On a positive note, a great majority of our students will reap the benefits of the honor level system by making good choices. We wish to share, in a positive way, our gratitude to students who conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner. We will develop special ways in which our staff will let these students know that good choices are appreciated, such as a personal invitation for only Honor Level All-Stars to attend a function.

An informational evening parent meeting will be scheduled this month to discuss all programs at Pioneer High School.

Counseling Corner

Welcome Back!! We are looking forward to the 2007-2008 school year. We are working hard to accommodate schedule requests. Please be patient and know that our classes are extremely full. If you have a valid request please see your counselor. The last day to add or drop a class is Friday, September 14th. Valid Reasons for schedule changes are: Passed the class in summer school, failed the class, missing and academic class, hole in schedule, already took the class, tested out, dual or split enrolled or you are a senior who is missing a graduation requirement. Seniors remember the first day to hand in college applications is Friday, September 14th. Please hand in your applications to the main office. We would like to welcome Ron Fear to our counseling staff. Ron comes from Birmingham with 20 years of teaching and counseling experience. He is responsible for 9th grade Mi-Sc and 11th grade Me-Se. The rest of the counseling assignments are as follows: Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Counseling Secretaries: Patti Dorris (x38235) Cindy Green (x38236) 994-4434

Class of 2008 & 2010

Class	Counselor	Counselor #	Phone	Extension	Email	Location
A - De	Victor Kennerly	357	994-2188	38231	kennerly	S137
Dh - H	Freda Didlake	369	994-2143	38234	didlakef	S140
I - Me	Cassandra Russell	360	994-1722	38228	russelle	S134
Mi - Sh	Stephanie Carter	368	994-2170	38226	carters	S132
Si - Z	Kimberly Pennington	359	994-2124	38230	penningt	S136

Class of 2009

Class of 2011

Class Section	Counselor	#	Phone	Class Section	Extension	Email	Location
A - Di	Evelyn Tolson	363	994-2149	A - Di	38229	tolson	S135
Do - Jin	Sara Vance	358	994-2131	Do - I	38232	vance	S138
Jo - Mc	Colleen Creal	352	994-1944	J - Me	38224	creal	S130
Me - Se	Ronald Fear	362	994-2146	Mi - Sc	38227	fearr	S133
Sh - Z	Ellen Sapper	354	994-8229	Se - Z	38233	sapper	S139

Fall 2007 College Visits

September

9/11	8:00	Washington U St. Louis
	10:00	Grinnell
9/12	8:00	Northeastern (Boston)
	9:00	Wellesley
	1:30	Middlebury
9/17	8:15	Earlham
	12:15	University of Pennsylvania
9/18	8:00	Wheaton College (MA)
	9:00	Hillsdale
	10:00	Central Michigan
	11:30	Denison
	11:30	Northern Michigan
	1:00	Lehigh
9/19	8:00	Yale
	9:00	New York University
	10:00	Stetson University (FL)
	1:00	Smith College
	1:00	Adrian College
9/20	8:30	Purdue
9/24	8:00	Johns Hopkins
9/25	8:30	Eastern Michigan (Cafeteria)
	10:00	Gordon College (MA)
	1:15	Bryn Mawr
9/27	8:30	University of Michigan (Cafeteria)
	10:00	North Park (IL)
	2:00	Loyola Chicago
October		
10/1	8:30	College of Wooster
	9:45	Skidmore
	10:00	Alma
10/2	9:30	Michigan State (Cafeteria)
	9:30	MSU Air Force ROTC
10/3	8:45	Columbia
	9:00	University of Michigan Dearborn
10/5	8:30	Cornell College (IA)
	9:30	Macalester

10/8	1:00	Franciscan University
10/9	8:00	Ohio University
	11:30	Duke
	12:00	University of Illinois
10/10	8:00	Dartmouth
10/11	8:00	Kenyon College
	11:30	Hope
10/12	8:00	Miami Ohio
	9:00	University of Rochester
	9:30	DePauw
10/15	9:00	Oberlin
	9:30	Aquinas
	2:00	Tulane
10/17	8:30	Allegheny
	9:00	Ohio Wesleyan
	9:15	University of Vermont
	10:00	Knox College
	12:00	Michigan Tech
10/19	9:00	Barnard
10/23	1:00	Bowdoin
10/24	9:00	University of Toledo
10/26	9:00	Sarah Lawrence
	1:00	Vassar
10/29	8:30	Illinois Wesleyan
10/31	12:00	Eugene Lang
November		
11/1	8:00	Colgate
11/6	9:15	St. Mary's Notre Dame
11/7	9:00	Swarthmore
11/8	8:00	Grand Valley State University
11/9	10:15	Mount Holyoke
11/15	1:00	George Washington Univ.

Come to the Career Center with a signed pass.

Pioneer High School on the Web!

The PHS website is a great resource for all parents: <http://www.a2pioneer.org>

Please check here frequently for news of upcoming events, school calendar information, athletic team schedules, and much more! A complete club directory, contact information for staff, and college application procedures are among the many things that are kept up to date on our website. The announcements that are read in school each week are also available here. If you can't find what you're looking for on either the top or side navigation bars, try the Index page.

The Pioneer website is maintained by many different staff members and volunteers. The current webmaster is a parent volunteer who will 'retire' this year as her youngest child is a member of the Class of 2008. She is actively seeking a replacement who can take over during the 2nd semester. If you are a Pioneer parent with a desire to help and are comfortable with computers, please contact Anne Clites at pioneer@aaps.k12.mi.us or call her at 994-1342. She will be glad to train you!

Athletic Booster Meetings

All Meetings 7:00pm/Little Theatre except as noted	October 14, 2007 November 20, 2007 December 11, 2007 (if necessary)	January 14, 2008 (Athletic Clsrn) February 11, 2008 March 17, 2008	April 21, 2008 (Athletic Clsrn) May 19, 2008
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Theatre Guild News

Theatre Guild Presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

Thoroughly Modern Millie taps its way to the Pioneer Theater Guild stage for only two gaiety filled weekends. Based on the popular 1967 movie, this Tony Award-winning 2002 musical has been gussied up for its appearance on stage. Featuring high-energy tap numbers, jazz sequences and love ballads, including 2 songs from the film, 4 standards of the roaring 1920's, and 9 new songs from composer Jeanine Tesori, this razzamatazz musical is great for the whole family.

The sparkling and playful plot revolves around Millie Dillmount who escapes from Kansas to New York City creating a new life for herself by discarding her bumpkin image for a more modern flapper twist. Before long she finds herself involved with Miss Dorothy Brown, a refined aspiring actress who never seems to have spare change, Jimmy Smith a seemingly poor paper clip salesman, Trevor Graydon, the boss Millie hopes to marry, Muzzy van Hossmere, a nightspot singer heirress, and Mrs. Meers, a villainess audiences will love

to hate.

Come join this modern day heroine, Millie Dillmount in Schreiber Auditorium. The show will be presented Friday, November 9th and Saturday November 3rd and 10th at 7:30 pm. There will also be matinees presented Sunday, November 4th and 11th at 2:00 pm. Tickets: \$12 Adults, \$8 Students/Seniors/Pioneer Faculty.

Is Your Child Interested in Joining Theatre Guild?!

We are always looking for new members. Have your child come to any Monday Meeting in Schreiber Auditorium at 3:45. There they can get information about upcoming shows and ways to be apart of the magic! It does not matter if your child is new to theater or if they have done it for years. Theatre Guild has something to offer everyone, including painting, carpentry, sewing, makeup, designing, writing, acting, singing, dancing, advertising, lighting, sound, ushering and more. There are even leadership opportunities such as crew head, assistant crew head,

stage-manager, assistant stage-manager, and our student executive board. For further information please visit our website ptguild.org. You can also direct any questions to Monica Baker (President) at 904-6571 or email (mcb14990@sbcglobal.net), Susan Hurwitz (Producer/Co-Sponsor) at 994-3508 or email (9susanh22@aol.com), or our entire Student Executive Board at ptguild@gmail.com. Thanks!

Want To Buy an Ad for the Pioneer Theatre Season Program?!

Advertising in Theatre Guild programs gives your business the opportunity to reach as many as 7000 (or more!) enthusiastic patrons over the course of our season. Ad sizes range from business cards to full pages and can run for one show or throughout the year. If you are interested, contact Susan Hurwitz (994-3508 or SusanH22@aol.com), and you will be sent an informational packet. The school district only provides us with a small fraction of what we need to run this busy program, so we need your help!!!

PTSO Thrift Shop News

The Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop Needs You!

2280 S. Industrial 996-9155
www.a2ptothriftshop.org

- WORK at the shop - earn money for your school sponsored organization!
NEW - SIGN UP FOR SHIFTS up to 30 days ahead by stopping at the shop any time
- ALL PROCEEDS benefit Ann Arbor Public School students and their organizations!
\$\$\$ Nearly \$100,000 raised last year! \$\$\$
- SHOP for gently used cloths, toys and household items - fantastic finds and great bargains!
- DONATE above items - reduce your clutter and benefit students!

Mark Your Calendars for September 29th

The Pioneer A Cappella Choir will join choirs from Huron, Greenhills, Ypsilanti, South Lyon, and the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in Hill Auditorium 8 PM on Saturday, September 29th for performances of Wagner's Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin and the finale from Die Meistersinger. Tickets and information are available on their web site: <http://www.a2so.com/main.html>.

Pioneer Orchestra Events

Car Wash: It's that time again to get your cars washed and help a school organization. The Pioneer High School Orchestras will host a free car wash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 in the Clock Tower parking lot area at Pioneer. Donations are gladly accepted.

POPS Donations: Orchestra parents are encouraged to help meet the program's financial needs by sending in a "dues" check for \$25 to POPS, the Pioneer Orchestra Parents' Society. These contributions go directly to pay for such costs as classroom tutoring, guest musicians and concert receptions.

Upcoming concert dates: Also mark your calendars for these upcoming concerts. The Symphony Orchestra will perform a joint concert with Okemos and Troy High Schools at Okemos High School at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4. The annual Chamber Music Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 in Pioneer's Schreiber Auditorium. The concert will feature the Pioneer Symphony Orchestra, A Cappella and Bel Canto Choirs, plus other traditional choral music by extracurricular groups. Admission is free.

All calendar updates and orchestra information is available by visiting <http://www.phsorchestra.com>

New Family Orientation Program

My name is Barbara Zinser and I am a Parent Volunteer who began a "welcome" program four years ago for newly transferred and foreign exchange students. I am happy to report, that I have been welcomed back by Principal White, the Pioneer Administration and the PTSO and will do everything in my power, to assist your child/children in making a positive transition.

It was my pleasure to meet many families, host families, exchange students and new transferees during the registration process in August. There are currently over 200 new students and they come from all over the globe. I met some personally from Chile, Honduras, Mexico, China, Korea, Japan, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland, Germany, the Philippines, Pakistan and Indonesia. Those from around the country have come from Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Still many others have come from all over Michigan and have transferred from other public schools, private schools, charter schools and several who were previously home schooled thus adding a wonderful dimension to Pioneer High Schools diverse community. Many thanks to Mr. Kevin Hudson and the Student Mentors, who were available at a moments notice to give tours, find lockers and answer questions.

On Monday, August 27, 2007, the new students and I met at the Neutral Zone Teen Club on E. Washington in Downtown Ann Arbor. Approximately 42 students attended and were entertained by Director, Lori Roddy's wonderful staff (namely, Ron Dickerson and Ingrid Racine), who facilitated the ice breaker games and a round of "Simon Says". There was also an abundance of snacks, smiles and laughter as new friendships were formed.

I have assisted in organizing a lunch area for the new students so that they may find each other more easily and believe that it has been helpful. This location is in the large gym and is the first set of bleachers as you enter through the courtyard doors from the cafeteria. If your student would like to join us, please feel free, all are welcome.

A New Transfer Student/Foreign Exchange Pizza Luncheon was held on Thursday, September 13, 2007 in the Administration Wing during the regular lunch period. There was a special give away to those new students who came.

My thanks to Holly Weller in the Attendance Office who tries to keep me current on newly enrolled students and to the 26 parent volunteers who have come forward through the sign up process (a new record!!). Please help me in welcoming these new students and their families to the Pioneer Community. Please call me at 734 330-7398 or send an e-mail to zinserb@hotmail.com if your student wants to get involved.

News from the Office



PIONEER ATTENDANCE OFFICE REQUESTS YOUR HELP

Our continued growth in student enrollment brings numerous challenges for our office personnel. We are limiting personal phone messages from our parents to their children while at school to EXTREME emergencies only. We do not deliver forgotten lunches, homework, athletic equipment and clothing left at home by the student. Each of the mentioned items requires our offices to delay other school-related tasks that are necessary for our high school to function. It also requires that precious classroom instruction time be interrupted. We have noticed a sizeable increase in personal phone messages, forgotten lunches, homework, forgotten athletic equipment and clothing already this school year. We also do not deliver flowers, balloons, etc... New state regulations now prohibit the use of office aides, who used to deliver messages.

We realize that everyone is busy in the morning getting to school and work. However, we ask your help in minimizing the items mentioned above. Here are a few suggestions that we think can help us better serve you:

- * Review with your student the previous evening any appointments they may have the next day. Place items that need to be brought to school in the same location near the door they exit in the morning.
- * Try not to make an appointment for the same day. It is not always possible to get a message to a student. There are no student runners. A teacher is busy lecturing and may forget to give the message to the student, the classroom may be somewhere else, or the student may not be in class for some other school-related reason.
- * If the student is aware that they have forgotten an appointment or item and a parent leaves it, they can check in the office at lunch or at the end of the day.
- * Don't do anything. This is high school and students need to learn responsibility. They might not forget the item (lunch, homework) the next time.
- * Appointments during the day: If your student needs to leave the building during the day for an appointment you need to do the following:
 - * Call the attendance office to excuse the absence within 48 hours.
 - * The student tells the teacher they need to leave for an appointment.
 - * Student leaves or meets the parent at the designated pick up spot.
 - * Do not call the office to make sure the student is ready to be picked up.
 - * Student provides appointment verification document to the Attendance Office upon return to school.
- * If a student is ill and leaving the building during the school day, they MUST check out at the nurse's office in order to be excused. A parent cannot excuse a student for missing a random hour of the day due to illness unless it is recorded at the clinic.

Attendance Office Staff



Career Center Communications

2007/2008 Testing Information Pioneer CEEB Code: 230088

ACT

SAT I & II

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee</u>
Sept. 15	Aug. 10	Aug. 24	Oct. 6*	Sept. 10	Sept. 14
Oct. 27	Sept. 21	Oct. 5	Nov. 3 #^	Oct. 2	Oct. 11
Dec. 8 *#	Nov. 2	Nov. 15	Dec. 1 #	Oct. 30	Nov. 8
Feb. 9*#	Jan. 4	Jan. 18	Jan. 26 #	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
April 12*#	Mar. 7	Mar. 21	Mar 1 # +	Jan. 29	Feb. 7
June 14*#	May 9	May 23	May 3#	Apr. 1	Apr. 10
			June 7 #	May 6	May 15

* Not in Ann Arbor

#Pioneer Test Center **191910**

*Huron Test Center **177670**

Pioneer Test Center Code **23-110**

^ Language with Listening

+ SAT I only

Register Online: www.act.org

Register Online: www.collegeboard.com

PSAT October 20 Advanced Placement Dates May 5 -16, 2008

PSAT TO BE ADMINISTERED OCTOBER 20

Pioneer students will join candidates all over the world as they take the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test at Pioneer High School on Saturday morning, October 20. Testing will begin at 8:00 am in alphabetically assigned rooms; students will finish between 11:00 and 11:30 am. The price for the test and the follow up reports will be \$20.00. Waivers are available for qualifying students.

PSAT sign up begins Wednesday September 19, 2007. Payment should be made in the General Office during regular hours. Cash or check made payable to Pioneer is acceptable. At sign-up the PSAT candidate will receive test strategies information and a sample PSAT test plus a list of scholarships available through the test. Registration will close on Friday October 13 at 3:00 pm. No further registrations will be taken after that time. Standbys can come to the Pioneer on the morning of the test for a fee of \$30.00 if space is available.

Students with a religious or school related conflict on October 21 may inquire in the Career Center about alternate possibilities. (NO GUARANTEES).

The PSAT/NMSQT is a national test that is administered by high schools in October. The PSAT/NMSQT is divided into five sections (two Critical Reading, two Math, and one Writing). College bound juniors should take the PSAT/NMSQT for the following reasons: 1) It's good practice for the SAT, and gives the student an idea of how they'll score on the SAT. 2) Students can see how their academic skills compare to college bound students across the country. 3) Students whose scores are exceptionally high are recognized by the National Merit Foundation. This recognition can lead to scholarships.

Students taking the PSAT/NMSQT are given a "Student Bulletin". This publication contains valuable test-taking tips and a practice test. Students who read the bulletin and take the practice test are better prepared for the PSAT, and they get higher scores.

The results of the PSAT are available in mid-to-late December. Students receive scores for Critical Reading, Math, and Writing. While scores for each section range between 20 and 80, the average score for each section is approximately 49. For National Merit purposes, the three scores are added together to determine the Selection Index. Students with the Selection Index scores in the top five percent are recognized by the National Merit Foundation; students who have Selection Index scores in the upper one half of one percent become National Merit semifinalists.

The best PSAT preparation is doing the sample test and a good night's sleep.

Joyce Williams, External Testing Coordinator



PTSO STORE PIONEER WEAR ORDER FORM

Fill out the order form below and mail it or bring to General Office

All Items that are not special order can be purchased in the school store located in the cafeteria,
during school lunch 10:40-11:15 am

NAME _____

PHONE (_____) _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL (TO CONTACT YOU WHEN ORDER IS IN) PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY BELOW:

PLEASE SPECIFY SIZE: (ADULT) S, M, L, XL, XXL

ITEM	PRICE	COLOR	size	QUANTITY	total	
<u>LOGO CHOOSE ONE:</u>		A. ANN ARBOR PIONEER		B. PIONEER		
		<i>(Circle choice)</i>		SIZE	LOGO	
T-Shirt (short sleeve)	\$12	Gray	Purple	_____	\$ _____	
T-Shirt (long sleeve)	\$17	Gray	Purple	_____	\$ _____	
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$35	Black	Gray	Purple	_____	\$ _____
Water Bottles	\$5				\$ _____	
Lanyards	\$4				\$ _____	

SPECIAL ORDERS

ITEM	PRICE	COLOR	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
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Want a Name, class year, nickname on the back on any shirt or underneath Pioneer on the Jacket.

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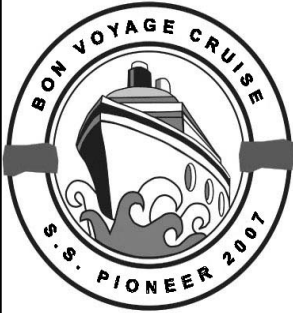
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From the Pioneer Class of 2007, **THANK YOU** to the following businesses and individuals for their contributions to a great All Senior All Night Party June 6, 2007!



ADMIRAL'S CORNER: Busch's Valu Land*Krazy Jim's Blimpurger*Cheryl Huey *Hiller's Market*Kroger Food & Pharmacy*Meijer's Inc,*Pioneer High School PTSO

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THE CREW...

Party Co-chairs: Liz Bauman, Susan Pearlman, Laurel Fingerle & Jeanna Telfer

Staffing: Cathy Pardon, Robin Brooks, Scott Aschenbach

Treasurer: Karen Silverman

Grocery Program Chair: Ann Marie Jensen

Decoration Chairs: Peggy Smith

Committee: Bev Fabian, Jean Birch, Vickie Brooks, Connie Cole, Erin Cole, JoAnne Coughlin, Donna Fowkles, Kate Higgins, Judy Kaplan, Sylvia Lang, Kris Maly, Kathy Mercer, Michele Richardson, Becky Spaly, Donna Sienicki, Peg Thomas, Caprice Warren, Henen Jenson, E.T. Crowe, Jayne Yoder, Julie Weintraub, Terri Bailey, Peg Leonard, Linda Cameron, Marlen Muscott, Beth Anderson, Ann Mooney, Patti Kralik, Gloria Van Alstine, Christian Rasmussen, Lynette Rasmussen, Goron Schewach, Geoff Larcom, Jeffrey Sanford, Ben Bouchard, Karen McClellan, Lisa Miller, Mary Ann Smith, Annette Schork, Karen Kress, Sally Steward, Lisa Jibson, Joan Gregorka

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Auxiliary Gym: Tom McFadden & Rich Chaperon

Casino: John & Terry Zdanowski,

Tropical Treasures: Debbie Linkner & Suzanne Wanty

Check-In: Mary Phelps & Linda Kulik

Co-Chair Consultants: Peggy Randolph, Louise Callow

Security: Donna Kujat & Jennifer Thompson

Fundraising: Carol Fast & Sue Stern

Invitations, Tickets, Program, Thank you Ads: Jackie Pomerantz

BlimpyBurger-Krazy Jim's: Rich Magner

Pool: Linda & Ed Haas

Tattoos: Anne Nerenz, & Kathy Swarts

Set-up: Lisa Psarouthakis & Myra Court

Closing: Dorothy Elliott, Anne Maier & Kay Robinson

Huge kudos to all the Pioneer families & friends who support the ASAN grocery program.

**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:

9/29 HOMECOMING DANCE CHAPERONES 10/4 FIRST INTERIM GRADES MAILED HOME-OFFICE HELP

Important DATES Mark your Calendar!

September

9/17 Athletic Booster Club 7:00pm Little Theatre
 9/18 PTSO 'Meet Administrators' Little Theatre-7:30 PM
 9/21 ***Yom Kippur begins at sunset thru 9/22
 9/22 U of M Home Football vs. Penn State
 9/24 Homecoming Spirit Week thru 9/28
 9/26 Student Count Day
 9/28 Homecoming Pep Rally-large gym (Special Schedule)
 9/28 End of First Interim Marking Period
 9/29 Homecoming Dance, 9:00 PM - 11:30 PM

October

10/2 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents - B116, 7:30 PM
 10/2 Friends of PHS Choirs - B108, 7:30 PM
 10/4 First Interim Progress Reports Mailed Home
 10/6 U of M Home Football vs. EMU
 10/8 Choir Informance—Pio Singers-Schreiber, 7:30 PM
 10/9 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Arena Style) 5- 8PM
 10/10 Student Activity Day
 10/11 Choir Informance— Cantando Schreiber, 7:30 PM
 10/13 ***Id al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)
 10/13 U of M Home Football vs. Purdue
 10/14 Athletic Booster Club 7:00pm Little Theatre
 10/16 PTSO 'ABC's of Testing' Little Theatre, 7:30 PM
 10/17 9th Grade MEAP Social Studies Testing
 10/17 Freshman Elections
 10/18 Chamber Music Concert-Schreiber, 7:30PM

10/20 PSAT Testing - PHS, 7:45 AM- 1:00 PM
 10/27 ACT Testing - HHS Only, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
 10/27 U of M Football home vs. Minnesota
 10/30 12 Grade MME Retakes: WorkKeys & Math
 10/31 12 Grade MME Retakes: Science & Social Stud

November

11/2 End of First Marking Period
 11/3 SAT Testing - PHS, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
 11/3 Theatre Guild's 'Thoroughly Modern Millie', 7:30 PM
 11/4 Theatre Guild's 'Thoroughly Modern Millie', 2:00 PM
 11/6 NO SCHOOL for Students Teacher Inservice
 11/6 General Election Day
 11/6 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents - B116, 7:30 PM
 11/6 Friends of PHS Choirs - B108, 7:30 PM
 11/8 First Marking Period Grades Mailed Home
 11/9 Pioneer Craft Fair - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 11/9 Theatre Guild's 'Thoroughly Modern Millie', 7:30 PM
 11/10 Theatre Guild's 'Thoroughly Modern Millie', 7:30 PM
 11/11 Theatre Guild's 'Thoroughly Modern Millie', 2:00 PM
 11/13 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up, 7:30 - 9:30 AM AND 2:30 - 6:30 PM
 11/13 BPA-Band Parent Assc Mtg - B126, 7:00 PM
 11/13 PTSO 'Nuts & Bolts of College Planning' 7:30 PM
 11/14 Student Activity Day

11/14 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up, 7:30 - 9:30 AM
 11/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 11/20 Athletic Booster Club 7:00pm Little Theatre
 11/21 Thanksgiving Break through 11/25
 11/27 POPS-Pioneer Orchestra Parents - B116, 7:30 PM

December

12/1 SAT Testing - PHS, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
 12/4 Poinsettia Pickup-Class 2010, 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
 12/6 Student Council Blood Drive
 12/6 Winter Sing Concert - Schreiber Aud, 7:30
 12/7 Second Interim Marking Period Ends
 12/8 ACT Testing- PHS & HHS, 7:45 AM - 1:00 PM
 12/12 Student Activity Day
 12/13 Second Interim Progress Reports Mailed Home
 12/13 Winter Orchestra Concert - Schreiber, 7:30 PM
 12/22 Winter Break through 1/6/08
 12/25 ***Christmas Day
 12/26 Kwanza begins through 1/1/08
 12/31 ***Id al-Adha through 1/2/08

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