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MARCH

Tuesday, March 8

NJHS Induction
Ceremony
Pierce Auditorium 7 PM

Thursday, March 10

Parent Teacher
Conferences
5-7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 15

PTO Meeting
6:30 PM Pierce Library



Thursday, March 17

Half Day
A.M. classes only
Students dismissed
at 11:34 AM
Afternoon and Evening
Parent Teacher
Conferences
1-3:30 PM
& 5-7:30 PM

Thursday, March 24

Spring Break
Begins at
End of Day

Monday, April 4

Classes Resume
Late Start 9:05 AM

PIERCE POINTER

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

- Edith Wharton

Dear Pierce Parents,

Conferences are an excellent opportunity for parents to stay connected to what their child is learning. These meetings also provide quality time for parents and teachers to get to know each other on a more personal level. Three sessions will be held over two days for these conferences: Thursday, March 10th from 5PM to 7:30PM and on Thursday, March 17th from 1PM to 3:30PM and from 5PM to 7:30PM.

M-Step: Students will once again be participating in M-Step testing this April and May. The assessments are spread out over several weeks. Fortunately, this year we were able to move the PSAT Assessments and the 6th and 7th Grade NWEA testing to the October in order to help minimize the stress of the April/May testing for students. More detailed schedules will be in the April Pointer.

Author Event: On February 25th, Pierce hosted Author Kyle Prue for an assembly. Kyle is the award winning author of *The Sparks: Book One of the Feud Trilogy*. *The Sparks* has won state and national awards for Best Book and Best Fiction for Young Adults 2015. Kyle also just won a Moonbeam Children's book award for Best Young Author in the nation. Our Scholastic Writing Award winners also had the opportunity to meet with Kyle over lunch to discuss the writing process and the importance of literacy.

Spring Break: Spring Break begins after school on Thursday, March 25th. Whether you are home or travelling over the break, we hope it is a safe, restful, and enjoyable time for all!

Sincerely,

Chris Clark
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This month, I want to inform you of some adjustments we have made to the rules governing the use of electronic devices at Pierce. As we all know, devices such as Smartphones and tablets are ubiquitous in our society. Typically our students use these devices for communication and entertainment. However, we believe these devices hold tremendous educational potential and have begun encouraging our students to use the tools they have at their disposal to facilitate learning.

In an effort to move instruction towards a model suitable for the 21st century learner, several of our teachers here at Pierce have begun encouraging their students to use their devices in a productive manner during class time. For example, in some classes students are encouraged to download texts onto e-readers whose programs provide vocabulary support and tools to assist in reading comprehension. In other classrooms students are encouraged to use tablets to take notes and store important class information or to turn their Smartphones into scientific calculators.

As you can imagine, the loosening of our electronics policy has brought some new challenges. Although many of our teachers are experimenting with devices in the classroom, some are not. Teachers who do not want their students to use electronics have designated their classrooms as “red zones” and we expect that students respect the rules of individual classroom teachers. Students who use their devices in a “red zone” may be given a signature. Also, occasionally we find that students may or may not be using their devices appropriately. Teachers regularly discuss “appropriate use” guidelines with students and we are working on developing a coherent, school-wide approach to educating our students on this topic. We ask that parents support us at home by discussing issues such as device etiquette, privacy and safety and setting and enforcing rules that are appropriate for their family. Finally and unfortunately, when students bring expensive electronic devices to school, there is a chance they may get lost or even stolen. While we take every precaution to protect against loss or theft, and make every effort to recover missing items, it is important that students safeguard their possessions. At minimum, consider marking your student’s name on anything he/she chooses to bring to school. *Please Remember: electronic devices of any sort are NEVER required by any of our teachers. So, if you have any concerns about safety, please encourage your student to leave the device at home.*

As we navigate through this exciting time in education and the evolution of personal electronics, we will continue to adjust our school guidelines and instructional approaches to meet the needs of our students. While this may not be an easy process, it will certainly be a productive one. We ask that you support us as we attempt to determine the appropriate place for electronic devices in our classrooms and our school. If you have any questions or feedback, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Judith Gaffrey
Assistant Principal

COUNSELOR CORNER

ADD\ADHD Documentation

When students who have been officially diagnosed as ADD or ADHD reach high school, they may receive certain accommodations, including extended time when taking the ACT or SAT. In order to qualify, the counselor needs to have a copy of the initial comprehensive evaluation that led to that diagnosis. Counselors at the high school report that many parents have difficulty producing these documents, especially if the diagnosis was made in elementary school and the practitioner's records are no longer available. If your child has been diagnosed with either of these conditions, please contact your middle school counselor and make sure that the appropriate documentation is on file.

Prearranged Absences

Occasionally, a parent or guardian may take a student on a family trip that necessitates them being absent from school. While the school does not encourage this practice, we will make reasonable accommodations to insure that the students have an opportunity to make up the work that they miss. There are forms and procedures outlined in the parent handbook that can facilitate this process. If you are thinking of taking your child out of school for any reason, please review these procedures either in the handbook or on the Pierce website. It is important to notify the school and the teacher involved at least 3 days before departure if possible.

Andrea Bolton 432.4716

Christa Warner 432.4717

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

*Parents: - As a courtesy to other parents,
Please limit each conference to 5-7 minutes.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

5:00-7:30 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

HALF DAY – CLASSES IN AM ONLY

Conferences

1:30-3:30 pm & 5:00-7:30 pm



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PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL PIZZA NIGHT SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Monday, March 21st

Grosse Pointe Park Location

(15316 E. Jefferson)

313-823-7000

Let's help raise money for Pierce Middle School!
Hungry Howie's will donate 20% of our Pizza Night purchases back to our school.

Just fill in the slip below and hand it to the cashier or delivery driver and enjoy your dinner! Let's all make this a great year. If you happen to forget your flyer please mention it to the cashier or driver so we can credit the school. We will have extra flyers available at the store. Please fill out your teachers name on the slip. The teacher that has the most participation is awarded a **free pizza party** for their class!

Simply turn in the slip below and we will earn our 20% donation.

Name: _____ 6th hour Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Total Order Amount: _____

PTO POINTS

Winter? Spring? It's hard to know what season it is around here, but I guess we just get to enjoy the constant change! It's kind of like having kids...you never know what to expect!

But, the one thing I DO know is that the **PTO Progressive Dinner** is almost here! **Saturday, March 12th** is the date, and I am certain it is going to be a wonderful night. Cabbage Patch Cafe is preparing a scrumptious meal for us, and we are bound to have a great time relaxing and chatting with old and new friends. Even though our deadline has passed, if you would like to attend, I am sure we can make room at the table for a few more! Just contact **Beth Kurta** (ekurta@comcast.net) or **Renee Jakubowski** (gobluerb@yahoo.com) and they will be happy to find a spot for you.

Change of date: Please note that the next **Super Fun Night** date has been changed, and the new date is **Friday, April 8th**. We will have tons of fun, including Laser Tag, Bungee Run & cotton candy. Stay tuned for more details, and if you are willing to help that evening, we would LOVE to have you there. Parent volunteers make the kids so happy! Please contact me if you are interested in assisting.

2016-2017 PTO Board

Believe it or not, we are already starting to think about the PTO Board for the next school year. We have a number of Board members that will no longer be at Pierce next year, and we are looking for parents that are interested in becoming part of the PTO Board. We strive to make certain that each of our feeder elementary schools (Defer, Maire and Trombly) is well represented, so please contact me at any time if you would like to become more involved for next year. We would love to have you!

Our next PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 pm in the Pierce library. New faces are always most welcome.

Even though it is still a few weeks away, I wish you a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

Warmly,

Michelle Kramer, PTO President

mekmlk@att.net

313-268-4033



PIERCE BAND AND ORCHESTRA

**MSBOA District XVI Orchestra Festival
Madison Heights Lamphere HS
Itinerary
Friday, March 4, 2016**

3:17 p.m.	Report to Pierce MS Orchestra Room 120
3:30 p.m.	Load cars & depart Grosse Pointe Pierce MS
4:30 p.m.	Arrive Madison Heights Lamphere HS and report to homeroom
5:05 p.m.	Pierce MS 7/8 Orchestra reports to warm-up room
5:30 p.m.	Pierce MS 7/8 Orchestra adjudicated performance
5:55 p.m. . . .	Pierce MS 7/8 Orchestra adjudicated sight-reading
5:25 p.m.	Meet in Cafeteria/Commons area for ratings and refreshments on your own.
6:45 p.m.	Depart Madison Heights Lamphere HS
7:30 p.m.	Arrive back at Pierce MS

Things to Remember

- This is a graded performance; attendance is mandatory.
- Full concert attire is required: including black socks and black dress shoes. Shirts should be pressed and tucked in. You may wear all MSBOA Medals on your shirts.
- Make sure you have all necessary equipment and supplies (music, mutes, rosin, extra strings etc.)!! You are responsible for your own belongings.
- Remember, to be early is to be on time.
- You are representing our music program, our school, and the entire Grosse Pointe community, so conduct yourself accordingly.

Pierce 7/8 Orchestra Program

Chaconne

Barcarolle

Fanfare & Celebration

Henry Purcell/Vaclav Nehlybel

Jacques Offenbach/Sandra Dackow

Michael Hopkins

9-10 Chaperones/Drivers are needed!!!!

_____ Yes, I am available to chaperone and drive Orchestra students to Madison Heights Lamphere HS for MSBOA Orchestra Festival.

My car will hold ___ (number) of students in addition to myself.

Parent Name _____

ALL OTHER PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND MEET US AT MADISON HEIGHTS LAMPHERE FOR THIS EXCITING DAY!

James.Gross@gpschools.org

Christopher.Takis@gpschools.org

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Pierce Swimming and Diving started on February 29th. Every Athlete will need an "Up to date" physical to join.

Please email Mr. Thompson for information:

Bill.Thompson@gpschools.org



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



The Induction Ceremony for New Members
Will be held on Wednesday, March 8th
In the Pierce Auditorium
At 7:00 PM

Refreshments will be served
following the ceremony.

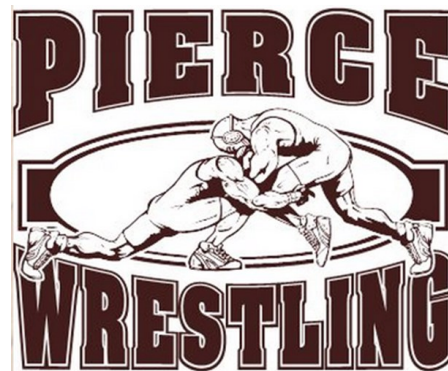
THANK YOU DR. HUDSON!

We would like to thank Dr. Valerie Hudson for providing an efficient student information system for our clinic. We now have smaller, easier to manage binders, and a rolling storage cart to maintain the records. This addition has opened up the desk area and created a more functional work space. We appreciate her generosity, volunteerism and all our clinic volunteers!



WRESTLING UPDATE

Coach: Mr. Billy Ward - William.Ward@gpschools.org



		<u>MEET SCHEDULE</u>	HOME / AWAY		
Tues.	Feb 23	Away	Parcells	4:00	
Mon.	Feb 29	Home	Kelly	4:00	
Thurs.	March 3	Away	Wolfe	4:00	
Wed.	March 9	Home	Bemis of Utica	4:30	
Tues.	March 15	Away	Page	4:15	
Wed.	March 16	Away	Chatterton	4:00	
Sat.	March 19	Away	Chatterton Tournament	8:00 AM	
Mon.	March 21	Home	Jefferson	4:00	
Tues.	March 22	Away	Lincoln	4:00	
Thurs.	March 24	Home	Clawson	4:30	

GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE

7th GRADE TEAM

Coach: Mr. Joshua Lord

joshua.lord@gpschools.org

7th Grade Practice runs from
3:30 until 5:00

8th GRADE TEAM

Coach: Mr. Andre Williams

andre.williams@gpschools.org

8th Grade Practice runs from
4:30 until 6:00



<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>H/A</u>	<u>7th/8th</u>
Mon.	Feb. 22	Southlake	Home	4:30/5:30
Fri.	Feb. 26	Parcells	Home	4:00/5:00
Mon.	Feb. 29	Brownell	Away	4:00/4:00
Tues.	Mar. 1	Kennedy	Home	4:00/5:00
Fri.	Mar. 4	Jefferson	Away	4:00/5:00
Mon.	Mar. 7	Southlake at High School	Away	5:00/4:00

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>H/A</u>	<u>7th/8th</u>
Wed..	Mar. 9	Kennedy	Away	4:00/5:00
Fri.	Mar. 11	Jefferson	Home	4:00/5:00
Mon.	Mar. 14	Parcells	Away	4:00/5:00
Tues.	Mar. 15	Brownell	Home	4:00/5:00
Fri.	Mar. 18	Kelly	Home	4:00/5:00
Mon.	Mar. 21	W. Woods	Away	4:00/5:00

PIERCE PTO ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, March 12, 2016

6:00 – 11:00 PM

What is a Progressive Dinner?

A progressive dinner is a group of people moving from location to location eating and enjoying their way through a fun meal. The party begins with everyone gathering together for appetizers. We will then break into smaller groups for dinner and back together again for dessert.

This year's dinner will be catered by the Cabbage Patch Café

Appetizers: 6:00 - 7:30 PM Appetizers with beverages at the **Hodge's home**, 1015 Devonshire

Dinner: 7:30 – 9:30 PM Cabbage Patch Café catered dinner at **host houses**. The meal is served family-style and can include vegetarian and gluten-free options – please indicate on form below.

Where? You will receive your dinner assignment during your visit to the appetizer house.

Dessert: 9:30 – 11:00 PM Dessert with beverages at the **Lefief's home**, 521 Middlesex

(Please return this bottom portion and payment to the Pierce school office or drop off to 701 Berkshire Rd)

RSVP deadline is Friday, March 4

If you RSVP after this date you may be asked to be a host dinner house.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please check all that apply:

- I would like to participate in this evening. Enclosed is my payment of \$50/couple or \$25/single
- I am willing to host the dinner portion of the evening. I can seat 6-8-10-12 (circle one). Food is provided to the hosts with minimum preparation. I request _____ at my home (one couple)
- I am willing to bring an hors d'oeuvre to the appetizer house. (needed and appreciated)
- I am willing to bring a dessert to the dessert house. (needed and appreciated)
- I prefer vegetarian, gluten-free (circle) or have an allergy listed here _____

****Make checks payable to "Pierce PTO" please****

Dinner directions provided at the appetizer house; dress code is nice casual.

Questions?

Contact Beth Kurta, ekurta@comcast.net 313.477.2014 or Renee Jakubowski, gobluerb@yahoo.com 313.806.4542

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Tuesday
March 8, 2016
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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20% of the proceeds will benefit

Pierce Middle School PTO



Making the world a better place, one wick at a time.



Pierce Middle School

presents



By Lindsay Price

**Produced by special arrangement with Theatrefolk
(www.theatrefolk.com)**

Friday, March 18th at 7:00 pm

Saturday , March 19th at 1:00 pm

**Pierce Auditorium
15470 Kercheval Ave.**

**Tickets sold at the door; \$7 for adults and \$5 for students
and Seniors**

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

The [Scholastic Art and Writing Awards](#) have been awarded for 92 years to the creative teens around the country. The very special part of this award is really the "[alumni winners and judges](#)" who have previously won this award and may have served as a judge! *Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, John Updike, Stephen King, Zac Posen, Alan Arkin, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, Ken Burns, John Lithgow, Joyce Maynard, Dan Fogelberg, Ken Burns, Garrison Keillor, Bill Murray, Kurt Vonnegut, Robert Frost, Lena Dunham-* (the list goes on and on), who also were recognized for their creativity and talent while in middle or high school.

This year's batch of submissions from the 7th and 8th graders at Pierce earned **48 Writing Awards** at the Regional Level which includes counties in MI, IA, IL, OH, MN, KS, MO, ND, SD, KY and WI as judged by the [Midwest Region At Large-Belin Blank Center for Gifted Education-University of Iowa](#).

In honor of their awards, students were invited to a luncheon with the Young Adult author, Kyle Prue, on Friday, Feb. 26th to talk about the craft of writing.

The following Pierce students earned 3 Gold Key Awards, 9 Silver Key Awards and 35 Honorable Mention Awards at the Regional Level.

A special congratulations goes out to: 8th Graders Gabriela M., Victoria O., and 7th Grader Ava M., whose Gold Key Submissions will now be judged at the national level in New York City.

Congratulations to all of the students who worked hard, took the risk, and submitted pieces to this prestigious program.

PIERCE SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS 2016

8th Grade Gold Key Winners: Teacher: Susan Quinn

Gabriela M. - *The Dictionary of Growing Up Personal Essay*

Victoria O. - *Who I Am Poetry*

8th Grade Silver Key Winners:

Catherine C. - *Between Us Personal Essay*

Olivia C. - *The House on the Hill Personal Essay*

Andrew F. - *Checkmate Personal Essay*

Andrew F. - *My Simple Smile Poetry*

Shannon K. - *Another Birthday Personal Essay*

Brooklyn N. - *A Small Moment Leads to a Thousand Memories- Essay*

Imran S. - *What Do You Want? Personal Essay*

Abby W. - *A Shade of Pink Personal Essay*

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

8th Grade Honorable Mention Awards

Clare A. - *Life Personal Essay*

Clare A. - *The Voice in My Head Poetry*

Jordan B. - *Night is for the Stars Personal Essay*

Joseph B. - *Midnight Driving Personal Essay*

Katie C. - *A Very Merry Christmas Personal Essay*

Natalie C. - *My Nana Personal Essay*

Natalie C. - *Do You Know How Lucky You Are to Be in This Family? Poetry*

Catherine C. - *Questions from a Child Poetry*

Ausitn D. - *Cherish the Present, Remember the Past*

Lizzie H. - *Practice, Dedication, and Stress Personal Essay*

Lizzie H. - *No! Not the Vacuum Poetry*

Eliza E. - *Rhythm of the Rain Poetry*

Madi H. - *Dinner at the Hare Krishna's Personal Essay*

Madi H. - *Belong Poetry*

Maddie H. - *The Last Time Personal Essay*

Evelyn K. - *Ups and Downs Personal Essay*

Evelyn K. - *This is Why We Row Poetry*

Catherine L. *My Worst Fight Personal Essay*

Anna L. - *Like No Other Grandpa Personal Essay*

Ava M. - *Soon Poetry*

Alex P. - *Idea Personal Essay*

Sophia R. - *An Unlucky Day Poetry*

Grace R. - *Heart Personal Essay*

Grace R. - *Death Poetry*

Daniel S. - *Bar Mitzvah Personal Essay*

Ethan S. - *Migraines Suck Personal Essay*

Kylie S. - *One Day Poetry*

Roo W. - *Waiting Poetry*

Abby W. - *An Edgar Allan Poe-m Poetry*

7th Grade Gold Key Award Winner: Teacher: Geneva Scully

Eva M. - *Poem Collection Poetry*

7th Grade Silver Key Award Winners:

Bridget C. - *Soccer Poetry*

Grace V. - *California Poetry*

7th Grade Honorable Mention Awards

Atticus H. - *The Game of Life Poetry*

Atticus H. - *The Curse of the Raven Poetry*

Sophia M. - *Breath of Fresh Air Poetry*

Sophia M. - *Experiences Poetry*

Raegan R. - *The Girl Who Was Powerful Poetry*

Shea V. - *A Symphony of Light and Love Poetry*



Drugs & Alcohol: Prevention

What Parents and Professionals Need to Know

ASK THE
EXPERTS
talks

Thursday, April 14 - 7:00 p.m. **FREE**

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with resource tables.

Pick 2 **talks** to attend - each 45-minute program will be presented at 7pm and 8pm

How to Raise Drug-Free Kids

7pm and again at 8pm, with Lisa Kaplan, Henry Ford Maplegrove Center Community Education

Parents of children and adolescents: learn how to include substance abuse prevention and education information in the course of everyday family life. Implementing these easy tips may assist you in achieving your goal of raising drug-free children.

A Surveillance Report: Emerging Trends of Abused Substances in Our Community

7pm and again at 8pm, with Scott Masi, behavioral health community outreach & referral specialist, St. John Providence Brighton Center for Recovery

The presentation for adults and adolescents will look at the driving forces that have defined the current Opioid epidemic. We will address emerging trends related to marijuana and synthetic drugs with comprehensive data on adolescent, teen, and young adult risk perception, plus Substance Use Disorder treatment trends. Masi will share results of a community surveillance report focusing on our local community.

How to Start "The Conversation" with a Youth or Loved One

7pm and again at 8pm, with Paddy Laske, director, Community & Workplace Programs and Sonya Thompson, public information specialist from CARE of Southeastern Michigan

Don't be left in the dark about what to do when loved ones respond defensively to your questions. Learn how to respond when you have difficulty connecting with a teen or loved one. This presentation for adults and adolescents will review a simple step-by-step plan for honest, respectful dialogue and setting parental boundaries that work.

Prevention Techniques: How to Build a Family Toolbox

7pm and again at 8pm, with Shannon Rozell, MPA, author of Play-It-Through Parent Guide

This presentation for adults and adolescents will provide techniques to help families build a prevention toolbox. Shannon serves as a source of education for youth and professionals as well as a referral source for people struggling with addiction.

Plus, visit the **Ask the Pharmacists Resource Tables** all evening

Ghada Abdallah, RPh of Park Pharmacy and Generation RX, Wayne State University Chapter

Register today @ familycenterweb.org or call 313.432.3832

Our mission is to serve our community through programs and resources vital to today's families.

The Family Center 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods

The Family Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is 100% supported by community contributions. Its Ask the Experts programs and presentations address the entire spectrum of family life.

This flier has been approved for distribution within the Grosse Pointe Public School District and Harper Woods School District.



Lisa Kaplan



Scott Masi



Paddy Laske



Sonya Thompson



Shannon Rozell

The
Family
Center

Resources for Families, Individuals and Professionals

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More

D.A.R. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS!

On Saturday, The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held its luncheon honoring young citizens at the Country Club of Detroit. The Pierce social studies teachers nominated candidates from our building who exhibit exceptional personal character every day. In addition to being fine students, our three winners are mindful, they help others in classes or halls. They notice who may need a friend or what work needs to be done to keep our rooms and school in good condition and do it without adult prompting. They are kind, smart and embody effective citizenship. Congratulations to this year's DAR winners: Lizzie H., grade 8, Mairin H., grade 7 and Lily G., grade 6.



Left to Right: Lizzie H., Mrs. Jeannie Brousseau, Lilly G. and Mairin H.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

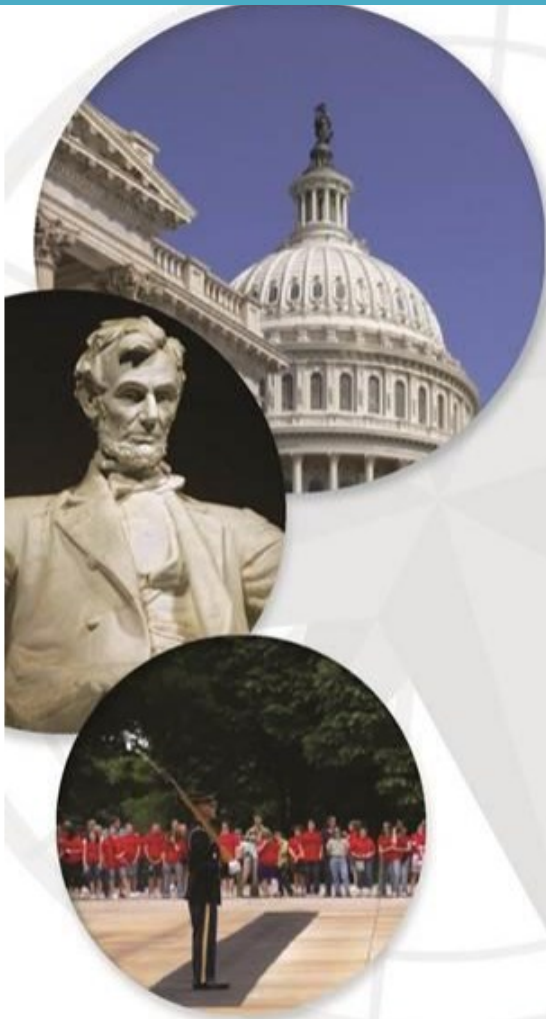
Stefanie Hayes, Director of Student Services
20090 Morningside
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
Phone: (313) 432-3851
Stefanie.Hayes@gpschools.org

If the individual filing the grievance alleges that the Section 504/ADA coordinator has engaged in discrimination, then the individual filing the grievance must provide the documentation to the:

Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services
389 St. Clair
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 Phone: (313) 432-3016

Pierce Middle School 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. October 19 - 21, 2016

Student Quad
\$539



Bus departure on Wednesday October 19: 5:00 AM

INCLUSIONS:

- Round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach
- Two nights lodging at the Hilton Springfield
- Two Full American Breakfasts at the hotel
- Three lunch cash allowances of \$10.00
- Three dinner vouchers or cash allowances of \$10.00
- Illuminated National Monuments tour
- Two half day tours with certified guides in Washington D.C.
- Tour Arlington Cemetery
- Changing of the Guard Ceremony with Wreath presentation (appointment pending)
- Admission to Mount Vernon
- Tour of the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center (appointment pending)
- Visit the National Archives (public viewing line)
- Visit the Smithsonian Museums
- Group photo at the Capitol Building
- Services of a Corporate Travel Tour Manager
- Overnight private security - one guard per motor coach
- 24-Hour Emergency number provided (wristbands)

Approximate bus arrival on Friday October 21: 11:59 PM



Pierce Middle School
Washington, DC October 19-21, 2016

BOOKING METHODS

Option 1: Online at www.ctscentral.net: Trip Code: 11560 Group Code:5155 **Automatic & recurring payment set-up is now available**

Option 2: Return this completed form to Corporate Travel Service with cash, check, money order, or credit card information

Initial deposit required by 03/18/16 to confirm reservation



Pierce Middle School
Washington, DC October 19-21, 2016

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Quad	<input type="checkbox"/> Triple	<input type="checkbox"/> Double	<input type="checkbox"/> Single
Tour Rates/Person	\$539.00	\$569.00	\$649.00	\$849.00

Passenger Full Name: _____
 Gender: Male Female Birthdate: (Required) ___/___/___ Special needs & dietary restrictions: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____
 Parent Email Address (required): _____

DEPOSIT SCHEDULE

1st Payment: \$100.00 per person due on or before 03/18/16
2nd Payment: \$200.00 per person due on or before 05/20/16
Final Payment: Due no later than 08/19/16
\$20.00 LATE FEE APPLIED TO ALL LATE PAYMENTS

CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER

- Make Checks Payable to: Corporate Travel Service (address below)
 Insure proper credit by including traveler's name on the memo line
 - \$25 NSF FEE for any returned checks to Corporate Travel
 - Online payments only available if initial deposit was made online
Personal checks not accepted after: 08/19/16

CANCELLATION POLICY

From date of deposit to 07/21/16 \$25.00 penalty per seat
 From 07/22/16 – 08/20/16 \$75.00 penalty per seat
 From 08/21/16 – 09/04/16 \$150.00 penalty per seat
 On or after 09/05/16 **NO REFUND**
CTS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS RESERVATION IF PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE ACCORDING TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE. A \$25 FEE WILL BE ASSESSED TO ANY REINSTATED RESERVATION

CREDIT CARD – full payment only – VISA or MasterCard

Name on Card: _____
 Card Type: Visa MC
 Card #: _____ Security code: _____
 Expiration: _____
Cardholder's Signature: _____
Billing Address: same as above or _____

INSURANCE: Travel/cancellation insurance is optional, but highly recommended. The cost varies with the price of the trip and age of the traveler. Insurance covers many aspects of travel, including trip cancellation and medical coverage. It must be purchased within 10 days of your trip deposit to get the best coverage. Please call Travel Guard, toll free at 1-877-248-8992 to purchase, or visit www.travelguard.com. Give the operator ID #23611545. Ask for "Cancel For Any Reason" policy. I am interested in purchasing travel insurance. I decline purchasing travel insurance

Return this form with deposit to Corporate Travel Service: 23420 Ford Rd. Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, 313.565.8888 ext. 185 or 122

Release: Corporate Travel Service, Inc., its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively "CTS") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the CTS name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, CTS is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, CTS is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any other person or entity it does not own or control. Without limitations CTS is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as a cruise line, airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the CTS name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or

services for this trip. Similarly, CTS is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks or bites by animals, insects or pests, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should any speaker or special guest be unable to participate in this event, reasonable commercial efforts will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of any speaker or clinician the tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate on this trip you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether any speaker or clinician is able to participate. CTS is not responsible for any loss incurred by traveler, including lost days of the scheduled cruise/tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation.

Terms and Conditions:

I have received, read and agree to the **TERMS & CONDITIONS AND BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE** on this and the backside of this form and to the Pricing Terms and Payment Terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that Corporate Travel Service highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance, including "Cancel for Any Reason" policies, (see terms and conditions for details) and that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand I could lose substantial prepaid monies, and that there may not be full monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines. I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Signature required for person listed above. (Parent/Guardian must sign for students)**

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Pierce Middle School 8th Grade Trip Information - continued

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PAYMENT TERMS: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, CTS asks for prompt payment on the requested dates. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. Late payments may result in cancellation of your reservation.

CTS also accepts Visa and MasterCard for payment. Traveler agrees not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip.

ROOMS: Tour prices are per person according to a room type: a "Single" room is one person in a room and a "Double" is two persons in one room. Triples are one double bed with two persons sharing the bed and one single bed. "Triple" and "Quad" are three and four persons in one room respectively (two double beds).

LUGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible and is not suitable for motorized scooters, walkers, and canes. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.

CHILDREN UNDER 18: For a minor under the age of 18 to travel out of the United States without both parents or legal guardians, a notarized affidavit from the non-travelling parent(s) or guardian(s) must be obtained and presented upon departure and return to the United States. You may request a form from our office.

STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES: From time to time the State Department (www.state.gov) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. CTS cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect.

PHOTOGRAPHY: CTS may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants CTS express permission to do so and for CTS to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fee or royalties.

UNUSED SERVICES: There is no right to a refund for any unused services including airline tickets.

CHANGES: Changes in any of the terms and conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTS.

PARTICIPATION: CTS reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the tour. In the event any participant is removed from a trip, CTS's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

BINDING ARBITRATION: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. Substantive (but not procedural) Michigan law shall apply in any such arbitration. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract. Including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

SUPER! FUN NIGHT ***FOR PIERCE*** ***STUDENTS***



Friday, April 8

6:00 – 8:00 pm

\$7.00 In Advance

or

\$9.00 At the Door

**Includes: 1 slice of Pizza, a Drink,
Popcorn, Cotton Candy,
and Activities - Bungee Run,
Laser Tag and Wrecking Ball**

U OF M GLEE CLUB PERFORMANCE!



**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
MEN'S GLEE CLUB**

AT BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
260 CHALFONTE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS

**SUNDAY
MARCH 20TH
5:00 PM**

**\$12 ADULTS
\$8 STUDENTS**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [GPSCHOOLS.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ](http://gpschools.seatyourself.biz)

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is coming to GP!

We wanted to share this exciting opportunity with you, and we hope you and your family will be able to attend the concert.

The concert is Sunday, March 20 at 5PM at Brownell MS. Student tickets are \$8, Adults are \$12.

Tickets are available at <http://gpschools.seatyourself.biz>

The Men's Glee Club is under the direction of Dr. Eugene Rogers. Many of your teachers had the opportunity to work with Dr. Rogers as a colleague when he was director of the GPN Choirs. He has appeared multiple times as our guest director for Summer Choir and he is returning to work with our Summer Choir students in August this year.

This experience is not-to-be-missed for all musicians and aspiring Wolverines!

We hope to see you there.

On behalf of all Grosse Pointe Music Staff,

Carolyn Gross and Glen Hipple



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**Community Baseball for EVERYONE
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Everyone is placed on a team.

**Please visit www.GPPLL.com for complete
information and a specific list of dates and
times.**

***You must either live or attend school in Grosse Pointe Park to be eligible.**



**Little League
Baseball
(Ages 5 thru 12)**

**Little League
Softball
(Ages 6 thru 16)**

**Intermediate
League - 50/70
(Age 13)**

**Senior League
(Ages 14-16)**

**Big League
(Ages 17-18)**

**REGISTRATION
JAN 25TH - MAR 5TH**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
ENDS FEB 14TH**

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AFTER MAR 5TH**