



INSIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PIONEER PARENTS

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Non-Traditional Learning Continues at Pioneer

Each year, Pioneer takes pride in offering students with non-traditional learning opportunities. Due to the many challenges that school districts are facing during the COVID pandemic, school is anything but “traditional.” Pioneer has once again stepped up to offer multiple learning methods and opportunities for their students. Currently, Pioneer is offering four possible options for students: full-time on campus instruction for academics and lab, full-time enrollment in Pioneer’s Online Academy, Early Job Placement where students take their academics on campus and are employed to work within their field of study, and on campus career technical learning with academics through Pioneer’s Online Academy.

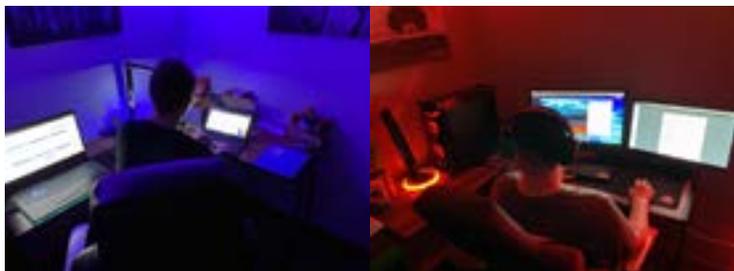
Full-Time on Campus

Skye Stamper, a senior in Cosmetology from Bucyrus High School, is attending Pioneer’s campus full-time. Skye says that she is happy to be back at Pioneer as her grades are stronger with in-person instruction, she enjoys making friends, and she continues to grow her lab skills and artistry by attending the Cosmetology program. Skye states that by attending Pioneer, she is able to earn the hours necessary to be eligible to take the Ohio Cosmetology Board test. Skye has also recognized the value of small businesses and essential workers during this pandemic as she hopes to own a salon or become a youth social worker after graduation.



Full-Time Online Academy

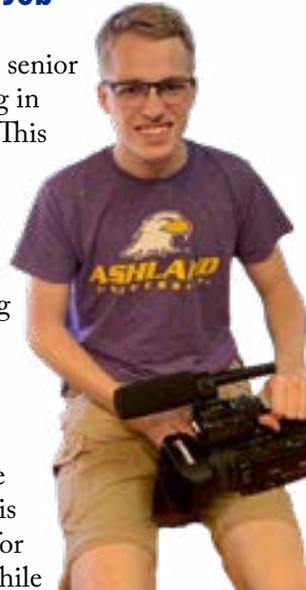
Ontario High School brothers Austin Whisler, an IT Support senior, and Dillan Whisler, an IT Support junior, are both enrolled full-time in Pioneer’s Online Academy. Due to health



and safety concerns during the COVID pandemic, Austin and Dillan elected not to attend campus this fall. Austin said that working from home allows for flexibility to complete assignments at his own pace, as well as maintain a “balance between life and school.” While the brothers remark that learning some lab components online has been complicated, their lab teacher says that both brothers are doing great and supporting each other as they learn the material and skills.

On-Campus Academics and Early Job Placement

Mason Niese, a Media Communications senior from Shelby High School is participating in Pioneer’s Early Job Placement program. This program allows for students to attend Pioneer’s campus for their academic coursework then leave half of a day to work in the student’s industry of study. Mason currently works at the Performing Arts Center in the Shelby High School as well as interning at OH Report where he is learning more about filming, live streaming, and editing. Mason has been involved in this process for multiple local athletic events. Mason said that he is grateful for the opportunity as it allows for him to receive “...hands-on experience while also earning a paycheck.”



On-Campus Lab and Pioneer Online Academy

Abi Stewart, a Dental Assisting senior from Ontario High School, has elected to continue attending her lab this year while taking her academics through Pioneer’s Online Academy. Abi says she really enjoys her lab and the hands-on experiences she receives, but she also likes that the Online Academy allows her to work at her own pace. Being that she’s still coming for her Dental Assisting program, Abi looks forward to still being able to earn her two-year career tech certificate and master the skills related to her career goals.



Who is Behind the Mask?



Chase Potter
Junior
Homeland Security
Galion High School



Linda Bellomy
High School Secretary



Drew Ericsson
Junior
Industrial Electricity
Home Schooled



Ariel Little
Attendance Clerk



Hayleigh Cross-Russell
Senior
Health Assistant
Bucyrus High School



Karrie Davison
Director of On-Line Learning



Jace Howell
Senior
IT Support
Ontario High School



Sierra Whitmore
Senior
Medical Assisting
Goal Digital Academy



Kevin Vargyas
Career Tech Supervisor



Schyler Shutler
Junior
Engineering Design Technology
Lexington High School



Jordyn Frazier
Senior
Media Communications
Lexington High School



Tessie Bellomy
Senior
Health Assistant
Shelby High School



— A New Look —

The weekly routine for Pioneer students looks a little different this year. Following guidelines from the state, Pioneer has implemented many changes to ensure an easy and seamless transition for students. When arriving, staff and students are scanned for high temperatures as they enter the building. There are six locations that are equipped with these scanners, and they allow a quick and efficient way for the staff to recognize fevers without impeding the everyday routine.

Pioneer also introduced a new look to the schedule. Students are now only in the building four days a week. Wednesdays are online learning days, allowing students a day to continue education from home. This work is assigned by teachers and expected to be completed by Sunday at 11:59 pm. If students have questions over school work, teachers hold office hours on Wednesdays for student interaction via phone calls, emails, Remind messages, or NEO messages.



**Pioneer Teacher
Wednesday Office Hours**
10:00- 11:15 – Career Tech Labs
8:45 – 10:00 – English
10:00 – 11:15 – Science
11:15 – 12:30 – Government
12:30 – 1:45 – Math



Mr. Follet checks his temperature as he enters the building

Student temperatures are monitored by several thermal scanners as they arrive in the morning



Chef Seth Weibel and Mrs. Heather Fighter conduct Zoom sessions with students on a Wednesday on-line day.



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**2020-2021
IMPORTANT DATES**

- 10/8 & 10/13 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/16 End of 1st Grading Period
- 11/25-11/30 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/18 End of 1st Semester/2nd Grading Period
- 12/21-1/4/21 Winter Recess
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Day
NO SCHOOL
- 2/15 Presidents' Day-NO SCHOOL
- 2/18 & 2/23 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/12 End of 3rd Grading Period
- 4/2-4/9 Spring Break
- 4/29 Honors Night
- 5/7 Senior Moments
- 5/27 Last Day of School

Release of Student Information

It is important to understand Pioneer's policy on the release of student information. Pioneer's Student Directory contains a student's name, physical address and telephone number. This information will be released to various third parties such as employers, colleges, military recruiters and agencies. Parents may "opt out" of Pioneer providing this information to third parties but, in doing so, this information will also not be released to any colleges or employers. Based on the law, if you have NOT "opted Out" of the release of your child's Student Directory information it will be released to all third parties, including military recruiters.

In accordance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 (to include Discrimination and Harassment) the Pioneer Career and Technology Center is an equal opportunity institution. Educational activities, employment practices, programs and services are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, military status or socio-economic status. Mary Lee Barr, Title VI Coordinator Civil Rights, or Kris Kowalski, Section 504 Disability and Title IX Sexual Harassment Coordinator, can be reached at 419-347-7744.



Pioneer Mission

Partnering with our communities to deliver innovation and excellence in education by providing real skills and real knowledge for real world success.

—Covid-19 Hotline—

Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health have ordered that all Ohio schools inform parents about how they can inform their child's school that they have tested positive or been clinically diagnosed with Covid-19. To report that information to Pioneer please call 419-347-7744 Ext. 42543 and leave a message providing your child's name, a number where you can be reached, and any other information you feel is important for us to know.

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