



San Jose Unified  
School District

Susan Walker, Principal  
**Pioneer High School**  
California Distinguished School  
"Inspiring and Preparing for Success"

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year that marks 50 Years of Mustang Pride! We are looking forward to a year of celebrating Pioneer's rich school spirit, rigorous academics, outstanding athletics and amazing students, teachers, and parents. Please read the enclosed information very carefully. All necessary forms need to be completed and returned in order for your student to pick up his/her schedule on their assigned date. See the pink 2009-2010 Important Information sheet for details.

Please note that the first day of school is Monday, August 17, 2009. The fall semester officially ends December 18, 2009 and the last day of school will be June 3, 2010. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar as this year is going to fly by!

Communication is very important for all of us and we will make every effort to keep you informed. The Pony Express, written by our journalism students, is our school newspaper. It is published quarterly and is available to download from our website or can be e-mailed directly to you. Subscribe by enrolling at **pioneerhigh@gmail.com**. Messages will be sent out via our Parent Link phone system. Daily announcements and calendar dates are posted to our web site available at **www.Pioneerhigh.org**.

Parents, we need you to be involved here at school. The success we have enjoyed at Pioneer is largely due to our outstanding parent community who selflessly volunteer as leaders and members of our PTSA, Athletic Boosters, Music/Drama Boosters and Education Foundation. Pioneer students and teachers benefit directly from your involvement. Membership information is included in this packet.

- The PTSA directly supports teachers, classroom instruction, student events and celebrations.
- The Athletic Boosters support all athletic teams on campus.
- The Music/Drama Boosters support all our performing arts groups which include drama, choral and instrumental.
- The Pioneer Educational Foundation supports academic success through special projects like the Pony Express and technology growth.

Our English department requires summer homework. Please visit our website to learn more about the required reading assignments. The Pioneer staff and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you to ensure an academically challenging program filled with memorable high school experiences.

Sincerely,

Susan Walker  
Principal