



# Pontiac Academy for Excellence

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Greetings to the parents of Pontiac Academy for Excellence,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing Pontiac Academy for Excellence the opportunity to provide an education to your son(s) or daughter(s), it is truly a privilege. We are currently in the middle of the first semester of the 2008-9 school year and I am very proud of the efforts academically that I have witnessed during this period of the school year. I am encouraging all students to do their best for the remainder of this first semester.

Parent communication is a vital part of our student's success at Pontiac Academy for Excellence. Our initiative to have up to date communication regarding the student's academic progress through our Power School data base program will be up and running this month. At the time of this letter, you should have already received the password that will enable you to view your son(s) or daughter(s) current progress in any of his or her class.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. These days will be half days for our students. Middle/High school students will be dismissed at 12:00pm.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, please be mindful of a few upcoming annual events at PAE. Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Wednesday November 26, 2008 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor cafeterias. This has always been a wonderful event that we have every year. This event will take place in conjunction with our No Parent Left Behind Parent Involvement initiative. Please plan to attend.

Parents please be mindful of our upcoming red ribbon week November 17th-21st. This week focuses on increasing our student's awareness on the dangers of improper drug use and drug abuse while encouraging safe practices related to this topic. Students will receive information on the various ways to celebrate a drug free community, living a drug free life.

One last reminder, there will be a schedule change regarding my monthly coffee meeting after school which was previously scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2008 at 6:00p.m.. **That monthly meeting over java and juice will take place on November 10, 2008 6:00pm.** Please be reminded of any changes to The three month Look-A-Head calendar as you view the monthly calendar on the backside of this letter.

I thank you for your cooperation and support. I look forward to communicating with you soon! Have a blessed day!

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