

PIONEER BLAST



Uncovering Coronation

As all of Pioneer Nation is aware, this Saturday is our Coronation dance. The event has been going on at this facility since before the school was even called Duchesne (try putting that in perspective). The Pioneer faithful is excited for the big event, however, there are surely some that wonder from where it originated, or even its purpose. At Saint Peters High School (now Duchesne) there was

no football team to host a homecoming. However, there was a basketball team, and Coronation became the formal dance of the winter. The Coronation Court consists of Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior maids to represent the classes, a Queen (a senior girl voted on by the underclassmen) and a King (voted on by the senior class). In addition escorts are voted on by the respective grades to accompany the maids at the dance.

We have a few traditions for this dance that haven't really changed in 79 years. "Every year the original queen comes back to attend the event," explained Mrs. Renaud. Furthermore, the tradition of children attending the ceremony is still prominent. Back in the day, the queen used to wear a cape to show her title, and she had two little boys, of her choosing, to hold her cape. This was in addition to the mandatory flower girl she was allowed to walk before her into the ceremony. However, now we allow her one flower child (regardless of gender) to accompany her at the dance. Even though the details of our traditions have changed slightly, the years have not changed Pioneer Nations ability to honor its representatives at our Coronation dance

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Pioneer Pete's Netflix Pick of the Week



Have you ever wondered about what life would be like centuries from now? This fifteen minute short film titled World of Tomorrow shows just that by creatively capturing a possible outcome of the future. The director Don Hertzfeldt is known for creating meaningful messages through sad and sometimes disturbing situations in his short films. This film is no exception as it focuses on a five year old girl named Emily who is contacted by a clone of herself 227 years in the future. It then goes through many twists and turns of discovery and exploration through the world many years in the future. The film itself focuses on the disconnect the clone has to human feelings, and her almost meaningless life because of it. Overall this film is very riveting and sends a powerful message of this same disconnection humans seem to be gaining as time goes on. $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \%$

Girls Basketball:

The Pioneers had a tough loss to High on Wednesday. They're looking to get back at it and win their next game. They are confident they will also beat Dominic.

Hockey:

Justin Meers scored yet another hat trick in the win over Holt 7-3. Meers happens to be in form and heating up for the playoffs. We're looking for a strong run into the playoffs and maybe get a championship.

Swim and Dive:

The girls are gearing up for AAA Conference meet next week. Good luck!

Boys Basketball:

The team has been fired up lately to face off in Duchesne's coronation game VS. St. Dominic. They are really wanting a win as much as the fans in this heated rivalry.

Sport:	Opponent:	Win/Loss	Score:
Boys Basketball	Lutheran St. Charles	Win	55-53
Swim and Dive	N/A	N/A	N/A
Girls Basketball	St. Charles High	Loss	48-37
Hockey	Holt	Win	7-3

LifeHacks



To Be Honest...

- 1. The Super Bowl grounds crew predicted how the game will go, painting both end zones with the Denver Bronco's logo and no Carolina Panthers end zone.
- 2. Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog predicts an early spring. All that means for Missouri is that it can be 60 degrees one day and 20 degrees the next.
- Kanye West now announced that his new album "Waves" will not be his best album. So much for the so called "Album of life."
- Donald Trump claims that skipping the Republican debate in Iowa was the reason for his defeat. I think that everyone can agree that not the only reason for his defeat.



Fake or Real?



Last Week's Fake or Real



A Peek at Spirit Week!

Thanks for everyone who participated this week! Here's a look at some of our favorites.



DHS Speech Team

The DHS speech team left their speech meet at Ursuline on Sunday with three blue ribbons and two red ribbons. Joe Phillips won a blue ribbon in extemporaneous speaking, in which he received a prompt about current events and had about a half an hour to write and deliver an argument. Andrew Sweeso won a blue ribbon in original oratory with his speech on how the other original oratory speakers should make their speeches funnier. "Humor can be the spoonful of sugar that helps the bitter pill of reality go down," he argued. Renata Mueller won a blue ribbon in poetry where she read selections from Theodore Roethke. Finally, Lauren Slattery and Chrissy Punzo won red ribbons for duet improv. Congrats to everyone on the speech team, and good luck in finals.