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The classic “pop” musical “Footloose” is being presented by the PVHS Drama students on April 19, 20, 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Panther senior Daniel Geiger plays Ren McCormack, the lead character. Geiger recently studied with musical star Kenny Loggins after becoming a finalist and later winning the Santa Barbara Teen Star Contest. Loggins is responsible for a few songs from the 1984 film.

The shows start at 7 p.m. inside the school’s new Performing Arts Center (PAC). Footloose is known for its great dance numbers, though it is really a play about the pain of losing a loved one and how people deal with that pain and loss in different ways.

“Footloose has been a blast to put together and I am really excited to share the magic that the cast and crew have come together to create,” Geiger said. “It really is an honest, touching story, and it is an honor to get to tell it.”

Sophomore Nathan Padilla agreed, “Doing Footloose has shown me a new passion for acting that I’ve never had before.”

Footloose also features strong performances from PVHS seniors Alina Davila, Cleopatra Garcia, Edrick Rodriguez, Alexis Morse, and Jovany Medina and junior, Jenna Santana, as Ariel.

Drama Teacher Shawnah Van Gronigen said she chose this show because it is so much fun to watch and to perform and because it’s not every year that you have a student (Geiger) in your drama program who can sing, dance, and act and this year we have such a person.

“What was so great about auditions for Footloose was that there were so many new people who had never been in our drama program before,” Van Gronigen said. “We were also lucky enough to have two students from Righetti High School join our cast

and it has been so wonderful to have our students get to know other performers from one of our sister schools.”

There are 40 actors, singers, and dancers and 15 technical crew members learning to use the new sound and lighting equipment.

Pioneer Valley High School will perform the musical Footloose in the new PAC. Tickets are \$10.00 for general admission and \$7.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased online at the PVHS website or at the PV business office.

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