

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT: "Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world."

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Anchor Bay High School November Newsletter

2023-24 NOVEMBER CALENDAR ([CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION)

November 2023 39 events

Nov 2	6:30 AM to 2:15 PM	In-School Fall Show
Nov 2	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Nov 3		End of First Quarter
Nov 4	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Anchor Bay HS Air Force JROTC Home Drill Meet
Nov 6	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Nov 6	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Nov 7		No School - Election Day
Nov 9	9:15 AM to 10:15 AM	Monthly Link Crew Group Meeting
Nov 9	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Nov 9	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Drama Fall Show Performances - Almost, Maine
Nov 10		Half Day Elementary Students
Nov 10	2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	D&D Club Meeting
Nov 10	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Drama Fall Show Performances - Almost, Maine
Nov 11	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Drama Fall Show Performances - Almost, Maine
Nov 13	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Nov 13	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Nov 14	2:15 PM to 4:00 PM	Book Club
Nov 16	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Nov 16	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM	ABHS Apprenticeship Fair
Nov 17		Half Day All Students
Nov 20		Professional Development Day -No Students in Attendance
Nov 20	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Nov 20	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Nov 21		Professional Development Day -No Students in Attendance
Nov 22		No School -Thanksgiving Break
Nov 23		No School -Thanksgiving Break
Nov 24		No School -Thanksgiving Break
Nov 27		School Resumes
Nov 27	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Nov 27	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Nov 28	2:15 PM to 4:00 PM	Book Club
Nov 30	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -



HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:17 AM - 8:15 AM	1 st HOUR
8:21 AM - 9:19 AM	2 nd HOUR
9:25 AM - 10:23 AM	3 rd HOUR
10:29 AM - 11:57 AM	4 th HOUR
A LUNCH 10:29 AM-10:55 AM	
B LUNCH 11:00 AM-11:26 AM	
C LUNCH 11:31 AM-11:57 PM	
12:03 PM - 1:01 PM	5 th HOUR
1:07 PM - 2:09 PM	6 th HOUR

It's a Great Day to be a Tar!



#TarSpirit



REMINDERS




No School—Election Day

Tuesday, November 7th
No Students in Attendance

SCHOOL MESSENGER
 If you would like to receive text messages from Anchor Bay School District, send a text message to (67587) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message.

- If you are already receiving text message from Anchor Bay School District no further action is required.
- For more information you can visit <http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/>



ABHS REPORT CARDS
 Tuesday, November 14th
 ABHS Report Cards
 will be in Parent Portal.



Friday, November 17th
1/2 Day for All Students



November 20 -21
Professional Development Day—No Students in Attendance



No School—Thanksgiving Break
November 22—24



COUNSELING INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

If you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam. Every year students and parents are defrauded by scholarship scams. Scam operations often imitate legitimate government agencies, grant-giving foundations, education lenders and scholarships matching services, using official-sounding names containing words like "National", "Federal," "Foundation" or "Administration."

Visit: www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml to learn how to identify such scholarship scams. In general, be wary of scholarships with an application fee, scholarship matching services that guarantee success, advance-fee loan scams and sales pitches disguised as financial aid

TAKE A LOOK AT SEVERAL COLLEGES WHEN LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need scholarship help to attend college, don't limit yourself by applying to just one or two schools.

Competitive universities usually don't come knocking on your door offering scholarship monies like some of our other fine universities in Michigan. Many of them offer generous packages that are based on merit, not need. Students looking for scholarship help should apply to several schools to see which ones may offer help. Go to the colleges' websites to look at their scholarship offerings. Aggressive, timely research by students and parents is essential in the scholarship search. Be sure to check

<https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/schools/high-school/counseling-center/>

ABHS TRANSCRIPTS - Ordering Transcripts for College

Anchor Bay has signed up with Parchment by Docufide, an electronic process, to send your transcripts directly to the college of your choice. The counseling office will not be mailing your transcript. Each student must register with Parchment by Docufide and place your request for transcripts to be sent out.

[Parchment—Ordering Transcripts \(Click Here\)](#)



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023



ABHS QUARTER 1 REPORT CARDS

Quarter 1 Report Cards will be available in [Parent Portal](#) on November 14th, 2023. For directions to view your student's report card in Parent Portal [click here](#). Also, please continue to check Parent Portal for the most up-to-date grading information. If you do not have a login, please contact the school office.



ABHS CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

We have a closed campus policy at Anchor Bay High School which means that students are required to stay in school during lunch hour. Students may not exit the cafeteria during lunch without permission since classes are in session. Reminder:: No outside food is allowed to be delivered to the school for student lunches.



SAFETY & SECURITY

Door Entry / Exit Policy: The North and South doors will be open each day at 6:40 a.m. and closed/locked at 7:15 a.m. If you arrive before or after those designated times you will have to enter through the front main entrance.



ADVANCE PLACEMENT (AP) ABHS



[AP Parent Informational Slide Show](#)



AP Parent Meeting Video (Recorded Meeting: <https://youtu.be/JzeJ5Uu94Pc>)

AP testing this school year will look different for all students, parents, and staff. Total Registration will be the site in which students will have to enroll and register for the test.

There will be a two (2) step process to register for AP exam(s). ([Total Registration](#) & [College Board](#))
AP registration is now open for all students.

November 16, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. is the deadline for registration for AP exams without a \$40 late fee.



PARKING PASSES

Parking Passes are now being enforced, make sure you have a parking pass before then! Parking passes are being sold during all lunches and after school. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Kitchens at rkitchens@abs.misd.net



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023



ACT WORK KEYS INFORMATION

Students can view their scores online and print their own National Career Readiness Certificate starting July 7, 2023 by creating their free account at myworkkeys.com (www.myworkkeys.com).

- Students will provide the following five matching criteria when creating an account: First name, Last name, Month of birth, Day of birth & State Assigned Student ID Number (SASID). The SASID is the same as the student UIC number.

Important SPRING 2024 Testing Information:

- State mandated testing will begin the week of April 8th (SAT w/Essay, ACT Work Keys, PSAT 10 & PSAT 9). Please use this information to plan vacations around this very important assessment time for your student (s). Juniors (11) will complete the Michigan Merit Exam. (MME). The MME has three components: the SAT with Essay, the ACT Work Keys, and the M-Step (Science & Social Studies). **Completion of all components is required for graduation from ABHS.**

YEARBOOK YEARBOOK

Yearbooks, Ads, and all other related purchases will be done online this year. Here is the [link](#) with further information. Any questions email lboseak@abs.misd.net



SENIORS PLEASE NOTE: ORDER CAP & GOWNS BY 01/31/24.

Attention Seniors: Final deadline to order GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens is January 31st, 2024 to arrive on time and avoid late fees. Please go to www.jostens.com. Please click [here](#) for more senior information.



ABHS SENIOR YARD SIGNS

Senior students interested in purchasing ABHS Senior Yard Signs, please click [here](#) for more details.



GLEANERS SCHOOL FOOD MOBILE PANTRY

The School Food Mobile Program provides free nutritious, healthy food for up to 100 families. The mobile pantry includes 30 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh milk, whole grains, and lean protein. Each family also receives healthy recipes and nutrition information. For more information, please [click here](#) for more information.



ATHLETIC NEWS

Please refer to the Athletics website for sports details which includes game times, changes, etc.: <http://www.gotars.net>



GENERAL NOTICES

STUDENTS SIGNING OUT

When a parent or guardian gives permission for their student to leave school for emergency or medical appointments, the following must be adhered to for dismissal:

1. If parent/guardian is picking the student up, the parent needs to come into the counseling office (I.D. is required) and sign the student out.
2. If the student has a vehicle at school the Parent/guardian can call the counseling office and speak to a secretary. A secretary will then call the student out of class, sign them out, and give them a pass.
3. Parents can write a note stating date, time, reason for student to be released, and a phone number where they can be reached. The note must be brought to the counseling office before school in the morning. The secretary will then call the parent to confirm the note and times indicated. **PARENTS WILL BE CALLED ON ALL NOTES FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR SON/ DAUGHTER.** If we are unable to get in contact with the parent to confirm note, your student will be unable to be released. Once we have contacted parents and an excused pass has been written, it is the student's responsibility to come to the office to get the pass before he/she leaves the campus. If he/she leaves without signing out in the office, the student will be unexcused.

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DRESS CODE

Students should dress and groom in good taste and in a manner that will do honor to Anchor Bay High School and themselves. Student dress should be clean, safe, and not disruptive to the educational process. The dress code can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).

STUDENT BOOK DEBTS

Please remind your student that when he/she is assigned a textbook that they return the book to the teacher who issued it to them. Students will sign their initials upon receipt and return of their textbooks. This will ensure that your student will not obtain a book debt at the end of the school year.

APPLICATIONS FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS

Parents/guardians may download an application off of the Anchor Bay website under Food Service Department page. Parents can also apply online at www.lunchapp.com. Only one application needs to be completed per family each school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service office at 586-598-7663.



GENERAL NOTICES



PROTECTING OUR WATER...IT'S AS EASY AS SEVEN SIMPLE STEPS

Did you know that over three million people depend on our lakes and streams for their drinking water? And that in Southeast Michigan there are over 300,000 registered boaters and 3.5 million people visit a local park each year?

With this many people depending on our lakes and streams for drinking water and recreation, we need to be careful how we treat our water. You might not be able to see the stream or lake from your house, but it's there. It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of these lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home affects our water!

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams

Help keep pollution out of storm drains. Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.

Fertilize carefully and sparingly. Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.

Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil. Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.

Clean up after your pet. Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will you be a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.

Practice good car care. Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.

Choose earth friendly landscaping. Protect your pets, kids and environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.

Save water. Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.