

ANCHOR BAY

HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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

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Anchor Bay High School December Newsletter

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



December 2023

Dec 2	7:00 AM to 4:30 PM	Regional High School Honors Choir
Dec 4	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Dec 4	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	AB District-Wide Christmas Event
Dec 4	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Dec 5	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	ABHS Band Concert
Dec 6	2:09 PM to 5:00 PM	DECA Exams
Dec 6	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	ABHS Band Concert
Dec 7	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Monthly Link Crew Group Meeting
Dec 7	2:09 PM to 5:00 PM	DECA Exams
Dec 7	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Dec 8	2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	D&D Club Meeting
Dec 11-15	7:15 AM to 2:15 PM	ABHS Book Fair
Dec 11	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Dec 11	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Dec 12	2:15 PM to 2:45 PM	NHS Meeting
Dec 12	2:15 PM to 4:00 PM	Book Club
Dec 13	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Dec 13	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Dec 14	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Dec 15		Progress Reports Q2 (in Parent Portal)
Dec 15	2:45 PM to 4:45 PM	Driver's Education
Dec 16	6:00 AM to 7:30 AM	DECA Pre-District Meeting
Dec 18	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Dec 18	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Dec 18	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	ABHS Choir Winter Concert
Dec 20	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Dec 21	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Dec 22	2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	D&D Club Meeting
Dec 25 – Jan 2		No School - Winter Break
Jan 3		School Resumes

- 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 – 11:27 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 – 2:05 PM	6 th HOUR

It's a Great Day to be a Tar!





REMINDERS



Attention Seniors

Cap and Gown Information:
Please visit www.jostens.com to order your cap and gowns along with any other items online. Questions, please call Jostens at (810) 658-1700. All cap and gown orders need to be placed by January 31st in order to receive your items prior to graduation.

ABHS Progress Reports



December 15th

ABHS Progress Reports
(available in Parent Portal)



We found that several parents were not receiving text messages from the District notifying them of school cancellation. We checked the reports that are issued by "School Messenger" and found that many of the text messages (SMS) were being reported as BLOCKED. This means that when you received a text message from School Messenger (number: 68453) during the initial set up, no response was sent back. School Messenger assumes that you DO NOT want text messages if they do not receive a response. To correct this, please do the following:

- 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/>



Happy Holidays!
December 25th—January 2nd
No School—Winter Break



School Notes:

When there is no school, all school activities will be cancelled.

Also, please be careful . . .

When temperatures fall below 10 degrees the salt may not melt the ice.



ABHS QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORTS

Quarter 2 Progress Reports will be available in [Parent Portal](#) on December 15th, 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.

December 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



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 \(Click Here\)](#)



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ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL SHORELINER CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCHEON

The ABHS Shoreliner will be hosting a Christmas Buffet Luncheon on December 13th from 10:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more details.

*Anchor Bay Shoreliner
Christmas Buffet
December 13th 2023
10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
\$10.00 Adults
\$8.00-Seniors & Children*

*To make reservations call:
(586) 648-2500 Extension 2123
Located inside Anchor Bay Middle School South
48650 Sugarbush, Chesterfield MI*

Menu

- Golabki (Stuffed Cabbage)
- Pork Loin Rouladen (Spinach, Feta, Tomato)
- Patyczki (City Chicken)
- Sausage and Kapusta (Smoked and Fresh)
- Cheesy Potatoes
- Steamed Green Beans w/Herbed Butter
- Pierogi – (Kraut and Potato Cheese)
- Placki-Ziemniaczane (Potato Pancakes)
- Crepes made to order
- Pastry Table
- A Variety of Beverages

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL COMFORT CLOSET DONATIONS

**Anchor Bay High School
Comfort Closet**

**NOW Accepting Donations of
NEW or GENTLY USED
clothing for teens**

Clothes, shoes and hats needed for ages 14-18. Jackets, scarves and other accessories accepted, too!

CONTACT JAMIE PIETRON, STUDENT SUCCESS INSTRUCTOR, JAMIE, FOR MORE INFORMATION
JPIETRON@ABHS.EDU.NET
586-648-2525 EXT 2138

In a compassionate effort to ensure students have access to basic needs, our high school will be equipped with a free store known as the “Comfort Closet.” Students will have the opportunity to visit the “Comfort Closet” with the assistance of their school social worker or counselor. The goal is to provide students with items that may not be available to them outside of school, remove the burden of fitting in, and promote a culture of giving in our community and among our students. Please [click](#) here for more information. The “Comfort Closet” will be stocked solely with donated items and completely funded by contributions. 100% of all donations will benefit this project.



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ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL RELAY FOR LIFE EUCHRE PARTY



There will be a Relay for Life Euchre Party at Total Sports in Harrison Township on Friday, January 19th, 2024 starting at 6:10 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more details.

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is sponsoring a Book Fair December 11 – 15 in the Media Center. The Book Fair will be held by Lowry's Books and More. You can purchase books in the Media Center, and online www.lowrybooks.com. With online purchases you can buy books and e-books, please make sure to put Anchor Bay High School in the Book Fair Information Box. Please [click here](#) for more details. Thank you for your support!

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- Step 3:** Place your order
- Step 4:** Forward the e-mail confirmation you receive to us at hiphop@net-link.net
- Step 5:** Your school Book Fair just received credit for your purchase!



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS—JONATHAN CARROTHERS, DIRECTOR

ABHS Winter Band Concerts will be December 5 and 6 at 7:30pm in the ABHS Auditorium. The December 5 concert will feature the 9th Grade Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, the top-level band by ability, with Afterglow entertainment provided by the Jazz Lab. The December 6 concert is for Concert/Cadet Band and Symphonic Band, with an Afterglow performance by the Jazz Ensemble. There will be a mix of marches, concert selections, and holiday music for each concert. Please come out to see the hard work pay off for the students if at all possible, and wish them luck on the upcoming performances!

ANCHOR BAY BANDS

INVITES YOU TO OUR

Winter Concerts

DECEMBER 5 9th Grade Symphonic Band Wind Ensemble Jazz Lab	DECEMBER 6 Concert/Cadet Band Symphonic Band Jazz Ensemble
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Both concerts at 7:30pm in the ABHS Auditorium

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AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC NEWS
Senior Master Sergeant (R) Stephen Quintana
Aerospace Science Instructor



Your very own Anchor Bay HS Air Force JROTC Cadets are hosting a toy drive for the New Baltimore Goodfellows. New unwrapped toys can be dropped off to the JROTC classroom in E-104 or given to any cadet and they will drop it off. Please help us make less fortunate children have a Merry Christmas. Additionally, the cadets will be supporting the NB Goodfellows during their annual paper sales on Sat 2 Dec. Finally, the cadets will be unboxing wreaths at St Mary's & Oakwood Cemeteries on Friday 15 Dec and laying wreaths in support of the National Wreaths Across America Event on Sat 16 Dec. Come on out and be part of this momentous community event. The cadets from unit MI-931 are doing amazing things to help keep our community a great place to be part of.



DRAMA/FORENSICS



The Performing Arts Center's fall production of *Almost, Maine* by Dan Cariani ran November 9th, 10th, and 11th. We had a wonderful time and truly appreciate our audiences and all of the help our program received in preparing for and presenting our show. Thank you to all of our students, parents, staff, and community for their support, and congratulations to all of the students who worked so diligently on our production.

The Performing Arts Center is now preparing for another show: the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association's (MIFA) One Act Theatre Festival—a show that travels to other schools and is rated on a scale of I to III and may advance to state level competition with other schools. Each year, Anchor Bay places well in the festival and has qualified for state-level competition many times in years past. We hope to do so again this year. The genre for this year is comedy, and the title of our show is *Pageant Perfect* by Carrie Meadows. Pre-production meetings will be held this week on Wednesday and Thursday from 2:15 until 3:15 pm in room E119; auditions will occur the next week on Tuesday, December 5th, Wednesday December 6th, from 2:30 until 5:30 pm, with callbacks, if needed, scheduled for Thursday December 7th. The cast list will be posted on Friday, December 8th at the end of the high school day. The festivals are open to the public and scheduled to occur Saturdays, January 20th for Districts and February 3rd for Regionals, though the sites for each of these festivals is yet to be determined. The state festival will occur Friday and Saturday, February 16th and 17th at Wayne State University; whether Anchor Bay qualifies or not, it is a tremendously, talent-filled and entertaining event that should be attended by all who appreciate the theatre. Hope you can attend!



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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.**

PSAT/NMSQT scores are now available to all 11th grade students. To access their scores, students will need to log-on to their College Board account.

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>



PINK OUT SHIRTS FOR BASKETBALL ON JANUARY 5TH, 2024

The Relay team is hosting a Pink Out game on Jan 5th. All levels of boys and girls basketball will be playing that night. If you would like to purchase a pink Slam Dunk Cancer shirt, please order by 12/1/23. Cost is \$15 a shirt or \$18 personalized with a name on the back (Additional fees may apply for larger sizes. \$5 from each shirt will be donated to the American Cancer Society.



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NAUTICAL SCHOOL STORE HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

EXTENDED HOURS

The school store is selling Seasonal Holiday Products December 4th –December 20th, as well as Anchor Bay Spirit Wear and Accessories. Come in to purchase Anchor Bay Ornaments, Santa Hat Bundles, AB pajamas, Reindeer hot chocolate packages, or enjoy a tasty Cranberry Sprite and Sugar Cookies.

EXTENDED HOURS!!! Come in during the evening to attend an event at Anchor Bay High School and stop by the Nautical Shoppe. The store is open every day from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and will be open in the evenings on the dates below.

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, Dec 5	Band Concert	5:00-7:30
Wednesday, Dec 6	Band Concert	5:00-7:00
Tuesday, Dec 12	Girls BB Game	6:30-8:30
Thursday, Dec 14	MS Choir Program Drama Girls BB	5:00-8:00
Friday, Dec 15	MS Choir Program	6:30-8:30
Monday, Dec 18	Winter Choir Concert	6:30-8:30
Tuesday, Dec 19	Boys BB Game MS Band	6:00-9:00
Wednesday, Dec 20	MS Band	5:00-7:00

JUST IN....LIMITED EDITION NIKE HOODIES IN RED AND GREY, \$55.00.

AB 40 OZ TUMBLERS IN RED, BLACK AND WHITE, \$32.00.

COME GET YOURS BEFORE ITS GONE!

Email nautical@abs.misd.net for more information.





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 building (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.

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. Student may not exit the cafeteria during lunch without permission since classes are in session.

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.