

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

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**Anchor Bay High School March Newsletter**

2023-24 MARCH CALENDAR

[\(CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION\)](#)



**March 2024**

Mar 1		Progress Reports
Mar 1	2:15 PM to 4:00 PM	ABHS Key Club
Mar 4	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Mar 4	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Mar 4	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Community Forum/Bond Update
Mar 6	2:09 PM to 5:00 PM	DECA SCDC Exams
Mar 7 - Mar 9	7:00 AM to 10:00 PM	ABHS MSBOA Band Festival
Mar 7	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Mar 8	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM	WIDA Testing
Mar 8	2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	D&D Club Meeting
Mar 11	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Mar 11	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Mar 12	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Kindergarten Readiness Night - ABHS Auditorium
Mar 13	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Mar 13	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	ABHS 8TH Grade Parent Meeting for Incoming Freshman
Mar 13	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Mar 14	2:00 PM to 10:15 PM	ABHS Career Fair
Mar 15	2:15 PM to 4:00 PM	ABHS Key Club
Mar 18	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Mar 18	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Mar 21	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Mar 22	2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	D&D Club Meeting
Mar 25 - Apr 1		No School - Spring Break



- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

 **ABHS Progress Reports**  
March 1st, 2024  
(ABHS Progress Reports available in Parent Portal)

 **SPRING BREAK**  
- NO SCHOOL -  
MARCH 25—APRIL 1ST, 2024

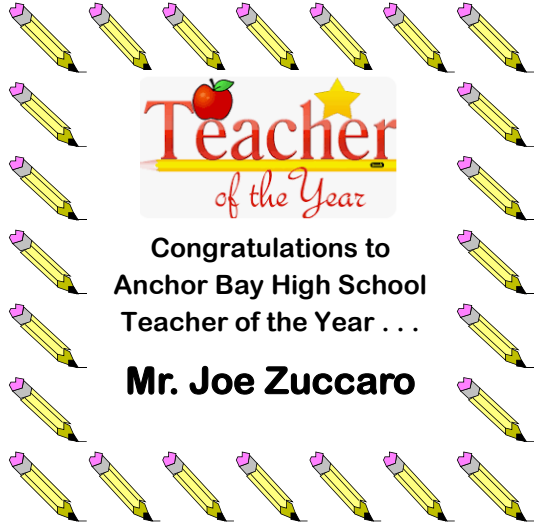




# NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

## INFORMATION



Congratulations to  
Anchor Bay High School  
Teacher of the Year . . .

**Mr. Joe Zuccaro**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S

## Community Forum

MONDAY, MARCH 4 @ 6PM  
5201 COUNTY LINE ROAD

- review completed projects: district-wide security updates & high school energy reduction
- highlight current projects: high school career pathways reconfiguration
- announce important changes: potential project & timeline changes due to universal pre-K legislation
- get community feedback: we value community & parent input

2022 bond passed | 2023 HS updates | 2024 WE ARE HERE | 2025-2033 district-wide construction projects continued | 2033 projects completed

Please join us for this year's Community Bond Forum on **March 4th, 6pm**, at MacDonald Elementary (5201 County Line Road). We will be reviewing completed bond projects, highlighting current projects, announcing important changes, and getting community feedback as we continue our district-wide construction projects thanks to the passing of the 2022 bond.

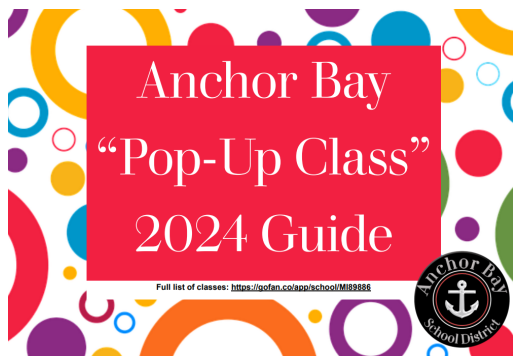
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## ABHS CAREER FAIR AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SHOWCASE

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[Click here for the flyer.](#)



Anchor Bay has over **60** different classes for all ages with many varieties of choices.

[Click here for 2024 Summer Pop Up Class Guide](#)

Classes will fill up quickly. Registration will close Friday, May 3, 2024.

## AFTER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY

6 Week Program  
March 4th- April 18th

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays  
2:15-3:15

Cost: \$50  
(Financial Assistance Available)

Transportation Provided to Home  
Elementary Schools

**Attendance is Mandatory.**

Click on the link to sign up:

<https://gofan.co/event/1408174?schoolId=MI89886>

**Questions? Please contact Jamie Pietron, Student Success Instructor, or your counselor, for more information.**



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## Important Testing Information:

All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in testing during the month of April. Testing dates are as follows:

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> : SAT (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and PSAT 10 (10<sup>th</sup> grade)

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> : ACT (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and PSAT 9 (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

Week of April 15<sup>th</sup> : M-STEP (11<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\*Please note that completing the MME suite of assessments is a graduation requirement.\**

In preparation for testing, students will need to complete a Digital Readiness Check (DRC). Included in the DRC is an opportunity to sign up for Big Future School and Connections. Big Future School is a free mobile app that lets students view their scores and get customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college. Available through the Big Future School app, Connections™ is a free program exclusively for school day test takers that allows them to hear from nonprofit colleges and scholarship programs that may be a good match.

If you would prefer that your student not sign up for Big Future School and Connections, please fill out the opt out form below. Filling out the form allows you to opt your student out of providing optional information that is not directly related to the administration of these assessments.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U8b7G9ijtEeernt1\\_paPhPqRcOrCHblCkPIHGz3uXmxUQJJKUEZYNVISWjNTSk9BYDNSVzQ2WTdCUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U8b7G9ijtEeernt1_paPhPqRcOrCHblCkPIHGz3uXmxUQJJKUEZYNVISWjNTSk9BYDNSVzQ2WTdCUi4u)

**Opting out of BigFuture School and Connections does not mean your student is opting out of testing. Completing the MME suite of assessments is a state and graduation requirement.**

Please look for more testing information in the coming weeks.

## **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](mailto:lboseak@abs.misd.net).



**SENIORS:** Graduation Cap and Gowns will be handed out during lunches on May 2nd and 3rd, 2024. If you still have not ordered your Cap and Gown, please go to [www.jostens.com](http://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>



## SCHOLARSHIP BASKETBALL GAME

The Anchor Bay Scholarship Basketball game will be on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. (Click links for more details. [Seniors - Senior Parent Update](#) / [Scholarship Basketball Participation](#) / [Scholarship Basketball Game Date Change](#) / [Anchor Bay Scholarship Basketball Game Flyers & Information](#))



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## DRAMA/FORENSICS



In the world of theatre, we have much to celebrate, many students receiving special recognition for their efforts and achievements at the One Act Competitive Festivals this month. Our one act show *Pageant Perfect* competed at the one act regional festival at Henry Ford II High School on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Receiving awards were the following: for excellence in acting—as *Ms. New Mexico* - Kylie Leija; and as *Jeremy Brewster* - Joseph Sonneberger. The following received superior awards as listed: for *Early Morning Load In* - Full Company; for *Comedic Duo* - Kai Strong and Alanna Riggs; for *Set Design* - Sam Dahlman, Tiara Lafave, Sophia LeBeau, Jason Weed; for *Sound Design/Effects* - Cody Powers, Kayla Rice; for *Stage Crew* - Sam Dahlman, Vivian Dombro, Axle Frey, Skylar Geremesz, Kendra Harrison, London Hudgins, Tiara LaFave, Sophia LeBeau, Maya Monden, Autumn Sproul, Jason Weed; and for *Make-Up* - Axle Frey, Essence Johnson, Ava LaRue, Leah Mitchell, Skylar Wight. Our show scored well advanced to state finals on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Wayne State University.

Again, many of our students earned awards at State Festival for their efforts and achievements Receiving recognition of excellence for their work were the following: as *Miss California*—Madilyn Mellon; as *Miss Texas*—Kaylee Coltman; as *Jim-Bobby Bake*—Mick Barnes; for *Sound Design/Effects*—Cody Power and Kayla Rice; for *Sound Execution*—Cody Power, Kayla Rice and Ellie Thomas; for scene transitions and *Stage Crew*—Mick Barnes, Kaylee Coltman, Sam Dahlman, Vivian Dombro, Derrick Hosking, Ruth Hubbert, Essence Johnson, Ava LaRue, Ava Lazzara, Sophia LeBeau, Kylie Leija, Sarah McGraw, Madilyn Mellon, Leah Mitchell, Maya Monden, Alanna Riggs, Joseph Sonneberger, Kai Strong, Jason Weed, Kelsey Woolman; for *Lobby Display*—Sam Dahlman, Kendra Harrison, Jason Weed, Kayla Rice, and Maya Monden; and for *Costume Design*—Autumn Sproul. Receiving recognition for superior achievement for their work were the following: as *Miss New Mexico*—Kylie Leija; for *Lighting Design*—Kayla Rice; for *Lighting Execution*—Kayla Rice and Ellie Thomas; for *Playbill*—Kaylee Coltman, Sam Dahlman, Vivian Dombro, Kendra Harrison, Derrick Hosking, Maya Monden, Kayla Rice, Ellie Thomas, and Jason Weed; for *Media Usage—the technical crew*. Congratulations are due to ALL of the cast and crew!!! Thank you to all of the staff, community members, and parents who supported us all along the journey to, and from, States!

On the forensics front, a portion of our team attended the second regular season invitational forensics tournament. On Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Anchor Bay High School forensic team was represented by two competitors at the Birch Run High School forensic tournament. Ava LaRue advanced to semi-finals in Storytelling, and Madelyn Alef advanced to semi-finals in Poetry. Please congratulate them on their tremendous success at their very first tournament.

Most recently, four Anchor Bay High School forensics team members competed at the Grass Lake High School forensics tournament on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The following students advanced to final rounds: Ava LaRue tied for sixth place in Storytelling, and Kyla Cori placed second in poetry. Including the sweepstakes points earned by Kaleb Theis and Andreanna Geogoulis, Anchor Bay took second place in the small school entry division! The tournaments are open to the polite public free of charge and offer an amazing viewing and learning experience free of charge. Please come out and see what this activity has to offer. Below are the dates and locations of the other season invitational tournaments Anchor Bay's team will attend, all on Saturdays, each beginning at approximately 8:00 am.

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Avondale High School in Auburn Hills
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, Novi High School
- March 16<sup>th</sup>, Walled Lake Western High School
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, location TBD

Just last week, auditions were being held for the spring musical production, *The Wizard of Oz*. A fun and familiar fantasy sure to entertain all, the production is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with curtain at 7:15 pm. Starring in our show are the following students:

The Wizard of Oz  
2024 Spring Musical Cast list

- Dorothy.....Kaylee Coltman
- Aunt Em/ Glinda.....Ava Lazzara
- Uncle Henry/Guard.....Anthony Neff
- Zeke/Cowardly Lion.....Joey Sonneberger
- Hickory/ Tinman.....Mick Barnes
- Hunk/Scarecrow.....Logan Synnestvedt
- Miss Gultch/Wicked Witch.....Kylie Leija
- Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz.....Ford Overholt
- The Jitterbug.....Sarah McGraw

Jitterbugs.....Vivian Dombro, Andreana Geogoulis, Leah Mitchell, Allie Pettie, Ellie Thomas

Ensemble: Olivia Barchi, Vivian Dombro, Andreana Geogoulis, Ava Lazzara, Leah Mitchell, Anthony Neff, Allie Pettie, Kai Strong

Our team of enthusiastic, creative, and committed individuals on the cast and crew at the ABHS PAC look forward to meeting the challenges this show has to offer! PLEASE take the opportunity to visit Local Level and place an ad in our play bill, send a personal ovation, become a patron of the arts, or purchase a reserved seat; all of these serve as fundraisers for our program and help to support these very gifted and motivated young people in their efforts! Help us meet the challenges and come out to support the Anchor Bay Performing Arts Center!

For further information about these programs or events through the Anchor Bay Performing Arts Center, contact Ms. Battice at the high school, extension 2360.



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**CAREER FAIR**  
and Career and Technical Education Showcase

## ABHS CAREER FAIR AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SHOWCASE



A wonderful opportunity to explore and gain on-site information from a variety of careers.  
Anchor Bay High School  
Thursday, March 14, 2024  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
6371 County Line Road - Pitt Haven, MD 21822  
www.anchorbayhs.org  
Open to Public

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## FRESHMAN HONORS U.S. HISTORY CLASSES GO TO HENRY FORD MUSEUM

On February 13, almost 100 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors U.S. History students from Mrs. Harms and Mr. Conklin's classes ventured on a field trip to the Henry Ford Museum of Innovation in Dearborn, MI. Thank you to the high school office staff, chaperones, teachers, food service, and transportation department for helping to make this happen!



## ABHS HOSA

Anchor Bay HOSA competed in the Regional Competition at Fraser High School January 20, 2024. AB HOSA had an all time recorded number of medals won! 15 medals were won, and 18 total students qualified to move on to the HOSA State competition in April!! Congratulations to our HOSA State Competitors:

Michael Tomala & Alexia Hammerle: **1<sup>st</sup> place** CPR/First Aid  
Ava Tatro & Mia McIntosh: **1<sup>st</sup> place** Health Career Display

Eva Dixon, Rayne Hargis, Emily Saski, Makenna Sommers: **1<sup>st</sup> place** Public Service Announcement  
Jordan Cloninger, Emily Goleski, Grace LaCharite, Nicolette Mlia: **1<sup>st</sup> place** Mental Health Promotion  
Michaela Bridges: **2<sup>nd</sup> place** Medical Terminology  
Zarek Downs: **3<sup>rd</sup> place** Medical Math  
Emilia Vanevski: **3<sup>rd</sup> place** Prepared Speaking  
Zhenya Knowlin & Jaeda Tilton: CPR/First Aid  
Jewels Boch: Research Poster




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**ABHS QUARTER 3 PROGRESS REPORTS**

Quarter 3 Progress Reports will be available in [Parent Portal](#) on March 1, 2024. For directions to view your student's grades on their Progress Reports 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 Academic Support

**NEED ACADEMIC HELP?**



**NHS After School Drop-In Tutoring:** This is peer tutoring organized by NHS students on Mondays and Thursdays after school from 2:20-3:20 pm in the Media Center. This is a drop-in session for core classes only. If you have questions about this, please reach out to Ms. Kitchens ([rkitchens@abs.misd.net](mailto:rkitchens@abs.misd.net)) or Ms. Koch ([kkoch@abs.misd.net](mailto:kkoch@abs.misd.net)).


**Math Tutoring** is available on Mondays and Wednesdays in room S115. Please email [wkiehler@abs.misd.net](mailto:wkiehler@abs.misd.net) for more information.

**Testing Center** will be available after school on Wednesdays for test make-ups and retakes. Students needing to utilize the Testing Center will need to inquire with their teacher and will need to arrange for post-testing transportation.

**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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# GENERAL NOTICES

## ANCHOR BAY OSCAR goes too . . .



### *Anchor Bay Oscars 2024*

*Shoe Game Strong*

- Morgan McGee

*Majestic Flow*

- Cianna Green

*Nails On Fleek*

- Emma Jimenez

*Most Contagious Smile*

- Leah Bailey

*Most Inspirational Teacher*

- Mrs. Malouf

*Sunshine Award*

- Makenna Sommers

*Most Likely to be President*

- Aiden Evans

*Most Likely to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse*

- Donald Mulheron

*Most Likely to Sleep Through an Earthquake*

- Isabella Wonsowicz

*Most Likely to Win the Voice*

- Sarah McGraw

*Best Rapper*

- Samuel Sustaita

*Hollywood Star*

- Sarah McGraw

*Beethoven Award*

- Aiden Evans

*Academic Weapon*

- Kayla Lange

*Most Likely to Start a Band*

- Samuel Majewski

*Honorary Oscar*

- Mrs. Jodi Quigley

*Van Gogh*

- Trinity Wood

*Best Senior Parking Spot*

- Lexi Henkel

*Best Photographer/Videographer*

- Lincoln Vaughn

*Twist and Tumbling award*

- Brooklyn Shadley

*Most Likely to Go Pro*

- Thomas Westphal

*Funniest Freshman*

- Jordyn Foster and Lia McKiernan

*Biggest Swiffler*

- Jewels Boch

*Caffeinated King/Queen Award*

- Hal Sbraccia

*Biggest Sport Fanatic*

- Brianna Bielat

*Most Likely to Teach at AB*

- Madelyn Monroe

*Most Spirited Teacher*

- Mr. Ricci

*Mr. AB*

- Trevor Russell



# 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](http://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.

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## GENERAL NOTICES



**REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST GETTING RID OF WEEDS AND PESTS...**

Did you know you can protect your kids, pets and the environment from the harmful effects of herbicides and pesticides by choosing earth-friendly landscaping? The chemicals in herbicides and pesticides pollute our waterways, if washed from our lawns and gardens into storm drains that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.

So what can you do to help? Simple. Follow these tips for simple ways you can care for your lawn and garden and help keep our water clean.

**Go native.** Select plants native to Michigan. Native plants are better able to tolerate Michigan's climate, require less fertilizer and water and are more disease resistant. Native plants also attract butterflies and birds.

**Variety is the spice of life.** Use a wide variety of plants to help control pests and minimize the need for pesticides.

**Water wisely.** Lawns need about one inch of water per week. Over-watering results in shallow-rooted plants that are less tolerant of heat and drought, and more prone to disease. Use a rain gauge and water only when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.

**Use mulch.** Place a thick layer of mulch (4") around trees and plants. This helps retain water, reduce weeds and minimizes the need for pesticides.

**Mow high.** Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high-3" is the rule. Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clippings fall back on the lawn. Clippings recycle nutrients back into the soil, so fertilizer needs can be reduced by 25% or more!

**Rake it or leave it.** Follow your community's leaf pick-up guidelines. Avoid raking leaves into storm drains or roadside ditches that lead to our lakes and rivers because decaying leaves use up water's oxygen and harm fish and aquatic insects. Try mowing leaves into your lawn—they also make a good fertilizer.

**Use less for pests.** Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly. Limit application of these chemicals to problem areas only and help protect your kids, pets and the environment.