

Anchor Bay High School Newsletter



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ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

"The Anchor Bay High School students will respect themselves and others, be responsible for their actions, and have the academic, critical thinking, and social skills needed for life."

**The Macomb County Health Department has cancelled the school vaccination clinic. For further information please visit the Macomb County Health Department website at:
<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/PUBLICHEALTH/>.**

Dear Parent(s),

The Anchor Bay School District is following the necessary precautions set forth by the Macomb County Health Department to reduce the spread of all types of flu. Your child's health and safety is one of our primary concerns. As we are all aware the flu season is upon us and we would like to thank parents for keeping the students home when ill. There have been a number of cases of the flu in the Macomb County area and likely some have been H1N1. If we are informed of a confirmed case at Anchor Bay High School the student would not be in school, it would be recommended that they continue their care with their family physician, and would not return until they are over the illness. The Health Department advises that all children who become ill would not return to school for at least 24 hours after they are well and no longer have a fever. Neither the Macomb County Health Department nor the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised the closing of schools, but the district would clean the building per health department guidelines.

In an effort to keep our schools healthy and safe, we would like to share with you the measures the Anchor Bay Schools are taking such as a daily cleaning regiment in high use areas like bathrooms, lunch tables, etc. Areas such as computer labs have been supplied with hand sanitizing dispensers for students to use before and after lab use. For more information pertaining to the H1N1 flu, please contact the Macomb County Health Department at (586)-466-7923, or additional information is available on these websites:

[www.macombcountymi.gov/public health](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/public_health) or
www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu.

The Health Department actively encourages the following as best measures to aid in the reduction of the spread of all types of flu including good hand washing, coughing or sneezing into the sleeved elbow portion of the arm and not into hands, avoid touching the eyes, nose, or mouth and if flu-like symptoms appear stay home, seek the care of your family physician and contact the school. We urge parent(s) to reinforce these measures with their children at home.

Anchor Bay Schools will continue to take the necessary measures to make our schools safe.

Sincerely,

Judith Stefanac
Principal
Anchor Bay High School



Anchor Bay High School Craft Fair

Saturday, November 7, 2009
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Door Admission: \$2.00

Sponsored by: Anchor Bay Vocal Boosters, SADD and Close-Up Washington. All proceeds go directly to the student organizations listed above.



REPORT CARDS

Tuesday, November 17

Distributed to students during 6th hour

PARTNERS FOR CLEAN WATER

When we over water our lawns, the excess water carries pollution into storm drains and ditches that lead directly to our rivers and lakes.

In fact, did you know that each of us uses 77 gallons of water a day?



What can you do? Follow these easy tips for simple ways you can help save water.

Water Wisely: Generally your lawn needs about an inch of water a week. Over watering lawns results in shallow-rooted plants that are less tolerant of heat and drought, and more prone to disease. Avoid over watering by using a rain gauge and watering only when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.

Improve your aim: Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants - - not our driveway, sidewalk and/or street.

Use Mulch: Place a thick layer of mulch (e.g. four inches) around trees and plants. This helps retain water. Reduce weeds, and minimize the need of pesticides.

Sweep It: Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom, instead of a hose. You'll save water and keep unwanted pollutants out of the storm drain.

Put rainwater to work: Use rainwater to water your plants. Direct downspouts toward your plants and green areas or collect water with rain barrels for use later.

Mow High: Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high (three inches is recommended). Longer grass has deeper roots and requires less water.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM.

. The girls did well. We competed in two divisions this year. Results will be in the newsletter next month. If any student is interested in joining the Equestrian Team, they should see Mrs. Accivatti for information.

FROM THE FLIGHT LINE-- AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC NEWS Colonel (R) Jeff Carrothers and Master Sergeant (R) Steve Wratchford

Greetings from your award-winning Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) program!

AFJROTC is not a military recruiting program. Our program's goal is to build better citizens, and we provide unique leadership and community service opportunities. We are not military recruiters. In fact, in recent years, approximately only 10% of our students have joined a military service. We enhance our program with engaging guest speakers, drill teams, community service activities, and trips.

Our cadets helped make Selfridge Air National Guard Base's Retiree Affairs Day a success—helping set-up, escorting the retirees from their vehicles, posting colors, assisting with lunch, and helping clean-up. The retirees thoroughly enjoyed seeing our cadets in uniform and visiting with them during the day.

Our Booster Club sponsored a "Countday Breakfast" for our cadets on October 1st. This is the day when we officially count the number of cadets in our program for Headquarters AFJROTC. We are very pleased that our corps has 112 high school cadets, with many cadets new to AFJROTC. Each class was provided a meal of pancakes, sausage, milk, and juice.

We marched in our school's Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 2nd, and our cadets looked sharp! It was great seeing how they all looked in uniform and how well they marched together. Our first-year cadets served concessions at the high school's Homecoming Dance. Their dedication and hard work were rewarding to see.

Our Kitty Hawk Air Society—our unit's academic honor society—sponsored a Cadet Game Night on October 8th. Over 30 cadets participated, and all had a great time playing board and card games and eating pizza.

Anchor Bay High School's award-winning Air Force Junior ROTC program hosted its first-ever drill meet on Saturday, October 17th. Five teams competed, and Anchor Bay placed in seven of the eight events, gathering one first place; five second places; and, one third place. Their efforts earned a second place finish overall. In the first-year cadet knockout competition, similar to a military "Simon says," Anchor Bay placed four cadets among the top ten finishers: Shayla Carter finished second; Sean Burr third; Anthony Marinelli

fifth; and, Christian Bobbish eighth. In the armed knockout competition, three Anchor Bay cadets finished with honors: Chris Dunn, Corps Commander, placed second; Kenny Fischer third; and, Tyler Switzer fifth. The event was well-organized and run—congratulations to the entire Anchor Bay High School Air Force Junior ROTC program! We are looking forward to even a larger meet next year.

Colonel Carrothers escorted 27 cadets and five chaperones on a tour of Selfridge Air National Guard Base on October 21st. The tour included visits to A-10 and KC-135 refueler maintenance hangars, the base air traffic control tower, lunch at the golf course, and a scavenger hunt at the Selfridge Air Museum. It was a great trip!

We are looking forward to an American Red Cross blood drive on October 29th, a drill competition in Ohio on November 7th, a trip to Niagara Falls November 13th-15th, and a drill competition in River Rouge on November 21st.

Students interested in becoming cadets should contact their guidance counselor. If you have any questions about AFJROTC, please feel free to contact us at 586-648-2500, extensions 2356 or 2357.

Are you already a cadet or a cadet's parent or guardian? We would like personally invite you to attend our next AFJROTC Booster Club meeting on Wednesday, November 4th, at 6:00 PM, in the high school commons. This is our annual pot-luck, where we will distribute cadet promotions and awards, make some position changes, and hold a Booster Club meeting. We hope to see you there. Aim high and keep looking up!

FINANCIAL AID

We will be holding a financial aid informational meeting at the high school on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 6:30pm. You will be receiving an invitation to this event.

We anticipate the arrival of financial aid information from the government in early December. Use www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov to calculate an early estimate of eligibility. We also have a direct link to this site on the high school website under counseling.

Parents are encouraged to use the free financial aid form found at www.fafsa.ed.gov or

from a direct link on our website. It must be completed on-line and cannot be submitted before January 1, 2010. However, it is advised that you visit the site ahead of time to get a "pin number" in order that you can apply in a timely fashion.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are a reward for all of the hard work, effort and extra curricular activities that have filled a student's time while attending high school. The criteria for scholarships all differ. Examples are ACT scores, positions of leadership, sports involvement, club participation, GPA, talents, volunteer and community service, financial need, career choice and many others. Now is a good time to start a scholarship search on the web. Visit the following sites that will generate a list of scholarships that fit the profile that you provide: www.fastweb.com and www.finaid.org. These sites are good tools for acquiring leads to get cash for college.

All scholarships that the counseling office becomes aware of are posted on our website under high school counseling-scholarship www.anchorbay.misd.net.

COLLEGES

Representatives from several Michigan universities have been meeting with seniors since the beginning of the year. Interested seniors were able to sign up to see the college of their choice. We have direct links to Michigan schools on our school's website under "counseling".

Students who are applying to colleges on-line need to make sure that they print the "counselor's" page and drop it off in the counseling office in order that school records can be sent. The application is not complete until this is done. Students considering larger universities should have applications completed before Thanksgiving. This will assure a quicker response and also maximize any possibilities for scholarships.

Seniors who wish to re-take the ACT test should visit their website (www.actstudent.org) or pick up a registration package or flyer in the counseling office.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

David Visnaw & Molly Dee, Co-Directors

Congratulations to the **Anchor Bay High School Marching Band!** On Tuesday, October 13th, the Marching Tars participated in the MSBOA District 16 Marching Band Festival at Port Huron High School. The Marching Tars were awarded a straight First Division rating from the panel of three adjudicators in the class AA division. The adjudicators judged the band in the categories of

marching, music, and general effect. The ensemble received A grades in all of the nine subcategories. This marks the 11th consecutive year the Marching Tars have earned a First Division rating at this annual festival.

Congratulations to **Samantha Osterland, Liz Fabode, and Kayla Gregoire** for being selected as new members of the Fraser Public Schools Winterguard Program for the 2009-2010 season! Last year Fraser's "**Fusion Winterguard**" went undefeated, placing first at every competition around the state, including the State Championships where the "Fusion Winterguard" girls were awarded the gold metal in the Michigan Regional Class A Color Guard Circuit.

The annual **Fruit Sale Fundraiser** that is slated to kick off on Monday, November 2nd through November 16th. Thank you to Julie Foote for volunteering to store the fruit when it arrives! Fruit Pick-up is on Tuesday, December 9th from 6pm to 9pm, and Wednesday, December 10th from 7am to 6pm. More information about the fruit sale and the location/directions to the pick-up site is on our website www.anchorbaybands.org in the *News Room*. If for some reason you receive spoiled fruit or have other fruit-related questions, please contact Carol LaPorte at (586) 716-9070 immediately.

Thank you to those students, family and friends who purchased **Entertainment Books** through the band boosters. If you missed the opportunity to buy one, the books are being sold at the both middle schools for \$20. There are a limited number of books remaining. If you still need one, please contact Carol LaPorte.

Students finished the process of being fitted for their **concert uniforms**. Remember to take your uniform home and hang them up! Proper care of these uniforms is necessary for their longevity and neat appearance when worn. Boys must purchase a white tuxedo shirt and girls must purchase a black long-sleeved, collared dress shirt to wear with the school issued uniform. Please have these items along with black dress shoes (girls - with a one inch heel) for the concert band season beginning in December.

For more information, please visit and explore our website www.anchorbaybands.org for the latest news and most up to date schedule of events. Students and parents can download

necessary documents as well as enjoy the sites and sounds of the Marching Tars, concert bands, and jazz ensemble.

Upcoming events:

- 11/02 Fruit Sale Begins (ends 11/16)
- 11/06 A Musical Harvest Auction Fundraiser
6:15 PM (Zuccaro's)
- 11/18 Marching Band Rehearsal
2:35 - 4:00 PM (ABHS)
- 11/27 Grosse Pointe Santa Clause Parade
10:00 AM (step off)
- 12/04 Combined Symphonic Band Rehearsal
2:30 - 4:00 PM
- 12/08 Combined Symphonic Band Rehearsal 2:30 - 4:00
- 12/09 Winter Concert - 9th Grade Bands and Wind
Ensemble 7:30 PM (ABHS)
- 12/10 Winter Concert - Concert and Symphonic Band
7:30 PM (ABHS)
- 01/06 Band Booster Meeting in ABHS Band Room 7:00
PM (ABHS)

For more information, please visit our web site at WWW.ANCHORBAYBANDS.ORG!!!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The annual junior/senior powderpuff game was held to open homecoming week and was a huge success. Thank you to all who supported the annual Girls Powder Puff Game which is a fundraiser. Homecoming was a success again this year. Paige Beckett was the 2009 Homecoming Queen and Ethan Anderson was the 2009 Homecoming King. Student Council sold Homecoming shirts for Spirit week. The Seniors, as you probably are well aware of by now, won the annual Powder Puff game. The Juniors won 1st place for their float. Thank you to Bay Rama for the use of their queens float, the Anchor Bay Marching Band and the Air Force Junior ROTC for helping to make the Homecoming parade a success. We had a record crowd again at the dance which totaled over 1280 students. Students were very well behaved and they seemed to have a great time. Thank you also to parents who offered their houses for float sites, parents and teachers who helped the students with the floats, or those teachers and parents who helped to chaperone the float sites and dance. We could not have done it without you!

Student Council members have now been chosen. Fortunately we had a great participation for petitions this year, but unfortunately we could not take all of the students. Those students were chosen by a first come basis as long as they turned in all of the necessary forms along with their petitions. We would like to thank all of those students who helped with the float building, and

would like all of the participants who provided petitions to join Student Council to know that they are welcome to help the organization at any time and for any event.

At the first meeting following Homecoming, Student Council decided to once again sponsor a canned food drive which will begin on Wednesday, October 28th and end on Wednesday, November 18th. The pantries in the area are low on food and need restocking so, if you are able, please send in some canned food for the drive. They also need typical Thanksgiving food - cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie filling, dry packaged whipped cream, instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing, evaporated milk. They can also use such items as flour, sugar, cereal, cake mixes, macaroni and cheese, tuna and other canned meat. We would appreciate any help you are able to give. The items can be dropped off in students first hour classes or in front of Mrs. Accivatti's office until November 18th. In addition, Student Council will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots beginning November 19th until December 3rd and would appreciate any NEW toys for tots to be used for Christmas. Those may be dropped off also in front of Mrs. Accivatti's office or in the students' first hour class beginning November 19th.

SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY MEETING is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Once again we need parent help. With this year's graduation on June 6th we will have only one and one half days to decorate the school for the All Night Party. The parent meeting this month is scheduled for November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the commons area outside the Student Activities office. If you are unable to attend, and would like to help, please call Sue Accivatti at 648-2525 Ext. 2306. Also make sure that your senior purchases his or her ticket as soon as possible so that we will be able to plan accordingly. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased for \$50.00 from the Student Activities office from Mrs. Accivatti (they would make a great stocking stuffer). Make checks out to Anchor Bay High School. The first 50 students to purchase a ticket will receive a free 15th annual "All Night Party" shirt.

We will be having a lottery for a fundraiser. The lottery tickets are for the month of March. They will be printed in red and would make a great Christmas present for those people who you "just don't know what to buy" or for stocking stuffers. We need parent volunteers to sell these tickets in November and December. There are 1000 tickets. The tickets are \$10.00 each and it is possible to win \$100.00 per evening in March. The winning numbers for each day are based on the Michigan three number evening draw. Please call Sue Accivatti at 648-2525 Extention 2306 to obtain tickets. The profits will go towards the Senior All Night Party and Prom. We have already ordered activities for this night for Senior All Night Party and now need \$\$\$ to pay for these activities.

QUIZ BOWL

Quiz Bowl competition has started. Mrs Plotzke, a parent of a Quiz Bowl student, volunteered to sponsor this year's Quiz Bowl team. Practices are after school. Meets are every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. at various Macomb County Schools. We hosted the Quiz Bowl match on Wednesday, October 28th for all MAC area participants (16 schools). Our team began the season by winning 3 out of 4 games. Good luck to Quiz Bowl participants.

SKI CLUB

We are now working on taking a couple of ski trips during the winter months. For more information watch for further notices. Any students interested should see Mrs. Accivatti.



BOWLING

Bowling has been declared a high school sport by the MHSAA!

Mandatory practice for tryouts will held on November 16, 17 and 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Salt River Lanes. Because bowling is now a high school sport, students who join the bowling team will have to follow MHSAA rules. Mr. Hibbs and Mr. Raden will be coaching the teams. Students should pick up paperwork from Mrs. Accivatti. Students have to have a physical on file from after April 15th 2009 or they need to get one before they can practice or tryout. Also remember **before** practice, students must have and maintain academic eligibility, return the informational slips from the packet, obtain a sports

physical and have their own equipment. Bowling will still be a club and students must fundraise or pay for all of their expenses.

BUILDING SECURITY

Student and staff safety is very important. In order to make the high school more secure, the hallway doors that lead outside will be locked at 7:30 a.m. each morning, 15 minutes after students arrive. Students will be able to leave the building, but those who arrive late or those who park in the back of the high school will need to walk around to the front. The main entrance of the building will be open. High school security staff will monitor the doors and hallways.

In addition, during lunches the north and south doors to the student parking lots will be locked. The students will be monitored by the St. Clair County Sheriff, Brett Old, to prevent students from leaving campus without permission. Anchor Bay High School has a closed lunch, and students are not permitted to leave unless they have a specific appointment and parental permission.

ABHS ENTRANCE and LOT POLICY

Students and parents who are dropping off and picking up their students should use the North and South driveway entrances and proceed to the student pick-up and drop-off areas as indicated by an area marked with diagonal lines. There are four of these areas: one on each side of the building and two in the rear of the building. The front of the high school is for staff, visitors, and buses ONLY. There will be signs in front of the staff and bus parking lots to remind parents and students not to use those driveways. Please follow this policy so that students, staff, and buses can provide a safe and timely arrival in the morning and departure in the afternoon.

ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT PESTICIDE PROGRAM NOTICE

In Accordance with Public Act 131, school administration must advise parents or guardians of their right to be notified prior to the application of pesticide at their child's school.

As a result of this regulation, you are being advised that a routine application of pesticide will take place the last Friday of every month in each school. These applications will take place after

school hours in the cafeteria, kitchen, multi-purpose room, and kitchen storage areas. If more specific information is needed, please send a note to "Supervisor of Maintenance" indicating student's name, school, and if you wish prior notification of pesticide treatment inside and/or outside of school.

YEARBOOK

We are publishing another all color yearbook this year. The cost of the 2010 yearbook is \$75. Yearbooks can be purchased online (if you are willing to pay by credit card) at anytime by visiting www.jostensyearbooks.com (a link is available on the ABHS homepage).

Yearbooks will be sold during all lunches every Friday until January 22.

Please email Jen Serra (jserra@abs.misd.net) with any questions.

Senior Portrait Info

Prestige Portrait Studio is the official photographer for Anchor Bay High School. If you choose to use any other photographer, you are responsible for making sure that your portrait meets the specifications detailed in the mailing all Senior Parents received and that a CD at 300 dpi is turned in by Friday, November 13. If you have your picture taken at Prestige before November 14, your portrait will be delivered to school for you.

If you do not have your picture taken by Prestige Portraits, it is your responsibility to deliver your Senior Portrait (on CD at 300 DPI) to Jen Serra by Friday, November 13, 2009.

Yearbook Photo Specifications

1. Diecut size: 1 5/8" x 2 3/16"
2. Headsize: 1 1/8" (from top of the head to the bottom of the chin)
3. Background: Blue-Grey (no other color will be accepted)
4. Color: Color photograph
5. Pose: Traditional (no props, no cap and gown, no soft focus, etc.)

Please email Jen Serra (jserra@abs.misd.net) with any questions.

Composite Picture

If your Senior Portrait is taken by a photographer other than Prestige, **you must deliver the picture to Prestige Portraits along with a studio release and a check for \$20 before January 30, 2010.** To properly receipt each person submitting a picture, Prestige will not accept direct shipments from other studios. Composite pictures must meet the following requirements:

1. Die cut size: 1 1/2"x 2"

2. Head size: 1" (from top of the hair to the bottom of the chin)
2. Background: Blue-Grey
3. Pose: Traditional head and shoulder pose (no profile, no cap & gown, no soft focus, etc.)
4. Prestige. Do not take your photo to the high school.

Please email Jen Serra (jserra@abs.misd.net) with any questions.

PDA's (Public Displays of Affection—formally known as Parent Ads)

PDA order forms were included in the Back-to-School mailing. If you need a form, they are available in the Student Activities office and S116. **PDA forms with payment and pictures are due to the school by Tuesday, November 24, 2009. No late orders will be accepted!**

Due to volume, the ads will be offered in one-half, one-quarter, and one-eighth sizes. We do not offer full page ads. Also, you must select a layout from several pre-designed templates. The options for the designs are also available in the Student Activities office and S116.

Please email Jen Serra (jserra@abs.misd.net) with any questions.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
1ST Semester**

- November 3** Professional Staff Development
NO SCHOOL
- November 6** End of 1st Qtr Marking Period
- November 7** Craft Show 9 am - 3 pm ABHS Commons
- November 6** Registration Deadline ACT test / regular fee
- November 17** Report Cards to students in 6th hour
- November 18** Prevention Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30 p.m. Room E124
- November 19, 20, 21** Fall Drama Production 7:15 p.m.
- November 25-27** School closed Thanksgiving recess
- November 30** School resumes
- December 4** End of 2nd Qtr Progress Report
- December 9 & 10** Winter Instrumental Music Concert 7:30 p.m. Auditorium



- December 12** ACT Test
- December 13** Jingle Bell Run 4:00 p.m.
- December 14** Winter Vocal Music Concert
- December 15** Progress Reports to students 6th hour
- December 16** Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30 p.m.
- Dec 21 - Jan 1** Holiday Recess
- January 4** School resumes
- January 5** Registration Deadline ACT test / regular fee
- January 18** Professional Development Day **No Students** in attendance-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20** Prevention Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30 p.m. Room E124
Semester Exams ½ Day Dismissal at **10:45** a.m. - Periods 1-2
- January 21** Semester Exams ½ Day Dismissal at **10:45** a.m. - Periods 3-4
- January 22** Semester Exams ½ Day Dismissal at **10:45** a.m. - Periods 5-6
End of First Semester

**MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NEW PROGRAMS OFFER DEGREE
CERTIFICATIONS**

With a focus on creating opportunity and changing lives, Macomb Community College is continually assessing new opportunities for students in emerging fields. The following are new programs in meaningful career areas that have been recently introduced at Macomb.

Clinical Laboratory Technician

This Associate of Applied Science degree is comprised of both classroom lecture and clinical experience in a health-care setting, which prepares the student to become either a clinical laboratory technician or a medical laboratory technician. Both positions involve the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease. Day-to-day duties include inoculating culture media, performing microscopic evaluations of cells and operating high-tech equipment. This program adheres to the selective admission guidelines found on www.macomb.edu.

Pre-Social Work

Students interested in a career in social work now have a more direct path into the field from Macomb. This fall, Macomb initiated an Introduction to Social Work course, which is a requirement of the new associate of arts in pre-social work that will help students prepare for

transfer to a bachelor of social work degree program at a four-year college or university. The introductory course consists of both classroom and field study in social work and helps students identify a career pathway based on their interests, educational focus and experience.

Surgical Technology – Surgical First Assistant

The next step on the career ladder for a surgical technician, the surgical first assistant directly assists a surgeon during surgery. This advanced practitioner certificate provides training in handling tissue, providing exposure using surgical instruments, providing homeostasis and suturing during an operation. Program graduates are eligible to sit for the certification exam.

Eligibility for the Surgical First Assistant program includes holding an associate of applied science degree in surgical technology—which is also offered at Macomb—and a minimum of three years in practice as a surgical technician. The associate degree program is a selective admission program.

For more information about these and other programs offered at Macomb go online to www.macomb.edu and select educational offerings under the future students link.

FUTURE PHYSICIANS BEGIN THEIR TRAINING AT MACOMB

Fifty students began their studies in August toward a medical degree in osteopathic medicine in classes at the Michigan State University (MSU) expansion site at the Macomb University Center, located on the college's Center Campus.

Students will attend there full time for two years to complete their academic requirements, after which they will begin the clinical portion of their studies. A second class of 50 will begin next fall, thus bringing the facility to its capacity of 100 students.

The MSU expansion into Macomb County is one step toward addressing a projected physician shortage in the state, where there is an expectation that more than 6,000 Michigan physicians will retire in the next 10 to 12 years.

STEP TEAM

This year we have a Step Team that will be performing at games. The team organized last year

and has been practicing with their coaches this year. If anyone is interested in joining the Step Dance Team for next year, they should see Mrs. Accivatti.

DEBATE TEAM, BOOK CLUB, OR LACROSSE

are a few of the clubs that students are interested in. If you think that you are interested in joining one of these teams or organizing a new club, please see Mrs. Accivatti

NEWS FLASH !!!!! **MEAL MAGIC STUDENT** **ACCOUNTING SYSTEM comes** **TO "The Galley" at high school** **Cafeteria**

Dear Parent AND Guardians:

We are pleased to announce that The Galley will begin using Meal Magic, our new student meal account system on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Designed like a debit system, it eliminates the need for students to carry cash to school. It allows you to deposit money to a student account for use on any day, eliminating the morning hassle of lunch money. It is simple, convenient and designed to improve our services to you and your student.

What will the Meal Magic System Do?

- Eliminates paper rosters at the registers which will improve the speed of the lunch line, in time
- Protect the identity and privacy of students receiving meal benefits
- Debit accounts can eliminate cash in line - Highly recommend that you send in prepayment which will help your student and the lines move faster (see table below)

What do you need to know?

- Meal Magic creates a 4 or 5 digit identification number for your High School Student. This ID number provides access to your student's meal account and should be kept confidential. On Wednesday, November 4th, your student's teacher will have your child's name and ID # for them to place in their school planner until they have memorized it. This identification number will remain the same until graduation.
- Deposits may be sent to school at anytime. We recommend sending a check made payable to "Anchor Bay Schools - Food Service" in an envelope including

your student's name. On-line payments may be purchased for a fee at www.cafe.prepay.com

How will student receive meals?

- Students will go through the cafeteria line, select their meals and proceed to the cashier.
- At the cashier, students will enter their Student ID #. The cashier will debit the meal if they have credit on their account or collect cash from the student. No charges are allowed.
- Students receiving free or reduce-price meals will use the same procedure. The screen will not indicate which students are free or reduced-price, so privacy is assured.

Please phone with any questions at 586 598

7663. Thank You. Charlene Pizzimenti, Food Service Director

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding MealMagic

Starting November 4th, Anchor Bay High School will be using MealMagic as our food service point of sale program.

Here are some questions that parents frequently want answered.

1. How do I deposit money into my child's account?

Money for deposit can be sent in the form of a check, cash or through an online credit card payment. Students may turn in their payment to the cashier at their cafeteria either before school or at lunchtime.

2. When can I send money in?

Funds for deposit can be sent in any day. If paying by check, please make sure the child's full name is written on the check in the memo area to ensure deposit in the correct account. Checks should be made out to: "Anchor Bay Schools Food Service."

3. Is the money in my student's account just for lunch?

No. Anchor Bay High School offers breakfast and lunch and students can use their money on account for any meal or ala carte items offered.

4. Is there a way for me to look at my student's account online?

Parents can go to LunchDeposit.com and register for an online account for their student. Parents can then view the child's meal history as well as keep track of the account balance. There is no charge for this service.

5. How do I obtain my student's ID number?

All High School Students will be given their ID number during 3rd hour on November 4th. Students should memorize the number and keep it confidential.

6. How do I pay by credit card?

There is a fee for this service at www.cafeprepay.com. Please note there will be a new provider when all schools in the district install Meal Magic.

Thank you for your support. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at cpizzimenti@abs.misd.net or by phoning the Food Service Office at 586 598 7663.

HIGH SCHOOL THE GALLEY



Anchor Bay High School

provides a computerized debit lunch program called Meal Magic. This program allows parents to pre-pay for all snacks and meals, increasing accountability for you and speed of service for our students. The High School lunch price is \$2.25 and includes the main entrée, hot or cold vegetable, fruit or juice, assorted breads, choice of white or chocolate milk. A wide range of a la carte items are available including salads, pizza, sandwiches, fresh baked cookies, snacks, beverages, hot soup and ice cream products.

In order to provide a more enjoyable lunchtime for all students, please help your child by following the policies listed below.

- Deposit funds into your child's account by sending in a check made out to "Anchor Bay Schools Food Service". A \$25.00 initial deposit is suggested and must include your student's first and last name.
- Payments can be sent in at anytime. They are turned over to the lunch program cashier for deposit into each student's account.
- When a \$7.00 balance is reached, students will be reminded to deposit additional funds into their lunch account. If no funds are available in the account, students must use cash. No student will be allowed to charge.
- A \$10.00 fee will be added to any check returned for insufficient funds.
- Anchor Bay Schools participates in the National Free and Reduced price lunch program. Applications for free/reduced meals are available:
 - a. complete application online at www.lunchapp.com

b. download from website
anchorbay.misd.net/departments/foodservice/docs/application.pdf

c. available in your child's school office

Families currently utilizing this program must reapply every year for each child.

- You can have instant access to your children's account histories online and the optional ability to make credit card deposits using a secure internet connection. To create a free online account, go to www.LunchDeposit.com and click on the sign-up link. Once your information has been verified you will receive an email with a password and instructions on using the system for meal histories. Credit card deposits are not available from this website at this time. The Meal Magic lunch system, when used properly, makes lunch service faster for all students. Please call the Food Service Department with any questions concerning the school lunch program at 586-598-7663.

Prepayment Table - You may send in any dollar amount (this is just an example)	
Full Paid Meals	10 lunches@ 2.25 = 22.50 10 breakfasts@ 1.00 = 10.00 Total: 32.50
Reduced Paid Meals	20 lunches @.40 = 8.00 20 breakfasts @.30= 6.00 Total: 14.00