



ANCHOR BAY TODAY

FALL 2023 ~ Promoting educational excellence, community collaboration, and student success

Ashley Elementary

Dean A. Naldrett
Elementary

Great Oaks
Elementary

Lighthouse
Elementary

Lottie M. Schmidt
Elementary

Maconce
Elementary

Anchor Bay
Middle School
North

Anchor Bay
Middle School
South

Anchor Bay
High School

Compass Pointe
Learning Center

Sugarbush Early
Childhood Center

Early Childhood
Center

Aquatic Center



Message From the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Friends of Anchor Bay Schools,

It has been a busy summer as we have begun working on many of the initial bond projects throughout the district. These first projects are focused on the safety and efficiency of our buildings. We are adding a key card and door sensor system to better secure our entrances and to track those who enter our buildings. The system will then be integrated into our soon-to-follow camera and alert system whereby security personnel will be notified immediately when someone opens a door and show them the camera for that entrance.



Phil Jankowski

Similarly, we are in the process of upgrading our temperature controls in order to better control the temperature of our classrooms which will result in energy and cost savings for the district. This should rectify the common concern that our classrooms are too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer.

Also, we have been hard at work upgrading our cafeterias and media centers at both Lighthouse and Lottie Elementary schools. With the recent legislation expanding preschool to all children, both buildings will eventually become our early childhood centers and the media center and cafeteria upgrades will provide some long overdue upgrades to these buildings.

Beyond the new spaces, we have some new faces on staff. We would like to welcome our new Anchor Bay High School Principal, Mike Mackenzie. Mike comes to us from Warren Woods Tower High School where he served over twenty years as an administrator. Mr. Mackenzie has the distinction of being one of the longest serving administrators in the state and the longest serving principal in Macomb County. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Additionally, the district hired a new Director of Student Safety, Amanda DePape, who comes to us from the Chesterfield Police Department. She served as our district resource officer and has children in the district.

I want to take this opportunity to share important information with our voters. On November 7th, the district will have a Non-Homestead Millage Renewal on the ballot. This is not a tax increase; it maintains that 18 mills are collected on non-homestead properties. The state assumes the full 18 mills are collected locally and when they are not, the district loses that portion of our foundation allowance. We included Frequently Asked Questions in this newsletter. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to my office at 586-725-2861.

We are excited for the upcoming year and look forward to continued success as we continue to work to build a better school district!

Vote November 7th



Ballot Language & FAQ's found on Page 6.

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What is New for 2023-24 School Year

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL SITE LOGISTICS

WHAT TO EXPECT

<p>CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE The high school will be under construction from fall 2023 through fall 2025</p>	<p>COMMUNICATION + ACCESS Updates will be communicated including locations of fencing, traffic flow, etc.</p>	<p>NOISE MITIGATION Committed to minimizing noise and impact to the community as much as possible</p>
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ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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ON-GOING
SAFETY + SECURITY UPGRADES
Installing more than 75 card readers, 300 door contacts across all facilities and exterior door key replacement
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STARTING THIS FALL
HIGH SCHOOL TEMPERATURE CONTROLS
Adding more than 250 pieces of mechanical equipment to the district's building management system software
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STARTING THIS FALL
HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION
New 12,000 SF kitchen/restaurant and technical auto shop space addition
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STARTING THIS FALL
CAREER PATHWAY RECONFIGURATION
More than 15,000 SF of interior renovations including the welding lab, engineering and robotics
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STARTING THIS WINTER
HIGH SCHOOL INTERIOR RENOVATIONS
More than 35,000 SF of renovations including pathway offices, computer labs, law mockroom and broadcasting


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for more bond updates




Anchor Bay Welcomes New Administrators



Mike Mackenzie

Anchor Bay High School has a new principal, Mike Mackenzie. Mr. Mackenzie is the former principal of Warren Woods Tower High School. He brings 26 years of experience with a focus on students achievement through a safe environment, quality education, and a fun high school experience. His educational philosophy is very simple; do what is best for kids. The cornerstone of this is for staff to make connections with students and show students that staff members care about them.



Amanda DePape

Amanda DePape has been named the Director of School Safety. She is a Chesterfield native and comes to the district having served as a Police Officer with the Chesterfield Township Police Department for over 15 years. Most notably is her work within the district, as the former School Resource Officer. Mrs. DePape brings a deep understanding of community relations and creating a positive school climate and culture. She has a strong passion for the health and safety of all students and their families. Furthermore, she brings skills and knowledge in the area of behavioral threat assessments, emergency preparedness and mitigation, active assailant response, community event programming and understanding youth and adolescent behaviors.

2023-24 Highlights

- Anchor Bay has hired 39 new teachers.
- Cafeterias and media centers at both Lighthouse and Lottie Elementary Schools have received upgrades.
- Groundbreaking on the first major construction project including a new restaurant and relocating all 16 CTE programs at Anchor Bay High School will begin this fall.
- Anchor Bay High School has unveiled a new logo after a community vote.
- Two of Anchor Bay's schools, Maconce and Great Oaks Elementary, will open their 25 year time capsules.
- Elementary students have a new science enrichment course for 2023-24.

Career Pathway Tracks

Anchor Bay, through the passing of the 2022 Bond, will be implementing Career Pathways for students. Some of the first bond renovation work will create the Career Pathway Framework including locating all 16 CTE programs at Anchor Bay High School. This reconfiguring of the CTE programs will not only bolster Anchor Bay students' opportunities, it will also allow for the district to integrate Career Exploration Classes for all K-12 students.

Why are career pathways important in school? It allows students to connect what they are learning in the classroom to possible future careers. Pathways provide the structure to guide students toward well paying, skilled fields. Students gain education, training, and support services while they acquire marketable skills before graduation!



Engineering, Manufacturing, Natural Science, and Agriculture

- **Horticulture** - Learn about plant biology, care, and processing
- **Auto** - Prepared to take the ASE Maintenance and Light Repair Certification
- **Construction Trades** - Explore basic tool usage and safety as related to residential construction and electrical trades
- **Engineering** - Lean CAD, drone technologies, and 3D printing software systems
- **Hospitality Management** - Explore customer service, food production, and safety in student-run restaurant
- *Coming Soon: **Welding***



Health and Human Services

- **Medical Education** - Upon completion, students can take the Patient Care Technician Certification Exam
- **Child Studies / Teacher Cadet** - Upon completion, students can apply for Child Development Associates or Michigan Youth Development Associates certificate
- **JROTC** - Learn leadership, build character, and serve the community through different service opportunities



Arts and Communications

- **Broadcasting** - Explore elements of broadcasting, video production, and digital media
- **Web Design** - Learn how to create and manage webpages
- **Graphic Arts** - Explore elements of graphic design and printing by creating print material



Business and Technology

- **Finance/Accounting** - Get introduced to accounting from entrepreneurship to corporate accounting
- **Marketing** - Learn practical skills in a field that is expecting 9.8% career growth by 2031
- **Business Management** - Qualify for college credit through Articulation Agreements with various area colleges and universities
- **Computer Programming** - Learn programs in Python, C++, and Java!
- **Cyber Security** - Explore concepts like internet safety, information protection, and cryptic coding



Food Truck!

Anchor Bay will be launching our very own student-operated food truck, The Shoreliner Express Mobile Kitchen, this Fall. Stay tuned to our social media channels for updates.

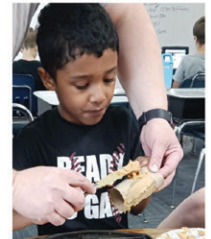
Anchor Bay Summer School



Over 550 students and 70 staff members participated in Anchor Bay Summer School that ran from June 19th through August 3 at Sugarbush, Ashley, and Middle School North locations.

Stats:

- We had 98 credits completed and 75 students enrolled in the program.
- Special Education Summer Classes had 88 students participate.
- Over 340 elementary students and 55 middle school students participated in General Education Summer School
- 25 teacher cadets helped with the summer program



Summer Early Child Care

Stats:

- ~ 93 Kids enrolled in SACC (School Age Child Care)
- ~ 47 Enrolled in Summer Preschool
- ~ 15 SACC employees are working
- ~ 10 Preschool employees

Field Trips/Fun Things:

- Went to St. Clair County 4-H Fair and Goodells Splash Pad
- Macomb Township Indoor Pool
- Bowling
- Lake St Clair Metro Park Nature Center & Picnic
- Clay Township Splash Pad
- Dan the Creature Man Visit
- Celebrated Christmas in July for 2 weeks with fun activities & crafts
- Guess the Peep flavor (Taste Testing)
- Celebrated National Ice Cream day and made sundaes
- Daily Question of the Day
- Stevens Puppets (Marionette Show)



Dan the Creature Man



Saint Clair County 4-H Fair



Outdoor Games & Activities



Lake St Clair Metro Park Nature Center



Water Fun at ECC

Kids also enjoyed new supplies from the 2022 Summer Childcare Stabilization Grant that included outdoor toys, craft supplies and more!

New for 2023-24 School Year - The Early Child Care Center will have a 3- and 4-year-old split aged preschool class geared toward children who may be eligible for young fives. It will be held twice a week for 3 hours. They will also have a preschool literacy night this school year for preschool families.



School Age Child Care - S.A.C.C.

Summer Pop-Up Classes



Aerodynamics and Drone Flying



Kids Cooking Classes



Airplanes and Rockets



Egg Week - Cooking Class



Lego Cars



Theatre Camp

Anchor Bay expanded our summer programs by offering Summer Pop-Up Classes. Parents signed up before the end of the school year for a wide-range of classes offered throughout the summer. Here are the classes held this summer:

- ABHS CTE Teacher Mr. Black taught two engineering classes, Design & Modeling Bootcamp and Aerodynamics / Drone Flight Bootcamp.
- Elementary Teacher Mrs. Studley held two kids cooking classes. Students learned to make fun and exciting foods without the oven. Students also got an apron to decorate and keep.
- Middle School Project Lead the Way Teacher Mrs. Newman held two Medical Detectives classes. In Vital Signs, students learned all about vital signs and how to take them. They learned how to use a stethoscope and sphygmomanometer (gauge and cuff) to take blood pressure. The other session was "What Makes You, You?". Students explored DNA and their own fingerprints.
- JROTC Instructor Sergeant Quintana held an Airplanes and Rockets class. Students learned what makes airplanes fly and why aerodynamics of airplanes and rockets are important. They also built their own balsa wood airplane and model rocket to fly and launch them both!
- Elementary Literacy Specialist Mr. Studley held two sessions of Lego car building fun. Each student was able to build and take home one car per session.
- Culinary Art Paraprofessional Ms. Saunders hosted Summer Chef Camp. The first class did "Egg Week." Students learned to scramble eggs, make omelets and crepes. The second session made alfredo sauce and rolls. The third session made Ambrosia Salad and decorated cookies.
- STEM Teacher Mrs. Brandal did two sessions of Lego Spike Camps. The Lego SPIKE Essential camp provided students with STEAM-focused, hands-on activities that include math, programming, language arts, and science concepts. Each day, students worked on teambuilding and Lego building challenges.
- ABHS's Auditorium Technician Mr. Belfry held a two-week Theatre Camp. Students had a chance to enhance their acting and singing skills working towards a performance of MTI's Broadway Jr Revue: Raise Your Voice!

Free School Meals for 2023-2024



Thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program, Anchor Bay is excited to offer 1 FREE breakfast and 1 FREE lunch each school day, to all students during the 2023-2024 School Year! All smart snacks and extra entrees will remain at cost. Although meals are free this school year, it is important for families to still fill out the Free/Reduced Meal Application! This information is still used for important state funding that helps support educational programs within your school and also helps qualify students for Summer EBT benefits. To apply for free/reduced meals, please visit our online site at anchorbay.familyportal.cloud and click on the benefit tab.

Vote on Tuesday, November 7th

Anchor Bay School District has an important issue on the November 7th ballot. Residents will vote on a Non-Homestead millage renewal. **This is not a tax increase.** It has no effect on primary homeowners. It maintains the current tax levy collected on nonhomestead properties through 2034. Please review the following frequently asked questions to be sure you are an informed voter on Tuesday, November 7th.



Frequently Asked Questions

Will the millage renewal cost the homeowner?

No, there is no additional cost to primary homeowners. This 18-mill request ensures that the district can continue to levy the previously approved 18 mills, only on non-homestead properties.

Why does the ballot language indicate that the millage is being renewed by 18.9687 mills?

By law the District may only levy 18 mills for the Non-Homestead Millage. The additional .9687 mills will be held back as a hedge against future Headlee rollbacks.

Will this increase taxes on Non-Homestead properties?

Non-homestead properties will continue to pay the same 18 mills they paid in 2023, and the district will receive full funding from the State.

What are non-homestead properties?

Non-homestead properties include second homes, local businesses and industrial, commercial or rental properties.

Why do school districts have to hold elections for non-homestead properties?

As a result of Michigan's school funding structure detailed in Proposal A, districts are required to collect 18 mills on nonhomestead properties locally for the district to receive its full per-pupil foundation amount from the State. The law requires voters to approve the collection of the 18 mills.

Who can vote in this election?

All residents in the Anchor Bay School District who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day and are registered to vote.

When is the election?

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 7th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballot Language

Anchor Bay School District Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Anchor Bay School District, Macomb and St. Clair Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 18.9687 mills (\$18.9687 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2025 is approximately \$5,940,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2024 levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

Annual Required Notifications

The following notices are required by law for Anchor Bay School District to publish annually to its community. The notices make community members aware of their rights in regard to directory information, education records, pupil rights, etc.

Directory Information

The federal law known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- 1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 30 days after the day the School District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their education records should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The principal or designee will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- 2) The right to request the amendment of education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School District to amend their child's or their education record should submit a written request to the school principal, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed and specifying why they believe it should be changed. If the School District decides not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student at the time they are notified of the right to a hearing.
- 3) The right to provide written consent before the School District discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A designated school official with a legitimate educational interest includes a person employed by the School District as an administrator, teacher, or other person designated by the Board of Education. A school official also includes a liaison officer who, while not employed by the School District, may be granted access to student educational records (including video footage) at the direction and supervision of a school administrator. A school official also may include a contractor or consultant who, while not employed by the School District, performs an institutional service or function (such as design and maintenance of the School District's security camera system) for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the School District with respect to the use and maintenance of personally identifiable information from student education records.
- 4) The right to refuse to allow the disclosure of "directory information". The word "parents," when used in these Annual Notifications includes legal guardians and, where required by law, those acting in the place of parents. "Directory information" regarding a student may be released to any requesting person or party, in addition to the eligible student or his/her parent, without written consent. The Board of Education has defined "directory information" to include a student's: Name; Address and telephone number; Photograph; Birth date and place of birth; Participation in School District related programs and extracurricular activities; Academic awards and honors; Height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; Honors and awards; and Dates of attendance and date of graduation. In the event inconsistency exists between the Board of Education policy defining "directory information" and this annual notification, the policy prevails.

Each year, the Superintendent, or his/her designee, will provide public notice to students and parents of the School District's intent to make directory information available to students and parents. Common uses for students' directory information, which include, but are not limited to: a student's name, address and telephone number; a student's photograph; a student's birth date and place of birth; a student's participation in School

District related programs and extracurricular activities; a student's academic awards and honors; a student's height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; a student's honors and awards; and a student's dates of attendance and date of graduation. If you do not want the School District to release your or your student's directory information, you may. Eligible students and parents may refuse to allow the School District to disclose any or all of such directory information upon written notification to the School District within thirty (30) days after receipt of the School District's public notice. Parents may submit written notification to the building principal of their child's school and/or fill out the attached FERPA Opt-Out Form.

- 5) The right to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-5280.

Nondiscrimination

No person may be denied admission to any school in the School District, be denied the benefits of or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, or other School District program or activity based on the person's gender, religion, race, color, national origin or ancestry, age, disability, marital status, or any other legally protected characteristic. The Board of Education has adopted a Discrimination and Harassment Policy which prohibits all forms of illegal harassment and discrimination within the School District. Any person who believes that he/she has been the victim of discrimination may seek resolution of his/her complaint through the procedures that have been established by the School District. A person wishing to pursue a complaint may also contact the School District's Civil Rights Compliance Officer, (the Special Education Supervisor at 586-725-2861, or visit the Special Education offices at 5201 County Line Road, Casco 48064, during regular business hours (8a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

Under the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) and School District policy, no student will be required as a part of the school program or the School District's curriculum, without prior parental consent, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family;
- Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships;
- Legally-recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; or
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure, or use of student information for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys"), and certain physical examinations and screenings. Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will be given access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: Student Privacy Policy Office U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

Public Pesticide Application Notice

The Board of Education has adopted a policy to provide students and staff with an environment that is free of pests, pesticides, and harmful chemicals to the extent required by law. The Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) includes routine inspections or surveys of all school facilities and various strategies to prevent pests from becoming a problem. Pesticides are used only as a last resort and parents will be notified prior to a pesticide application in a school building or on school grounds.

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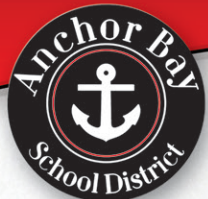
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Nondiscrimination Policy

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The American with Disability Act of 1990, and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Anchor Bay School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or employment. For information, contact Human Resources, 5201 County Line Re., Suite 100, Casco, MI 48064, (586) 725-2861.



2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Subject to Change

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| Aug. 29 • Professional Development Day -
No Students in Attendance | Jan. 24 • Half Day Middle School and High School,
PM Teacher Records Day |
| Aug. 30 • Professional Development Day -
No Students in Attendance | Jan. 25 • Half day for all Students, PM Teacher Records Day |
| Sept. 5 • Student First Day - Half Day for all Students,
PM Teacher Work Day | Jan. 26 • Half day for all Students,
End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester |
| Nov. 3 • End of 1st Quarter | Feb. 16-19 • No School -Mid-Winter Break |
| Nov. 7 • No School -Election Day | Feb. 20 • School Resumes |
| Nov. 10 • Half Day Elementary Students | Mar. 25-Apr. 1 • No School -Spring Break |
| Nov. 17 • Half Day All Students | Apr. 2 • School Resumes |
| Nov. 20-21 • Professional Development Day -
No Students in Attendance | Apr. 5 • End of 3rd Quarter |
| Nov. 22-24 • No School - Thanksgiving Break | May 8 • Professional Development Day -
No Students in Attendance |
| Nov. 27 • School Resumes | May 27 • No School -Memorial Day |
| Dec. 25-Jan 2 • No School - Winter Break | June 5 • Half Day Middle and High School,
PM Teacher Records Day |
| Jan. 3 • School Resumes | June 6 • Half Day for all Students, PM Teacher Records Day |
| Jan. 15 • No School MLK Day -
Teacher Professional Development Day | June 7 • Last day of School - Half Day for all
Students, End of 4th Quarter & 2nd Semester |

New Year, New Anchor Bay High School Logo

Anchor Bay High School is sporting a new logo after a community-wide vote, and is already the centerpiece to our refinished gym floor. Anchor Bay will be giving away 10,000 car decals! They are available at every school's office. Feel free to pick one up. Go Tars!!!

