



ANCHOR BAY TODAY

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

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Message From the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members,

It is with deepest gratitude that I thank our community and voters for their faith in our district through the recent passage of the school bond. The funds will prove vital to modernizing our buildings with the latest in security features and efficiencies. This will make us ready for the challenge of educating students in 2023 and beyond.

We have already begun work on some of the security features by installing door barriers in all classrooms, and will shortly begin the process of updating our door access controls and security cameras. The first project slated for completion will be the high school as we move the high school programs from Middle School South to the high school campus. This will mean the addition of a new student-run restaurant, a welding lab, a new auto shop, a robotics center, and a revamp of most of the other career and technical education spaces.

Similarly, we will be expanding our after-school and summer programming as we work on building our partnerships with New Baltimore and Chesterfield through the use of our Aquatic Center and surrounding schools to provide more community programming. I believe these partnerships will create many new opportunities for students and families to take part in educational and athletic programming.

As work progresses, we will share our planning and progress with the community and encourage people to share their thoughts for future phases of construction as well as feedback on projects as they progress. We will begin the process with a

Community Bond Kick-Off Event on March 6 at 6pm in the board room at MacDonald Elementary School. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Sherrie DiCristofaro at 586-725-2861. This meeting will cover the next steps in the process and will begin a series of visits to other districts so people can see what newer classrooms, libraries, and career areas look like in recently completed projects.

Once again, thank you from all the staff of Anchor Bay Schools. We look forward to sharing our progress and reaching new heights for the district as we continue to build a new day in the bay.

Phil Jankowski
Superintendent



A new day in the Bay

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Makerspace at Middle School South a Huge Success

What if you had the opportunity to design and create any project that came to mind? The Makerspace at Middle School South allowed students to do just that during first semester. Simply put, a makerspace is a place where you can make things. It's a place for hands-on learning with all the tools for creativity.

The class at South started out with classroom projects to get students familiar with the resources. Students learned how to use the cutting edge classroom tools such as 3D Printers, Glowforge Laser Printers, Raspberry Pi Programming equipment, and standard tools like drills and glue guns. After the first quarter, students were set free to design and create their own projects. Students had to create prototypes with cardboard and have teacher approval to go forward. Students were not limited to the classroom tools and could create whatever they wanted... the only catch, they had to figure out how to make their projects and not rely on a teacher to take them through it step-by-step.

What came to be were amazing and practical creations! One student learned how to knit with large gauge yarn from watching Youtube videos. Students created woodworking projects including bird houses, basketball racks, softball displays, shelves, and book trees. Other projects were sold in the school store like 3-D printed dice and made-to-order customized acrylic drink coasters and nametags.

The pilot class at MSS was a huge success with additional sections being planned for next school year.



The first building challenge as a class was to see who could design the best marble run for distance.



ABHS HOSA Club Earns 1st Place in Gift of Life Challenge

Congratulations to the Anchor Bay HOSA Club for achieving 1st Place in the Gift of Life Competition!

Our HOSA Club is committed to saving and healing lives. Congratulations to our Anchor Bay High School students for registering the most new donors to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry during the competition.





FALL 2022 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

We asked the coaches from each Fall sport to share their season's highlights. Here's the responses:



BOYS SOCCER

- Elite 8 (Regional Finalist)-3rd year in a row.
- Won 3rd straight District Championship
- Won 3rd straight MAC Red Championship
- Recognized as a National All Academic Team (3.46 Team GPA)
- Recognized as an ALL State Academic Team



FOOTBALL

- Senior quarterback Luke Hall broke the following school records:
 - Passing yards in a game (335) against GPS
 - Passing yards in a season (1761)
 - Passing yards in a career (2951)
 - Passing TDs in a season (18)
 - Passing TDs in a career (27)
- Senior Kicker Kaden Thomas broke the school record with a 44 yard field goal against Grosse Pointe South.
- Largest Senior Class Of Football Players In School History 31



VOLLEYBALL

- 9-3 season record and 20-12 overall record.
- Payton Lee broke our school block record with 105 blocks.
- Seniors playing in college:
 - Michelle Domey at Aquinas
 - Payton Lee at Niagara University
 - Lexi Smith at Oakland University
 - Brooklyn Ludwig at Macomb Community College.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

- Champions of James Cleverley Friday Night Invite held at ABHS on Homecoming Friday, finishing 33 points ahead of the runner-up team.
- Fifth place trophy at Macomb County Championships
- Two All-Macomb County runners:
 - Thomas Westphal (2nd)
 - Zach Rubicz (8th)
- Junior Thomas Westphal set a new 5k school record of 15:14 at the Shepherd Blue Jay Elite Invitational, eclipsing the previous record set in 1983. Went on to earn All-State Division 1 honors by placing 4th at state finals.

DANCE

- Team Captains, Thalia Guzman/Gabby Rose
- DTU Summer Camp Awards: Highest Scoring Award, Artistry Award, Packs a Punch Award
- DTU: 1st place Alexandria Ruth, 1st place Lainey Bliss/Reese Jenks, 2nd place Vitina DiGiuseppe, 2nd place team Jazz, 2nd place team Pom
- Reaction Dance Force: GRAND REGIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1st place team Jazz, Dance Force: 1st place Lainey Bliss/Reese Jenks, 2nd place Vitina DiGiuseppe, 3rd place Alexandria Ruth, 3rd place team Pom
- DTU: Best Technique, 2nd place team Jazz, 3rd place team Pom, 3rd place Vitina DiGiuseppe, 4th place Morgan Schwarze



Instrumental Music Update

The Anchor Bay Instrumental Music Department continues its tradition of excellence! The Anchor Bay High School Marching Tars earned Straight 1st Division (Superior) Ratings at Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 16 Marching School Band and Orchestra Festival the fall. The assessment reflects all A's in Music, all A's in Marching, and all A+'s in General Effect Showmanship! **This marks the 24th consecutive year of First Division ratings at Marching Festival!**

Anchor Bay also had students participate in the Oakland University Honor Band, Oakland University Youth Brass Band, and the MSBOA District 16 Honors Band. All great experiences and major accomplishments!



Congratulations to these outstanding musicians who represented Anchor Bay High School at the MSBOA District 16 Honors Band performances: Aiden Evans, Jack Jakubisin, Melissa Kret, Jacob Seger, and Sadie Peddycord represented Anchor Bay in the Upperclassman Band while Emily Bokano, Gavin Billore, and Logan Tokarski were in the Underclassman Band.

Band Alumni Alert!!!



Stephen Zarlinski, Anchor Bay Bands Alumni, represented at the 2022 CFP National Championship Game!

DECA, JROTC, and BPA All Receive Accolades at Their Respective Competitions



January was a great month for our CTE Teams/Clubs competing district and regional competitions.

DECA

Anchor Bay High School's 50-member DECA Chapter had 28 District Champions who are moving on to States, and several medalist in Role-Play and Comprehensive Exams at the District 7 Conference that took place on January 7th. DECA is for students who are interested in careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.



JROTC

The Anchor Bay High School JROTC Drill Team competed at Springfield High School in Ohio this month. There were ten teams competing at the event so competition was tough, but, overall, the cadets did wonderfully. Gabrielle Chunn 1st place in the armed knockout. Gabrielle Chunn earned 4th place in the unarmed knockout.

BPA - Business Professionals of America

BPA members attended the Region 4 BPA Competition at Walsh College this month. BPA encompasses all areas of business and networking, and there were over 200 students from 10 schools competing in a variety of events. Anchor Bay had two teams receive second place, and thirteen students place in the top 5 for individuals including Aubrey Szewczyk, Roland Vermiglio, Michele Lentini, and Tristan Duffey earning 1st place in their events. Those teams and individuals are eligible to attend the State Conference in March.





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Elementary Career Day

In October, Anchor Bay hosted an Elementary Career Day. All 4th and 5th graders went to a Career Fair at the high school. They had the opportunity to ask questions to over 40 different stations. There was a huge range of careers represented. Food industry, various medical fields, first responders, military, engineering, media, accounting, and even a dog trainer were on hand to talk to the students about their fields of expertise.

Students had a worksheet and were asked to learn about three different career fields during their visit. Most students spoke to a lot more than the assignment asked for! Not only did our students enjoy the Career Fair, the vendors also talked about how great it was to have this opportunity to share with students. They were impressed by the awesome questions our kids asked. One cool fact about the event, most of the adults who came to the Career Fair were either Anchor Bay alumni or have kids in our district. We are a district that keeps on giving back to our kids!!



Students could ask questions, but also got a hands-on experience with some of the equipment used in various fields.



Anchor Bay High School presents **CAREER FAIR** and Career and Technical Education Showcase



A Wonderful opportunity to speak one on one
to professionals in all sorts of careers
and walks of life

Anchor Bay High School
Thursday, March 16, 2023
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

6319 County Line Road • Fair Haven, MI 48023

CONTACT 586-648-2525 EXT. 2332 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Open to Public



2022-23 Calendar

Get all Calendar Events on our website
www.anchorbay.misd.net.
 Dates are Subject to Change

Save the Date

March 6, 2023

6pm at MacDonald Elementary

Community Bond Kick-Off

RSVP to Sherrie DiCristofaro
at 586-725-2861.

Feb. 17 - 20	No School – Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 21	School Resumes
April 3 - 7	No School – Spring Break
April 10	School Resumes
May 2	Professional Development Day – No Students in Attendance
May 26	Half day for all students
May 29	No School – Memorial Day
June 7	Half Day Middle and High School – Exams (PM Teacher Records Day), Full Day Elementary
June 8	Half Day All Students – Middle and High School Exams (Teacher Records Day)
June 9	Last day of School – Half Day for all Students – Middle and High School Exams, (Teacher Early Release)

Don't Miss an Important Message!

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. Our families can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587. You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



Students at Ashley Elementary having fun in the snow!

School Closing Information can also be found on your local television stations, district social media pages including Facebook and Instagram, and the district website:

www.anchorbay.misd.net

2023-2024 School Year

New Student including Kindergarten Enrollment & Schools of Choice Application Window Opens February 16th!

Excited to join the Anchor Bay family?
 We are excited to have you!

Our online enrollment system will open to new students on February 16th for next school year. Information can be found on our website. Just click on one of the "Enrollment" icons!





Kindergarten Registration &

Schools of Choice for the
2023-2024 School Year

3 Options for Kindergarten-Age Children

Kindergarten

- A full-day program option
- Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year in which they plan on attending Kindergarten.

Half-Day Kindergarten

- Students continue on to Kindergarten or 1st Grade the following year based on progress.

Full-day and half-day curriculum is based on the Michigan Standards for Kindergarten.

Young Fives

- Young Fives is a full day program.
- Designed for children turning 5 years old between June 1st and December 1st.
- The Young Fives curriculum is based on the Michigan Standards for Kindergarten modified to meet the foundational academic, social/emotional, and developmental needs for younger children.
- Students will enter Kindergarten the following school year.

Enrollment information:

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Save the Date: Kindergarten Readiness Night

Thursday, March 23rd - 6 pm
Anchor Bay High School
Auditorium

Kindergarten parents are encouraged to join us for a Kindergarten Readiness Night. Teachers and administrators will be on hand to answer questions and go through our annual Kindergarten Readiness presentations.

