

ANCHOR BAY

HIGH SCHOOL

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Fair Haven, MI 48023

NEWSLETTER

November 2025
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ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT: *"Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world."*

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Anchor Bay High School Newsletter

2025-26 NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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



NOVEMBER 4TH NO SCHOOL – ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 13th AP REGISTRATION DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 14TH SENIORS DEADLINE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR YEARBOOK

NOVEMBER 20-21 HALF DAY ALL STUDENTS EXAM DAYS

NOVEMBER 20TH 1/2 DAY "EXAMS" (1ST, 2ND, & 3RD HOUR)

NOVEMBER 21ST 1/2 DAY "EXAMS" (4TH, 5TH, & 6TH HOUR)

NOVEMBER 21ST END OF FIRST TRIMESTER

NOVEMBER 24-25 PD DAY NO STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 26-28 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER 2ND REPORT CARDS IN PARENT PORTAL



- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

ABHS BREAKFAST & TARDY NOTICES

**Please be aware that the breakfast serving line will be closing at 7:15 AM each day, starting Wednesday, November 15th, 2025. This change is intended to ensure that all students have adequate time to reach their classes on time.

**ABHS will also be starting random tardy sweeps to help encourage students to get to class on time. If a student is "caught" in a sweep they will receive a 1 hour detention.

HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:17 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	1 ST HOUR
8:21 A.M. – 9:19 A.M.	2 ND HOUR
9:25 A.M. – 10:23 A.M.	3 RD HOUR
10:29 A.M. – 11:57 A.M.	4 TH HOUR
A LUNCH 10:29 A.M. – 10:55 A.M.	
B LUNCH 11:00 A.M. – 11:26 A.M.	
C LUNCH 11:31 A.M. – 11:57 P.M.	
12:03 P.M. – 1:01 P.M.	5 TH HOUR
1:07 P.M. – 2:09 P.M.	6 TH HOUR

It's a Great Day to be a Tar!



#TarSpirit



REMINDERS

Anchor Bay High School Website

If you need information relating to Anchor Bay High School, please be sure to go to <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/schools/high-school/> . Here you will find Communications, Daily Announcements, Weekly Schedule, Calendar Events, and much more.



No School—Election Day

Tuesday, November 4th
No Students in Attendance

SCHOOL MESSENGER

If you would like to receive text messages from Anchor Bay School District, send a text message to (67587) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message.

- If you are already receiving text message from Anchor Bay School District no further action is required.
- For more information you can visit <http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/>

ABHS REPORT CARDS



Tuesday, December 2nd

ABHS Report Cards
will be in Parent Portal.



**November 24 -25
Professional
Development
Day—No Students
in Attendance**



**No School—Thanksgiving Break
November 26—28**



COUNSELING INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

If you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam. Every year students and parents are defrauded by scholarship scams. Scam operations often imitate legitimate government agencies, grant-giving foundations, education lenders and scholarships matching services, using official-sounding names containing words like "National", "Federal," "Foundation" or "Administration."

Visit: www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml to learn how to identify such scholarship scams. In general, be wary of scholarships with an application fee, scholarship matching services

TAKE A LOOK AT SEVERAL COLLEGES WHEN LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need scholarship help to attend college, don't limit yourself by applying to just one or two schools. Competitive universities usually don't come knocking on your door offering scholarship monies like some of our other fine universities in Michigan. Many of them offer generous packages that are based on merit, not need. Students looking for scholarship help should apply to several schools to see which ones may offer help. Go to the colleges' websites to look at their scholarship offerings. Aggressive, timely research by students and parents is essential in the scholarship search. Be sure to check <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/schools/high-school/counseling-center/scholarships/>

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 \(Click Here\)](#)



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



ABHS CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

We have a closed campus policy at Anchor Bay High School which means that students are required to stay in school during lunch hour. Students may not exit the cafeteria during lunch without permission since classes are in session.

Reminder: No outside food is allowed to be delivered to the school for student lunches.



SAFETY & SECURITY

Door Entry / Exit Policy: The North and South doors will be open each day at 6:40 a.m. and closed/locked at 7:15 a.m. If you arrive before or after those designated times you will have to enter through the front main entrance. Upon entering the building, all visitors must come to the

Main Entrance (Door #1) and report to the security office.



ADVANCE PLACEMENT (AP) ABHS



[AP Parent Informational Slide Show](#)



AP Parent Meeting Video (Recorded Meeting: <https://youtube.com/live/uA53w9XfMgo?feature=share>)

AP testing this school year will look different for all students, parents, and staff. AP registration is now open for all students.

November 13, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. is the deadline for registration for AP exams without a late fee.

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 Victoria Smilnak at ysmilnak@abs.misd.net.



PARKING PASSES

Anchor Bay High School Parking Passes are being sold, please see Kristin Anderson in Room S206. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kristin Anderson at kristinanderson@abs.misd.net.



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>



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 Security Office and sign the student out.
2. If the student has a vehicle at school the Parent/guardian can call the school and speak to a secretary. A secretary will then call the student out of class and sign them out.



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DRESS CODE

Students should dress and groom in good taste and in a manner that will do honor to Anchor Bay High School and themselves. Student dress should be clean, safe, and not disruptive to the educational process.



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.

ANCHOR BAY FOOD SERVICE

[ANCHOR BAY FOOD SERVICE](#)

Please click here for more information.

[Anchor Bay High School 2025—2026 Lunch Menu](#)



GENERAL NOTICES

CALLING ALL VENDORS!
SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 15

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARTY & VENDOR EXTRAVAGANZA! 9:00AM-1:00PM
ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL
6319 COUNTY LINE RD., FAIR HAVEN, MI



Join us for Anchor Bay High School's Student Activities Graduation Party & Vendor Extravaganza!
We are providing a **one-stop shopping experience** for all **graduation celebration** needs and of course, **holiday shopping!**

Please fill out the vendor registration form to be a part of this event!



Contact kristinanderson@abs.misd.net for any questions!

Registration form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/JDCYQXt7vY>



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ABHS National Honor Society is hosting a fundraiser night at Buffalo Wild Wings!

Join us ALL DAY Wednesday Nov 5th, 2025 from 11am-11pm 20% of your bill will be donated to ABHS NHS Chapter! You must show the flyer (see attached photo)

We hope to see you there!



FUNDRAISER

Buffalo Wild Wings® strives to support our community and the organizations and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and keep our community working and playing together.

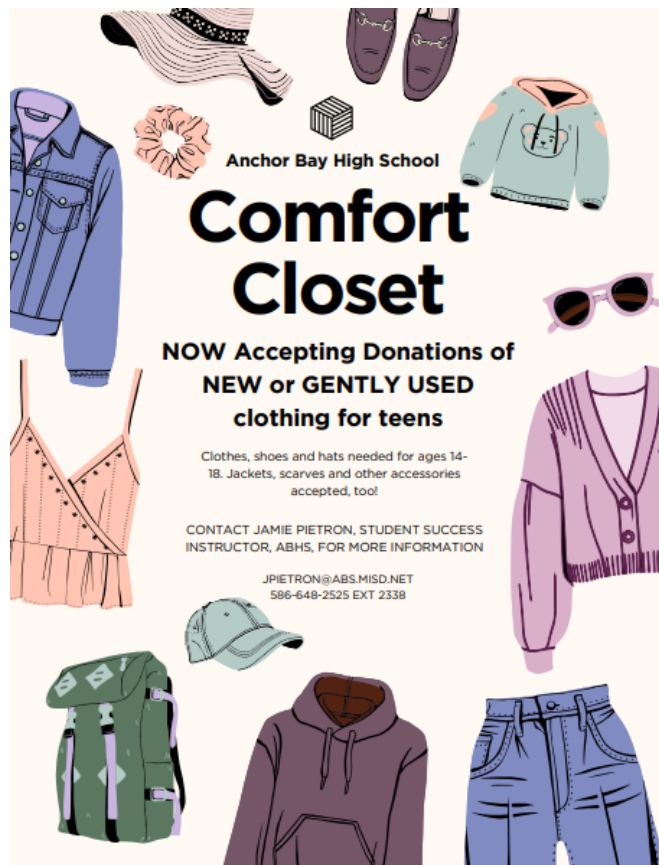
On the day listed below, present this ticket physically or digitally to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 20% of your total bill back to your organization (not valid on web or third-party delivery orders).

Anchor Bay National Honor Society
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 • ALL DAY
Valid at: 51346 Gratiot Avenue | Chesterfield, MI
586.349.9464

FUNDRAISER
TICKET



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Anchor Bay High School

Comfort Closet

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

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

CONTACT JAMIE PIETRON, STUDENT SUCCESS INSTRUCTOR, ABHS, FOR MORE INFORMATION

JPIETRON@ABS.MSD.NET
586-648-2525 EXT 2338

Anchor Bay High School Comfort Closet

In a compassionate effort to ensure students have access to basic needs, our high school will be equipped with a free store known as the "Comfort Closet." Students will have the opportunity to visit the "Comfort Closet" with the assistance of their school social worker or counselor. The goal is to provide students with items that may not be available to them outside of school, remove the burden of fitting in, and promote a culture of giving in our community and among our students.

The "Comfort Closet" will be stocked solely with donated items and completely funded by contributions. 100% of all donations will benefit this project. Individuals, churches, businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate by providing the following approved items:

Hygiene	Clothing and Related	Snacks and Miscellaneous
• Shampoo • Conditioner • Lice-Killing Shampoo • Deodorant • Bath Soap • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Hairbrushes • Combs • Mouthwash • Tissues • Flushable Wipes • Feminine Products • Kleenex • Contact Solution • Hair Ties • Q Tips • Face Soap • Toilet Paper • Mouthwash • Dental Floss • Loofas • Chapstick • Lotion	• Socks • Underwear • New clothing and shoes • New winter coats • Scarves/hats/gloves • Laundry detergent • Dryer Sheets • Slippers • Boots • Towels • Washcloths • Blankets • Sheets/Pillowcases *Gently used clothing may be accepted. Please contact Jamie Pietron for further information. 	• Individually pre-packaged snacks • Reusable shopping bags • Water Bottles • Drawstring Bags • School supplies • Calculators • Ear buds • Gift Cards

You can find many of these items on the Amazon Wish List Link below. Items will be delivered directly to ABHS.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/TW7R19K1SNV8?ref=wl_share

For further information regarding drop off, please contact Student Success Instructor, Jamie Pietron at jpietron@abs.msd.net or 586-648-2525 extension 2338.



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INFORMATION ON LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

With the impending lapse in SNAP funding beginning this Saturday November 1, SNAP families will not be getting their benefits loaded on their Bridge cards for November. Please see the information below regarding local programs available to support families in need during the government shutdown.

Here are several links that can help:

[Macomb Community Food Resources](#)

<https://www.uwstclair.org/Food>

Gleaners Mobile Pantry Drive Up Distribution Events

<https://pantrynet.org/mobile-distribution-events/>

Forgotten Harvest Mobile Pantry locations

<https://www.forgottenharvest.org/find-food/>

Michigan 211 Food Assistance Programs and locations

<https://mi211.org/food-assistance>



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Congratulation to our Anchor Bay students who earned second place in statewide poster design contest, [click here](#) for more details.



[Congrats](#) to our ABHS boys soccer team on defeating Dakota High School tonight with a score of **1-0** to become **District Champions!**



On 9/25, Sergeant Kevin Bailey from the Shelby Police Department was a guest speaker at John McPhee's cyber security class. He spoke on how detectives use technology to collect evidence and convict criminals. Sergeant Bailey also shared some real-life stories, which the students found really interesting.



GENERAL NOTICES



DRAMA

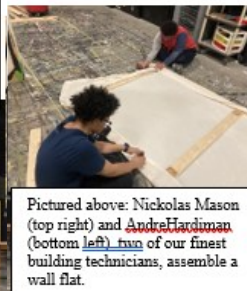


Preparation for the fall show *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman, is in full swing at Anchor Bay High School's Performing Arts Center! Our production will feature approximately forty Anchor Bay students' work both on and off the stage. Please plan to come out and support our program and recognize our students for their spectacular efforts and achievements!



Pictured above: Kaylee Coltman, one of our assistant directors, offers encouragement to actor Griffin Smith in preparation for his role as Mr. Van Daan.

Pictured below: (from left to right) Michaela Pawl (our Anne Frank), Olivia Giem (our Margot, Anne's sister), and Rosa Palomba (our Miep) diligently rehearse their scene.



Pictured above: Nickolas Mason (top right) and AndreHardman (bottom left) two of our finest building technicians, assemble a wall flat.

Pictured below: London Hudgins, an invaluable asset to the program as a props technician, paints up a storm.



Pictured above: Melissa Jablonski, our beloved head of costumes, takes time to help out our hair designers for the show.

Our show will open on Thursday, November 13th, run Friday November 14th, and close Saturday, November 15th with curtain at 7:00 pm each evening. Tickets are \$10 for students, seniors, and military and \$15 for adults. If planning to attend, tickets may be purchased in advance through the ludus.com website; tickets will also be sold at the box office each evening prior to curtain. Attendees may also purchase reserved (V.I.P.) seating in advance for \$25 each which enables our guests to choose their seats and enjoy limited complimentary concessions. Contact a production member or Mrs. Battice for more information. Please support our students and the arts at Anchor Bay!

The pre-production meetings for the winter competitive one act show will be held following the close of our fall production; students wishing to be a part of this show must attend one of the two meetings which will be held Wednesday December 4th and Thursday December 5th from 2:15 until 3:00 pm in room E119. We look forward to another amazing traveling show with all of our new and returning members!

Please contact Ms. Battice at dbattice@abs.misd.net or at (596) 648-2525 extension 2360 for further information. We truly appreciate your support of speaking, interpretation, and theatre at our high school!



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ABHS Air Force Junior ROTC



AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC NEWS

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Laura Laskowski

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

During the month of October, the Anchor Bay High School JROTC has continued to demonstrate their dedication to both drill and their community. At the beginning of the month, the JROTC color guard performed at the Macomb Community College naturalization ceremony. This event was very important for our corps and for the people who attended. This month our cadets have also been selling chocolate to raise funds for the program. This demonstrates one of our core values, service before self, where cadets focus on improving the program in their own time. Near the end of October, our corps commanders released new corps goals for the entire program to follow. We are looking forward to accomplishing the following:

Cadet Goals:

- 1) 85% of cadets should have a minimum of average of a "B" on progress checks for their non-JROTC classes at the end of the trimester.
- 2) 90% of cadets maintain a minimum grade of A- in JROTC.
- 3) The corps holds at least 2 Kitty Hawk tutoring sessions per month.

School Goals:

- 1) Recruit a minimum of 10 new cadets in the 2025-2026 school year.
- 2) Retain at least 85% of cadets that started their 2025 school year enrolled in AFJROTC.
- 3) Partner with another school organization every two months.

Community:

- 1) Complete a minimum of 125 hours of community service per month as a corps.
- 2) Hold at least one outreach event between JROTC units, not including drill meets or drill events by the end of the second trimester.
- 3) Expand our program's social media presence by renewing our school and Weebly pages to be more accessible and informative by January 1, 2026.

Now, JROTC isn't all service! Our cadets held a party as a celebration of the month and Halloween. We managed to accomplish a lot this month and hope to do more this November!

If you'd like more information about joining or partnering with AFJROTC, please reach out to our Corps Commander, C/Lt Col Owen Morrow, or the AFJROTC Instructor, Lt Col (ret.) Laura Laskowski at llaskowski@abs.misd.net and 586-648-2525 ext 4319. You can also find recent happenings and pictures on Facebook at Anchor Bay High School Air Force JROTC.



GENERAL NOTICES



REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST WASHING YOUR CAR - NOVEMBER

Did you know there are over four million vehicles in Southeast Michigan? With that many cars and trucks, we all need to practice good car care to protect our lakes and streams.

How does caring for your car affect our waterways? Storm drains found in our streets and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and streams. If dirty water from washing our cars gets into the storm drain, it pollutes our local waterways. This "dirty" water contains pollutants such as grease as dirt, and the soap itself contains phosphorus, which can lead to excessive algae growth in our lakes.

What can you do? Simple.

Make a date. Car-wash facilities treat their dirty water before discharging it to our lakes and streams. So, make a date to take your car to a car wash.

Wash it-on the grass. If you wash your car at home, consider washing it on the lawn. The lawn will gladly soak up the soapy, dirty water preventing it from entering storm drains or roadside ditches. If you can't use the lawn, try to direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain.

Minimize it. Reduce the amount of soap you use or wash your car with plain water.