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

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Teacher Consultant

**Jamie Pietron**  
Student Success



**Anchor Bay High School April Newsletter**

**2024-25 APRIL CALENDAR**




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



- April 4 End of Third Quarter
- April 9 11th Grade SAT/10th Grade PSAT Testing—Dismissal at approximately 11:30 a.m. (No 9th or 12th graders at school)
- April 10 11 ACT WorkKeys/PSAT 9 (1/2 day for 10th and 12th graders—[Schedule Click Here](#))
- April 15 ABHS Report Cards in Parent Portal
- April 18 No School—Good Friday
- April 21 Professional Development Day—No Students in Attendance
- April 24-26 ABHS Drama—Spring Musical Show 7 p.m.



- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -



**ABHS Report Cards**  
**April 15th, 2025**  
**ABHS Report Cards**  
**(available in Parent Portal)**

**SPRING TESTING INFORMATION**

Monday, April 7: Normal School Day  
Tuesday, April 8: Normal School Day  
Wednesday, April 9: PSAT 10 and SAT  
Thursday, April 10: PSAT 9 and ACT WorkKeys  
Friday, April 11: Normal School Day

\*Half-Day in the afternoon for grades 10 & 12\*

See Testing Page 5 for more details.



**Teacher of the Year**

**Congratulations to**  
**Anchor Bay High School**  
**Teacher of the Year . . .**  
**Ms. Anne Harms**

HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE	
7:17 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	1 <sup>ST</sup> HOUR
8:21 A.M. – 9:19 A.M.	2 <sup>ND</sup> HOUR
9:25 A.M. – 10:23 A.M.	3 <sup>RD</sup> HOUR
10:29 A.M. – 11:57 A.M.	4 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR
ALUNCH 10:29 A.M.–10:55 A.M.	
BLUNCH 11:00 A.M.–11:26 A.M.	
CLUNCH 11:31 A.M.–11:57 P.M.	
12:03 P.M. – 1:01 P.M.	5 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR
1:07 P.M. – 2:09 P.M.	6 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR

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## 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.



**ATTENTION SENIORS**—If you have received a college scholarship or award, please be sure to contact the Main Office with this information by April 30th. Please note that scholarship information should only be for the college in which you will be attending in the fall. The office will need this information in order to be in the awards program.



We found that several parents were not receiving text messages from the District notifying them of school cancellation. We checked the reports that are issued by "School Messenger" and found that many of the text messages (SMS) were being reported as BLOCKED. This means that when you received a text message from School Messenger (number: 68453) during the initial set up, no response was sent back. School Messenger assumes that you DO NOT want text messages if they do not receive a response. To correct this, please do the following:

- 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/>

### AFTER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY: SESSION #4

8 Week Program  
March 31-May 22nd (No class on April 9th, April 18th,  
April 21st, April 29th, May 6th)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays  
2:15-3:15  
Media Center

Cost: \$50

Transportation Provided to Home Elementary Schools  
Attendance is Mandatory.

Click on the link to sign up

<https://gofan.co/event/3340974?schoolId=MI89886>



Questions or need financial assistance? Please contact  
Jamie Pietron, Student Success Instructor, or your  
counselor, for more information- [jpietron@abs.misd.net](mailto:jpietron@abs.misd.net)

### ABHS Report Cards

April 15th, 2025



ABHS Report Cards  
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## ABHS Academic Support

NEED ACADEMIC HELP?

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

**Biology After School Drop-In Tutoring:** This is available on **Mondays and Wednesdays** in room S218 with Mrs. Latona. Please email [klatona@abs.misd.net](mailto:klatona@abs.misd.net) for more information.

**Math After School Drop-In Tutoring:** This is available on **Mondays and Thursdays** in room S115 with Mr. Kiehler. Please email [wkiehler@abs.misd.net](mailto:wkiehler@abs.misd.net) for more information.

**Spanish After School Drop-In Tutoring:** This is available on **Mondays and Wednesdays** in room N132 with Ms. Jackson. Please email [sjackson@abs.misd.net](mailto:sjackson@abs.misd.net) for more information.

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



## **ABHS 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.



## **PARKING PASSES**

Anchor Bay High School began parking enforcement on Thursday, September 12, 2024. We will be looking for valid 2024-2025 parking passes displayed in the registered vehicle with the school starting on this day. 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](mailto:kristinanderson@abs.misd.net).





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## SENIOR CAP & GOWNS

Attention Seniors: Senior Cap & Gowns will be handed out on **May 7 & 8th, 2025 during lunches**. GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens should have already been ordered, if not late fees may apply, please go to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) for online orders and click [here](#) for more senior information.



## ABHS SENIOR YARD SIGNS

Senior students interested in purchasing ABHS Senior Yard Signs, please click [here](#) for more details.



## ABHS SENIOR BABY PICTURES

If you would like a baby picture displayed next to a current picture of your senior on a scoreboard slideshow during the beginning of the commencement ceremony at Tars Stadium, please submit the two pictures of your senior using the information below. One picture should be a favorite childhood/baby picture, and one should be of your senior currently. Please submit the pictures to the following email with the **first and last name of your senior(s) as the subject line**:

[kristinanderson@abs.misd.net](mailto:kristinanderson@abs.misd.net) **Picture submissions are due by May 26th, 2025!!**



## ABHS "SENIOR SKIP DAY" IS NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL DAY OFF

Attention Parents: "Senior skip day" is not a recognized holiday or excused absence. A high school senior who chooses to skip school are still considered absent. There is no state-wide recognition or allowance for such a day off.



## 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>



## ANCHOR BAY FOOD SERVICE

Parents—While all students receive free breakfast and lunch we encourage you to still apply for "free or reduced lunch". If you qualify, your child may be eligible for fee waivers or reductions for things like AP testing, SAT testing, and college application fees. In addition, it could help the district receive additional federal funding. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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## ABHS Testing Information



### Important SPRING 2025 Testing Information:

State-mandated testing will begin the week of April 7th (SAT w/Essay, ACT Work Keys, PSAT 10 & PSAT 9). Please use this information to plan vacations around this very important assessment time for your student(s). Juniors (11) will complete the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The MME has three components: the SAT with Essay, the ACT Work Keys, and the M-Step (Science & Social Studies). **Completion of all components is required for graduation from ABHS.**

	Monday 4/7	Tuesday 4/8	Wednesday 4/9	Thursday 4/10	Friday 4/11
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	No School	PSAT 9	Regular School Day
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	PSAT 10	Afternoon Half Day	Regular School Day
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	SAT	ACT Work Keys	Regular School Day
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	No School	Afternoon Half Day	Regular School Day

The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) is offering several SAT Prep courses for Juniors (11). **There is a fee for the course, and you must register through the MISD website (see brochure).** Juniors may also get a copy of the SAT Prep Course brochure from their school counselor.

All grade 10 & 11 students will have an opportunity to sign up for BigFuture School and Connections. BigFuture School is a free mobile app that lets students view their scores and get customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college. Available through the BigFuture School app, Connections™ is a free program exclusively for school day test takers that allows them to hear from non-profit colleges and scholarship programs that may be a good match. If you would prefer that your student **not** sign up for BigFuture School and Connections, please fill out the opt out form below. Filling out the form allows you to opt your student out of providing optional information that is not directly related to the administration of these assessments.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CTMsiUKD7R>

Opting out of BigFuture School and Connections does **not** mean your student is opting out of testing. **State testing is a requirement.**



## COUNSELING INFORMATION

**ATTENTION CLASS OF 2025!**  
**DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR YOUR FUTURE?**  
**APPLY FOR**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS!**



Scan the QR code above to check out local, state,  
and national scholarship opportunities!  
New scholarships added weekly!  
Questions? See your counselor!



Many are due by:  
**APRIL 4TH**  
**2025**

**DON'T WAIT - APPLY TODAY!**



### 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](http://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 that guarantee success, advance-fee loan scams and sales pitches disguised as financial aid seminars.

#### 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/>

#### ABHS TRANSCRIPTS - Ordering Transcripts for College

Anchor Bay has signed up with Parchment by Docufide, an electronic process, to send your transcripts directly to the college of your choice. The counseling office will not be mailing your transcript. Each student must register with Parchment by Docufide and place your request for transcripts to be sent out.

[Parchment—Ordering Transcripts \(Click Here\)](#)



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PROFESSIONALS  
of AMERICA**

## ABHS BPA

Congratulations to all BPA members who attended the State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids. There were over 2,500 attendees competing in over 50 different business events, attending professional workshops, networking with other students, attending the formal dinner and dance. We all had a great time! Congratulations to Lucas Carr who placed first in Financial Math and Analysis. Congratulations to Jackson DeHaan who placed seventh in C# Programming. A special thank you to Mrs Conte who chaperoned the event with us. Thanks for your support, Kristin Anderson and James Wagner.



Buy bedroom sheets, support BPA! Ships right to your home! <https://www.bedsheetfundraising.us/ref/411/>

Help Anchor Bay High School students attend the National Leadership Conference in May for business competition. Each set sold helps raise money! These sheets are super comfortable and are comparable to 1800 thread count. [Click here for flyer.](#)

If you don't need sheets, but you or your business want to support, send a check to Anchor Bay HS-BPA or contact James Wagner to make a donation! Thank you for your support.



## ABHS DECA

### ABHS DECA

The ABHS DECA chapter competed at DECA States 2025 in Detroit. Please [click here](#) for our stats from the competition. Needless to say, we shut it down! We remain one of the top chapters in the state! Sharing the official photo album from the conference, which was put together by our Social Media Team. [Please click here](#) if you'd like to view that. If you do not already, and would like to continue to following along with your students success in our chapter, please follow us on Instagram by [clicking here](#), or Facebook by [clicking here](#). The next stop for our state champions and state finalist is Nationals in Orlando at the end of April.



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## ABHS Mock Trial

### ABHS MOCK TRIAL

Anchor Bay had a very successful Mock Trial year! This year, two teams competed at Regionals. Although each of our teams advanced to the final round, the team did not make it to State Finals. BUT – our courtroom journalists and courtroom artists were invited to States.

AND... our own Abigail Nicholson is the STATE CHAMPION for Courtroom Journalism AND our own Trinity Wood received 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE for Courtroom Artistry (her submission is below).

The Michigan Center for Civic Education held its 42nd Michigan High School Mock Trial Championship, a culmination of a year of regional events, clinics, and companion programs including Courtroom Artistry and Journalism.

Throughout the season, over 70 teams across Michigan showcased their emerging legal skills. In addition, over 20 Courtroom Artists and Journalists documented these trials with their own skills. The Mock Trial season comprises numerous regional events across the state, with the top 12 teams advancing to the state finals, held in Lansing.

The state champion legal team, courtroom artist, and courtroom journalist will represent Team Michigan at the national finals in Phoenix, Arizona, May 7-10, 2025. Throughout the season, over 200 volunteers and 1000 students took part in the events. Thank you for your support, Michelle Donovan





## ABHS Online Ordering

The ABHS School Store has an online ordering site! The link to order is:

<https://themascotshop.jostens.com/1063693>. The proceeds will benefit high school business students.

If you have any questions – please contact James Wagner ([jwagner@abs.misd.net](mailto:jwagner@abs.misd.net)) at the high school.

### Mens, Womens and Youth Sizes!



Check out new styles for students, staff, and alumni to show their AB pride. All items are customizable in color, size and design!



Click here for **Online Ordering!**



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## ABHS Drama/Forensics



Preparations for the spring production, *Mamma Mia!*, continue, and opening night approaches quickly. [Click here](#) for the list of the talented cast, crew, and orchestra members who are involved in this production. Please join us on Thursday, April 24th, Friday April 25th, and/or Saturday, April 26th to enjoy our show with us! Curtain is at 7:00 pm each evening. Tickets are available at the door at \$15 for students, senior citizens, and military and \$20 for adults; tickets may also be purchased in advance at [ludus.com](#). You can also support our program by participating in our fundraisers for this show; place a business ad in our playbill, send a personal ovation, become a patron of the arts, or purchase a reserved (V.I.P.) seat and help to ensure the continued success of our theatre department. Please spread the word to any friends or family whom may also be interested. The deadline for the printing of our playbill comes quickly, so we will need the submission of all ads, patrons, and ovations as expeditiously as possible—no later than. All of these opportunities can be found and purchased through [ludus.com](#). The cast and crew truly appreciate your support of our theatre program at Anchor Bay!

On the forensics front, Anchor Bay has been extremely busy attending tournaments, traveling each weekend to various schools in Michigan. Anchor Bay was represented by five entries at the Ninjatational Forensic tournament hosted by Avondale High School. Our team performed very well with Maddy Alef advancing to semi-finals in Poetry Open. Anchor Bay's team placed third in the Ninja (small entry) division!

The following weekend, Anchor Bay High School forensics team attended the Michigan Speech Coaches Incorporated Forensics competitions hosted by Novi High School and was represented by four entries, two of whom advanced to final round. Ford Overholt placed fourth in the Novice States Dramatic Interpretation event, and Leah Mitchell placed third in the Novice States Prose event. In the open tournament, Maddy Alef advanced to semi-finals. Our team received another team trophy, placing first in the Lilac (small entry) Division.

Most recently, Anchor Bay was represented by three entries at the Warrior Forensic Tournament hosted by Walled Lake Western High School where over 400 students from 31 schools competed. Two of our competitors advanced to final rounds—Maddy Alef placing fifth in Poetry Open and Ford Overholt placing third in Dramatic Interpretation. Our team has brought home another team trophy, placing third overall in the Bronze (small entry) Division. Congratulations to our team on a job well done!

Our next tournament is the regional state qualification tournament which will be held at Frankenmuth High School on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please wish our representatives well and support the team!

Upcoming events include:

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Regional State Qualification Tournament at Frankenmuth High School

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>:** *Mamma Mia!* in the ABHS auditorium

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>:** the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association's State Forensics Tournament at Saginaw Valley State University

**May 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>:** Michigan Speech Coaches Conference and State Forensics Tournament at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island

**May 30<sup>th</sup> (Tentative):** Drama Banquet at Cedar Glen beginning at 5:45 pm

Again, for further information about any of the programs or events at the Anchor Bay Performing Arts Center, contact Ms. Battice at the high school, extension 2360, or by email at [dbattice@abs.misd.net](mailto:dbattice@abs.misd.net).



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## ABHS RELAY FOR LIFE

**COMEDY FOR A CURE**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH**  
HOSTED BY RELAY FOR LIFE OF NORTHEAST MACOMB

  
**BILL BUSHART**

  
**REE LEDBETTER**

  
**MICHAEL CESARO**

**MOTOR CAFE**  
**33151 23 MILE RD, NEW BALTIMORE**

**DOORS OPEN: 6:30**  
**SHOW: 7:30**

**TICKETS: \$25**

**CONTACT VICKI (CALL OR TEXT) WITH  
QUESTIONS, OR TO REGISTER,  
586-557-3358**

**VENMO: @VKLEIN716**

  
**venmo**

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS  
RECOMMENDED**



**21+**

**\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**





# ABHS 2025-2026 ELIGIBILITY POLICY

## ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY (Goes Into Effect for the 2025-2026 School Year)

### POLICY

It is the responsibility of the student to know and adhere to the eligibility code of their school. Participation in extracurricular activities is a student's privilege, not a right, which can be removed at designated times for failure to meet the standards and requirements of Anchor Bay School District. For the purpose of this policy, an extra-curricular activity is defined as any activity that is not part of the required curriculum for a course or is outside the regular course of study. This includes but is not limited to dances, athletic events, clubs, and performances.

**These are the standards which must be met in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity:**

1. Have satisfactory or better citizenship in five (5) of six (6) of their classes.
2. Pass six (6) out of six (6) classes.
3. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 from the previous trimester.
4. Student must adhere to the Anchor Bay Schools Athletic Code of Conduct.

**If a student does not meet all of these standards at progress report and quarter report card time:**

1. The student is ineligible for a period of 1 week (including weekends).- The student will be allowed to sit on the bench, but not participate in games, while ineligible.
2. The student can regain eligibility if he/she submits a progress report signed by each of his/her teachers on Monday of the *following week* which indicates his/her grades have met those standards.

**If a student does not meet all of these standards at the end of the trimester:**

1. Student is ineligible for 60 scheduled school days.
2. A student may be granted a one-time exception to the 2.0 grade point average (GPA) if the student has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Any student who meets the MHSAA eligibility standards (passing 4 out of 6 classes for the trimester) but does not meet the eligibility requirements of Anchor Bay High School for the previous marking period can apply for provisional eligibility by meeting with the Athletic Director (athletes) or Assistant Principal (non-athletes) and developing an Academic Improvement Plan.

The plan must include:

1. A signed contract between the student, their parent(s) or guardian(s), and the athletic director or assistant principal detailing the steps the student must follow in order to work towards improving his or her academic performance.
2. A weekly report of the student's grades must be handed in to the athletic office by the student with:
  - a. Maintenance of grades which are currently above 2.0 must be verified.
  - b. Improvement of grades, which are below 2.0, must be shown.
  - c. Mandatory Attendance at weekly study sessions or lunch-time or after school tutoring.
3. The plan must include provision for:
  - a. Meeting with teacher(s) as appropriate.
  - b. Develop a daily schedule for time management.
  - c. Contact with school support services.

Plans will be developed by the athletic director/faculty on an individual basis. Students will be deemed provisionally eligible once a plan is signed. Failure to comply with the Academic Improvement Plan will result in the student being deemed ineligible for the remainder of the trimester.



## 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, sign them out, and give them a pass.

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### ABHS CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

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

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### 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. The dress code can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).



### STUDENT BOOK DEBTS

Please remind your student that when he/she is assigned a textbook that they return the book to the teacher who issued it to them. Students will sign their initials upon receipt and return of their textbooks. This will ensure that your student will not obtain a book debt at the end of the school year.

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### APPLICATIONS FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS

Parents/guardians may download an application off of the Anchor Bay website under Food Service Department page. Parents can also apply online at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com). Only one application needs to be completed per family each school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service office at 586-598-7663.



## GENERAL NOTICES



### REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST FERTILIZING YOUR LAWN

Storm drains found in our streets and yards empty into our lakes and streams. So, when we fertilize our lawn we could also be fertilizing our lakes and streams! While fertilizer is good for our lawn, it's bad for our water. Fertilizer that enters our lakes and streams can cause algae to grow and use up oxygen that fish need to survive. So what can you do the help? Simple.

**Sweep it.** Sweep excess fertilizer and grass clippings from pavement back onto your lawn so that they don't wash into storm drains.

**Buy low and go slow.** First, find out if you even need fertilizer. Contact your Michigan State University Extension office to get a soil test. If you do need it, choose a fertilizer with no or low phosphorus—phosphorus causes algae growth. You can also use an organic or slow-release nitrogen fertilizer, which causes less harm to water.

**Hire smart.** Select a lawn care service that follows the practices noted above.

**Mow high.** Keep your lawn at three inches in height. Taller grass strengthens roots and shades out weeds. Also, remember that the nutrients from grass clippings left on your lawn act as a great fertilizer.

**Make fertilizer-free zones.** Keep fertilizer at least 20 feet away from the edge of any lakes, streams or storm drains.