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

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- David Boeskool**
Assistant Principal (H-P)
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- Mark Prebay**
Assistant Principal (Q-Z)

Counseling Office

- Sherry Kenward**
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- Sara Barczak**
Counselor (Sp-Z)
- Jill Gano**
Counselor (A-E)
- Ilene Soto**
Counselor (M-R)
- Jenny Spoerl**
Counselor (F-L)
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- Amy Distefano**
Teacher Consultant
- Christine Smafield**
Teacher Consultant
- Jamie Pietron**
Student Success



Anchor Bay High School Newsletter

2025-26 AUGUST / SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

- AUGUST 20TH TAR CHECK IN 10TH-12TH 10 AM – 2PM
- AUGUST 21ST FRESHMEN ORIENTATION (LINK CREW) 9 AM – 11:30 AM
- AUGUST 25TH PD DAY
- AUGUST 26TH PD DAY
- AUGUST 27TH FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ½ DAY (DISMISSAL 10:21 A.M.)
- AUGUST 28TH CLASS MEETINGS (9TH-1ST HR, 10TH-2ND HR, 12TH- 3RD HR, AND 11TH-5TH HR)
- AUGUST 29TH NO SCHOOL (LABOR DAY BREAK)
- SEPTEMBER 1ST NO SCHOOL (LABOR DAY BREAK)
- SEPTEMBER 4TH & 5TH PRESTIGE SENIOR PORTRAITS AT ABHS IN ROOM S200
- SEPTEMBER 9TH (TENATIVE) CURRICULUM NIGHT OPEN HOUSE 5PM-AP PARENT INFO MTG, 6:00 PM OPEN HOUSE, 7:30 PM SENIOR PARENT MEETING
- SEPTEMBER 30TH ABHS PICTURE RETAKES

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -



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



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

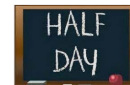
REMINDERS

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.



August 25 & 26
Professional
Development Day
(No Students)



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 27TH



SEPTEMBER 30TH
7 AM-10 AM AT THE
ABHS AUDITORIUM



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025



We are pleased to welcome you (back) to Anchor Bay High School! As you prepare to start your year with us, we want to provide you with tools, resources, and information that will help make your experience successful.



STUDENT TAR CHECK IN

ABHS will have our Student Tar Check-In on Wednesday, August 20th for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only. All 9th-grade students are scheduled for Thursday, August 21st, 2025.

Please refer to the following schedule for details:

August 20: Tar Check-In and Picture Day ([click here for picture form](#)) for 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade Students from (Times 10 am—2:00 p.m.).

August 21: Tar Check-In and Picture Day ([click here for picture form](#)) for Incoming 9th Grade Students (Times 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.).



PICTURES

Your student's picture will be taken at the above scheduled Tar Check-In and will be used in the yearbook and your student ID. Here is the [order form](#) to purchase pictures. We will be using Photo Factory USA. If you have any questions, the contact information is located on the order form.



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 vsmlnak@abs.misd.net.



POWDER PUFF

Game Day is Saturday, October 4th at 6 p.m.

Any questions email Phil Ricci at pricci@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.



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.

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.

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.

FREE MICHIGAN SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that **free school meals are currently only approved through September 30th** under the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program. We are awaiting the approval of the new **state aid budget** to determine whether free meals will continue for all students beyond this date. We will keep you informed as soon as we receive further updates.

STILL APPLY FOR MEAL BENEFITS

Although meals are free this year, it's still important for families to complete the **Meal Application**. The information collected supports critical **state funding for educational programs** and helps determine **eligibility for Summer EBT** benefits. To apply for meal benefits, please visit:

📄 anchorbay.familyportal.cloud