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Anchor Bay High School December Newsletter

2024-25 DECEMBER CALENDAR ([CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION)



December

- Dec 2 School Resumes from Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 3 & 4 (7:30 PM to 9:30 PM) Winter Band Concerts
- Dec 5 (7:00 AM to 2:00 PM) Red Cross Blood Drive
- Dec 13 ABHS Progress Reports Available in Parent Portal
- Dec 13 Senior Non-Prestige Photos Due to Yearbook
- Dec 17 (6:30 PM to 7:30 PM) Choir Winter Concert
- Dec 23 – Jan 3 No School – Winter Break
- Jan 6 School Resumes from Winter Break

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
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 TH HOUR
1:07 P.M. – 2:09 P.M.	6 TH HOUR



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REMINDERS



Attention Seniors

Cap and Gown Information:

Please visit www.jostens.com to order your cap and gowns along with any other items online. Questions, please call Jostens at (810) 658-1700. All cap and gown orders need to be placed by January 31st in order to receive your items prior to graduation.

ABHS Progress Reports



December 13th

ABHS Progress Reports
(available in Parent Portal)



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/>



Happy Holidays!

December 23rd—January 3rd

No School—Winter Break



School Notes:

When there is no school, all school activities will be cancelled.

Also, please be careful . . .

When temperatures fall below 10 degrees the salt may not melt the ice.



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ABHS QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORTS

Quarter 2 Progress Reports will be available in [Parent Portal](#) on December 13, 2024. For directions to view your student's report card in Parent Portal [click here](#). Also, please continue to check Parent Portal for the most up-to-date grading information. If you do not have a login, please contact the school office.



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.



SENIORS PLEASE NOTE: ORDER CAP & GOWNS BY 01/31/24.

Attention Seniors: Order GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens. Please go to www.jostens.com for online orders and click [here](#) for more senior information. All items ordered will be delivered in May to students during lunches).

ABHS SENIOR YARD SIGNS

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



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.



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ACT WORK KEYS INFORMATION

- Students can view their scores online and print their own National Career Readiness Certificate starting July 7, 2024 by creating their free account at myworkkeys.com (www.myworkkeys.com).
- Students will provide the following five matching criteria when creating an account: First name, Last name, Month of birth, Day of birth & State Assigned Student ID Number (SASID). The SASID is the same as the student UIC number.

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 Exam. (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.**



YEARBOOK

Yearbooks, Ads, and all other related purchases will be done online this year. Here is the [link](#) with further information. Any questions email lboseak@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>

ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
FOOD & NUTRITION
DEPARTMENT

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 Nautical School Store

New Items for the Holiday Season!

Happy Holidays!

Price: \$50

Don't let the cold stop you from wearing your school spirit! Introducing the new "Cozy ATB Blankets" - perfect for the holidays! These blankets are made with high-quality materials, ensuring they are warm for the cold and upcoming snowy weather. Buying blankets from the school store is more convenient and more affordable than anywhere else.

Price: \$30

School store items for the Holidays

Cozy ATB Blankets
Soft, fuzzy blankets. Comes in the color black with a red ATB logo.

Women's Staff Shirts
High Quality and Style Women's Staff Polo Shirts. Available in colors red and black.

Price: \$30

[Click Here for more information](#)

Nautical Shoppe

ATB Grey Short Sleeve Shirt
Price: \$13.00

This is a light grey T-shirt with the school logo on it. You should buy this shirt because it's a comfy workout shirt, it keeps you cool when it's warmer out, and it's a nice shirt to represent the school with.

ATB Grey Nike Hoodie
Price: \$35.00

This is a light grey hoodie with a large pocket, drawstring, and a large ATB logo on it. You should buy this because it's appropriate for the fall and upcoming winter weather, it's comfortable, and it's a way to stay trendy with Nike and support your school at the same time!

Need to stay warm while supporting??

Get your cheer for price of \$35.00

The school will keep you warm from the years during football games, comfortable during, and in every corner. This year also has the anchor logo made on it so you can support the team you are rooting for.

Anchor Bay

Brand new design only \$35 crew neck

It's comfy, matches with anything, and keeps you warm for the school winter and fall season.

Nautical Shoppe

Extended Hours

Dec. 4th: 6:00-9:00
Dec. 11th: 6:00-9:00
Dec. 12th: 6:00-7:30
Dec. 16th: 6:00-7:30
Dec. 17th: 6:00-9:00
Dec. 20th: 6:00-7:30

ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL STORE

It's a grey jacket. This jacket is an amazing fit on anyone. Also this jacket is really warm which will help during the cold seasons. Further more this product would be an amazing way to stay warm while looking stylish.

Price: \$35

This item is a shirt with an anchorbay logo on it. This product is great for kids to represent your school. Also it's a low price for high quality. In addition it's a amazing bright color.

Price: \$7

Everything will be sold during lunches at the school store or bonus hours. New items coming soon!

To make a purchase or ask questions please contact:
Nautical@abs.misd.net

Hats and Cups

The School Store has multiple different types of hats, including bucket hats, winter hats, and baseball caps. The bucket hats protect against the sun whenever you go fishing, or some other water activity. The baseball caps will look good with almost any outfit, and they block the sun from hurting your eyes. Both sell for \$15.

The School store has Tumbler water bottles with the Anchor Bay theme, which carry a large amount of water, and is quick to wash. Sells for \$30

RUNNING OUT OF STOCK SOON

It's a Great Day to be a Tar!

#TarSpirit



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ABHS Relay For Life Fundraisers

Hosted by:
Northeast Macomb Relay for Life

Where: Total Sports in Harrison Twp
(40501 Production Dr)

When: Friday, January 17, 2025

Time: 6:10 – 6:50 check-in

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30

Play starts around 7:10

Cost: \$25.00 per person



Includes: 8 games of Euchre, Pizza, Salad and Pop

Register online – click the link or scan the QR code
[RFL Euchre Online Registration](#)
(Payment sent separately)

Payment may be sent via Venmo to @Stephanie-Ricci-5
or pay at the event
Any questions please contact Phil Ricci at
pricci@abs.misd.net



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FUNDRAISING
DINE-IN OR TO-GO



Anchor Bay Relay for Life Team
December 11, 2024 3pm-10pm



**10%
DONATION NIGHT**

Support the Anchor Bay Relay for Life Team by presenting this flyer at the Chesterfield, MI location on 12/11 and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food AND gift card purchases to the Anchor Bay Relay for Life Team.
Any coupons or discounts taken off total purchases will reduce the amount of sales that apply towards the 10% credit.



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ABHS Drama/Forensics



The Performing Arts Center's fall production of *The Curious Savage* ran November 14th, 15th, and 16th. We had a wonderful time and truly appreciate our audiences and all of the help our program received in preparing for and presenting our show. Thank you to all of our students, parents, staff, and community for their support, and congratulations to all of the students who worked so diligently on our production.

The Performing Arts Center is now preparing for another show: the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association's (MIFA) One Act Theatre Festival—a show that travels to other schools and is rated on a scale of I to III and may advance to state level competition with other schools. Each year, Anchor Bay places well in the festival and has qualified for state-level competition many times in years past. We hope to do so again this year. The genre for this year is serious, and the title of our show is *Back Cover* by Emily Hageman. Auditions will occur the week after Thanksgiving break on Tuesday, December 3rd, Wednesday December 4th from 2:30 until 5:30 pm, with callbacks, if needed, scheduled for Thursday December 5th. The cast list will be posted on Friday, December 6th at the end of the high school day. The festivals are open to the public and scheduled to occur Saturdays, January 11th or 18th for Love Fest or Districts and February 1st for Regionals, though the sites for each of these festivals is yet to be determined. The state festival will occur Friday and Saturday, February 14th and 15th at Wayne State University; whether Anchor Bay qualifies or not, it is a tremendously, talent-filled and entertaining event that should be attended by all who appreciate the theatre. Hope you can attend!

Pre-production meetings for the spring musical production will be held in mid- February. Please watch for announcements and attend one of the pre-production meetings for more information.

On the forensics front, Anchor Bay's forensics team is also preparing to travel to the Punxatourney Tournament on January 25th to compete at the MIFA season opener being hosted by Holt High School. We will be taking the majority of team, all talented writers and presenters, to share selected works of prose and poetry that they themselves have written, as well as presentations of published literature by others that they have created interpretations of. Again, the tournament is open to the public, so please come out and support our students, as well as the other amazing young people from across the state, as they share their amazing words and gifts.

For further information about the theatre or forensics programs or events at Anchor Bay High School, contact Ms. Battice at the high school, extension 2360 or at dbattice@abs.misd.net.

ABHS ECO Club

ABHS ECO CLUB

Dress to Impress!!!

CLOTHING SWAP

Bring clothes to Mrs. Conte in N115

Each item is worth 1 ticket.

Bring items in until Dec. 13th

Swap in E132 on Dec. 16th & 17th

Details

Fight fast fashion with a clothing swap. Bring in gently used clothes and accessories to swap. Each item will be worth 1 ticket that you can swap for 1 item.

Eco Club is hosting a clothing swap event to fight fast fashion and prevent clothes from ending up in landfills. Students will bring clean clothes that are in good condition. For each item they bring in, they will receive a ticket that will be good for one item on the swap day. We will be collecting the clothes and handing out tickets ahead of time so that we can set everything up for the swap day.

Students can bring in clothes to N115 starting now until December 13th.

The swap will be after school on December 16th & 17th in E132.



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ABHS Air Force Junior ROTC



AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC NEWS
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Laura Laskowski
Senior Aerospace Science Instructor
Senior Master Sergeant (Ret.) Stephen Quintana
Aerospace Science Instructor

The ABHS Air Force JROTC cadets from unit MI-931 are doing amazing things within and outside of the JROTC program! First off, we hosted our annual home drill meet on Saturday, 2 November from 8am – 3pm here at the high school. The competition was tough this year as we had some top-notch schools attend. We placed 3rd place in the unarmed division and the following cadets placed in the individual knock out competition: Cadets Gabrielle Chunn, Gage Stotler, Lilliana Rachow & Paul Matti. Additionally, during our class periods we are learning all about how airplanes fly in our science of flight curriculum and managing your money in our Life Skills & Career Opportunities material.

Our cadets are highly motivated to be leaders in the community and do a ton of community service. I just a few weeks we have helped with a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for wreathes to place on veteran's graves for the holiday at local cemeteries, made over 300 stars for a giving tree at the veteran's house in Chesterfield, greeted Veterans at Applebee's Veteran's Day celebration dinner, and assisted ABHS Drama Club as ushers for their fall production of The Curious Savage. Currently we are partnering with the American Red Cross and HOSA to host a blood drive on 5 Dec at the High School, and collecting toys with the NHS for children of less fortunate families to be distributed by The New Baltimore Good Fellows Club. We hope to fill all 45 blood donation appointment slots and to bring as much cheer as we can to local families with the gifts we collect.

It's not all about wearing uniforms and marching or even just serving the community in the JROTC; we also do a lot of fun activities. We had close to 20 cadets gather to watch the new Christmas movie Red One. Cadet Landon Davis led and planned the event so that all of the cadets could take advantage of a great deal through Riverside Cinemas in Marine City, \$10 for movie, pop and popcorn. We also host various guest speakers. We were fortunate enough to hear from the Air Force Academy Advisor and the Air Force & Army College ROTC Liaisons. They explained the process and what is needed to apply for the Air Force Academy and College ROTC Scholarships. All great opportunities to learn more about a career as an Air Force or Army Officers. Additionally, the past month has seen us kick off a Stellar Explorers Team, an Academic and Leadership Bowl Team, and a Military Model Building Club. All fun extracurricular opportunities that are only available to JROTC students.

Our program can be a blast if you want to learn new things, gain some confidence to lead, and take the time to allow yourself to have some fun. If you have any questions about the program or are interested in joining, please reach out to your school counselor or one of the Instructors, Lt Col Laura Laskowski (email llaskowski@abs.misd.net) or Senior Master Sergeant Quintana (email squintana@abs.misd.net) or phone 586-648-2525 ext. 2357 or 2356.





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 that guarantee success, advance-fee loan scams and sales pitches disguised as financial aid

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 \(Click Here\)](#)



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. 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.

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. 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 WASHING YOUR CAR

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 soap 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.