

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT: *"Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world."***Administration****Mike Mackenzie**
Principal**Don Holston**
Assistant Principal (A-G)**David Boeskool**
Assistant Principal (H-P)**Richard Palmer**
Assistant Principal (9th Grade)**Mark Prebay**
Assistant Principal (Q-Z)**Counseling Office****Sherry Kenward**
Director**Abby Adams**
Counselor (9th Grade)**Sara Barczak**
Counselor (Piot—Z)**Jill Gano**
Counselor (A-E & More—Pion)**Jenny Spoerl**
Counselor (F-Mora)**Andrea Smith**
Social Worker**Amy Distefano**
Teacher Consultant**Christine Smafield**
Teacher Consultant**Jamie Pietron**
Student Success**It's a Great Day to be a Tar!**

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Anchor Bay High School Newsletter**2025-26 JANUARY CALENDAR**[**\(CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION\)**](#)**January**

JANUARY 1—2 NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK (SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 5TH)

JANUARY 8TH PROGRESS REPORTS 2ND TRIMESTER

JANUARY 8TH ABHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT AT 7 PM IN ABHS AUDITORIUM

JANUARY 12TH ABHS ECO CLUB / GREEN TEAM MEETING 2:20PM IN N100

JANUARY 14TH ABHS BANDS TASTEFEST 4—9 PM IN THE ABHS COMMONS

JANUARY 15TH ABHS BANDS TASTEFEST (MAKEUP DATE IF ABOVE DATE IS CANCELLED)

JANUARY 19TH PD DAY—NO SCHOOL—MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

JANUARY 29TH DISTRICT WIDE CAREER AND SKILLED TRADES FAIR 6—7:30 PM AT ABHS

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

mark ✓ your **Calendar******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 SCHEDULE7:17 A.M. – 8:15 A.M. 1ST HOUR8:21 A.M. – 9:19 A.M. 2ND HOUR9:25 A.M. – 10:23 A.M. 3RD HOUR10:29 A.M. – 11:57 A.M. 4TH 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. 5TH HOUR1:07 P.M. – 2:09 P.M. 6TH HOUR



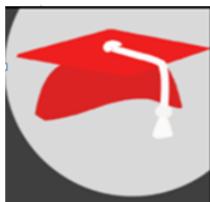
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REMINDERS

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

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.



Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 19th, 2026
—NO SCHOOL—
Teacher Professional
Development Day

ABHS PROGRESS REPORTS



January 8th
ABHS 2nd Trimester
Progress Reports
available in Parent Portal



ABHS NEWSPAPER

Please refer to the following link for the student-produced newspaper that highlights school events, staff, student, and classroom activities.

[ABHS Student-Produced Newspaper \(Click Here\)](#)



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/txmsg/>



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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Academic SUPPORT

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 Student Success Center. 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).

Biology After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on Mondays and Wednesdays in room S218 with Mrs. Latona from 2:15 - 2:45 pm. Please email klatona@abs.misd.net for more information.

Math After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on Mondays and Wednesdays in room S115 with Mr. Kiehler from 2:20-3:20 pm. Please email 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 from 2:15 - 3:00 pm. Please email 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.

YEARBOOK

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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 vsmilnak@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.



ATHLETIC NEWS

Please refer to the Athletics website for sports details which includes game times, changes, etc.: <http://www.gotars.net>



SENIORS PLEASE NOTE: ORDER CAP & GOWNS BY 01/31/26.

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).



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

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Please click here for more information.

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



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.



SPRING 2026 TESTING

Spring 2026 Testing Information

Testing will occur for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors beginning the week of April 13, 2026. Tentative testing dates are as follows:

Freshmen – PSAT 9 – Wednesday, April 15

Sophomores – PSAT 10 – Tuesday, April 14

Juniors – SAT – Tuesday, April 14

Juniors - WIN Test – Wednesday, April 15

The following week beginning April 20, juniors will also begin taking the M-STEP during the first three hours of the school day. Please note that completing the MME (SAT, WIN, and M-STEP) is a graduation requirement.

The AP testing window opens on May 4 and will run through May 15. Please check the college board website for exact test dates.



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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

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 \(Click Here\)](#)



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



ABHS Boys Soccer

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



ABHS Cybersecurity and Business Management

Representatives from the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office visited the ABHS Cybersecurity and Business Management classes to speak about internet crime and how their office investigates and prosecutes those offenses. Students learned about real-world cases, the legal consequences of cyber-crime, and the importance of responsible digital behavior.



ABHS Robotics

Renovation of the ABHS Robotics Room is nearing completion. Our team is excited to use this new facility as we prepare for the 2026 competition season. We are excited to compete this year in the 2026 game "Rebuilt". Our team will be competing in Marysville on March 13 - 15 as well as in Belleville March 19-21. If your student is interested in participating in First Robotics, contact Mr. Meier via email at rmeier@abs.misd.net.



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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 December, the Anchor Bay High School JROTC continued to demonstrate their dedication to both drill and their community. We are proud to show that our cadets achieved 2nd place in the color guard competition at our most recent drill meet, beating out 20 other registered teams. This is a huge accomplishment and shows our attention to drill and the details that matter. Our cadets have also been continuing to uphold our core values, especially when it comes to serving our community. This month our cadets helped the Goodfellows, which is an organization that distributes gift boxes to kids this Christmas holiday. Community service is a large part of our program, and our cadets showed this with the recent service opportunities we've undertaken. We were also able to participate in Wreaths Across America, where our cadets placed wreaths at the grave sites of veterans. This is a ceremony we participate in every year and is extremely important to honoring veterans in our community. Finally, we had speakers from the Air Force join us in class to present options for cadets after high school.

For info on joining or partnering with AFJROTC, please contact 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.



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Northeast Macomb Relay for Life

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

When: Friday, January 16, 2026

Time: 6:00 – 6:50 check-in

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30

Play starts around 7:10

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Bring quarters for Euchres!!!

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

Register online – scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/RelayEuchre2026 (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

American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE

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(586) 598-0989
27050 23 Mile Rd.
Chesterfield, MI 48051

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

RELAY FOR LIFE

Anchor Bay Relay for Life Team

January 28, 2026 3pm-10pm

10% DONATION NIGHT

Support the Anchor Bay Relay for Life Team by presenting this flyer at the Chesterfield, MI location on 1/28 and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food 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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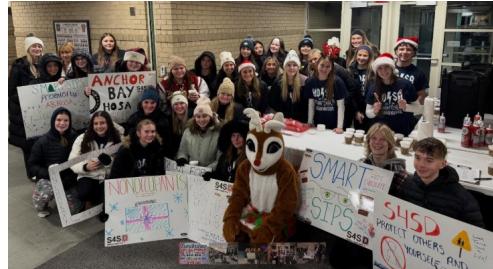


HOSA Club Advisor—Jennifer Dixon BSN, RN



The Anchor Bay High School HOSA Club has been busy this year so far. We participated in the HOSA Gift of Life Challenge and won most points earned among all HOSA Chapters in Michigan. We attended the Chesterfield Tree Lighting, educating safe driving and promoting seatbelt use. We passed out hot chocolate to the community with safe driving facts on the cup sleeves. The last day before the holiday break we took a field trip to Corewell Health Moonbeams to provide holiday cheer to children who are hospitalized at this time of year. Coming January 31, 2026, the club will be competing in the HOSA Regional Competition at Fraser High School.

February 28, 2026, to March 1, 2026; HOSA will be having a collection drive fundraiser. See Flyer. We are collecting clothing, shoes, purses, and accessories. All items need to be clean and in good condition placed in plastic garbage bags. All bags can be dropped off during the February 28 -March 1 timeline at Anchor Bay High School. There will be a trailer in the front lot. Please clean out your closets and draws. Help support us!



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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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ShampooConditionerLice-Killing ShampooDeodorantBath SoapToothbrushesToothpasteHairbrushesCombsMouthwashTissuesFlushable WipesFeminine ProductsKleenexContact SolutionHair TiesQ TipsFace SoapToilet PaperMouthwashDental FlossLoofasChapstickLotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SocksUnderwearNew clothing and shoesNew winter coatsScarves/hats/glovesLaundry detergentDryer SheetsSlippersBootsTowelsWashclothsBlanketsSheets/Pillowcases <p><small>*Gently used clothing may be accepted. Please contact Jamie Pietron for further information.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individually pre-packaged snacksReusable shopping bagsWater BottlesDrawstring BagsSchool suppliesCalculatorsEar budsGift 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.misd.net or 586-648-2525 extension 2338.



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REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST WALKING THE DOG

Did you know that pet waste contains bacteria that makes our lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities?

Did you also know?

...There are over 53 million dogs in the United States, which produce 6.3 billion pounds of waste and bacteria per year?

...Residential lawns and streets are among the highest contributors of bacteria in storm water, which drains directly to our lakes and rivers?

Southeast Michigan loves dogs, too. Nearly one-third of the regions households have at least one dog. Most of us pick up after our pets to be good neighbors and keep our yards clean. But there's another important reason to clean up after our pets. Leaving pet waste on the sidewalk or in the yard means that harmful bacteria can get washed into storm drains and roadside ditches and then flow directly into our lakes and rivers untreated.

What can you do? Simple. No matter where you are, dispose of your pet's waste promptly by throwing it in the trash or toilet.