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

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- Mark Prebay**
Assistant Principal (Q-Z)
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 - Jenny Spoerl**
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 - Amy Distefano**
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 - Christine Smafield**
Teacher Consultant
 - Jamie Pietron**
Student Success



Anchor Bay High School Newsletter

2025-26 OCTOBER CALENDAR

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



- OCTOBER 1, 2025 FALL COUNT DAY
- OCTOBER 3RD PROGRESS REPORTS 1ST TRIMESTER
- OCTOBER 4TH POWDER PUFF GAME 6PM
- OCTOBER 7TH JOSTENS SENIOR VISIT DURING LUNCHES
- OCTOBER 6-17 CONFERENCE WINDOW
- OCTOBER 7TH CURRICULUM/DEPT LEVEL MTNGS (2:20-2:55)/PTHWY MTNGS (3-3:20)
- OCTOBER 23RD VISION 9TH GRADE SCREENING S200 & MEDIA CTR 7AM – 1PM
- OCTOBER 23RD COLLEGE NIGHT 6-8PM
- OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH PSAT/NMSQT TESTING ALL JUNIORS
- OCTOBER 28 COLLABORATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF MEETING S200 2:20 PM
- NOVEMBER 4TH NO SCHOOL – ELECTION DAY

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -



<u>HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE</u>	
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



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.

Count Day!

October 1st, 2025

Fall Attendance
Count Day!



ABHS Progress Reports

October 3rd, 2025

ABHS Progress Reports
(available in Parent Portal)



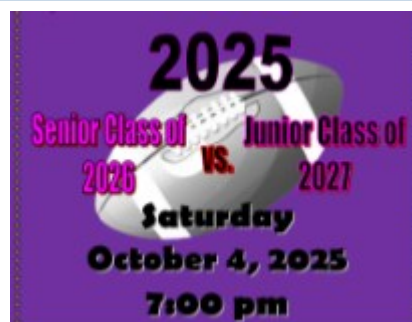
Homecoming Parade & Game

October 10th, 2025

Homecoming Dance

October 11th, 2025

[More details about Homecoming \(click here\)](#)



October 23rd, 2025

6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Location: ABHS Commons



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

Anchor Bay High School Families,

As we wrap up our first month of the 25-26 school year, we are hopeful that parents and students are off to a great start. Please refer to the information below for details about some upcoming events.



POWDER PUFF

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

Any questions email Phil Ricci at pricci@abs.misd.net.



HOMEcoming

Friday, October 10th, 2025—ABHS Homecoming parade starts at 5 pm (staging starts at 4:15 pm) here at Anchor Bay High School followed by the Anchor Bay versus Chippewa Valley

Football Game that starts at 7 pm.

Saturday, October 11th, 2025—ABHS Homecoming Dance from 7 pm to 10 pm. At ABHS.

[More information and details regarding all Homecoming events \(click here\).](#)



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.



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.



ABHS COLLEGE NIGHT

Thursday, October 23rd, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the ABHS Commons.

Open to all to visit with a variety of schools and trades.



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.



PSAT/NMSQT TESTING

Tuesday, October 28 and **Wednesday, October 29** junior students will be taking the PSAT/ NMSQT test in the main and auxiliary gyms. This test is a standardized test offered by the College Board that measures college and career readiness by testing Reading and Writing, and Math skills. It serves as an initial screen for the National Merit Scholarship Program, provides students with feedback on their academic skills, and familiarizes them with the [SAT testing experience](#). Students will be split alphabetically over the two days of testing. A student list will be posted around the school as it gets closer to testing. The testing will run 1 - 3 hours. When finished, students will return back to class for the remainder of the day. More information will be available in the coming weeks.



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.

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

We want to inform you of a potential upcoming change regarding school meals. Due to the State of Michigan not yet passing a budget, Anchor Bay Schools may be forced to end the Universal Free Breakfast and Lunch Program on October 31, 2025. We hope a state budget will be approved before this date, which will clarify whether free meals can continue for all students. If a budget is not released by the October 31st deadline, or if it is released without extending the Free Meals Program, Anchor Bay Schools will have to end free meals for all students. If this occurs, starting November 1, 2025, families will be required to: Complete a **NEW** Free & Reduced Meals application to determine eligibility, or Pay for meals at the regular daily rate if they do not qualify (pricing to be determined). Detailed instructions regarding the new application, updated procedures, and pricing will be provided in October if guidance from the state budget is not available by then. We understand this potential change may cause concern, and we are committed to supporting our families through the transition. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Food Service Department at **586-598-7663**.

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



GENERAL NOTICES



It is Time for the Annual
Feed the Bay Food Drive!
October 6th - 10th, 2025

Feed The Bay Backpack Program: a mission to eliminate childhood hunger on the weekends in the Anchor Bay School District.

Anchor Bay Schools had 20% of it's students qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. While these at-risk children are fed at school during the school week, what happens to these children on the weekends?

That's where Feed The Bay Backpack Program steps in. All money and food items donated stay in the Anchor Bay School District. Feed The Bay is currently at every school in the district helping our students stay fed over the weekends.

Every year, Feed the Bay does a food drive. The food collected during this drive will go right back to students who need it.

Items being collected at the buildings this year:

Lottie, MacDonald & Maconce:



Fruit pouches

Great Oaks & Ashley:



Easy Mac and Cheese
(2-3 oz.)

ABHS, Lighthouse & Naldrett:



Chef Boyardee
(pop top, 7.5 oz.)

Middle School North & South



Individual Cereal Cups or Boxes

Thank you for supporting Feed the Bay!



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!



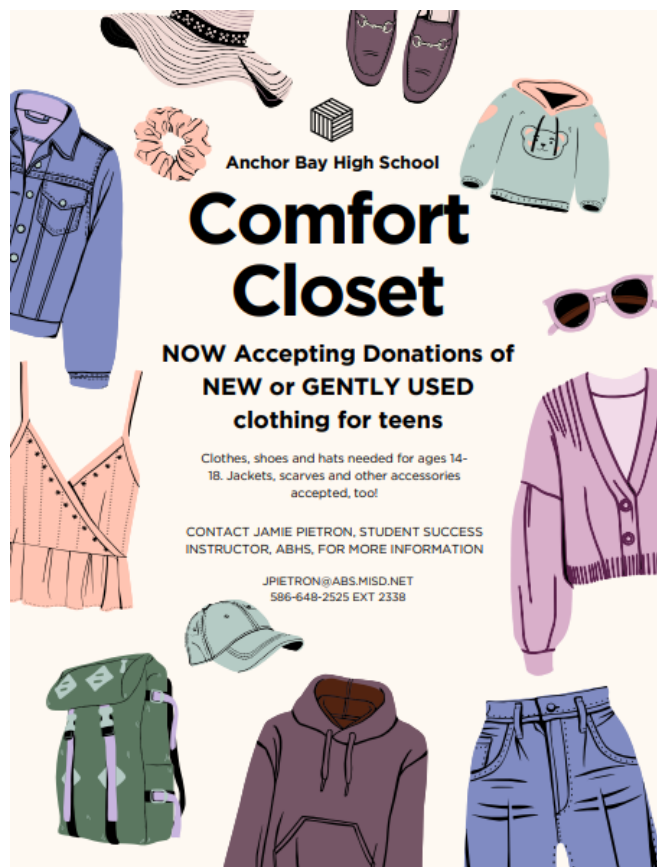
Contact kristinanderson@abs.misd.net for any questions!

Registration form:

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



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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

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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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Socks• Underwear• New clothing and shoes• New winter coats• Scarves/hats/gloves• Laundry detergent• Dryer Sheets• Slippers• Boots• Towels• Washcloths• Blankets• Sheets/Pillowcases <p>*Gently used clothing may be accepted. Please contact Jamie Pietron for further information.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.misd.net or 586-648-2525 extension 2338.



GENERAL NOTICES

powderpuff
2025

Senior Class of 2026 **VS.** **Junior Class of 2027**

Saturday
October 4, 2025
7:00 pm

Admission: \$5.00
No passes accepted

**Portion of the proceeds will be donated to
the American Cancer Society**



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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ABHS HOMECOMING WEEK 2025

PEP ASSEMBLY

Friday, October 10th, 2025
Location: Main Gym
During the School Day

PARADE

Friday, October 10th, 2024 5:00p.m.
Anchor Bay High School
-Line up will begin @ 4:15p.m.
-If interested in your group walking in the parade, email kristinanderson@abs.misd.net by Wednesday, October 8th.

HOCO THEMES

Theme: Hollywood Hoco
Freshmen: Back 2 the Future
Sophomores: Jaws
Juniors: Spiderman
Seniors: Harry Potter

SPIRIT DAYS

Monday: Paparazzi vs. Celebrity
Tuesday: Flashback to the Past/Neon out!
Wednesday: Frat Out "Choose your House"
Thursday: Hawaiian/Beach Day "Don't go in the Water!"
Friday: Red & White

FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, October 10, 2025 7p.m.
-Against Chippewa Valley Big Reds
-Location: Tars Stadium
-Gates open at 6p.m.
-\$6 a ticket
-Presentation of Homecoming Court & 2025 King & Queen at halftime

FLOAT BUILDING

Location & times vary
Contact the following people:

- Freshmen: Natasha Gajewski
- Sophomore: Lily Markel
- Junior: Chloe Mezza
- Seniors: Aubrey Vann

PARADE



ABHS HOMECOMING WEEK 2025

**HOMECOMING
DANCE**

Saturday, October 11th, 2025
7-10p.m.

Location: Commons of High School
Out of School guests will need to be approved by 10/3/25
\$26 per ticket
Doors open at 6:30p.m..
No one will be allowed in after 8:00p.m.
Once you leave, there will be no re-entry
School appropriate dress required
Photo ID AND GoFan ticket required for check-in

TICKET SALES

Use GoFan Link on Student Activities Website
Go to ABSD website> schools> High school> scroll down left side
Click on "Student Activities" Link > homecoming 2025 tab

CONTACT

Student Activities Director
Kristin Anderson
kristinanderson@abs.misd.net

Let's Go!!



GENERAL NOTICES



*Ribbon Cutting
&
Grand Opening*

of the NEW
Shoreliner Restaurant

at Anchor Bay High School
October 17, 2025
6:00pm-7:00pm





GENERAL INFORMATION



GREAT NEWS!!

Laurie Gardner, Business Education teacher received a scholarship to attend the National Jumpstart Conference for personal finance teachers in Boston this fall.

In 2024, 325 teachers attended this conference from 48 states. Collectively, these teachers reach 41,684 students in one school year alone; but since most of them go on to teach for years to come, the impact is exponential. Additionally, teachers who attend have reported that they share resources and information from the conference with an average of 14.5 other educators, significantly expanding its reach.



EXCITING NEWS!!

An exciting update for the Marching Tars! On September 27th, they competed at the Troy Athens Invitational and were critiqued by a panel of six judges. The students earned 1st place out of four AA schools, achieved their highest score ever at 90.3, and brought home awards for Best Marching, Best Music, and Best Colorguard! They represented ABHS with pride and were extremely supportive of all the other bands. Please join us in congratulating the Marching Tars on a job amazingly well done!

Jonathan A. Carrothers
Director of Bands, Anchor Bay High School
Anchor Bay School District
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Instagram: @anchorbaybands

Facebook: Anchor Bay Bands



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DRAMA



Preparation for the fall production *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman is now under way at Anchor Bay High School's Performing Arts Center. This show Our production will feature approximately seventy Anchor Bay students' efforts both on and off the stage. Please plan to come out and support the Center's creative, dedicated, and talented group!

Congratulations to the following students who will be starring in our production!

Anne Frank – Michaela Pawl
Margot Frank - Olivia Giem
Mr. Frank – Hunter Trinity
Mrs. Frank - Peyton Sieg
Peter Van Daan - Aiden Cicala
Mr. Van Daan- Griffin Smith
Mrs. Van Daan - Kylie Leija
Mr. Dussel - Ford Overholt
Miep - Rosa Palomba
Mr. Kraler - Caleb Brandenburg

Our show will open on Thursday, November 13th, run Friday November 14th, and close Saturday, November 15th with all shows beginning at 7:00 pm. We hope you can join us!

You can also help our program by participating in our fundraisers for this show. Take the opportunity to place an ad in our playbill, send a personal ovation, become a patron of the arts, or purchase a reserved (V.I.P.) seat; all of these are fundraisers for our program that 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 soon as possible. Please visit abhspac.ludus.com for more information and the opportunity to show your appreciation of all our theatre students do. We truly appreciate your support of our theatre program at Anchor Bay! Please contact Ms. Battice at extension 2360 or through email at dbattice@abs.misd.net with any questions or for further information. We appreciate and look forward to your continued support of speaking and performance at our high school!



GENERAL NOTICES



REMEMBER, IT ALL DRAINS TO OUR LAKES AND RIVERS - OCTOBER

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead to our lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves or dirty water from washing your car enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and rivers without being treated. With almost five million people living in Southeast Michigan, we all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains. How can you help? Simple.

Sweep it. Do you have extra fertilizer, grass clipping or dirt on your driveway or sidewalk? Sweep it back onto your lawn. Hosing your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.

Keep it clean. Whether in the street or in your yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, trash and fertilizers away from storm drains.

Only rain in the drain. Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our lakes and rivers.

Label it. Volunteer to label the storm drains in your neighborhood to inform residents that storm drains flow directly to our lakes and rivers. Call your local community for more information on storm drain stenciling programs.