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Anchor Bay High School Newsletter

2026-27 OCTOBER CALENDAR

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



SEPTEMBER 29TH ABHS PICTURE RETAKES (7:30-12:30PM) IN AUDITORIUM

OCTOBER 2ND ABHS HC PARADE 5 PM (LINE UP AT 4:15PM)

OCTOBER 2ND ABHS HC FB GAME 7 PM VS LAKEVIEW HS 6PM \$6/TX

OCTOBER 3RD HC DANCE 7-10PM

OCTOBER 7TH FALL COUNT DAY

OCTOBER 9TH PROGRESS REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE IN PS PORTAL

OCTOBER 12-23RD CONFERENCE WINDOW FOR ABHS

OCTOBER 24TH CRAFT SHOW ALL DAY AT ABHS

OCTOBER 27TH AND/OR 28TH PSAT/NMSQT TESTING ALL JUNIORS (STUDENTS MUST OPT-IN IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TEST)

OCTOBER 26, 27, 28TH MAKE-UP SENIOR PICTURE DATES 8-2:30PM BY APPOINTMENT

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

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -



It's a Great Day to be a Tar!



#TarSpirit



NEWSLETTER

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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.

Count Day!

October 7th, 2026

Fall Attendance
Count Day!

ABHS Pictures:

Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF YOUR ORDER

CODE: F2810OFF

EXPIRES JULY 31, 2027

[REDEEM NOW](#)



Attention Seniors:

Prestige portraits will be back at ABHS to take Senior Portraits on October 26, 27, and 28!

Use the link on the Year-book Website to register! (Link in email signature below and on ABHS Website > High School > Year-book).

Please contact Mrs. Victoria Kesto with any questions or concerns.



ABHS Progress Reports

October 9th, 2026

ABHS Progress Reports
(available in Parent Portal)



Homecoming Parade & Game

October 2nd, 2026

Homecoming Dance

October 3rd, 2026

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

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)

powderpuff

2026

Senior Class of 2027 vs. Junior Class of 2028

Saturday

September 26, 2026

7:00 pm

Admission: \$5.00

No passes accepted

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



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Anchor Bay High School Families,

As we wrap up our first month of the 26-27 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.



HOMECOMING

Friday, October 2nd, 2026—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 Lakeview Football Game that starts at 7 pm.

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026—ABHS Homecoming Dance from 7 pm to 10 pm. at ABHS.

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

YEARBOOK 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 Kesto vkesto@abs.misd.net.



PARKING PASSES

Anchor Bay High School Parking Passes are being sold, please see Kristin Anderson in 9th Grade Pathway. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kristin Anderson at kristinanderson@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.



PSAT/NMSQT

Anchor Bay High School is offering our juniors the opportunity to take the **PSAT/NMSQT** during the last week of October. This test is **OPTIONAL**! The PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test offered by the College Board that measures college and career readiness by testing Reading & 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. If you would like to participate in the OPTIONAL October PSAT/NMSQT testing, please utilize the link below to opt in to testing. Please note that testing will occur during the school day, so will miss your first three hours and are responsible for all missing work.

[PSAT/NMSQT Opt-In – Fill out form](#)

[PSAT NMSQT Student Guide.pdf](#)

The deadline to opt-in to the **OPTIONAL** PSAT/NMSQT test is Sunday, September 27 at 11:59 pm. No late registrants will be accepted. If you have any questions about the OPTIONAL PSAT/NMSQT test being offered this fall, please contact Mr. Prebay or Mrs. Fisher.



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.



ANCHOR BAY FOOD SERVICE

[ANCHOR BAY FOOD SERVICE](#)

Please click links for more information.

[Anchor Bay High School 2026—2027 Lunch Menu](#)



GENERAL NOTICES



It is Time for the Annual
Feed the Bay Food Drive!
October 5th - 9th, 2026

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

MSN, Great Oaks & Ashley:



Easy Mac and Cheese
(2-3 oz.)

ABHS, Lighthouse & Naldrett:



Chef Boyardee
(pop top, 7.5 oz.)

ECC & Middle School South



Individual Cereal Cups or Boxes

Thank you for supporting Feed the Bay!



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GENERAL NOTICES

ABHS HOMECOMING WEEK 2026

HOMECOMING DANCE

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026
7-10p.m.

- Location: Commons of High School
- Out of School guests will need to be approved by 9/25/26
- \$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
On Sale: September 21st- October 3rd @ 12:00PM
-Go to ABSD website> schools> High School> scroll down left side
Click on "Student Activities" Link > Homecoming 2026 tab

CONTACT
Student Activities Director
Christina Skeltis
cskeltis@abs.misd.net

Let's Go!!

ABHS HOMECOMING WEEK 2026

Let's Go!!

PEP ASSEMBLY

Friday, October 2nd, 2026
Location: Main Gym
During the School Day

PARADE

Friday, October 2nd, 2026 5:00p.m.
Main Street, New Baltimore
Line up will begin @4:15p.m.
-If interested in your group walking in the parade, email cskeltis@abs.misd.net by Tuesday, September 29th.

HOCO THEMES

Theme: HoCochella Music Festival
Freshmen: Pop Music
Sophomores: Classical Music
Juniors: Rock Music
Seniors: Country Music

SPIRIT DAYS

- Monday: "Blues Day"- Wear Blue!
- Tuesday: "Rock Out Day"-Wear band T-shirts!
- Wednesday: "West Coast vs. Western Day"
Wear coastal/California style or country!
- Thursday: "Backstage Pass Day"-Wear comfy clothes!
- Friday: Show Your Red & White Spirit!

FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, October 2nd, 2026 7p.m.
-Against Lakeview High School
-Location: Tars Stadium
-Gates open at 6p.m.
-\$6 a ticket
-Presentation of Homecoming Court & 2026 King & Queen at halftime

FLOAT BUILDING

Location & times vary
Contact the following people:
-Freshmen: Emerson Macomber
-Sophomore: Natasha Gajewski
-Junior: Lily Markel
-Seniors: Chloe Mezza

PARADE



ABHS HOMECOMING 2026

HOCOCHELLA SPIRIT WEEK

SEPT. 28TH - OCT. 2ND

Monday
"BLUES DAY"
WEAR BLUE

Tuesday
"ROCK OUT DAY"
WEAR BAND/CONCERT T-SHIRTS

Wednesday
"WEST COAST VS. WESTERN DAY"
WEAR COASTAL VIBES OR COUNTRY GEAR

Thursday
"BACKSTAGE PASS DAY"
WEAR COMFY WARM UPS

Friday
"ABHS SPIRIT DAY"
WEAR RED AND WHITE!

MUSIC FESTIVAL

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GENERAL NOTICES

ABHS CLOTHING, SHOES, AND TEXTILES

You may have noticed a new clothing donation bin on the far north side of the staff parking lot. This is a new fundraising opportunity for the ABHS Comfort Closet.

For every pound of clothing, shoes, and textiles collected in the bin each month, the Comfort Closet will receive 7 cents per pound. We receive many clothing donations each week, and unfortunately, some of the items are things our students cannot or will not use. In the past, we have had to haul these items to the Salvation Army. This new program allows us to put those donations to good use while also raising funds for the Comfort Closet.

If you are cleaning out your closets, please consider donating gently used clothing, shoes, and textiles to the Comfort Closet or the new donation bin. And please help us spread the word!

Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ABHS Comfort Closet!
Any questions, please contact J. Pietron at jpietron@abs.misd.net.

Recycle Textiles.
Help Fund School Programs.

Turn unwanted clothing, shoes, and household textiles into funds for student programs through the green Clothes Bin on campus.

Cleaner Communities
Support Students
Less Waste

What can you recycle?

Clothing	Shoes	Accessories	Linens
shirts, pants, jeans, dresses, coats, sweatshirts	sneakers, boots, sandals, socks	hats, belts, scarves, backpacks, handbags	towels, sheets, blankets, comforters

TEXTILES ONLY
Please bag all clothing and textiles in tied bags before placing them in the bin.
No toys, electronics, furniture, household trash, or medical supplies.



GENERAL NOTICES

COMFORT CLOSET

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Help students feel prepared, supported, and included.

A FREE STORE FOR STUDENTS

With help from a school social worker or counselor, students can access everyday essentials they may not have outside of school. Every contribution helps remove barriers and builds a culture of caring.

HYGIENE

- Shampoo + conditioner
- Deodorant + bath soap
- Toothbrushes + toothpaste
- Brushes, combs + hair ties
- Mouthwash + dental floss
- Feminine products
- Tissues, wipes + toilet paper
- Face soap, lotion + lip balm
- Contact solution + Q-tips
- Lotofahs + lice shampoo

CLOTHING + HOME

- New socks + underwear
- New clothing + shoes
- New winter coats
- Scarves, hats + gloves
- Slippers + boots
- Laundry detergent + dryer sheets
- Towels + washcloths
- Blankets
- Sheets + pillowcases

*Gently used clothing may be accepted.
Contact Jamie Pietron for details

SNACKS + MORE

- Individually packaged snacks
- Reusable shopping bags
- Water bottles
- Drawstring bags
- School supplies
- Calculators
- Earbuds
- Gift cards

READY TO HELP?

Scan to shop the Amazon Wish List.
Items ship directly to ABHS.

100% of donations benefit the Comfort Closet.
Individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations
are encouraged to take part.



DROP-OFF + QUESTIONS

Jamie Pietron, Student Success Instructor
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Thank you for helping Anchor Bay students thrive!
Every item makes a difference.



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GENERAL NOTICES



REMEMBER, IT ALL DRAINS TO OUR LAKES AND RIVERS

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.