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 (Sp-Z)

Jill Gano

Counselor (A-E)

**Ilene Soto** 

Counselor (M-R)

**Jenny Spoerl** 

Counselor (F-L)

**Andrea Smith** 

Social Worker

Amy Distefano

Teacher Consultant

**Christine Smafield** 

**Teacher Consultant** 

Jamie Pietron Student Success

## **Anchor Bay High School March Newsletter**



2024-25 MARCH CALENDAR

(CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION)



March 2025

March 1 Spring Dance (Cancelled)

March 4 Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. ABHS Auditorium

March 7 MSBOA Band Festival

March 10—21 Parent/Teacher Conferences Window

March 10 AB Community Bond Forum 6:00 p.m. ABHS Auditorium

March 10 Choral Festival

March 11 Scholarship Basketball Game 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

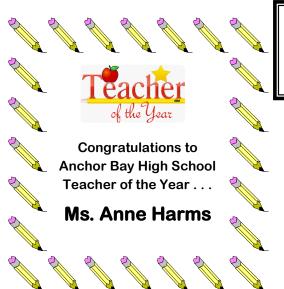
March 19<sup>th</sup> Severe Weather Drill at 1 pm Statewide Tornado Drill

March 19<sup>th</sup> Senior Announcements (Delivery during Lunches)

March 24 - 28 No School - Spring Break

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -







SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL -

### HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

MARCH 24TH — 28TH, 2025

7:17 A.M. – 8:15 A.M. 1<sup>ST</sup> HOUR

8:21 A.M. - 9:19 A.M. 2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR 9:25 A.M. - 10:23 A.M. 3<sup>ND</sup> HOUR

10·29 A.M. −11:57 A.M. 4™ HOUR

ALUNCH 10:29 AM-10:55 AM BLUNCH 11:00 AM-11:26 AM CLUNCH 11:31 AM-11:57 PM

12:03 P.M. – 1:01 P.M. 5<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 1:07 P.M. – 2:09 P.M. 6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR





## REMINDERS



Please join us for this year's Community Bond Forum on March 10th, 6pm, at Anchor Bay High School Auditorium (6319 County Line Road). We will be reviewing completed bond projects, highlighting current projects, and getting community feedback as we continue our district-wide construction projects thanks to the passing of the 2022 bond. Following the meeting, take a building tour to see the bond construction progress at ABHS firsthand. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and engaged in our community's future!



## **⊗**SchoolMessenger<sup>®</sup>

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/



<u>School Notes:</u> 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.

## **ABHS Report Cards**



April 15th, 2025

ABHS Report Cards (available in Parent Portal)





### **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 Media Center (Library). 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).

<u>Biology After School Drop-In Tutoring</u>: This is available on <u>Mondays and Wednesdays</u> in room S218 with Mrs. Latona. Please email <u>klatona@abs.misd.net</u> for more information.

<u>Math After School Drop-In Tutoring</u>: This is available on <u>Mondays and Thursdays</u> in room S115 with Mr. Kiehler. Please email <u>wkiehler@abs.misd.net</u> for more information.

<u>Spanish After School Drop-In Tutoring</u>: This is available on <u>Mondays and Wednesdays</u> in room N132 with Ms. Jackson. Please email <u>sjackson@abs.misd.net</u> for more information.

<u>Testing Center</u> 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 trans-



### 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.



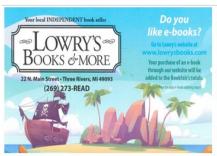
### **SAFETY & SECURITY**

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 <a href="mailto:kristin-nanderson@abs.misd.net">kristin-nanderson@abs.misd.net</a>.



### How to order an e-book from Lowry's website:

Step 1: Go to www.lowrysbooks.com

Step 2: Click on the Kobo e-books button

Step 3: Place your order
Step 4: Forward the e-mail confirmation you receive to us at hiphop@net-link.net

Step 5: Your school Book Fair just received credit for your purchase!

### **ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club is sponsoring a Book Fair March 10-14 in the Media Center. The Book Fair will be held by Lowry's Books and More. You can purchase books in the Media Center, and online <a href="https://www.lowrysbooks.com">www.lowrysbooks.com</a>. With online purchases you can buy books and e-books, please make sure to put Anchor Bay High School in the Book Fair Information Box. Thank you for your support!



# NEWSLETTER

## **MARCH 2025**

### **SENIOR CAP & GOWNS**

Attention Seniors: Senior Announcements will be handed out on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 during lunches. GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens should have already been ordered, if not late fees may apply, 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.



### **ABHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent-Teacher Anchor Bay Parent-Teacher Spring Conference window will be from March 10—21, Conferences 2025. The focus will be for teachers to meet with parents/guardians of students with grades of a D+ or lower. Teachers will be emailing parents/guardians of those struggling

students to set up either a Zoom (through sign-up genius) or a phone conference. If you receive an email from your child's teacher, please make sure that you sign up if you would like to conference with them. If you have not heard from your student's teacher, please contact them to schedule a conference time. As always, parents/ guardians of students can contact their child's teachers for questions or concerns at any time outside of conferences. Please continue to check Parent Portal for the most up-to-date grading information.



### 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



### SCHOLARSHIP BASKETBALL GAME

The Anchor Bay Scholarship Basketball game will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

DISTRICT FOOD & NUTRITION

### ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL 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.





# ABHS Testing Information **TESTING**



### **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 Examination (MME). The MME has three components: the SAT with Essay, the ACT Work Keys, and the M-Step (Science & Social Studies). **Completion of** 

	Monday 4/7	Tuesday 4/8	Wednesday 4/9	Thursday 4/10	Friday 4/11
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	No School	PSAT 9	Regular School Day
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	PSAT 10	Afternoon Half Day	Regular School Day
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	SAT	ACT Work Keys	Regular School Day
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	No School	Afternoon Half Day	Regular School Day

### all components is required for graduation from ABHS.

The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) is offering several SAT Prep courses for Juniors (11). There is a <u>fee</u> for the course, and you must register through the MISD website (see brochure). Juniors may also get a copy of the SAT Prep Course brochure from their school counselor.

All grade 10 & 11 students will have an opportunity to sign up for BigFuture School and Connections. BigFuture School is a free mobile app that lets students view their scores and get customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college. Available through the BigFuture School app, Connections™ is a free program exclusively for school day test takers that allows them to hear from non-profit colleges and scholarship programs that may be a good match. If you would prefer that your student not sign up for BigFuture School and Connections, please fill out the opt out form below. Filling out the form allows you to opt your student out of providing optional information that is not directly related to the administration of these assessments.

### https://forms.office.com/r/CTMsiUKD7R

Opting out of BigFuture School and Connections does <u>not</u> mean your student is opting out of testing. <u>State testing is a requirement.</u>



## 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 seminars.

# 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)



# **COUNSELING INFORMATION**





# **ABHS National Honor Society**



**Anchor Bay High School** 

# **National Honor Society**

2025-2026 Candidate Forms
Applications for the 2025-2026
NHS candidates can be picked up in
Main Office
Outside room S113
Pathway/Counselor Offices
Completed forms can be dropped off in same location

To learn more about NHS visit the website click <u>HERE</u> or Scan QR CODE



Deadline for applications is March 24th! Questions email Patricia McWain pmcwain@abs.misd.net





# **ABHS Student Council**

### **ABHS STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council Advisers, Kristin Anderson and Christina Skeltis took eighteen of our ABHS Student Council members to the MASC/MAHS States Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids last weekend. ABHS won a Star School Award and had two groups present our school's events in the Student Showcase! The students attended several keynote speaker presentations and participated in many activities where they collaborated with other leadership programs from around the state. The students did a great job, and we are proud

of all their hard work and effort!





# **ABHS Cyber Security Class**

### **ABHS CYBER SECURITY CLASS**

A group of cyber security and programming students visited Oakland University's campus to meet with the Dr. Fu, OU's Cyber Security Professor, and her students. Our students learned about the excellent program and opportunities available. \_\_\_\_\_\_







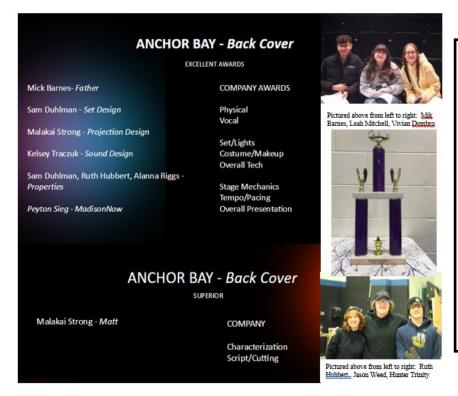
# ABHS Drama/Forensics



Our one act show *Back Cover* competed at the regional festival on February 1<sup>st</sup> here at Anchor Bay High School. Many of our students received special recognition awards for their efforts and achievements as indicated below:



Anchor Bay placed second at the regional festival and advanced to State Finals hosted by Wayne State University. There, Anchor Bay received the Innovations in Theatre award, and, again, many of our students received recognition for their achievements:



Also, in the world of theatre, we are gearing up and already in the planning and design stage for our next show. Preproduction meetings for the spring musical *Mamma Mia!* were held last week, auditions will occur this week, and regular rehearsals will begin the week following auditions. We will post the cast list in the next edition of our newsletter, and we look forward to a highly successful production involving so many of Anchor Bay's most talented and dedicated students both on and off of the stage!

On the forensics front, Anchor Bay looks forward to a very busy month. The tournaments are open to the polite public and offer an amazing viewing and learning experience free of charge. Please come out and see what this activity has to offer. Below are the dates and locations of the remaining season invitational tournaments Anchor Bay's team will attend, all on Saturdays, each beginning at approximately 8:00 am.

March 1st, Avondale High School in Auburn Hills March 8th, Novi High School

March 15th, Walled Lake Western High School

For further information about these programs or events through the Anchor Bay Performing Arts Center, contact Ms. Battice at the high school, <a href="mailto:dbattice@abs.misd.net">dbattice@abs.misd.net</a>.

Once again, congratulations to all participants in this theatrical production on a show well done.



# **ABHS RELAY FOR LIFE**









# **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

Greetings from your Air Force Junior ROTC! Good old Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow so 6 more weeks of winter. But do not fear, we are here to bring some joy and sunshine to your life.

As we approach spring we will be hosting an after school club at Middle School North beginning on 7 April and running through 19 May. This will be a fun engaging opportunity for both the middle school students and our high school students to work together learning more about teamwork and leadership. Additionally, the cadets have been busy around the high school working with the Drama Club during their performances, Relay for Life and the Anchor Bay Oscars. It's always great to collaborate with other school activities. Outside the school, several cadets volunteered their time and muscle to helping the Macomb Foster Closet move into a new facility helping to make a difference for our broader community as well.

We are in full inspection mode here in the JROTC checking the list and checking it twice as they say. On 2 April Headquarters Air Force Junior ROTC staff will be coming to Anchor Bay HS to evaluate our program and our effectiveness. We invite everyone to come out and see the unit briefing in S-100 or the mass formation in the Auxiliary Gym that morning. We are excited to showcase our school and program to the visitors. Additionally, we are finalizing plans for our 4-day trip to the "Windy City," Chicago. We will be visiting museums, aquariums, fun attractions, and enjoying great dining experiences. Our trips are all low cost and all-inclusive of transportation, lodging, meals & entertainment. This year the trip costs only \$500. This is due to a great parent-run Booster Club that excels at fundraising and supporting the program so we can keep the costs low for our cadets.

AFJROTC is for all students and you can still participate in other programs such as Band, Sports, Cheer, DECA, BPA or any other club. We are a regular elective class that offers extracurricular activities. We are not an extracurricular activity that conflicts with your other extracurricular activities. Cadets such as Alivia Fink, Rosa Palomba, Derrick Hosking & Kelsey Traczak who are in Drama, Nolan Wincel, Marin Gower & Landon Davis are part of BPA & Liliana Farley, Landon Jeffrey, Olivia Piesko, Kyrie Van Sickle, Emma Borowicz, Isabella Scaife & My'Jene Krowl are part of the school band. These are only a portion of what our cadets are involved in and it just shows that you can be part of JROTC and other classes/activities. Our program is tons of fun as you can see from the photos from CJ Barrymore's & our Flight Leader Training.

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. The Air Force JRTOC just may be the right place for YOU!







## ABHS 2025-2026 ELIGIBILITY POLICY

### ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY (Goes Into Effect for the 2025-2026 School Year)

#### POLICY

It is the responsibility of the student to know and adhere to the eligibility code of their school. Participation in extracurricular activities is a student's privilege, not a right, which can be removed at designated times for failure to meet the standards and requirements of Anchor Bay School District. For the purpose of this policy, an extracurricular activity is defined as any activity that is not part of the required curriculum for a course or is outside the regular course of study. This includes but is not limited to dances, athletic events, clubs, and performances.

### These are the standards which must be met in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity:

- 1. Have satisfactory or better citizenship in five (5) of six (6) of their classes.
- 2. Pass six (6) out of six (6) classes.
- 3. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 from the previous trimester.
- 4. Student must adhere to the Anchor Bay Schools Athletic Code of Conduct.

### If a student does not meet all of these standards at progress report and quarter report card time:

- The student is ineligible for a period of 1 week (including weekends).- The student will be allowed to sit on the bench, but not participate in games, while ineligible.
- The student can regain eligibility if he/she submits a progress report signed by each of his/her teachers on Monday of the following week which indicates his/her grades have met those standards.

### If a student does not meet all of these standards at the end of the trimester:

- 1. Student is ineligible for 60 scheduled school days.
- A student may be granted a one-time exception to the 2.0 grade point average (GPA) if the student has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Any student who meets the MHSAA eligibility standards (passing 4 out of 6 classes for the trimester) but does not meet the eligibility requirements of Anchor Bay High School for the previous marking period can apply for provisional eligibility by meeting with the Athletic Director (athletes) or Assistant Principal (non-athletes) and developing an Academic Improvement Plan.

### The plan must include:

- A signed contract between the student, their parent(s) or guardian(s), and the athletic director or assistant principal detailing the steps the student must follow in order to work towards improving his or her academic performance.
- 2. A weekly report of the student's grades must be handed in to the athletic office by the student with:
  - Maintenance of grades which are currently above 2.0 must be verified.
  - Improvement of grades, which are below 2.0, must be shown.
  - c. Mandatory Attendance at weekly study sessions or lunch-time or after school tutoring.
- 3. The plan must include provision for:
  - a. Meeting with teacher(s) as appropriate.
  - b. Develop a daily schedule for time management.
  - c. Contact with school support services.

Plans will be developed by the athletic director/faculty on an individual basis. Students will be deemed provisionally eligible once a plan is signed. Failure to comply with the Academic Improvement Plan will result in the student being deemed ineligible for the remainder of the trimester.



# **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 <u>Student Handbook</u>.

## 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 GETTING RID OF WEEDS AND PESTS....

Did you know you can protect your kids, pets and the environment from the harmful effects of herbicides and pesticides by choosing earth-friendly landscaping? The chemicals in herbicides and pesticides pollute our waterways, if washed from our lawns and gardens into storm drains that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.

So what can you do to help? Simple. Follow these tips for simple ways you can care for your lawn and garden and help keep our water clean.

- Go native. Select plants native to Michigan. Native plants are better able to tolerate Michigan's climate, require less fertilizer and water and are more disease resistant. Native plants also attract butterflies and birds.
- **Variety is the spice of life**. Use a wide variety of plants to help control pests and minimize the need for pesticides.
- Water wisely. Lawns need about one inch of water per week. Over-watering results in shallow-rooted plants that are less tolerant of heat and drought, and more prone to disease. Use a rain gauge and water only when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.
- **Use mulch**. Place a thick layer of mulch (4") around trees and plants. This helps retain water, reduce weeds and minimizes the need for pesticides.
- Mow high. Make you lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high-3" is the rule. Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clipping fall back on the lawn. Clippings recycle nutrients back into the soil, so fertilizer needs can be reduced by 25% or more!
- Rake it or leave it. Follow your community's leaf pick-up guidelines. Avoid raking leaves into storm drains or roadside ditches that lead to our lakes and rivers because decaying leaves use up water's oxygen and harm fish and aquatic insects. Try mowing leaves into your lawnthey also make a good fertilizer.
- Use less for pests. Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly. Limit application of these chemicals to problem areas only and help protect your kids, pets and the environment.