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NEWSLETTER

November/December 2026
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ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT: ***"Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world."***

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Anchor Bay High School Newsletter



2026-27 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR

(CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION)



NOVEMBER 3RD NO SCHOOL – ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 10 IN-SCHOOL SHOW PRESENTATIONS

NOVEMBER 11-14 FALL DRAMA SHOWS

NOVEMBER 14TH SENIOR PHOTOGRAPH DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 19 & 20 EXAM DAYS (HALF DAYS ALL STUDENTS)

NOVEMBER 20TH END OF FIRST TRIMESTER

NOVEMBER 23-24 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)

NOVEMBER 25-27 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER 2ND REPORT CARDS IN PARENT PORTAL

DECEMBER 8 MSN BAND CONCERT

DECEMBER 11 ABHS & MSS CHOIR CONCERT

DECEMBER 12-14 DRAMA SCHOOL PLAY—BEAUTY IS THE BEAST AT 7 PM

DECEMBER 12TH SENIOR POSE SELECTION DEADLINE

DECEMBER 21 – JANUARY 1 NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -



HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:17 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	1ST HOUR
8:21 A.M. – 9:19 A.M.	2ND HOUR
9:25 A.M. – 10:23 A.M.	3RD HOUR
10:29 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 HOUR
1:07 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.



No School—Election Day

Tuesday, November 3rd

No Students in Attendance



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.



November 23 –24
Professional Development Day
No Students in Attendance



ABHS REPORT CARDS

December 2nd, 2026

ABHS Report Cards
(available in Parent Portal)



No School—Thanksgiving Break

November 25—27

Happy Holidays!

December 21st—January 1st

No School—Winter Break

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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.



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!

Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP)

STUDENT WORK PERMITS

All work permits for students will now be online. Work permits will no longer be available or approved at school. Please refer to the following information to obtain a work permit. **New Online Tool for Youth Employment Permits** *MDE is sharing the following message from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity:* The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity is preparing to launch the new Youth Employment Permit Portal a centralized online system that will modernize the state's youth employment permit process and make it more convenient and accessible for minors, families and employers. Local school districts and nonpublic schools will no longer issue youth employment permits. **Beginning Oct. 2, 2026**, employers and minors will use the new portal to complete the youth employment permit process through one statewide system. For additional information and updates. **Click the following link for Work Permits and scroll down to Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP) to get started and create account.**
https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/ber/wage-and-hour/youth-employment-standards-act-yesa/yepp.

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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.
   (Note: Please do not call attendance and leave a message to sign your student out, be sure to speak with a secretary.)



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

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Please click links for more information.

Anchor Bay High School 2026—2027 Lunch Menu

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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: https://studentaid.gov/resources/scams 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/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)

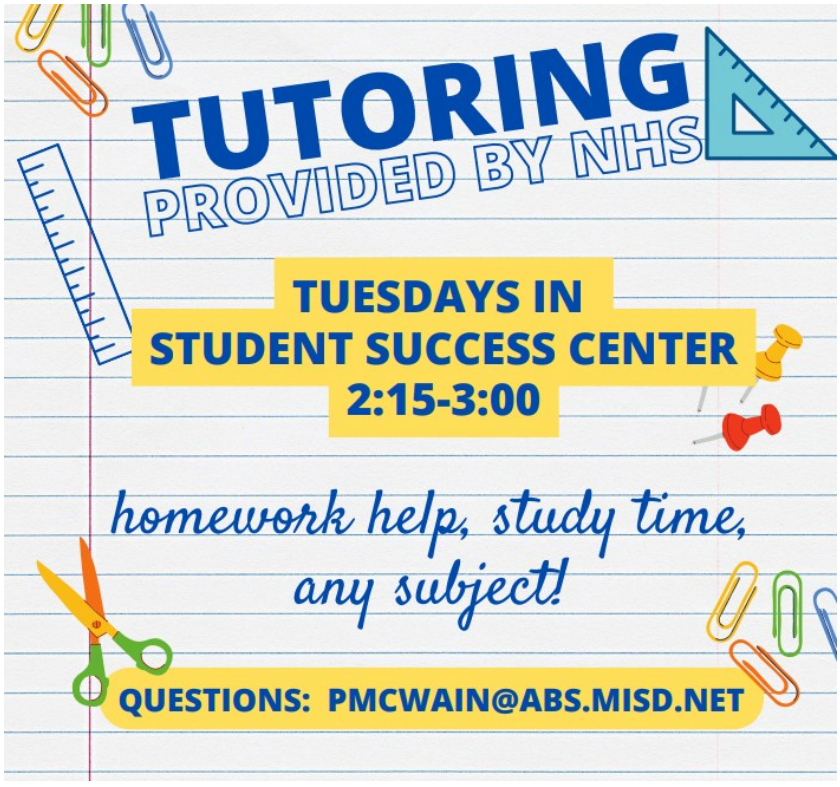
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ABHS Academic Support

NEED ACADEMIC HELP?

- **NHS After School Drop-In Tutoring:** This will be offered on **Tuesdays** in the Media Center from 2:15-3:00 pm. Please email pmcwain@abs.misd.net for more information.
- **Biology After School Drop-In Tutoring:** This is available on **Mondays and Thursdays** in room N214 with Mrs. Latona from 2:15 - 2:30 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 after school2:15-3:15pm on **Mondays and Thursdays** with Ms. Jackson in room N132. 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.



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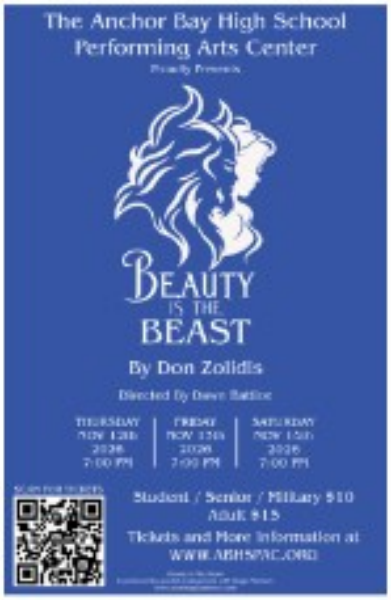
DRAMA / FORENSICS PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

Preparation for the fall show Beauty IS the Beast, a new release by Don Zolidis, is in full swing at Anchor Bay High School's Performing Arts Center! Our production will feature approximately fifty Anchor Bay students' work both on and off the stage. Please plan to come out and support our program and recognize our students for their spectacular efforts and achievements!



HOMECOMING PRE-PARADE FUN!!!



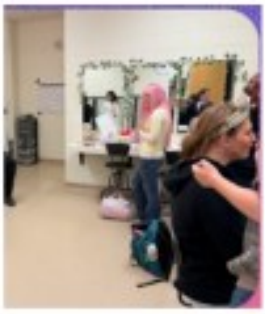


BLOCKING AND CHOREOGRAPHY AT ITS FINEST!

OUR PRODUCTION'S TEAM OF HAIR DESIGNERS!



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT MAKE UP!



If planning to attend, tickets may be purchased in advance at https://abhspac.ludus.com; tickets will also be sold at the box office each evening prior to curtain. Attendees may also purchase reserved (V.I.P.) seating in advance for $25 each which enables our guests to choose their seats and enjoy limited complimentary concessions. Contact a production member or Mrs. Battice for more information. Please support our students and the arts at Anchor Bay!

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GENERAL NOTICES—JROTC

Anchor Bay Air Force Junior ROTC started the year strong with events and activities for our cadets to grow as leaders, build better teamwork, and be the best representatives of our program and school. Our first Curriculum in Action trip was to Covenant Hills ropes course, offering a chance for our cadets to challenge themselves, break out of their comfort zone, and be part of a team. With effective communication, trust, and problem solving, cadets used valuable leadership skills and inspired each other to overcome any obstacle. These types of activities can strengthen the ties within our team and remind everyone that only teamwork makes the dream work. We also helped our school administration with the pathways open house and trades fair and it was a great opportunity to get to know students, parents, and people from the community better. JROTC cadets helped escort attendees around the school and got a chance to present what JROTC is all about. Flight Leader Training kicked off for some cadets chosen to hone their leadership skills, improve communication, and learn how to motivate fellow cadets. Leadership training includes responsibility, accountability, organization, and being an example. JROTC cadets also showed pride in their school participating in the homecoming parade. This school tradition helps cadets show their discipline, teamwork, and represent our JROTC program. Moving into the school year, we want to encourage our cadets to be motivated, engaged, and strive for excellence both in classrooms and in JROTC. Everything we do at JROTC is an opportunity to learn, help our fellow cadets, and become leaders.

Thank you to our cadets, instructors, cadet family members, and school community for your constant support. Let's make this trimester successful! ***Aim High, Fly-Fight-Win!***

If you'd like more information about joining or partnering with AFJROTC, please reach out to 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 of Facebook at Anchor Bay Highschool Air Force JROTC.







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GOOD NEWS!! Join us in Congratulating Laurie Gardner, ABHS Teacher...

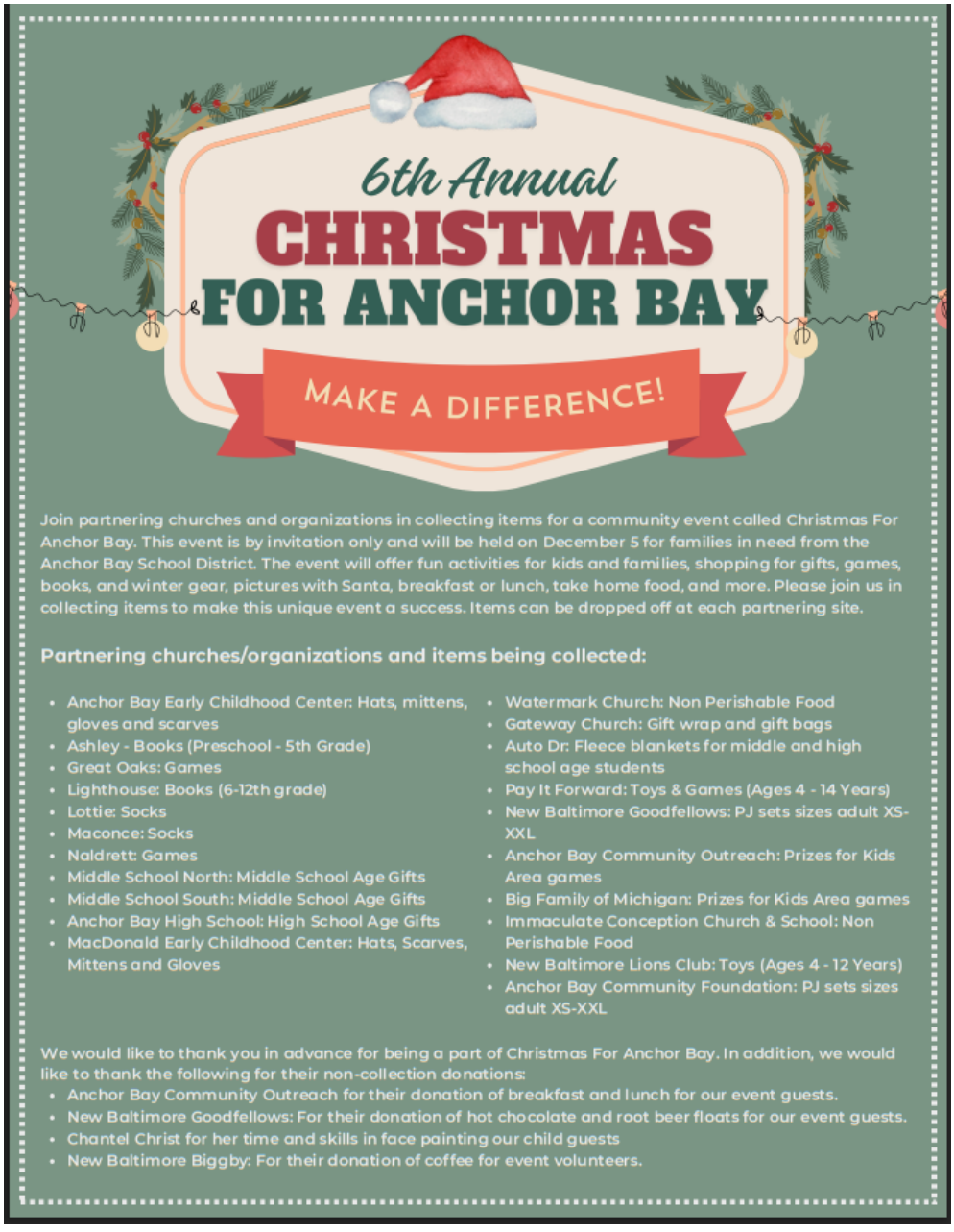
Personal Finance teacher, Laurie Gardner, was awarded a scholarship to attend the Jump$tart National Educator Conference in Aurora, Colorado this November.

A special thank you to Extra Credit Union for supporting financial education by presenting Laurie with a $500 check to help cover incidental travel expenses associated with the conference.

This national conference brings together Personal Finance educators from across the country to collaborate, share best practices, and explore innovative ways to teach financial literacy.



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Donations can also be made through the Amazon Wish List (click here):

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/24Y35V90HMK7E?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwY2xjawVMOvZleHRuA2FlbQIxMABwZG9mAWJyaWQRMWN4WVJ6OENJMXRQWFcxclJzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe9I10SHgs0hY9Ngt3NXHPnbPlDV-ft-ZrtjP5SnRQXrbuhSm5TotaVzigijU_aem_ynyC_uOEfnhBMY4n9Md23Q

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Note: ABHS MOCK TRIAL is in the early stages of assigning roles -witness and attorney. It is not too late to sign up. We meet every Wednesday after school in Mr. Zucarro's room (S102). Come to our next meeting to get more information.

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PROTECTING OUR WATER…IT'S AS EASY AS SEVEN SIMPLE STEPS

Did you know that over three million people depend on our lakes and streams for their drinking water? And that in Southeast Michigan there are over 300,000 registered boaters and 3.5 million people visit a local park each year?

With this many people depending on our lakes and streams for drinking water and recreation, we need to be careful how we treat our water. You might no be able to see the stream or lake from your house, but it's there. It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of these lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home effects our water!

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams

Help keep pollution out of storm drains. Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.

Fertilize caringly and sparingly. Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.

Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil. Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.

Clean up after your pet. Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will you be a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.

Practice good car care. Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.

Choose earth friendly landscaping. Protect your pets, kids and environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.

Save water. Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.