

ANCHOR BAY



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Newsletter

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The mission of Anchor Bay Schools, in partnership with the community, will produce lifelong learners, who respect diversity, adapt to change and function as responsible citizens.

February/March



TECH SUPPORT If you are running into technology issues, we are pleased to provide our Anchor Bay Help Desk as a resource. Please email absdtechsupport@abs.misd.net for assistance.

Captain's Quarters

Captain's Quarters is up and running on *Tuesday's and Thursday's* during all lunches. School supplies, Pop-Its, MSN T-Shirts, Socks, Hoodies, Beanies and more! Fun new inventory is being added weekly!

We are looking for Parent Volunteers to help with the School Store on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 12:45 pm. Please email Mr. Ledbetter at dledbetter@abs.misd.net, Ms. Kessel at skessel@abs.misd.net or Mrs. VanHeusden at pvanheusden@abs.misd.net for more information. You must have a volunteer form on file.

Cedar Point Field Trip

Once again, this spring, students who earned the privilege will be able to participate in the Cedar Point Trip on Friday, June 3, 2025. We have ordered double the busses, National Trails, so that all eligible students who would like to participate will be able to do so. We will be selling the tickets starting the week of March 14th, 2025. The cost of the trip is \$75.00. **There will be no refunds.** More information will be coming in March. The criteria for this trip are, “outstanding/excellent” and “satisfactory/good” for citizenship. A student receiving a total of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the school trip program. Any student involved in a fight or referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded. Truancy students will also be excluded.

7th Grade Reward Trip – Dave & Busters

This spring, 7th grade students, who earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Dave & Buster reward trip on Friday, May 30, 2025. We will be selling the tickets starting the week of April 1st. The cost of the trip is \$40.00, which includes \$20.00 Power Card, several free games, buffet lunch and unlimited soda. **There will be no refunds.** The criteria for this trip are; “outstanding/excellent” and “satisfactory/good” for citizenship. A student receiving a total of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the 7th grade reward trip program. Any student involved in a fight or referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded. Truancy students will also be excluded.

6th Grade Reward Trip – Walter Mary Burke Park

This spring, 6th grade students, who earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Walter Mary Burke Park reward trip on Friday, May 30, 2025. We will be selling the tickets starting the week of April 1st. The cost of the trip is \$20.00, which includes DJ, Tootsie the Clown, face painting, outdoor games, pizza, chips, lemonade and more! **There will be no refunds.** The criteria for this trip are; “outstanding/excellent” and “satisfactory/good” for citizenship. A student receiving a total of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the 6th grade reward trip program. Any student involved in a fight or referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded. Truancy students will also be excluded.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

After school academic support is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Math support is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 am-8:00 am. Forms can be found on our website at www.anchorbay.misd.net. Under the school heading select Anchor Bay Middle School North and scroll down to the heading titled Academic Support. Please be advised that if your student leaves prior to the end of the academic support Anchor Bay Middle School North is not responsible for your child once they leave the school property.

YEARBOOK

The price of a yearbook is \$40.00. For more information visit www.yearbookforever.com.

Spring Book Fair

Spring Book Fair, March 17- 21



The MJHS sponsored a Sock Drive and we collected 306 new pairs of socks. The socks are going to be donated to MCREST.

MCREST provides meals, lodging, life-skills training, and emergency shelter 365 days each year to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Macomb County. We are so grateful that we are able to help people of all ages in our community.

Band

On Saturday, January 18, 45 Middle School North students participated in MSBOA District XVI Solo & Ensemble Festival. Of the 18 events (twice as many as last year!) that played, 14 received a Division I or II rating. Congratulations musicians!



During a recent school cancellation, we found that several parents were not receiving text messages from the District notifying them of the 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 (68453) 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>



Kroger Community Rewards® makes fund-raising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

Sign in or Create an Account to enroll, upon signing up please use our code: PL446
Once signed in you can enroll or update your Community Rewards under your Account Setting

DROP OFF/PICK UP

If you drive your child to or from school you will need to drive to the main parking lot. When you are dropping off your child please pull all the way up to the last stop sign that's on the side walk. This keeps the traffic pattern flowing and traffic back-ups to a minimum. You may also drop off your child in the parking lot along Ashley Street. **Do not drive in the bus loop to drop your child off.** Safety is the number one concern when driving around the school property.

Apply for Free or Reduced Meals

To apply for free or reduced-price meals for the 2022-2023 school year, please fill out an application online at <https://anchorbay.familyportal.cloud/> under the 'benefits' tab. You will need to register with Family Portal first.

SendMoneytoSchool is Now Family Portal

Meal Magic Family Portal is a new website that gives parents a single site for all their food service tasks. You can make deposits, transfer funds, review account balances, see what your children are eating, set parental controls, apply for meal benefits and more! It is also intuitive and mobile friendly.










Parents who previously used sendmoneytoschool.com for online payments will need to register with Family Portal using the same email address. This will allow all student information to transfer over automatically.

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Parent Portal

There is now a link in left navigation window of the Parent Portal at the bottom called **Additional Information**. When you click on it, it lists the student's locker number, locker combination and lunch id. See below.

Navigation	
	Grades and Attendance
	Grade History
	Email Notification
	Teacher Comments
	Forms
	My Schedule
	School Information
	Account Preferences
	Additional Info

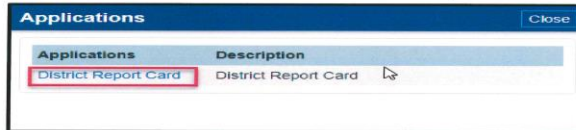
Locker and Lunch Information	
Locker Number:	N1477
Locker Combination:	31-37-17
Lunch ID	3500

Instructions for Parent to view Report Card.

- Log into Parent Portal
- Click the Student that you want to see the report card for (Step 1)
- Click on the App Switcher button (Step 2)
- Note: Report Cards will show for all students the parent has access to in the one PDF file



- The Applications window will open and you can click on District Report Card



- After clicking on District Report Card, the report downloads in the lower left corner



DRESS CODE

Anchor Bay Schools respect students' right to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Anchor Bay Schools are expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for the K-12 environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in the learning and health and safety of students and adults who supervise them. This policy is intended to guide students, staff, and parents.

The following guidelines shall be followed, which allow for student expression but also to aid in academic success and safety.

Guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

1. Presents a hazard to the health and safety of the student or to others in the school.
2. Interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
4. Prevent the student from achieving educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Inappropriate attire includes:

Profane, negative, or obscene writing or pictures

Sunglasses (unless prescription transitional lenses)

Hoods, or anything that covers the ears

Tube tops or single strap tops. Tops must have a strap on both shoulders

Transparent clothing

Clothing that reveals undergarments

Clothing that exposes nipples, genitals, or buttocks

Clothing that has references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, gangs, illegal activities, demonstrates association with hate groups, or uses hate speech targeting a protected class – may not be worn.

Footwear with a sole must be worn at all times.

Students who represent the district at an official or school sponsored function or public event (I.E. – athletic teams, band, choir, AFJROTC, etc.) may be required to follow specific dress requirements as a condition of participation or attendance. Specialized courses may require specialized attire such as sports uniforms or safety gear. I.E.- Physical Education and Career and Technical classes.

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress.

Any student with inappropriate clothing will remain in the office until an appropriate solution is found. This may require a change of clothing to be brought to the school.

Sailor Happenings

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL PHONE # - 586-725-7373
FAX # - 586-725-6760

TRANSPORTATION # - 586-725-4220

SCHOOL HOURS – 8:04 – 2:52

START AND END TIMES

8:04 – 2:52 FULL DAY
8:04 – 11:29 HALF DAY

NOTE:

If your child is absent from school,
please call us at (586)725-7373
Ext. # 1702 before 10:00 a.m.

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Sailor Happening

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS for 2024-2025

No School for Students:

- Monday, April 21, 2025
- Tuesday, May 6, 2025

❖ HOLIDAYS for 2024-2025

No School for Students:

February 14-17, Mid-Winter Break

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 School
resumes

March 24 – March 28, Spring Break

Monday, March 31, 2025
School resumes

May 27, Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2025
School resumes
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

All calendar dates are subject to
change.

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 not 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 leads directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home affects our water!

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

1. **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.
2. **Fertilize sparingly and responsibly.** 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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Practice good car care.** Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
6. **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.
7. **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.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days of school a month, over the course of the school year, can drastically affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your children are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your children if they are showing signs of anxiety, such as headaches or stomach aches. Listen to their concerns, and if needed, ask school staff for help.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.



Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

BON VOYAGE EIGHTH GRADERS

DEAR EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS:

This year for eighth graders only, there will be a section in the Anchor Bay Middle School North yearbook where parents can wish their 8th grader luck on their new adventure to high school. If you would like to wish your son or daughter good luck as they move into high school, go to www.yearbookforever.com to create an 8th grade message ad to pay by credit or debit card.

NOW – JAN. 2: \$15

STARTING JAN. 3: \$20



SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS :

You take great photos every day. Whether in school or learning from home, send us your best photos of school activities or events for consideration in the Anchor Bay Middle School North yearbook!

To submit your photos to the yearbook staff: Download the Yearbook Snap mobile app from the App Store or Google Play, and enter our access code: **north** or go to yearbookforever.com, enter our school name, click on Yearbook Snap and enter our access code: **north**.

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SAILORS, YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

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Your child spends a lot of time at school, creating memories in and out of class. Those memories will live on in the yearbook. Buy a yearbook so they can always remember.

NOW - NOV. 1: \$35
NOV. 2 - JAN. 30: \$38
STARTING JAN. 31: \$40

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