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Newsletter

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ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH



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ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

October/November

Thursday, October 31, 2024, is Halloween. Staff and students who wish to participate by dressing in costume may do so on Thursday only. Please be mindful of the following guidelines.

1. The normal school dress code will be enforced. As is typical, we will not allow low cut tops, bare midriffs, and/or tank tops
2. No masks or other face coverings will be allowed
3. No “look-alike” weapons will be allowed
4. Costumes containing sexual innuendoes, or those promoting alcohol, drugs, violence or anything construed to be offensive in nature will not be allowed
5. For their own safety, students should avoid wearing costumes that drag on the floor
6. Roller blades, skates, scooters, skateboards or any type of propelling equipment will not be allowed
7. Hats and sweatshirt hoods may be worn that day provided they are identified as part of the costume

Students dressing inappropriately will be asked to change and could be subject to further disciplinary action. The administrative team will make final judgments should questions regarding the appropriateness of a student’s dress arise. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Safety first and always! Whether students are taking the bus, riding a bicycle, driving by car, or walking to school, students and parents need to be equally aware of making sure everyone travels safely to and from school. If you are dropping off or picking up your student, it is imperative that you adhere to the guidelines for drop off and pick up. I thank everyone ahead of time for your patience, vigilance, and cautiousness now and all year long as we help each other keep our students and drivers safe each day.

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 sign that is on the sidewalk. 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.

Attendance

If your child will miss school for any type of appointment or illness and you receive a doctor note, please send into the office immediately so that attendance can be updated. If you have any attendance questions please feel free to email jseamans@abs.misd.net or call Mrs. Seamans

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Anchor Bay North offers Academic Support for our students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week from 3 to 4pm. Students report to the Media Center immediately after school. There will be at least two North teachers to assist students on site. If you are interested in having your son/daughter attend Academic Support permissions slips 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 documents.

Cooking Club

Session One is all filled up; however, permission slips will be available for session two Cooking Club in the beginning of November so keep your ears open! The four Wednesdays for Session #1 will be 10/9 (Breakfast Casserole Muffins), 10/16 (Dorito Salad), 10/23 (Ravioli Bake), and 10/30 (Cinnamon Twist Sticks). This club starts after school and students need to be picked up by 4:15. Cooking Club costs \$20, cash or check, made out to Anchor Bay Middle School North and is open to all grades!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who is interested in Dungeons and Dragons club this year, the first club meeting will be on Monday, October 7th from 3-4 pm. We will meet every Monday from 3-4 pm until the end of the school year. We will be meeting in Ms. Turner's room, A6. You will need a signed permission slip to be turned into Ms. Turner (Room A6) or the front office by October 4th (Friday). There is going to be a maximum of 15 students in the club. The first meeting on October 7th will go over expectations and create your game's character. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Turner at aturner@abs.misd.net.

Picture Re-Take Day

Thursday, October 24, 2024, during 5th and 6th hours.

7th Grade Vision Screening

Tuesday, November 12, 1st – 4th hours

If your student wears glasses or contacts please remind them to wear them to the screening.

MJHS (Michigan Junior Honor Society)

MJHS Dates and Events

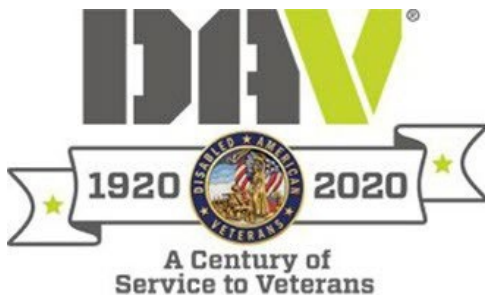
Current 8th grade students who meet the grade point requirement (3.61 or higher) for the Michigan Junior Honor Society have received an invitation to apply. Completed applications must be turned in on Wednesday, October 3, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted. Submitted applications will be reviewed by our faculty council, and if selected, students will receive acceptance letters by Friday October 11. The Induction Ceremony will take place on October 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the ABMSN gym.

Our first MJHS sponsored fundraiser for the year has started. We are accepting donations for the Disabled American Veterans. You can click on the link provided to make a donation. Each donation will be represented by an American Flag that will be displayed in the front of our school the week of November 4th and will remain on display for Veterans Day on November 11, 2024. Please show your support by using the link below. Any questions about MJHS can be sent to Kris Deagen at kdeagen@abs.misd.net or Jennifer Thomas jthomas@abs.misd.net

Disabled American Veterans Field of Flags

Week of November 4, 2024

<https://support.dav.org/participant/NorthMJHS>



[I'm supporting Disabled American Veterans!](https://support.dav.org/participant/NorthMJHS)

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity

support.dav.org



Physical Education

We are excited to be working with students again this year. Our mission is to give students the skills they need to be active throughout their lifetime. As you can imagine our equipment takes a beating each year. Please consider donating any gently used sports equipment to our P.E. program. All equipment must be clean (dirt and mold free). Items can be dropped off in the office. Below is a list of items we need. Please limit donations to this list as all donations must directly support the current curriculum in place. We appreciate all your support and look forward to a great year ahead.

Soccer balls (regular or Nerf)

Basketballs

Footballs

Plastic bats

Ping pong balls/paddles

Whiffle balls

Badminton rackets and birdies

Jump ropes (moderate length)

LOST AND FOUND

Attention students: Another reminder about Lost & Found: Currently, there are several hoodies, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and notebooks on the Lost & Found tables! Please look today and claim any items that may belong to you! Next week, all the leftover items will be donated to a local charity, so do not delay!



Coffee with the Counselor

Coffee with the Counselors will be back this year with a different format. To reach more parents, the Counselors will send out valuable information on several relevant topics impacting today's youth. These short presentations are designed to provide useful information and resources for our Anchor Bay families. Stay tuned and check your email inbox throughout the year for all updates.

LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills classes at North are moving right along!

Life Skills Two is a newly added elective class open to 8th grade students.

Here is what we are making in Life Skills this semester!

Life Skills One:

Rice Crispy Treats

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Cupcake Wars

Red Lobster Biscuits

Cinnamon Rolls

Brownies

Fettucine Alfredo

Sugar Cookies

Grilled Cheese

Quesadillas

Mac n' Cheese

Oreo Pie

Pizza

Breakfast

8th GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP



8th Grade students registered for the 2025 Washington DC trip are fundraising with Little Caesars Pizza Kits!! Options include Pizzas, Breads, and Cookies! Sales run from October 14th to October 25th. Students can collect orders with the order form, or kits can be ordered online. To order online, go to PizzaKit.com, select Products, Shop, Ship to the Group, and enter the Fundraiser ID# of **444004**. When you check out, you will enter the name of the student you are ordering from. If you do not know an 8th grader going and would still like to order, put Ms. Kessel in the student line and we will divide monies up between those fundraising.

If you order online, do not fill anything out on paper order forms.

All orders will be delivered the week of November 11, 2024, the actual date has not been determined yet. to ABMSN and must be picked up on the delivery date from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm. If you have questions, you can contact Ms. Kniepner-Finch at 596-725-7373 ext. 1704, or email aknieper@abs.misd.net or Ms. Kessel by email at skessel@abs.misd.net.

Thank you for your support!



Kroger Community Rewards®

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Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards®.

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[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 Settings.

YEARBOOK

The cost of the book will be \$35.00 until November 1, 2024. From November 2, 2024, through January 30, 2025, the cost will be \$38.00. Starting January 31, 2025, the cost will be \$40.00, and you may be placed onto a wait list. The books have sold out in the last couple of years and there are no guarantees that your child will get a book, so please order early, and save money!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council has several fun events planned for North Students!

On Halloween, Thursday, October 31st, North will hold its first Pep Assembly. We will recognize our fall sports athletes, play games, and hold our annual costume contest. Students are encouraged to dress up for Halloween. Prizes are awarded for grade level best costumes and best group costumes!

Student Council will also be holding a 7th and 8th Grade Dance on Friday, November 18th from 5pm-7pm. More information to follow soon! Listen to Broadcast for announcements and additional information.

SAVE THE DATE! Movie Night will be held on Friday, December 6th. Come watch a holiday movie on the 22-foot giant screen! Listen for Broadcast announcements for the movie choice and times!

SAVE THE DATE! North's annual Dodgeball Tournament is Friday, January 31st. More information and team registration will take place in early December. Listen to Broadcast for announcements and additional information.

Apply for Free or Reduced Meals

To apply for free or reduced-price meals for the 202-2024 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 be transferred automatically.

Parent Portal

There is now a link in the 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

SCHOOL CLOSING

If bad weather necessitates closing school, all the major local television and radio stations will be notified including channels 2, 4, 6, 7, AM 950 and 760. Cable TV channel 6 will also broadcast information about closings. The school district also has an emergency answering machine at 586-725-3544



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>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL PHONE #586-725-7373

FAX #586-725-6760

TRANSPORTATION #586-725-4220

SCHOOL HOURS – 8:04 – 2:52

MEAL ACCOUNT WEBSITE

<https://anchorbay.familyportal.cloud/>

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.

PRINCIPAL

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

David Ledbetter

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DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.anchorbay.misd.net

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS for 2024-2025

No School for Students:

- Monday, November 25, 2024
- Tuesday, November 26, 2024
- Monday, January 20, 2025
- Monday, April 21, 2025
- Tuesday, May 6, 2025

- **HOLIDAYS for 2024-2025**

No School for Students

November 27 – November 29

Thanksgiving Break

- Monday, December 2nd school resumes

December 23 - January 3

Christmas Break

- Monday, January 6th school resumes

January 20

MLK

- Tuesday, January 21st school resumes

February 14 - February 17

Mid-Winter Break

- Tuesday, February 18th school resumes

March 24 – March 28

Spring Break

- Monday, March 31st school resumes

April 18th

Good Friday

- Tuesday, April 22nd school resumes

May 26

Memorial Day

- Tuesday, May 27th school resumes

All calendar dates are subject to change

Protecting Our Water...

Remember, you're not just walking the dog.

Did you know that pet waste contains bacteria that makes our lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities?

... There are over 53 million dogs in the United States, which produce 6.3 billion pounds of waste and bacteria per year?

... Residential lawns and streets are among the highest contributors of bacteria in storm water, which drains directly to our lakes and rivers?

Southeast Michigan loves dogs, too. Nearly one-third of the region's households have at least one dog. Most of us pick up after our pets to be good neighbors and keep our yards clean. But there's another important reason to clean up after our pets. Leaving pet waste on the sidewalk or in the yard means that harmful bacteria can get washed into storm drains and roadside ditches and then flow directly into our lakes and rivers untreated,

What can you do? Simple. No matter where you are, dispose of your pet's waste promptly by throwing it in the trash or toilet.

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.

SAILORS, YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

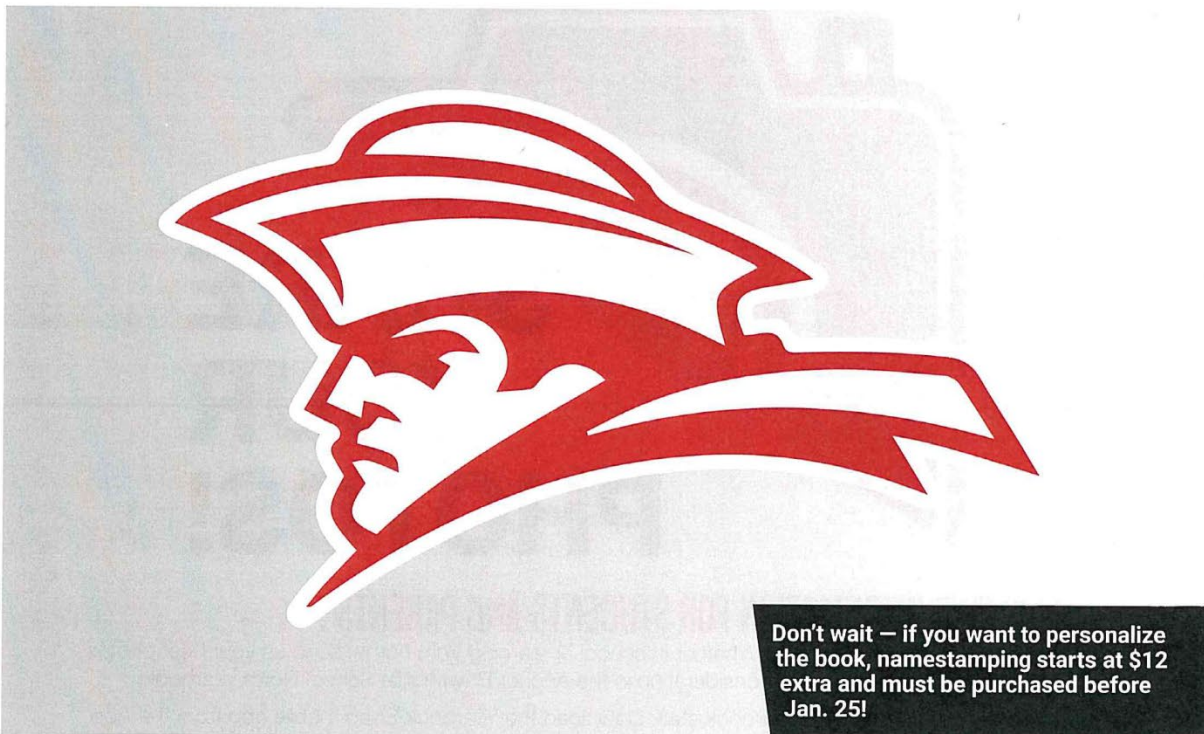
Your child spends a lot of time at school, creating memories in and out of class. Those memories will live on in the yearbook. Buy a yearbook so they can always remember.

NOW - NOV. 1: \$35

NOV. 2 - JAN. 30: \$38

STARTING JAN. 31: \$40

**TO PURCHASE: GO TO
YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM AND
ENTER OUR SCHOOL NAME OR
SCAN THE QR CODE.**



Don't wait – if you want to personalize the book, namestamping starts at \$12 extra and must be purchased before Jan. 25!

DON'T MISS OUT - BUY A YEARBOOK TODAY!



Walsworth yearbooks

yearbookforever.com

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



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**.

Walsworth yearbooks

yearbookforever.com



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 8th 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!



It is Time for the Annual Feed the Bay Food Drive! October 7th - 11th, 2024

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 or
Fruit cups** (plastic, 4 oz)

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!