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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

Friday, October 31, 2025, is Halloween. Staff and students who wish to participate by dressing in costume may do so on Friday only. Please be mindful of the following guidelines.

1. The normal school dress code will be enforced.
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.

Students and Medication:

If your student has a health issue that requires medication, like food allergies (nuts for example), bee stings, that would require an Epi-Pen or Asthma that would require an inhaler. Please make sure that the office has the proper paperwork filled out from the doctor and an Epi-Pen or Inhaler on hand, in case of an emergency.

Picture Re-Take Day: Thursday, October 23, 2025, during 5th and 6th hours

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. It will start on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 and be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week from 2:50pm to 3:50pm. Students report to the Media Center immediately after school. Students may attend as they need to and will sign in and out each day they attend. 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. Parents can pick up their students in the front of the building after Academic Support is over.

Cooking Club

Session One is all filled up; however, permission slips will be available for session two Cooking Club soon, so keep your ears open! The four Wednesdays for Session #1 will be 10/1 (Breakfast Casserole Muffins), 10/8 (Dorito Salad), 10/15 (Ravioli Bake), and 10/22 (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!

Makerspace

Makerspace is looking to stock up on some items for future projects. If you have items to donate, please send them in to the office or your child can drop them by the Makerspace classroom (C2 and C4). Items could include the following (or other items you find that you think could be useful): tissue paper, cardboard

tubes (not toilet paper please), yarn, Styrofoam, fabric, notions (such as buttons, cording, rickrack), wrapping paper, hot glue sticks and hot glue guns, dowels, pom poms, silk and plastic flowers and greenery.

A HUGE thank you to those who have donated items. You are appreciated!

Spanish Club

Hola! Spanish Club enrichment sessions will be offered once each trimester. Our first session will be on Thursdays in October: 10/11, 10/18, 10/24 and 10/30 from 3:00pm-4:30pm, in room A17. Some basics to the Spanish language will be taught, as well as elements of culture. The cost is \$20, cash or check made out to Anchor Bay Middle School North, and payment with the permission slip is due to the Counseling office by Thursday, October 2nd or until the 30 spots are filled.

Pickleball Club

We will have a Pickleball Club at the outside courts on ABMS-North's playground. Thursdays throughout the month of October, (10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30) weather-permitting. First session; 5 weeks, 3:00pm-4:15pm.

Art Enrichment Program

Ms. Beninati and Mr. Martyniuk have decided to start an after-school Art Club which is open to 5th & 6th graders.

The Art Club has received positive feedback from the students, staff, parents and our Facebook Parent page! Being able to offer after-school programs such as Art Club has a wonderful impact on our students. It provides them with socialization, feeling part of a group, the ability to express themselves creatively and an overall fun time!

We will be offering several sessions throughout the year. The first session will be Tuesdays, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 from 3:00pm-4:30pm. We will meet in room B3.

Once the next sessions are scheduled, we will promote the club by making overhead announcements, put it on the website and on our Facebook parent page. The cost is \$20.00, and space is limited to the first 32 students that turn in their permission slips and money.

Please email Ms. Beninati, cbeninati@abs.misd.net or Mr. Martyniuk, bmartyniuk@abs.misd.net with any questions.

Chess Club

Mr. Mittelstadt and Mrs. Rodgers will be having a Chess Club. They will be on Tuesdays, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 from 2:50pm-4:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per student, for ALL 4 weeks (Non-Refundable). Players of all skill levels are welcome to learn, play and improve together. You will pick up your students in the front of the building at door 1 when the club is over.

Media Center

If you have any middle school age, gently used books, you would like to donate to our library please drop them off to the main office. Thank you!!

Be on the lookout for our Annual Book Fair, coming this Spring. More information will be coming soon.

Sports Equipment



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.

LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills classes at North are moving right along!

Here is what we are making in Life Skills.

Life Skills E-1 & E-2

Popcorn	Egg in a Frame
S'mores Treat	Mac n' Cheese
Deep Fried Oreos	
Donuts	



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YEARBOOK

The cost of the book will be \$35.00 until November 1, 2025. From November 2, 2025, through March 2, 2026, the cost will be \$38.00. Starting March 3, 2026, 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!

Since they have only had one meeting so far, stay tuned for more information on our upcoming events as the dates are set.

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

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 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 – 8:00 – 2:48

MEAL ACCOUNT WEBSITE

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

START AND END TIMES

8:00 – 2:48 FULL DAY

8:00 – 11:25 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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DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.anchorbay.misd.net

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS for 2025-2026

No School for Students:

- Monday, November 24, 2025
- Tuesday, November 25, 2025
- Monday, January 19, 2026
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026

• HOLIDAYS for 2025-2026

No School for Students

November 26 – November 28

Thanksgiving Break

- Monday, December 1st school resumes

December 22 - January 4

Christmas Break

- Monday, January 5th school resumes

January 19

MLK

- Tuesday, January 20th school resumes

February 13 - February 16

Mid-Winter Break

- Tuesday, February 17th school resumes

March 30 – April 3

Spring Break

- Tuesday, April 7th school resumes

May 25

Memorial Day

- Tuesday, May 26th 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 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 bacterial 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.



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!

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 - MARCH 2: \$38

STARTING MARCH 3: \$40

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SIXTH GRADERS



DEAR SIXTH GRADE PARENTS:

This year for sixth graders only, there will be a section in the Anchor Bay Middle School North yearbook where parents can wish their 6th grader luck! If you would like to wish your son or daughter good luck go to www.yearbookforever.com to create a 6th grade message ad to pay by credit or debit card.

NOW – April 9: \$15



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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