

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

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Anchor Bay High School January Newsletter



2023-24 JANUARY CALENDAR
[\(CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION\)](#)



January 2024 51 events

Jan 1	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotic
Jan 2		No School - Winter Break
Jan 3		School Resumes
Jan 4	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Jan 5		Cancer Game
Jan 8	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Jan 8	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Jan 9	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Taste Fest
Jan 10	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Jan 10	4:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Taste Fest Snow Dates
Jan 11	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Monthly Link Crew Group Meeting
Jan 11	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Jan 11	4:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Taste Fest Snow Day
Jan 15		No School MLK Day - Teacher Professional Development Day
Jan 15	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Jan 16	2:15 PM to 2:45 PM	NHS Meeting
Jan 17	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Jan 18	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Jan 22	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Jan 22	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Jan 23	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	ABHS Collaborative Staff Meeting
Jan 24		Half Day Middle School and High School, PM Teacher Records Day
Jan 24	7:00 AM to 10:45 AM	ABHS First Semester Final Exams
Jan 25		Half day for All Students, PM Teacher Records Day
Jan 25	7:00 AM to 10:45 AM	ABHS First Semester Final Exams
Jan 25	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Jan 26		Half day for All Students, End of Second Quarter & End of First Semester
Jan 26	7:00 AM to 10:45 AM	ABHS First Semester Final Exams
Jan 29	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Jan 29	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Jan 30	5:00 PM to 7:30 PM	Relay For Life- Spaghetti Dinner
Jan 31	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Jan 31	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Board of Education - Regular/Organizational Meeting

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -



7:17 AM - 8:15 AM	1 st HOUR
8:21 AM - 9:19 AM	2 nd HOUR
9:25 AM - 10:23 AM	3 rd HOUR
10:29 AM - 11:27 AM	4 th HOUR
A LUNCH 10:29 AM - 10:55 AM	
BLUNCH 11:00 AM - 11:26 AM	
CLUNCH 11:31 AM - 11:57 PM	
12:03 PM - 1:01 PM	5 th HOUR
1:07 PM - 2:05 PM	6 th HOUR

It's a Great Day to be a Tar!





NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023

REMINDERS



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/>



School Notes:

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 First Semester Final Exam Schedule



Wednesday, January 24th
1st Hour (7:17-8:57 a.m.)
2nd Hour (9:07-10:47 a.m.)

Thursday, January 25th
1st Hour (7:17-8:57 a.m.)
2nd Hour (9:07-10:47 a.m.)

Friday, January 26th
1st Hour (7:17-8:57 a.m.)
2nd Hour (9:07-10:47 a.m.)



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.



Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 15th, 2024

—NO SCHOOL—

Teacher Professional
Development Day



ABHS Report Cards

February 2nd, 2024

ABHS Report Cards
(available in Parent Portal)



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ABHS Academic Support

NEED ACADEMIC HELP?



NHS After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is peer tutoring organized by NHS students on Mondays and Thursdays after school from 2:20-3:20 pm in the Media Center. This is a drop-in session for core classes only. If you have questions about this, please reach out to Ms. Kitchens (rkitchens@abs.misd.net) or Ms. Koch (kkoch@abs.misd.net).

Math Tutoring is available on Mondays and Wednesdays in room S115. Please email wkiehler@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.



ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL COMFORT CLOSET DONATIONS

In a compassionate effort to ensure high school students have access to basic needs, our high school will be equipped with a free store known as the "Comfort Closet." Students will have the opportunity to visit the "Comfort Closet" with the assistance of their school social worker or counselor. The goal is to provide students with items that may not be available to them outside of school, remove the burden of fitting in, and promote a culture of giving in our community and among our students. Please [click](#) here for more information. The "Comfort Closet" will be stocked solely with donated items and completely funded by contributions. 100% of all donations will benefit this project.



ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL RELAY FOR LIFE EUCHRE PARTY



There will be a Relay for Life Euchre Party at Total Sports in Harrison Township on Friday, January 19th, 2024 starting at 6:10 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more details.

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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Important SPRING 2024 Testing Information:

- State mandated testing will begin the week of April 8th (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 Exam. (MME). The MME has three components: the SAT with Essay, the ACT Work Keys, and the M-Step (Science & Social Studies).

Completion of all components is required for graduation from ABHS.

PSAT/NMSQT scores are now available to all 11th grade students. To access their scores, students will need to log-on to their College Board account.

YEARBOOK YEARBOOK

Yearbooks, Ads, and all other related purchases will be done online this year. Here is the [link](#) with further information. Any questions email lboseak@abs.misd.net.



SENIORS PLEASE NOTE: ORDER CAP & GOWNS BY 01/31/24.

Attention Seniors: Final deadline to order GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens is January 31st, 2024 to arrive on time and avoid late fees. Please go to www.jostens.com. Please click [here](#) for more senior information.

ABHS SENIOR YARD SIGNS

Senior students interested in purchasing ABHS Senior Yard Signs, please click [here](#) for more details.



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>



PINK OUT BASKETBALL GAME ON JANUARY 5TH, 2024

The Relay team is hosting a Pink Out game on Jan 5th. All levels of boys and girls basketball will be playing that night to support the American Cancer Society.



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 building (I.D. is required) and sign the student out.
2. If the student has a vehicle at school the Parent/guardian can call the counseling office and speak to a secretary. A secretary will then call the student out of class, sign them out, and give them a pass.
3. Parents can write a note stating date, time, reason for student to be released, and a phone number where they can be reached. The note must be brought to the counseling office before school in the morning. The secretary will then call the parent to confirm the note and times indicated. **PARENTS WILL BE CALLED ON ALL NOTES FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR SON/ DAUGHTER.** If we are unable to get in contact with the parent to confirm note, your student will be unable to be released. Once we have contacted parents and an excused pass has been written, it is the student's responsibility to come to the office to get the pass before he/she leaves the campus. If he/she leaves without signing out in the office, the student will be unexcused.

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 [Student Handbook](#).

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 WALKING THE DOG

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

Did you also know?

...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 regions 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.