

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

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**Anchor Bay High School February Newsletter**

2023-24 FEBRUARY CALENDAR

([CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION)



February 2024		
Feb 1	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Feb 2		Report Cards in Parent Portal
Feb 2	6:30 AM to 2:30 PM	One-Act Drama Show - In-School Show
Feb 3	6:00 PM to 9:30 PM	ABHS School Dance
Feb 5	7:00 AM to 2:15 PM	WIDA Testing - J. Gartin
Feb 5	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Feb 5	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Feb 5	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	ABJO Rehearsal
Feb 6	7:00 AM to 2:15 PM	WIDA Testing - J. Gartin
Feb 7	7:00 AM to 12:00 PM	WIDA Testing - J. Gartin
Feb 7	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Feb 8	7:00 AM to 2:15 PM	WIDA Testing - J. Gartin
Feb 8	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Feb 9	2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	D&D Club Meeting
Feb 12	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Feb 12	5:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Rugby Parent Meeting
Feb 12	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Feb 12	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	ABJO Rehearsal
Feb 14	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Feb 15		2024-25 New Student Enrollment Begins
Feb 15	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Feb 16		No School - Mid-Winter Break
Feb 19		No School - Mid-Winter Break
Feb 19	2:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Dance Studio Parent Showcase
Feb 19	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	ABJO Rehearsal
Feb 20		School Resumes
Feb 20	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	ABHS Collaborative Staff Meeting
Feb 21	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Feb 22	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Feb 22	2:45 PM to 4:45 PM	Driver's Education
Feb 23	2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	D&D Club Meeting
Feb 23	4:00 PM to 8:30 PM	guidANCE experience
Feb 24	7:00 AM to 9:15 PM	guidANCE experience
Feb 26	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring
Feb 26	5:45 PM to 8:15 PM	FRC Robotics
Feb 27		Professional Development Day - No Students in Attendance
Feb 27	6:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Macomb County Vision Screening-9th Grade Students
Feb 28	2:09 PM to 4:00 PM	DECA Meeting
Feb 29	2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	NHS Tutoring

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -





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## 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:

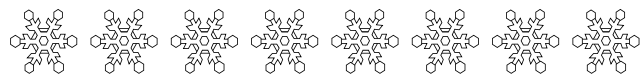
- If you would like to receive text messages from Anchor Bay School District, send a text message to (67587) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message.
- If you are already receiving text message from Anchor Bay School District no further action is required.
- For more information you can visit <http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/>

### ABHS Report Cards



February 2nd, 2024

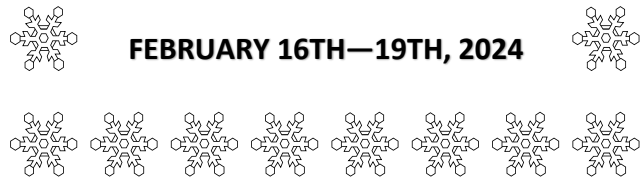
ABHS Report Cards  
(available in Parent Portal)



### MID-WINTER BREAK

- NO SCHOOL -

FEBRUARY 16TH—19TH, 2024



**February 27th  
Professional  
Development Day  
No Students  
in Attendance**

**ANCHOR BAY RELAY FOR LIFE  
PRESENTS  
2024 AB OSCARS**

February 21, 2024  
Red Carpet @ 6:30 pm  
Oscars @ 7:00 pm

**\$5 Admission**  
All tickets will be sold at the door

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society



School Count Day

February 14th, 2024

It's always cool to be in school!



### Attention Seniors

Cap and Gown Information:

Please visit [www.jostens.com](http://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 **February 29** in order to receive your items prior to graduation.



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## ABHS SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS

Semester 1 Report Cards will be available in [Parent Portal](#) on February 2, 2024. For directions to view your student's grades on their report card in Parent Portal [click here](#). Also, please continue to check Parent Portal for the most up-to-date grading information. If you do not have a login, please contact the school office.

ABHS Academic Support

NEED ACADEMIC HELP?



## Academic SUPPORT

**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](mailto:rkitchens@abs.misd.net)) or Ms. Koch ([kkoch@abs.misd.net](mailto:kkoch@abs.misd.net)).

**Math Tutoring** is available on Mondays and Wednesdays in room S115. Please email [wkiehler@abs.misd.net](mailto: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.

## 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 \(Click Here\)](#)



## ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL COMFORT CLOSET DONATIONS

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## Important Testing Information:

All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in testing during the month of April. Testing dates are as follows:

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> : SAT (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and PSAT 10 (10<sup>th</sup> grade)

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> : ACT (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and PSAT 9 (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

Week of April 15<sup>th</sup> : M-STEP (11<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\*Please note that completing the MME suite of assessments is a graduation requirement.\**

In preparation for testing, students will need to complete a Digital Readiness Check (DRC). Included in the DRC is an opportunity to sign up for Big Future School and Connections. Big Future School is a free mobile app that lets students view their scores and get customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college. Available through the Big Future School app, Connections™ is a free program exclusively for school day test takers that allows them to hear from nonprofit colleges and scholarship programs that may be a good match.

If you would prefer that your student not sign up for Big Future School and Connections, please fill out the opt out form below. Filling out the form allows you to opt your student out of providing optional information that is not directly related to the administration of these assessments.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U8b7G9ijtEeernt1\\_paPhPqRcOrcHblCkPIHGE3uXmxUQJJKUEZYNVISWjNTSk9BYDNSVzQ2WTdCUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U8b7G9ijtEeernt1_paPhPqRcOrcHblCkPIHGE3uXmxUQJJKUEZYNVISWjNTSk9BYDNSVzQ2WTdCUi4u)

**Opting out of BigFuture School and Connections does not mean your student is opting out of testing. Completing the MME suite of assessments is a state and graduation requirement.**

Please look for more testing information in the coming weeks.

## **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](mailto:lboseak@abs.misd.net).



## SENIORS PLEASE NOTE: ORDER CAP & GOWNS BY 02/29/24.

Attention Seniors: Final deadline to order GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens is February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to arrive on time and avoid late fees. Please go to

[www.jostens.com](http://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>



## SCHOLARSHIP BASKETBALL GAME

The Anchor Bay Scholarship Basketball game will be on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (details coming soon).



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Anchor Bay High School presents

## CAREER FAIR



Anchor Bay High School  
Thursday, March 14, 2024  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Open to Public

### ABHS CAREER FAIR AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SHOWCASE

ABHS will host a Career Fair and Technical Education Showcase on Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the ABHS Commons. This is open to the public and is a wonderful opportunity to speak one on one to professionals in all sorts of careers and walks of life. [Click here for the flyer.](#)



### FRESHMAN HONORS U.S. HISTORY CLASSES GO TO HENRY FORD MUSEUM

9th Grade Honors United States History classes will be visiting the **Henry Ford Museum of Innovation** on February 13, 2024. Mrs. Anne Harms and Mr. Devon Conklin are looking forward to their classes experiencing the "unique educational experiences based on authentic objects, stories, and lives from America's traditions of ingenuity, resourcefulness, and innovation."



### ABHS AIR FORCE JROTC

The ABHS Air Force JROTC cadets from unit MI-931 are doing amazing things within and outside of the JROTC program. They are participating in the Howell HS AFJROTC Annual Drill Meet on 3 Feb 2024. Wish them luck as they compete against some very tough teams. Additionally, in March, the cadets will be traveling to Dayton, OH for the Air Force Drill Nationals and will continue to Nashville, TN for their annual Curriculum in Action field trip. They will be going to the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, The Air Force Museum, Tour the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, Music Row, dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and a stop at the infamous Buc-ees for some table fare and souvenirs. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of our cadets. Finally, we are super proud of Cadet Major Aubrey Sebastian as she received 2 congressional nominations for her application to attend the United States Military Academy West Point. Here she is pictured with Congresswoman Lisa McClain's nomination letter. We wish her luck as she finalizes her application, fingers crossed for her selection to attend. It's not all about wearing uniforms and marching in the JROTC, we do a lot of fun activities. On Sat 20 Jan we had an ice-skating party at Mt Clemens Ice Arena, see the smiles on all the cadets pictured. Our program can be a blast if you allow yourself to have some fun. If you have any questions about the program or are interested in joining, please reach out to your school counselor or Senior Master Sergeant Quintana at email [squintana@abs.misd.net](mailto:squintana@abs.misd.net) or phone 596-648-2525 ext. 2356.



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### DRAMA/FORENSICS

Anchor Bay High School attended the district theatre festival hosted by Sterling Heights Stevenson High School on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> with our one act production of *Pageant Perfect* by Kelly Meadows. Our cast and crew did an incredible job, receiving an overall rating of I for the production, and many students received recognition for their outstanding efforts and achievements. Receiving recognitions of superior achievement were the following: for the show's playbill, Vivian Dombro, Kendra Harrison, Mick Barnes, Ava Lazarra, and Kai Strong; for acting, Kylie Leija for her role as Juanita and Leah Mitchell for her role as Jane Swellings/Miss Utah; for sound, Cody Powers, Kayla Rice, and Elenor Thomas for design and execution; and for scene transition execution, the stage crew including Sam Dahlman, Natalie Frey, Skylar Geremesz, London Hudgins, Tiara LaFave, Sophia LeBeau, Maya Monden, and Jason Weed. Mick Barnes and Leah Mitchell also received recognitions of excellence for their portrayals of Mr. and Mrs. Montanez. We will travel again on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, to Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights in order to share the fruits of our labor and attempt to secure a spot at the state theatre festival the following weekend which will be hosted by Wayne State University February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Again, the festivals are open to the polite public. Come out and enjoy this amazing activity and support the arts.

On the forensics front, a portion of our team attended the first regular season invitational forensics tournament. On Saturday January 27, the Anchor Bay High School forensics team was represented by three competitors at Troy High School. Kyla Cori placed first for the fourth year in a row in Original Poetry! Congratulations are due to all of our forensics students on their achievements! Our next tournament is on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Birch Run High School. Please see Ms. Battice in room E119 for more information.

The tournaments are open to the polite public free of charge and offer an amazing viewing and learning experience free of charge. Please come out and see what this activity has to offer. Below are the dates and locations of the other season invitational tournaments Anchor Bay's team will attend, all on Saturdays, each beginning at approximately 8:00 am.

February 24<sup>th</sup>, Grass Lake High School  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Avondale High School in Auburn Hills  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, Novi High School  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, Walled Lake Western High School  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, location TBD

Back in the world of theatre, we are gearing up and already in the planning and design stage for our next show. Pre-production meetings for the spring musical *The Wizard of Oz* will be held February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday and Thursday, from 2:15 until 3:15 pm in room E119. Those interested in working behind the scenes or on the stage must attend one of these two informational meetings, though attending a meeting does not obligate anyone to participate as a member of the company. Auditions will occur February 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and regular rehearsals will begin the week following auditions. We are very interested in involving some of our middle and elementary school students in some of the musical numbers as well; the drama and music teachers at our district schools will be contacted shortly to clarify our anticipated needs and rehearsal requirements. Please listen, watch for announcements, and if a high school student, attend one of the pre-production meetings for more information.

For further information about these programs or events through the Anchor Bay Performing Arts Center, contact Ms. Battice at the high school, extension 2360.



# 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](#).

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## 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.

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## 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](http://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.