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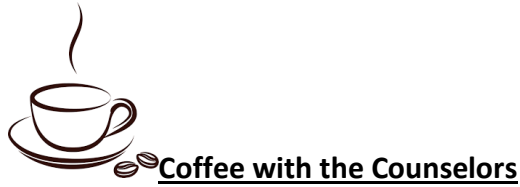
The mission of Anchor Bay Schools, in partnership with the community, will produce lifelong learners, who respect diversity, adapt to change and function as responsible citizens.

December/January

*Wishing you peace, love,
and laughter
this Holiday Season
and throughout the coming year*

Happy Holidays!





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.



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.



Kroger Community Rewards® makes fund-raising easy...all you must 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 Settings.

Captain's Quarters

Captain's Quarters is up and running on ***Tuesdays and Thursdays*** during all lunches. School supplies, Pop-Its, MSN T-Shirts, Socks, Hoodies, Beanies and more! Fun new inventory is being added weekly! A very special thank you to Mr. Teddy, Ms. Beninati, Ms. Kessel, Mrs. VanHeusden, and our student council for all the support and hard work to make this possible!

Life Skills One and Two

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

Kids have been working very diligently, practicing their kitchen skills! Here's what's on the menu for the rest of the semester:

Here's What's Cooking in Life Skills!

Life Skills 1	Brownies
Cinnamon Rolls	Mac n' Cheese
Sugar Cookies	Fettucine Alfredo
Quesadillas	Oreo Pie
Pizza	Grilled Cheese
"Exams"- Breakfast	
Life Skills 2	Snickerdoodles
Cheesy Potatoes	Monkey Bread
Fried Ice Cream	Chicken Noodle Soup
Mini Cheesecakes	Biscuits and Gravy
Spaghetti and Breadsticks Tomato Pasta	Apple Pie
Texas Roadhouse Rolls and Butter	Cake Pops
Breakfast	

Cooking Club

Cooking Club, session three, will begin at North late February. Permission slips will be available in early February. We will be accepting permission slips for new students only for the first few days that the permission slips are available and after that we will open Cooking Club to all students. Cooking Club meets on select Wednesdays after school until 4:00 and is open to all grades! The cost is \$20 for four cooking days. We will offer 2-3 sessions (each session equals 4 cooking days) between Feb. and May. We will be cooking the following for session three:

Breakfast Pigs in a Blanket
Homemade Pizza Rolls
Burgers
Homemade Twix Bars

Email Mrs. Brees at kbrees@abs.misd.net or Ms. Beninati at cbeninati@abs.misd.net with any questions.

Craft Club

Craft Club Several of our teachers at Middle School North have decided to continue the after-school Craft Club which is open to all grades! Craft Club has received positive feedback from the students, staff, parents, and our Facebook parent page! Being able to offer after-school programs such as Craft 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. Once the session is scheduled, we will promote the club by making overhead announcements, during afternoon Broadcast class, 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 slip and money. Please email Mrs. Thomas jthomas@abs.misd.net with any questions.

Library

Cleaning to make room for new gifts at the holidays?? Read a book and don't know what to do with it now? Donate your old books to our school library! Students can turn books in to Ms. Kessel in A1 or to the library.

The winter **Book Fair** is scheduled for December 11-15.

Drama

Mrs. Goerke, Mrs. Naus, and Ms. Kirven took the Drama and Choir classes to see Frozen at the Detroit Opera House! It was an amazing experience!



Green Team/MJHS

WE NEED SHOES!!!! WE NEED SHOES!!!! WE NEED SHOES!!!! WE NEED SHOES!!!!

Green Team and MJHS Have Teamed Up to Help Feed the Bay

Beginning January 8, 2023, a donation box will be in the commons at Anchor Bay Middle School North to collect shoe donations.

Have you cleaned out your closet lately? Those shoes that have been sitting there unworn, actually have value! We're collecting gently worn, used and new shoes and we need your help. We're looking for all sizes and all types of shoes: sneakers, boots, dress shoes, sandals, athletic, dance shoes and casual shoes. We want them all! (No boots that clip into skis or snowboards, please.)

Over the holidays, ask family and friends for shoe donations. Hosting a dinner, ask family and friends to bring their unwanted shoes.

Our goal is 2,500 pairs of shoes. If we collect 2,500 pairs of shoes, we can earn \$1,000 for Feed the Bay. The more shoes we collect, the more money we earn for Feed the Bay. Plus, we will keep all of those shoes out of landfills.

All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs, a for profit social enterprise, and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses.

In the US alone, over 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away per year. The materials used to manufacture a pair of shoes are created from chemical compounds that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. By donating your gently worn, used and news shoes to Anchor Bay Middle School North, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference

Choir News

We have been invited to sing some carols for the Bay-Rama Tree Lighting Ceremony! It takes place on Monday, December 4th. We will gather by the tree at Washington and Alfred at 6:30pm, start singing carols at 6:45 and be done around 7:30.

Students should dress warmly and be ready to be outside for the duration of the performance. Santa will be making an appearance!

We hope we can have as many choir students as possible there, please let me know if you/your student cannot make it.

Moana performances are at 7:00pm on 12/14 and 12/15 at Anchor Bay High School. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased here: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/78415>

Band News

Our Winter Band Concert is on 12/19 at Anchor Bay High School at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Anchor Bay High School Auditorium
6319 County Line Road
Fair Haven, MI 48023

Cedar Point Field Trip

Once again, this spring, 8th grade students who earned the privilege will be able to participate in the Cedar Point Trip on Friday, May 31, 2024. We will be selling the tickets starting the week of March 4, 2024. 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.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

After school academic support is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 pm. 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 4:00 pm Anchor Bay Middle School North is not responsible for your child once they leave the school property.

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: 67587) 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>

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.

DRESS CODE

Guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety to himself/herself or to other in school.
- Interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property
- Prevent the student from achieving his/her education objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

A few examples of inappropriate attire include:

- Shirts or **jeans with cuts or holes**
- Bare midriff or backless tops (you should not be able to see bellybuttons or any skin on your stomach or back)
- Short shorts, short skirts
- Profane, negative or obscene writing or pictures
- Hats (no head cover), sunglasses
- Coats or jackets designed for outerwear
- Tank tops or transparent tops (shirts must have sleeves completely covering the outside point of the shoulders). No low cut or revealing dress or tops revealing cleavage.
- Clothing that has reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, gangs, or illegal activities may not be worn.
- Clothing of appropriate size and worn in proper locations – no sagging of the pants. Pants should not drag on the floor; a belt is recommended. Cuffs should be no wider than 8 inches.
- Wallet Chains, spiked jewelry, or other dangerous accessories.
- Visible tattoos, excessive writing on the skin (no face painting)
- Shoes, sandals, or boots must be worn at all times
- Breakaway clothing, snap pants, pajamas. Student dress and grooming should be clean and in good taste.

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 lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home effects 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 caringly and sparingly. 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.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

TRANSPORTATION # - 586-725-4220

SCHOOL HOURS – 8:04 - 2:52

MEAL ACCOUNT WEBSITE

www.sendmoneytoschool.com

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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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2021-2022

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2023-2024

WEBSITE www.anchorbay.misd.net

January 15, 2024
May 8, 2024

HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

No School for Students:

December 25-January 1
Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 2nd School resumes

January 15

MLK

Tuesday, January 16 school resumes

February 16 – February 19
Mid-Winter Break

Wednesday, February 20th School resumes

March 25 – March 31

Spring Break

Monday, April 1st School resumes

May 27

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28th School resumes

All calendar dates are subject to change

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This school year will live forever in the pages of the yearbook. Help your student remember friends, classes, fun and more by purchasing a yearbook for them today.

NOW - DEC. 31: \$35
JAN. 1 - MARCH 29: \$38
STARTING MARCH 30: \$40

Don't wait – if you want to personalize the book, namestamping starts at \$12 extra and must be purchased before Jan. 27!

TO PURCHASE: Go to yearbookforever.com and enter our school name to purchase a yearbook with a credit card, debit card or PayPal.

DON'T MISS OUT — BUY A YEARBOOK TODAY!

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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 a Recognition ad to pay by credit or debit card.

\$15 through February 17 (\$0.45 service fee applies)

Your message can be no more than 150 characters. The last day to purchase a Bon Voyage message is February 17 or until space is filled. (along with the message, the students portrait ID photo will be used for photo).



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**.