

**ANCHOR BAY**



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**Newsletter**

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# ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH



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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.

## February/March



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](mailto:absdtechsupport@abs.misd.net) for assistance.

### Captain's Quarters

We are very excited to announce the grand opening of Middle School North's school store! Captain's Quarters is up and running on **Tuesday's and Thursday's** 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!

We are looking for Parent Volunteers to help with the School Store on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 12:45 pm. You will help oversee the students working in the store. Please email Mr. Ledbetter at [dledbetter@abs.misd.net](mailto:dledbetter@abs.misd.net), Ms. Kessel at [kessel@abs.misd.net](mailto:kessel@abs.misd.net) or Mrs. VanHeusden at [pvanheusden@abs.misd.net](mailto:pvanheusden@abs.misd.net) for more information. You must have a volunteer form on file.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reward Trip - Cedar Point

This spring, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, who earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Cedar Point reward trip on Friday, May 31, 2024. We have ordered busses through National Trails. 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.** 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade reward 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.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reward Trip – Dave & Busters

This spring, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, who earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Dave & Buster reward trip on Friday, May 31, 2024. We will be selling the tickets starting the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the trip is \$40.00, which includes \$20.00 Power Card, several free games, buffet lunch and unlimited soda. **There will be no refunds.** 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade reward 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.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reward Trip – Walter Mary Burke Park**

This spring, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, who earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Walter Mary Burke Park reward trip on Friday, May 31, 2024. We will be selling the tickets starting the week of April 1st. The cost of the trip is \$20.00, which includes DJ, Tootsie the Clown, face painting, outdoor games, pizza, chips, lemonade and more! **There will be no refunds.** 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade reward 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.

### **REWARD TRIPS**



#### **Reward Trips**

Reward trips are part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. They are designed to encourage positive behavior and academic success. The following trips are planned for the 2023-24 school year for students who meet the qualifying standards.

**Washington DC Trip– April 25-April 27, 2024**

**6th Grade Class Trip to New Baltimore Park– May 31, 2024**

**7th Grade Class Trip to Dave & Busters– May 31, 2024**

**8th Grade Class Trip to Cedar Pointe– May 31, 2024**

To qualify for our PBIS Reward Trips, students must meet the criteria established in our student code of conduct.

***“A student receiving a total of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the school trip program. Any student involved in a fight, instigating a fight or referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded from the school trip program.”***

TIMEOUT=4 POINTS

DETENTION=2 POINTS

F GRADE=2 POINTS

N CITIZENSHIP=1 POINT

U CITIZENSHIP=2 POINTS

**Qualifying for these trips is a reward to our students for meeting a high standard. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE POINT TOTAL PROGRAM WILL BE ALLOWED. The Washington DC Trip has additional Demerit requirements due to the length of the trip and being an out-of-state overnight trip. Specific information will be given to participants when registered.**

## **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

After school academic support is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Math support is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 am-8:00 am. Forms can be found on our website at [www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://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 the end of the academic support Anchor Bay Middle School North is not responsible for your child once they leave the school property.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council has been busy and has a lot in the works for the North Students! We held our annual dodgeball tournament on Friday, January 12th, crowing "Can't Dodge This" the champions. Congratulations to all players! We hope to see you back again next year.

Council members are now busy planning for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Cost is \$10. We are also planning the next 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mixer Dance on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm. Cost is also \$10. Tickets will be sold at lunches the week of each event. Student Council will also be organizing the Winter Sports pep assembly on Friday, March 15th.

## **YEARBOOK**

The price of a yearbook is \$38.00. For more information visit [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com).

## **Life Skills**

2nd Semester-

We are excited to start 2nd semester in Life Skills! The Cooking Labs we will be doing are: Rice Crispy Treats, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Brownies, Cinnamon Rolls, Grilled Cheese, Noodles, Red Lobster Biscuits, Quesadillas, Sugar Cookies, Mac n' cheese, Oreo Pie, Pizza, and Cup Cake Wars! We will also be learning Kitchen Safety, Kitchen Equipment, Kitchen Terminology, Equivalentents and other very important Life Skills!

## **Life Skills Two**

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester-

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!

Cheesy Potatoes, Fried Ice Cream, Mini Cheesecakes, Spaghetti and Breadsticks Tomato Pasta, Breakfast, Snickerdoodles, Monkey Bread and Chicken Noodle Soup.

## **Cooking Club**

Third session Cooking Club starts February 28, 2024!

We will be making Breakfast Pigs in a Blanket, Homemade Pizza Rolls, Burgers and Homemade Twix Bars. Permission slips will be available in the office starting the beginning of February.



## **MJHS**

The Michigan Junior Honor Society and Green Team are still collecting gently used shoes. If you haven't cleaned out your closets yet, you have until March 1 to help North students help others. Then starting in March, the MJHS will be collecting eyeglasses for the New Baltimore Lions Club. Glasses will be collected in first hour classes and the winning class will earn a special treat. Most MJHS members have completed over 10 hours of community service in the first half of the school year and are looking for opportunities around our community to earn volunteer hours for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. If you know of any opportunities that you think would be good for our members, please contact Mrs. Deagen at [kdeagen@abs.misd](mailto:kdeagen@abs.misd). Current 7<sup>th</sup> graders who meet the academic requirements of the MJHS will be invited to complete an application in April, and an induction will be held before the end of the school year.

## **MJHS and Green Team News**

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

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

A donation box will be in the commons at Anchor Bay Middle School North to collect shoe donations. We will be collecting shoes for the Shoe Drive until March 1st.

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.)

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

Please help MSN meet the goal of collecting 2,500 pairs of shoes. Funds earned from the Shoe Drive will be donated to Feed the Bay, which services students in the Anchor Bay School District.

## **Band News**

The Anchor Bay Bands Pre-Festival Clinic is on 2/22 at ABHS. Performances take place from 3:30-5:30 (high school bands) and 6:30-8:30 (middle school bands).

## **Football**

Current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders that plan to play football at the HS. There will be after school lifting every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 starting on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the ABHS weight room. You must provide your own transportation. The weight room will be supervised.



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>



Kroger Community Rewards® makes fund-raising easy...all you have to 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 Setting

### **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.

### **Apply for Free or Reduced Meals**

To apply for free or reduced-price meals for the 2022-2023 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 transfer over automatically.

## Parent Portal

There is now a link in 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.

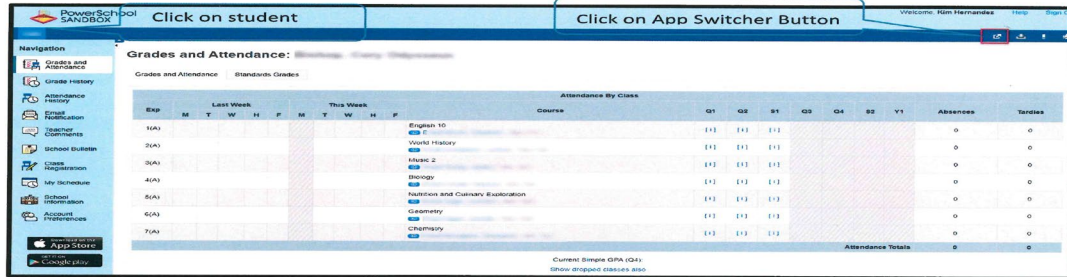
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	Grade History
	Email Notification
	Teacher Comments
	Forms
	My Schedule
	School Information
	Account Preferences
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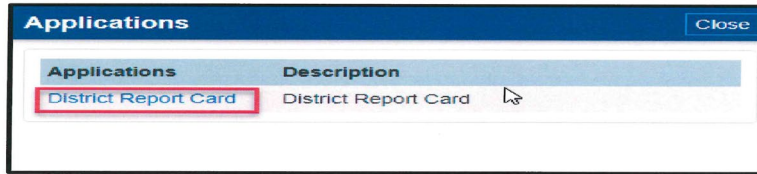
Locker and Lunch Information	
Locker Number:	N1477
Locker Combination:	31-37-17
Lunch ID	3500

**Instructions for Parent to view Report Card.**

- Log into Parent Portal
- Click the Student that you want to see the report card for (Step 1)
- Click on the App Switcher button (Step 2)
- Note: Report Cards will show for all students the parent has access to in the one PDF file



- The Applications window will open and you can click on District Report Card



- After clicking on District Report Card, the report downloads in the lower left corner





## **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:

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.

Baggy tops revealing shoulder and/or straps (shirts must have sleeves completely covering the outside point of the shoulders). 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.

# Sailor Happenings

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

TRANSPORTATION # - 586-725-4220

SCHOOL HOURS – 8:04 – 2:52

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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# Sailor Happening

## ***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS for 2023-2024***

No School for Students:

- Tuesday, February 27, 2024
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024

❖ HOLIDAYS for 2023-2024

No School for Students:

February 16-19, Mid-Winter Break

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 School  
resumes

March 25 – April 1, Spring Break

Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
School resumes

May 27, Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28, 2024  
School resumes

All calendar dates are subject to  
change.

## 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 leads 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.

# ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH



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](http://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!

**Walsworth** yearbooks

[yearbookforever.com](http://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](http://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](http://yearbookforever.com), enter our school name, click on Yearbook Snap and enter our access code: **north**.



## 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 6th 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](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!