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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

Tuesday, October 31, 2023, is Halloween. Staff and students who wish to participate by dressing in costume may do so on Tuesday only. Please be mindful of the following guidelines.

1. The normal school dress code will be enforced. As is typical, we will not allow low cut tops, bare midriffs, and/or tank tops
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 in an inappropriate manner 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.

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.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Anchor Bay North offers Academic Support for our students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week from 3 to 4pm. Students report to the Media Center immediately after school. There will be at least two North teachers to assist students on site. If you are interested in having your son/daughter attend Academic Support permission 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.

Cooking Club

Permission slips will be available for session two Cooking Club in the beginning of November so keep your ears out! The four Wednesdays for Session #2 will be 11/29 (Mini Breakfast Omelet's), 12/6 (Pizza Braid), 12/13 (Garlic Butter Chicken Bites), and 12/20 (Strawberry Brownies). 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!

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.

Picture Re-Take Day

Thursday, October 26, 2023, during 5th and 6th hours.

7th Grade Vision Screening

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 1st – 4th hours

If your student wears glasses or contacts please remind them to wear them to the screening.

MJHS (Michigan Junior Honor Society)

Michigan Junior Honor Society - Eighth-grade students eligible for MJHS will receive a letter the week of Sept. 25. There will be an informational meeting on Friday Sept. 29 in the media center at 7:45 am. Students must submit a completed application by Thursday, Oct. 5. Late applications will not be accepted. A faculty council will review the applications, and students will be notified of their acceptance status by Friday, Oct. 13. The induction ceremony will be held at ABMSN on Wednesday Oct. 18 at 7:00p.m.

Drama and Choir Event

Mrs. Goerke and Ms. Kirven are taking their drama and choir classes to BROADWAY! We will be going to the Detroit Opera House to see *Frozen* on Thursday, November 30th. Luckily, we found a matinee in the afternoon during the week. We are very excited to head to the city for a great show!



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 in the Lost & Found bins! 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!



Coffee with the Counselor

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.

LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills classes at North are moving right along!

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

Here is what we are making in Life Skills this semester!

Life Skills One:

Rice Crispy Treats
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Cupcake Wars
Red Lobster Biscuits
Cinnamon Rolls
Brownies
Fettucine Alfredo
Sugar Cookies
Grilled Cheese
Quesadillas
Mac n' Cheese
Oreo Pie
Pizza
Breakfast

Life Skills Two:

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

8th GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP



8th Grade students registered for the 2024 Washington DC trip are fundraising with Little Caesars Pizza Kits!! Options include Pizzas, Breads, and Cookies! Sales run from October 9th through October 20, 2023. Students can collect orders with the order form, or kits can be ordered online. To order online, go to PizzaKit.com, select Products, Shop, Ship to the Group, and enter the Fundraiser ID# of 410614. When you check out, you will enter the name of the student you are ordering from. If you do not know an 8th grader going and would still like to order, put Ms. Kessel in the student line and we will divide monies up between those fundraising.

If you order online, do not fill anything out on paper order forms.

All orders will be delivered on November 9th to ABMSN and must be picked up on the delivery date from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm. If you have questions, you can contact Ms. Kniepner-Finch at 596-725-7373 ext. 1704, or email akniepner@abs.misd.net or Ms. Kessel by email at skessel@abs.misd.net.

Thank you for your support!



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YEARBOOK

The cost of the book will be \$35.00 until December 31, 2023. From January 1, 2024, through March 29th the cost will be \$38.00. Starting March 30th, 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!

Student Council is sponsoring the 6th Grade Mixer on Friday, October 13th from 3-5 pm. Cost is \$10 and includes pizza and a drink. Additional concessions will be available for sale. Tickets will be sold at lunch the week of October 9-13th. No tickets will be sold after lunch. Permission slips will be sent home on Friday, October 6th. The theme is Pajama Party! So wear your school appropriate PJs.

On Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st, North will hold its first Pep Assembly. We will recognize our fall sports athletes, play games, and hold our annual costume contest. Students are encouraged to dress up for Halloween. Prizes are awarded for grade level best costumes and best group costumes!

Student Council will also be holding a 7th and 8th Grade Dance on Friday, November 10th from 5pm-7pm. More information to follow soon! Listen to Broadcast for announcements and additional information.

SAVE THE DATE! Movie Night will be held on Friday, December 8th. Come watch a holiday movie on the 22-foot giant screen! Listen for Broadcast announcements for the movie choice and times!

SAVE THE DATE! North's annual Dodgeball Tournament is Friday, January 19th. More information and team registration will take place in early December. Listen to Broadcast for announcements and additional information.

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

-  Grades and Attendance
-  Grade History
-  Email Notification
-  Teacher Comments
-  Forms
-  My Schedule
-  School Information
-  Account Preferences
-  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>

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.
- 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL PHONE #586-725-7373

FAX #586-725-6760

TRANSPORTATION #586-725-4220

SCHOOL HOURS – 8:04 – 2:52

MEAL ACCOUNT WEBSITE

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

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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DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.anchorbay.misd.net

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS for 2023-2024

No School for Students:

- Tuesday, November 7, 2023
- Monday, November 20, 2023
- Tuesday, November 21, 2023
- Monday, January 15, 2024
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024

HOLIDAYS for 2023-2024

No School for Students

November 22 – November 26

Thanksgiving Break

- Monday, November 27th school resumes

December 25 - January 1

Christmas Break

- Tuesday, January 2nd school resumes

January 16

MLK

- Tuesday, January 16th school resumes

February 16 - February 19

Mid-Winter Break

- Tuesday, 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

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 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.

ABMS North

The Life Skills Classes are hosting a FOOD DRIVE for:

Feed the Bay

*We are collecting:



*Where: Turn in to your 1st hour teacher. The class who collects the most (average, per student), will win a **yummy donut breakfast!**

*When: Due by Friday, October 13th 😊

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 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**.