

Anchor Bay Middle School North
52805 Ashley
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
New Baltimore, MI 48047
Permit No. 7

ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER





ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

October, 2009 Newsletter



The mission of Anchor Bay Middle School North is to provide opportunities for students to become responsible, productive members of society and lifelong learners.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Phone #

- 586-725-7373

Fax #

- 586-725-6760

Transportation

- 586-725-4220

School Hours

- 7:55 – 2:52

School Lunches

- \$2.25

PRINCIPAL

Timothy J. Brisbois, Ed.S.
tbrisbois@abs.misd.net

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Joseph McDonald
jmcdonald@abs.misd.net

DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.anchorbay.misd.net

If your child is absent from school, please call us at 725-7373 before 10:00 a.m.

If you get the voice mail message, use ext. 3790.

To leave messages in the summer, use ext 1703.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

There are many things happening and/or going to happen over the next few months and things are moving at lightning speed.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are this week : October 7th – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; October 8th – 1:00 to 3:00 and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Progress reports will be available at conferences. Visits with each teacher should be kept to about 5 minutes. If you need more time or have concerns, please make an appointment to meet with that teacher at another time during the school day. Be considerate of other parents who are waiting in line.

We are still very early into the school year and progress grades at this time may not be a true reflection of your child's efforts and abilities. It is important for you to check your child's grade sheet and/or agenda book on a regular basis to get a better picture of their progress in a class.

Next week, students will be taking the MEAP tests. MEAP testing days are October 13th, October 15th, October 20th and October 22nd during the first two hours of the school day. It is very important that your child be in attendance and on time to school, especially for those four days. Remember to have your child get a good night's rest and have breakfast. Students can use calculators for a portion of the MEAP Math test so be sure they bring one with them on the 20th.

Protocol for communication goes as follows:

Contact the teacher directly by e-mail, voice mail or ask one of the secretaries to leave a note in their mailbox. Remember, if you are upset sometimes it is good to wait 24 hours (the 24 hour rule). If there is no resolution to the issue, the next avenue is either counseling or administration.

Communication is an essential part of school life and it is the most difficult. If there are any changes with phone numbers, addresses or e-mail addresses please notify the ladies in the office so changes can be made to the emergency card and the student data base. There are many times when we need to contact a parent and we have to go through every number on the emergency card and we still cannot make contact with anyone. It is very important that we have up-to-date phone numbers if we need to contact you. This is for your child's well-being.

Patience is a virtue when it comes to driving the school parking lot. If you are dropping off your child at the curb in the morning, remember to pull all the way to the last stop sign. Please do not stop in the crosswalk.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 7th – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**OCTOBER 8th – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**October 8th – Half Day for Students
Dismissal at 11:25**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.**

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The NJHS induction ceremony will be on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m.

NJHS is sponsoring a food drive during parent teacher conferences for St. Mary's Food Pantry. Donations of canned food, non-perishables, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cake mixes, jello, pudding, soap, shampoo, deodorant and other hygiene related items is greatly appreciated.

MOM 2 MOM

SALE

AT

LOTTIE

**33700 Hooker Rd.
Chesterfield, MI**

**OCT. 17th, 2009
Saturday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

It's a great time!

Recycling Club



We are looking forward to another great year with the recycling club. Students in grades 6th -8th are welcome to join. The Recycling Club will meet on Thursdays from 3-4 in room E-13, Mrs. Jackman's Room. As a member, students will help Middle School North become a Green School. They will hold fundraisers, create recycled crafts, attend an end of the year field trip, and have lots of fun doing great things for our planet and school!

Recycling Club Meeting Dates

We will meet two times a month on a Thursday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Mrs. Jackman's Room (E-13).

October 1, 15 / November 5, 19 / December

3, 17 / January 14, 28 / February 4, 18

March 11, 25 / April 15, 29 / May 13, 27

Other meeting dates for the crafts with Mrs.

Wiles will be announced at a later time.

Bible Club

Run by the students

Meets every Tuesday 2:55-3:55

Room # E11

Pizza and snacks provided

Everyone welcome!

contact Lisa at: the_flecks@comcast.net

SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

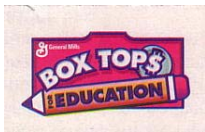
School Breakfast and lunch prices have NOT increased this year. The cost is still:

Breakfast - \$1.00 Lunch - \$2.25

If you qualify for free/reduced lunch prices:

Reduced - .30 Reduced - .40

CHOIR NEWS



BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are thrilled about our possibilities of excellent vocal arts experiences this year. Mrs. Boswell and our new accompanist, Ms. Heather Cilluffo, are excited to be working with 73 7/8 singers! They are dedicated, hard working musicians. Mrs. Michelson has 68 6th graders in Sailor Choir. They are actively preparing their half-hour musicale: I LIKE MUSIC. They have delightful choreography and promise to sing and dance their way into your hearts if you come to their delightful show on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, here in our cafeteria.

We thank you for your generous Boxtops Collection on Friday (4,480 Boxtops = \$448.00), and now we look forward to collection #2 in three short weeks, on October 21, 2009. We appreciate all your summer collecting, clipping, and finally bringing (to the first hour teacher) your valuable Boxtops! These Boxtops really add up, especially with the SPECIAL BONUS BOXTOPS CERTIFICATES you have been finding at the checkout machine that spits out your receipt at your favorite stores (Kroger, VG's, Meijer, Kmart, and Wal-Mart). The bonus receipts are worth 30 Boxtops (\$3.00), 50 (\$5.00) and 70 (\$7.00). We really have a growing competition in our box top race- who has the biggest box top total on their race shoe, located on the giant cafeteria wall chart. Hopefully, it is your child's class who wins the ice cream treat!

HOOPS FOR HEART

The Physical Education/Health Dept will be promoting Hoops for Heart again this year. Our goal is to donate more than \$626.00 (last year). Our ultimate goal is to get \$1600.00 in donation. Flyers will be passed out to all physical ed and health classes starting in October. This program will go through all of October. The last day for collecting donations will be November 6th.

THINGS GOING ON AT NORTH:

SPORTS:

Sports Boosters	- RaiAnne Morrocco
Cross Country Club	- Kristi Killett
Boys Basketball, 7 th grade	-
Boys Basketball, 8 th grade	- Nate Williams
Girls Basketball, 7 th grade	- Mike Greenwold
Girls Basketball, 8 th grade	- Robin Stanton
Football, 8 th grade	- Bryan Mittelstadt Tom Mittelstadt
Flag Football, 6/7 th grade	- Dave Kirsten
Volleyball, 7 th grade	- Sara Luxmore
Volleyball, 8 th grade	- Robin Stanton
Wrestling, 6/7/8 th grade	- Jeff Stevenson
Track & Field, 7/8 th grade	- Michael Seaton Geoff Klein

OTHER:

Parent Advisory	- Beverly Teno
Babysitting Course	- Jeanette Dell
Bible Club	- Ron Medley Lisa Fleck Rene Debiase
Magic Club	- Ken Slavik
National Jr. Honor Society	- Robin Stanton
Peer Mediation	- Robin Stanton Michael Seaton Nate Williams
Recycling Club	- Jennifer Mittelstadt Heidi Jackman Lisa Laratta Dianna Wiles
School Broadcast	- Jennifer Thomas Stephanie Doppke
School Newspaper	- Jennifer Thomas
School Health Network	-
School Store	- Laura Sedlar Sandy Carrier
Scrapbook Club	- Jennifer Thomas
Student Council	- Terry McCain Paula VanHeusden
Yearbook	- Paula Van Heusden



7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Schedule

Mon	9/28	LCE	Away	3:30
Thur	10/1	Powell	Home	3:30
Mon	10/5	AB South	Away	3:30
Thur	10/8	Seneca	Home	3:30
Mon	10/12	Romeo	Away	3:30
Thur	10/15	Iroquois	Home	3:30
Mon	10/19	New Haven	Home	3:30
Thur	10/22	Romeo	Home	3:30
Mon	10/26	LCS	Away	3:30
Thur	10/29	LCC	Home	3:30
Mon	11/2	Powell	Away	3:30
Mon	11/9	AB South	Home	3:30



8th Grade Football Schedule

Tues	9/29	Eastland	Home	4:00
Tues	10/6	Roseville	Away	4:00
Tues	10/13	New Haven	Home	4:00
Tues	10/20	Mt. Clemens	Home	4:00
Tues	10/27	Kennedy	Away	4:00
Tues	11/3	ABMS South	Away	6:00

ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH SPORTS BOOSTERS

If you like kids, like sports, and want to be part of a program where you make a difference, please call Joe McDonald or Shannon Torney at 586-725-7373.

Anchor Bay Middle School North Cross Country Club Fall 2009

Thurs 10/1 DHS/ CV MS Invite 4:00 pm
Clinton Twp. Civic Center

Fri 10/16 AB Middle Invite 4:00 pm
Aurand Park; 24 mile road

Tues. 10/20 Shadywood Invite 5:00 pm
Delia Park

PHYSICAL FORMS FOR ATHLETICS

To try out or practice for a sport all athletes must have a current (after April 15, 2009) completed physical form on file in the office. Forms are available in the school office or at Central Office which is located in MacDonald Elementary School on County Line Road, north of 27 Mile Road.



WWW.MARKETDAY.COM

Our account # is **24624**.

Order online at marketday.com. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Rebecca Dombrow at 586-716-0067. With your support, we are looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals!

Pick-up dates for 2009-2010 are:

- **10/5/09**
- **11/2/09**
- **11/30/09**
- **1/11/10**
- **2/8/10**
- **3/8/10**
- **4/12/10**
- **5/10/10**
- **6/7/10**

MAGAZINE SALE FUNDRAISING

Our magazine sale begins October 6th. You can help our school by ordering or renewing magazines subscriptions of your favorite publications. Students will be given a packet which includes a catalog of magazines available, a number of order forms and information about prizes. Students do not collect any money, QSP will send a bill. This is our biggest fundraiser each year and your support is very much appreciated. Extra packets will be available at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION - TARGET Make School Fundraising Easy!

Thanks to parents, teachers and other supporters in our community, our school is already benefiting from “**Take Charge of Education**”, one of the easiest ways to raise funds for anything our school needs. When school supporters enroll and use their REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase made with their REDcard to our school. As more people join the program, the funds really add up – there’s no limit to the amount we can receive.

To participate in “Take Charge of Education”, all you need is a REDcard and go online to Target.com/tcoe, or by calling 1 800 316 6142. Target also offers the Target Check Card which acts like a debit card by connecting to an existing checking account. School supporters can apply for the Target Check Card in stores.

FUNDRAISING – THE EASY WAY

As an easy added way to help raise money for our school – we now have an online store where we earn profit on everything that is purchased on there. You may order from over 1,100 items like: Gift Wrap, Gift Bags, , Fashion Jewelry, Laura Ashley, Bath & Body Products, Kitchen Gadgets, Cookbooks, “Just for Kids Section” , personalized items at ANY TIME from Great American Opportunities. Once your order is placed, it is shipped directly to you or to someone special as a gift!

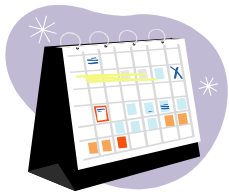
Our school will receive up to 50% from every order. FREE SHIPPING FOR ORDERS OVER \$60.00

[Simply go to the school’s website and Click the “Shop Online and Support Your School icon”](#)

All profits will benefit our school and your students. Thank you so much for your support!

FUNDRAISER FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE TRIPS

The Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits have been a great fundraiser for students going on the trips. All profit from this fundraiser goes directly to trip payments for each participating student. More information will be available at trip meetings



CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010
Anchor Bay Middle School North
October, 2009

Start Time 7:55 a.m.
Dismissal 2:52 p.m.

Oct 5	Market Day Pick-up
Oct 5	Washington D.C. Trip Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Oct 6	Magazine Sale Begins
Oct 6	Chicago Trip Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Oct 7	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. No appointment necessary
Oct 8	Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 to 3:00 and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Oct 26	Groszkiewicz Team Field Trip
Oct 27	Wellman Team Field Trip
Oct 27	6 th Grade Choir Concert
Oct 28	Parent Advisory Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Nov 2	Market Day Pick-up
Nov 3	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
Nov 6	End of 1 st Quarter
Nov 13	First Quarter Report Cards given to students
Nov 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 30	School Resumes
Dec 18	Christmas Break begins at the end of the school day
Jan 4	School Resumes
Jan 11	Market Day Pick-up
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School for Students
Jan 20, 21, 22	First Semester Exam Days – Half Day for Students
Jan 25	Second Semester begins
Jan 29	Report Cards given to Students
Feb 8	Market Day Pick-up
Feb 12-15	Mid-Winter Break – No School
Feb 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Mar 8	Market Day Pick-up
Mar 19	End of 3 rd Quarter
Mar 26	Report Cards given to students
Apr 2-9	Easter Break – No School
Apr 12	School Resumes
Apr 12	Market Day Pick-up
Apr 22	Professional Staff Development Day – No School for Students
May 10	Market Day Pick-up
May 19	Professional Staff Development Day – No School for Students
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 7	Market Day Pick-up
June 11	Last Day of School

ALL CALENDAR DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE!!!
PTO Meeting on October 21, 2008



Co-chairpersons Bev Teno and Pam Winalis

Middle school years are rewarding for your children, but you may feel your involvement is now limited! Please consider joining the **PARENT ADVISORY GROUP**. We invite you to join the upcoming meeting on October 28, at 6:30 pm.

Meet new people, and stay involved in your son or daughter's school activities. **You can be involved in the planning of activities, fundraisers and events!**

Please come and

share your ideas. Some planning topics to be discussed are:

- Suggestions and goals for the Parent Advisory Group
- International night event.
- Spirit wear sales
- After school enrichment programs
- Fundraiser events for parents and/or students.

We look forward to meeting you and we are always interested in new ideas and making new friends! The Parent Advisory website is absnorthpto@yahoo.com or feel free to contact us at bteno@comcast.net.

Friends are people who accept us as we are.
They listen, don't needlessly criticize,
and pick us up when we are down.
Be a friend to your middle school student.
Some days kids feel you're the only one they have!

Anchor Bay Middle School North

Volunteer Opportunities

2009-2010

There are a number of ways for parents to be involved in our school activities. Listed Below are areas where we can always use help. Check off the ones you would be willing to give some time and return this form to the main office.

Market Day Pick-up

- Sept. 14, 2009
- Oct. 5, 2009
- Nov. 2, 2009
- Nov. 30, 2009
- Jan. 11, 2010
- Feb. 8, 2010
- Mar. 8, 2010
- Apr. 12, 2010
- May 10, 2010
- June 7, 2010

Activity Nights/School Dance

Book Fair – Twice a Year

Sell Concessions at athletic events

- Girls Basketball
- Football
- Boys Basketball
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Track

Track Meets – Help at Finish Line and Field Events

School Store

International Night

Santa Sale

Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

Phone Number

e-mail address

Student's Name

Grade

[documents/parent advisory]