

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

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Anchor Bay High School January Newsletter

2024-25 JANUARY CALENDAR ([CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION)



January 2025

- Jan 9 (7:00 PM to 9:30 PM) ABHS Jazz Ensemble Winter Concert
- Jan 15 (4:00 PM to 9:30 PM) ABHS Band Tastefest
- Jan 16 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) ABHS Skill Trades Fair
- Jan 17 (2:10 PM to 3:50 PM) Link Crew Cocoa & Cram
- Jan 20 Professional Development Day – No Students in Attendance – Martin L. King Day
- Jan 22 Half Day All Students, High School, Exam Day, PM Teacher Records Day
- Jan. 23 Half Day All Students, High School Exam Day, PM Teacher Records Day
- Jan 24 Half Day All Students, High School Exam Day
- Jan 24th End of Second Quarter Marking Period, End of First Semester
- Jan 31st 7:30 am – 10:30 am Freshman Vision Screening
- Jan 31 Senior Students Cap & Gown Orders Due (Order at www.jostens.com)



EXAM DAY SCHEDULE	
7:15 a.m. (Warning Bell)	
7:17 a.m. – 8:57 a.m.	
1st, 3rd, & 5th	
Hour Exam	
9:05 a.m. (Warning Bell)	
9:07 a.m. – 10:47 a.m.	
2nd, 4th, & 6th	
Hour Exam	

HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE	
7:17 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	1 ST HOUR
8:21 A.M. – 9:19 A.M.	2 ND HOUR
9:25 A.M. – 10:23 A.M.	3 RD HOUR
10:29 A.M. – 11:57 A.M.	4 TH HOUR
A LUNCH 10:29 A.M.–10:55 A.M.	
B LUNCH 11:00 A.M.–11:26 A.M.	
C LUNCH 11:31 A.M.–11:57 P.M.	
12:03 P.M. – 1:01 P.M.	5 TH HOUR
1:07 P.M. – 2:09 P.M.	6 TH HOUR

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -





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REMINDERS



Attention Seniors

Cap and Gown Information:
Please visit 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 January 31st in order to receive your items prior to graduation.

ABHS Report Cards



February 4th, 2025

ABHS Report Cards
(available in Parent Portal)



Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 20th, 2025

—NO SCHOOL—

Teacher Professional
Development Day

ABHS First Semester Final Exam Schedule



Wednesday, January 22nd
1st Hour (7:17-8:57 a.m.)
2nd Hour (9:07-10:47 a.m.)

Thursday, January 23rd
3rd Hour (7:17-8:57 a.m.)
4th Hour (9:07-10:47 a.m.)

Friday, January 24th
5th Hour (7:17-8:57 a.m.)
6th Hour (9:07-10:47 a.m.)



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/>



School Notes:

When there is no school, all school activities will be cancelled.

Also, please be careful . . .

When temperatures fall below 10 degrees the salt may not melt the ice.





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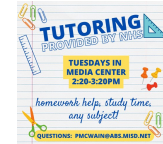
ABHS SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS

Semester 1 Report Cards will be available in [Parent Portal](#) on February 4th, 2025. For directions to view your student's 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?



NHS After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is peer tutoring organized by NHS students **every Tuesday** after school from 2:20-3:20 pm in the Media Center (Library). This is a drop-in session for core classes only. If you have questions about this, please reach out to Ms. McWain (pmcwain@abs.misd.net).

Biology After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on **Mondays and Wednesdays** in room S218 with Mrs. Latona. Please email klatona@abs.misd.net for more information.

Math After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on **Mondays and Thursdays** in room S115 with Mr. Kiehler. Please email wkiehler@abs.misd.net for more information.

Spanish After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on **Mondays and Wednesdays** in room N132 with Ms. Jackson. Please email sjackson@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 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. Students may not exit the cafeteria during lunch without permission since classes are in session. Reminder:: No outside food is allowed to be delivered to the school for student lunches.



SAFETY & SECURITY

Door Entry / Exit Policy: The North and South doors will be open each day at 6:40 a.m. and closed/locked at 7:15 a.m. If you arrive before or after those designated times you will have to enter through the front main entrance. Upon entering the building, all visitors must come to the Main Entrance (Door #1) and report to the security office.



PARKING PASSES

Anchor Bay High School began parking enforcement on Thursday, September 12, 2024. We will be looking for valid 2024-2025 parking passes displayed in the registered vehicle with the school starting on this day. Parking passes are being sold, please see Kristin Anderson in Room S206.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kristin Anderson at [kristinander-](#)



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Important SPRING 2025 Testing Information:

State-mandated testing will begin the week of April 7th (SAT w/Essay, ACT Work Keys, PSAT 10 & PSAT 9). Please use this information to plan vacations around this very important assessment time for your student(s). Juniors (11) will complete the Michigan Merit Exam. (MME). The MME has three components: the SAT with Essay, the ACT Work Keys, and the M-Step (Science & Social Studies). **Completion of all components is required for graduation from ABHS.**



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>



ANCHOR BAY FOOD SERVICE

Parents—While all students receive free breakfast and lunch we encourage you to still apply for “free or reduced lunch”. If you qualify, your child may be eligible for fee waivers or reductions for things like AP testing, SAT testing, and college application fees. In addition, it could help the district receive additional federal funding. Please [click here](#) for more information.



SENIORS PLEASE NOTE: ORDER CAP & GOWNS BY 01/31/25.

Attention Seniors: Order GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens. Please go to www.jostens.com for online orders and click [here](#) for more senior information. All items ordered will be delivered in May to students during lunches).

ABHS SENIOR YARD SIGNS

Senior students interested in purchasing ABHS Senior Yard Signs, please click [here](#) for more details.



ABHS “SENIOR SKIP DAY” IS NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL DAY OFF

Attention Parents: “Senior skip day” is not a recognized holiday or excused absence. A high school senior who chooses to skip school are still considered absent. There is no state-wide recognition or allowance for such a day off.



COUNSELING INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

If you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam. Every year students and parents are defrauded by scholarship scams.

Scam operations often imitate legitimate government agencies, grant-giving foundations, education lenders and scholarships matching services, using official-sounding names containing words like "National", "Federal," "Foundation" or "Administration."

Visit: www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml to learn how to identify such scholarship scams.

In general, be wary of scholarships with an application fee, scholarship matching services that guarantee success, advance-fee loan scams and sales pitches disguised as financial aid

TAKE A LOOK AT SEVERAL COLLEGES WHEN LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need scholarship help to attend college, don't limit yourself by applying to just one or two schools.

Competitive universities usually don't come knocking on your door offering scholarship monies like some of our other fine universities in Michigan.

Many of them offer generous packages that are based on merit, not need. Students looking for scholarship help should apply to several schools to see which ones may offer help. Go to the colleges' websites to look at their scholarship offerings. Aggressive, timely research by students and parents is essential in the scholarship search. Be sure to check

<https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/schools/high-school/counseling-center/>

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 \(Click Here\)](#)



ABHS 2025-2026 ELIGIBILITY POLICY

ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY (Goes Into Effect for the 2025-2026 School Year)

POLICY

It is the responsibility of the student to know and adhere to the eligibility code of their school. Participation in extracurricular activities is a student's privilege, not a right, which can be removed at designated times for failure to meet the standards and requirements of Anchor Bay School District. For the purpose of this policy, an extra-curricular activity is defined as any activity that is not part of the required curriculum for a course or is outside the regular course of study. This includes but is not limited to dances, athletic events, clubs, and performances.

These are the standards which must be met in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity:

1. Have satisfactory or better citizenship in five (5) of six (6) of their classes.
2. Pass six (6) out of six (6) classes.
3. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 from the previous trimester.
4. Student must adhere to the Anchor Bay Schools Athletic Code of Conduct.

If a student does not meet all of these standards at progress report and quarter report card time:

1. The student is ineligible for a period of 1 week (including weekends).- The student will be allowed to sit on the bench, but not participate in games, while ineligible.
2. The student can regain eligibility if he/she submits a progress report signed by each of his/her teachers on Monday of the *following week* which indicates his/her grades have met those standards.

If a student does not meet all of these standards at the end of the trimester:

1. Student is ineligible for 60 scheduled school days.
2. A student may be granted a one-time exception to the 2.0 grade point average (GPA) if the student has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Any student who meets the MHSAA eligibility standards (passing 4 out of 6 classes for the trimester) but does not meet the eligibility requirements of Anchor Bay High School for the previous marking period can apply for provisional eligibility by meeting with the Athletic Director (athletes) or Assistant Principal (non-athletes) and developing an Academic Improvement Plan.

The plan must include:

1. A signed contract between the student, their parent(s) or guardian(s), and the athletic director or assistant principal detailing the steps the student must follow in order to work towards improving his or her academic performance.
2. A weekly report of the student's grades must be handed in to the athletic office by the student with:
 - a. Maintenance of grades which are currently above 2.0 must be verified.
 - b. Improvement of grades, which are below 2.0, must be shown.
 - c. Mandatory Attendance at weekly study sessions or lunch-time or after school tutoring.
3. The plan must include provision for:
 - a. Meeting with teacher(s) as appropriate.
 - b. Develop a daily schedule for time management.
 - c. Contact with school support services.

Plans will be developed by the athletic director/faculty on an individual basis. Students will be deemed provisionally eligible once a plan is signed. Failure to comply with the Academic Improvement Plan will result in the student being deemed ineligible for the remainder of the trimester.



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ABHS Nautical School Store



JANUARY NEWS IN THE NAUTICAL SHOPPE



About The Shoppe

The Nautical Shoppe is an establishment inside of the High School that sells a very widespread amount of items. We have affordable high-quality anchor bay apparel like sweatshirts, hats, staff polo and more. We also have a variety of snacks and candy.



Hours

Monday - Friday 10:29-11:55
January 7th 6:00-7:30
January 9th 6:00-7:30
January 15th 4:00-9:00
January 16th 6:00-9:00

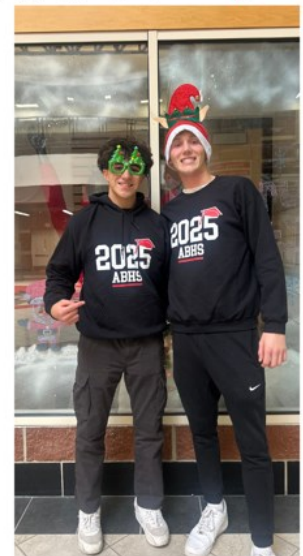
NEW ITEMS

We have many new items coming to the shop in January including new black Anchor Bay Nike T-shirts and long sleeves, Anchor Bay lanyards, Bracelets, fleece quarter zips.



If you have any questions about anything please contact the Anchor Bay High School Nautical Shoppe.
Phone: 586-648-2525 EXT 2348
Email: Nautical@abs.misd.net
Website: Nautical-shoppe.square.site

AB Nautical Shoppe SENIOR '25 APPAREL



NEW ARRIVAL Senior Collection


T-SHIRT: \$25
CREWNECK: \$30
HOODIE: \$35

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ABHS Relay For Life Fundraisers



Euchre

Hosted by:
Northeast Macomb Relay for Life

Where: Total Sports in Harrison Twp
(40501 Production Dr)


When: Friday, January 17, 2025

Time: 6:10 – 6:50 check-in

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30

Play starts around 7:10



Cost: \$25.00 per person



Includes: 8 games of Euchre, Pizza, Salad and Pop

Register online – click the link or scan the QR code
[RFL Euchre Online Registration](#)
(Payment sent separately)

Payment may be sent via Venmo to @Stephanie-Ricci-5
or pay at the event
Any questions please contact Phil Ricci at
pricci@abs.misd.net





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ABHS Air Force Junior ROTC



AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC NEWS

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Laura Laskowski

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

Senior Master Sergeant (Ret.) Stephen Quintana

Aerospace Science Instructor

Happy Holidays from the Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets and Instructors! We hope you enjoyed the break to its fullest and re-charged your energy levels to meet the end of the semester head on with motivation and excitement. We had a very busy December partnering with the New Baltimore Goodfellows seeking donations from patrons of local businesses for their annual Razzberry paper sales and helping to raise funds to purchase gifts for less-fortunate children. We also collected toys at the high school for the Goodfellows and with the National Honor's Society's help, we collected over 150 toys that will go toward the No Child Without a Christmas Campaign. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to make this possible.

One of highlights of the year is participating in the Nation-Wide Wreaths Across America (WAA) service event. We help the New Baltimore WAA committee set up for this momentous event by unbox approximately 1,000 wreaths and staging them at St Mary's & Oakwood Cemeteries. This is a great opportunity to give back to the veterans who have passed and is a way to keep their memories alive. We encourage all of our supporters to come out on the second Saturday in December to be part of the heartwarming event.

We do a lot of outreach events designed to help encourage Anchor Bay School students to be part of something that can be life changing....The Air Force JROTC. We will be hosting a middle school club for the students at Middle School South during the months of January and February. Get your permission forms from the school website, main office or counseling office. This will be a great time of learning about teamwork, leadership and followership with tons of fun activities. We will host the same for the students at Middle School North in April & May.

If you like a good competitive challenge, competing in or spectating one of our drill team meets could be for you. Our next competition is at Springfield High School in Toledo, OH on Saturday the 18th of January. If you want to watch some high speed, low drag JROTC programs go head to head, this is your opportunity. Come on out and support your Anchor Bay HS Air Force JROTC Drill Team!

Our program can be a blast if you want to learn new things, gain some confidence to lead, and take the time to allow yourself to have some fun. Currently we are learning all about how airplanes fly in our Science of Flight curriculum and managing your money in our Life Skills & Career Opportunities material. We're also concluding our model aircraft building club and will soon have the latest completed models on full display in our classroom

If you have any questions about the program or are interested in joining, please reach out to your school counselor or one of the instructors, Lt Col Laura Laskowski (email llaskowski@abs.misd.net) or Senior Master Sergeant Quintana (email squintana@abs.misd.net) or phone 586-648-2525 ext. 2357 or 2356. AFJRTOC just may be the right place for YOU!



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ABHS Cyber Security and Programming Class

ABHS CTE Teacher, John McPhee, took his Cyber Security and Programming class on a field trip to Systems X, a local company.



ABHS HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)

ABHS CTE Teacher, Jennifer Dixon and the Anchor Bay HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club made the trip to Dakota High School for Michigan's HOSA Region 4 Competition! We are so proud of all 33 HOSA members that competed, and we are so happy to have this opportunity. In 6 events 11 people from our team made it to the HOSA State Competition April 17-18, 2025 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City Michigan.

Here is the list of all who qualified for states:

Peyton Strozewski, Clara Wonsowicz: Creative Problem Solving (Teamwork Event)

Skylar Geremesz(3rd place): Research Poster (Individual Event)

Madison Mowers, Elizabeth Mazzara, Lauren Wilkerson: Mental Health Promotion (Group Event)

Mick Barns, Emilia Vanevski(2nd place): Prepared Speaking(Individual Event)

Jaeda Tilton, Zhenya Knowlin(3rd place): Nursing Assisting(Individual Event)

Riley Cassabon(3rd place): Medical Law & Ethics(Individual Event)





ABHS SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club

ABHS CTE Teacher, Elizabeth Gunst—VanNuck and our amazing SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club has done it again! For the 4th year in a row, they've brought smiles and holiday joy to our school community through their **Elf Grams** project.

This year, they packed and delivered **156 Elf Grams**—anonymous holiday gift bags filled with treats, hats, gloves, gift cards, toys, and more! These special gifts were given to students selected by staff as kids who truly deserve a little extra something this holiday season to remind them how loved and appreciated they are.

A HUGE thank you to our generous staff and community for donating items to make this possible. Your kindness helps spread the true spirit of the season!

Way to go, SADD Club, for making a difference and showing us all what the holidays are truly about.





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 Security Office and sign the student out.
2. If the student has a vehicle at school the Parent/guardian can call the school and speak to a secretary. A secretary will then call the student out of class, sign them out, and give them a pass.

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.

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](#).



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.

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. 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 - JANUARY

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.