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Good evening,

We are now a few days into the school year and I feel it has been a great start.  There are always going to be some issues to work out at the beginning of the year and this year is no different, especially with all the construction that took place over the summer – but overall, it has been a very positive start.

It is a very exciting time to be an ABHS Tar; a lot of bond work was completed over the summer, with many other projects continuing throughout the year.

A few highlights include:

* New security office at the main entrance
* New security camera system including 125 cameras (fully operational by the end of September)
* New fire alarm and fire suppression system
* Renovations to many CTE (Career Technical Education) classrooms
* Renovations to the main office
* New flooring in the academic hallways
* New band storeroom and uniform room
* Repairs to the baseball field drainage system
* Roof repairs
* New technology in classrooms (mid to late 24/25 school year)

**Continuing projects - completion date of next fall:**

* New construction - state of the art auto shop
* New construction - state of the art culinary kitchen and restaurant
* New construction – engineering classroom/lab
* New construction – robotics classroom/field
* Renovations to building trades room to incorporate a welding program

**New projects - completion date of next fall:**

* Creation of a student success center (old counseling office)
* New PA/Clock system
* Phased renovations to existing classrooms

**New Career Pathways**

One of the biggest changes and renovations to start the year is our new Career Pathways.  Each of our academic wings has a different career pathway focus.  We have relocated some CTE teachers to different hallways that fit their pathway (example: our health occupation teachers are now located in the Health and Human Services pathway).  Career Pathways will allow students to connect what they are learning in the classroom to possible future careers. Pathways provide the structure to guide students toward well paying, skilled fields. Students will gain education, training, and support services while they acquire marketable skills before graduation!  At the beginning of 2nd semester your child will have the opportunity to select a career pathway focus – the goal is that students will take most of their classes in that pathway.  The long-term goal is that the curriculum for some of their classes will match their pathway.   This will be phased in over the next few years, but we are excited to start the process later this year.  Much more information will be coming out as we get closer.

Additional information can also be found on our website or by clicking the following link: [AB Career Pathways](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/2ZQ5uf_1U81ARCVjxDVuPg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRou2kmP0Q-aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYW5jaG9yYmF5Lm1pc2QubmV0LzIwMjItYm9uZC1pbmZvL2NhcmVlci1wYXRod2F5cy9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmbPpjXaZg9pSCNSF3Rmcm9laGxpY2hAYWJzLm1pc2QubmV0WAQAAAAB)

**New Career Pathway Offices**

If you have been to the building, you know it is very large.  To make it feel a little smaller and to improve communication and to build a sense of community, we have created collaborative meeting spaces and new offices and relocated an assistant principal, counselor and secretary into each pathway.

**Engineering, Natural Science,**

**Business                                                                           Agriculture                                           Health and Human Services**

AP – Mr. Boeskool                                                  AP - New (2025-26)                                          AP – Mr. Prebay

Counselor – Ms. Soto                                            Counselor – Ms. Spoerl                                    Counselor – Ms. Barczak

Secretary – Ms. Woodside                                    Secretary – (New 2025-26)                               Secretary – Ms. Carlson

**9th Grade Discovery                                            Art and Communication**

AP – Mr. Palmer                                                    AP – Mr. Holston

Counselor – Ms. Adams                                       Counselor – Ms. Gano

Secretary – Ms. Dell                                             Secretary- Ms. Majewski

**Class Meetings**

Yesterday, we had our grade level class meetings.  I was very pleased with the attentiveness of the students.  We discussed many topics, including school safety (timely after the events in Georgia), the new pathways, taking pride in our school and being a Tar, giving yourself choices, areas to focus on and reviewing some policies.  I have included a link to the PowerPoint presentation I showed the students.  [Class Meeting Power Point](file:///C:\Users\MMackenzie\OneDrive%20-%20Anchor%20Bay%20School%20District\Class%20Meetings\Beginning%20of%20the%20year%20class%20meetings%202024-25.pptx). A couple polices I would like to draw your attention to include:

**Eligibility for Attending Dances:**

Students will not be allowed to attend the following dances if they are suspended for Fighting, Drugs (possession, under the influence), Alcohol (possession, under the influence), or Vaping (possession, using).

* Homecoming - Suspended between September 4th – October 4th
* Snowcoming - Suspended between October 5th and the date of Snowcoming (TBD)
* Prom - Suspended between the date of Snowcoming or the start of 2nd semester and May 10

**Dress Code:**

The district dress code was updated last year, to view it please click on the following link: [Dress Code](file:///C:\Users\MMackenzie\OneDrive%20-%20Anchor%20Bay%20School%20District\Dress%20Code\Dress%20Code%202023-24.docx) or see the attachment at the top of the email. Please know that the dress code applies to after school activities like attending home sporting events.

**Athletic Participation:**

Per the [Student Athlete Code of Conduct](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/RmfVHa3fys7l0QXa0dOFew~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRou2kmP0RXaHR0cHM6Ly9nb3RhcnMubmV0L2RvY3VtZW50cy8yMDI0LzEvMjUvQW5jaG9yX0JheV9BdGhsZXRpY3NfQ29kZV9vZl9Db25kdWN0XzIwMjMtMjQucGRmVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmz6Y12mYPaUgjUhd0ZnJvZWhsaWNoQGFicy5taXNkLm5ldFgEAAAAAQ~~), student athletes must be in school all 6 hours the day of a practice or competition to participate (medical appointments, funerals, field trips are exempt form this policy. Other exceptions will be dealt with on an individual basis through the athletic department.

**Extra-Curricular Eligibility Policy (2025-2026 School Year)**

A new extra-curricular eligibility policy was passed by the Board of Education in the spring of 2023. This new eligibility policy does not take effect until the **2025-26 school year** – However, we wanted to make sure you and your student(s) are aware of the changes well in advance. To view the new policy please click on the link: [Extra-Curricular Eligibility Policy](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/-GoU7fv3ZxxsUkr61dJy_g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRou2kmP0SgaHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3JiYXktbXkuc2hhcmVwb2ludC5jb20vcGVyc29uYWwvbW1hY2tlbnppZV9hYnNfbWlzZF9uZXQvRG9jdW1lbnRzL1BhcmVudCUyMFBob25lJTIwT3V0cy9BQiUyMEVsaWdpYmlsaXR5JTIwUG9saWN5JTIwLSUyMEJvYXJkJTIwQXBwcm92ZWQlMjAyMDIzLnBkZlcHc2Nob29sbUIKZs-mNdpmD2lII1IXdGZyb2VobGljaEBhYnMubWlzZC5uZXRYBAAAAAE~).

**Tuesday, September 10th**

5:00pm – 6:00pm            AP Parent Meeting

6:00pm – 7:30pm           Curriculum Night (Open House)

7:30pm - 8:30                 Senior Parent Meeting

Once again, I commend all our students and staff for a great start to the school year. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Mike Mackenzie

Principal

Anchor Bay High School