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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.

December/January

*Wishing you peace, love,
and laughter
this Holiday Season
and throughout the coming year*

Happy Holidays!





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 for assistance.



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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 Settings.

Captain's Quarters

Captain's Quarters is up and running on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 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!

Life Skills One and Two

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!

Life Skills 1	Brownies
Cinnamon Rolls	Mac n' Cheese
Sugar Cookies	Fettucine Alfredo
Quesadillas	Oreo Pie
Pizza	Grilled Cheese
"Exams"- Breakfast	

Cooking Club

Cooking Club, session three, will begin at North late February. Permission slips will be available in early February. Cooking Club meets on select Wednesdays after school until 4:00 and is open to all grades! The cost is \$20 for four cooking days. We will offer 2-3 sessions (each session equals 4 cooking days) between Feb. and May.

We will be cooking the following for session three:

Bacon, Egg and Cheese Crescent Ring
Loaded Tater Tot Skewers
Cheeseburger Sliders
Pineapple Upside Down Cupcakes

Email Mrs. Brees at kbrees@abs.misd.net or Ms. Beninati at cbeninati@abs.misd.net with any questions.

Library

Cleaning to make room for new gifts at the holidays?? Read a book and don't know what to do with it now? Donate your old books to our school library! Students can turn books in to Ms. Kessel in A1 or to the library.

The winter **Book Fair** is scheduled for December 16-20.

MJHS

- MJHS students need 10 hours of volunteer service for the first semester. Service Logs are due no later than Jan. 31, 2025. If you have any opportunities for our students to earn hours, please contact Mrs. Thomas jthomas@abs.misd.net or Mrs. Deagen kdeagen@abs.misd.net
- In November, MJHS honored our veterans. We raised \$150.00 for the Disabled Veterans of America. Thank you to all who donated. We hope you saw the American flags in front of our school.
- In December, we are collecting new socks to *warm the hearts and feet of those in need* from December 2-December 18. Our school goal is to collect 1000 pairs of socks. Socks collected can be for all ages and must be new.

Choir News

We have been invited to sing some carols for the Bay-Rama Tree Lighting Ceremony! It takes place on Monday, December 2nd. We will gather by the tree at Washington and Alfred at 6:30pm, start singing carols at 6:45 and be done around 7:00.

Students should dress warmly and be ready to be outside for the duration of the performance. Santa will be making an appearance!

We hope we can have as many choir students as possible there, please let me know if you/your student cannot make it.

Middle School Choir Annie Performances - Thursday, Dec 12 (Cast A) and Friday, Dec 13 (Cast B), 7:00pm @ ABHS. Tickets at www.abhspac.org/tickets

Band News

Middle School North Band Concert - Wednesday, Dec 11 at 7:00pm @ ABHS. No tickets necessary. We hope to see you there!

Anchor Bay High School Auditorium
6319 County Line Road
Fair Haven, MI 48023

Cedar Point Field Trip

Once again, this spring, 8th grade students who earned the privilege will be able to participate in the Cedar Point Trip on Friday, June 6, 2025. We will be selling the tickets starting the week of March 3, 2025. The cost of the trip is \$75.00. **There will be no refunds.** More information will be coming in March. 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 school trip program. Any student involved in a fight or referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded. Students with poor attendance may also receive demerit points and excluded from the reward trip.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

After school academic support is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 pm. Forms 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 Academic Support.

Please be advised that if your student leaves prior to 4:00 pm Anchor Bay Middle School North is not responsible for your child once they leave the school property.

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: 67587) 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>

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.

DRESS CODE

Anchor Bay Schools respect students' right to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Anchor Bay Schools are expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for the K-12 environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in the learning and health and safety of students and adults who supervise them. This policy is intended to guide students, staff, and parents.

The following guidelines shall be followed, which allow for student expression but also to aid in academic success and safety.

Guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

1. Presents a hazard to the health and safety of the student or to others in the school.
2. Interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
4. Prevent the student from achieving educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Inappropriate attire includes:

Profane, negative, or obscene writing or pictures

Sunglasses (unless prescription transitional lenses)

Hoods, or anything that covers the ears

Tube tops or single strap tops. Tops must have a strap on both shoulders

Transparent clothing

Clothing that reveals undergarments

Clothing that exposes nipples, genitals, or buttocks

Clothing that has references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, gangs, illegal activities, demonstrates association with hate groups, or uses hate speech targeting a protected class – may not be worn.

Footwear with a sole must be worn at all times.

Students who represent the district at an official or school sponsored function or public event (I.E. – athletic teams, band, choir, AFJROTC, etc.) may be required to follow specific dress requirements as a condition of participation or attendance. Specialized courses may require specialized attire such as sports uniforms or safety gear. I.E.- Physical Education and Career and Technical classes.

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress.

Any student with inappropriate clothing will remain in the office until an appropriate solution is found. This may require a change of clothing to be brought to the school.

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 lead 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 carefully 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.

Sailor Happenings

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL PHONE # - 586-725-7373

FAX # - 586-725-6760

TRANSPORTATION # - 586-725-4220

SCHOOL HOURS – 8:04 - 2:52

MEAL ACCOUNT WEBSITE

www.sendmoneytoschool.com

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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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

2024-2025

January 20, 2025

April 21, 2025

May 6, 2025

HOLIDAYS

2024-2025

No School for Students:

December 23-January 3

Christmas Break

Monday, January 6th School resumes

January 20

MLK

Tuesday, January 21 school resumes

February 14 – February 17

Mid-Winter Break

Tuesday, February 18th School resumes

March 24 – March 29

Spring Break

Monday, March 31st School resumes

March 18th Good Friday

May 27

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28th School resumes

All calendar dates are subject to change

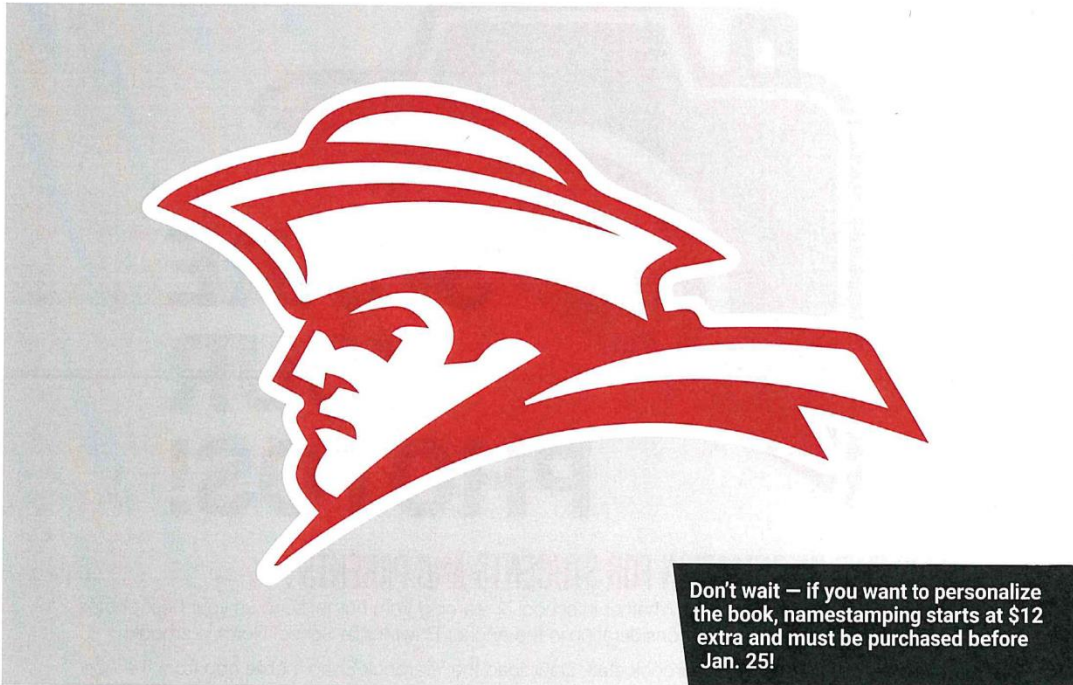
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Your child spends a lot of time at school, creating memories in and out of class. Those memories will live on in the yearbook. Buy a yearbook so they can always remember.

NOW - NOV. 1:	\$35
NOV. 2 - JAN. 30:	\$38
STARTING JAN. 31:	\$40

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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 an 8th grade message ad to pay by credit or debit card.

NOW – JAN. 2: \$15

STARTING JAN. 3: \$20



SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS :

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**.



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 for free downloadable resources and tools!