

Anchor Bay High School Newsletter

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ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

"The Anchor Bay High School students will respect themselves and others, be responsible for their actions, and have the academic, critical thinking, and social skills needed for life."

COMMENCEMENTS JUNE 4

As the school year draws to a close, the senior commencement ceremony is a rite of passage into the life beyond high school. Graduation is planned for 1:00 pm on June 4 at the McMorran Place Auditorium, 701 McMorran Blvd. in Port Huron. A map has been sent to the families of all seniors who should arrive no later than 12:30 pm. Seating for the handicapped and the elderly is available on the lower level and ushers will be available to assist.

Prior to this event there are certain conditions that graduates must meet. To participate in the graduation ceremony, each senior must have earned 22 credit hours before May 26 and all debts incurred while in high school must be paid.

A senior breakfast will be held at 7:45 a.m., Friday, June 2 in the school cafeteria. Afterwards seniors will practice for graduation in the school gym. Participation in graduation practice is **MANDATORY** for all seniors who plan to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Commencement is the final ceremony in which this class will participate. Attendance is not required for graduation. The graduation ceremony will be shown on Channel 6 later. However, if graduates wish to participate, certain standards must be met to assure a meaningful, dignified ceremony that everyone can look back on with pride. Good grooming is essential! The following is recommended attire to be worn under graduation gowns:

- Men in dark trousers, shirt and tie,
- Blue jeans are not considered proper attire,
- Girls in a light colored dress or skirt,
- Dress shoes and socks, no sandals or tennis shoes,
- No sun glasses

Graduation is a privilege. In the event that some seniors do not cooperate and choose to disregard the rights and property of others, the consequences of such actions are clearly defined. Any senior who is involved in the disruption of normal school activities (including the possession of devices such as water balloons, firecrackers, smoke bombs, etc.) or involved in any type of vandalism to school property will be suspended from school for the remainder of the year and prohibited from participating in the commencement ceremonies. In keeping with past practice, total reimbursement for any damages will be expected from those parties responsible. In addition, any senior involved in illegal

activities (on or off school property) during graduation week will not be allowed to participate in commencement.

Seniors involved in inappropriate behavior during commencement will not receive their diplomas after the ceremony. Parents will have to make an appointment with the principal during the following week to pick up the diploma.

The administration and high school staff congratulates the Class of 2006 and urges graduates to use discretion and caution during this time.

BACCALAUREATE

All graduating seniors are invited to Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. Please wear your cap/gown.

This year's speaker will be Michael Sessions. At the age of 18, he is the youngest candidate to be elected as Mayor of Hillsdale, Michigan.

FALL HIGH SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

At the beginning of the 2006 school year, the high school will make arrangements for the students to come in and take care of some tasks that need to complete before school begins. The students will move through several stations to complete tasks appropriate for their grade levels. These stations include: taking yearbook pictures, placing yearbook orders, getting measured for caps and gowns, emergency cards, internet usage agreements, free and reduced lunch forms, paying fees for lost books and picking up club, student government, and athletic information, purchasing parking permits and picking up their class schedule.

Please note that any class schedule changes must be done on August 21 - 25. Counselors will be available these days to work with students. Any students who would like to request a schedule change after August 25 must be initialed by the administration, counselors, or teachers.

The pre-registration schedule the week before school starts will be as follows:

- August 21 - 12th grade students
- August 22 - 11th grade students
- August 23 - 10th grade students
- August 24 - 9th grade students
- August 25 - Make-up day

To have an orderly process, students whose last name begins with the letters listed below will meet at the appropriate times:

- A-D - 9:00 a.m.
- E-H - 9:30 a.m.
- I-M - 10:00 a.m.
- N-R - 10:30 a.m.
- S-Z - 11:00 a.m.

In addition, plans are being made for an orientation during this week for the parents who have 9th grade students coming to the high school. The orientation will cover the academic and behavioral expectations, attendance, and discipline policies.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Everyone in the ABHS community who is interested in participating in fundraising for the American Cancer Society are invited to participate in the "Relay for Life" held @ ABMS North. It is a 24 hour event that begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 10 and ends at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 11. There will be many tents with refreshments and shelter, so it is a rain or shine event. Luminaria candles for \$10 can be purchased to honor anyone who has been touched by cancer. You can contact Deborah Benedic at dbenedic@abs.misd.net or any ABHS French Club member. You can also register online: www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/anchorbay. See "more" under teams. High school teams are: ABHS French Club for students and Tres Chic for adults. Let all join in and do a lap to help fight this disease.

HONORS ENGLISH

ATTENTION 8th grade students enrolled in **English Honors for 9th grade**. English 9 Honors summer reading book will be The Time Machine by H.G. Wells. All 8th grade students who will be entering English 9 Honors in the fall will be given a Study Guide and additional material to complete **during the summer**, before the end of this school year. A test and additional work will be administered in the fall.

Please contact Mrs. E. Sawyer (esawyer@abs.misd.net) or Ms. V. Shepherd (vshepherd@abs.misd.net) if you have any additional questions.

D.E.C.A.

The Anchor Bay D.E.C.A. Club has been selling shamrocks throughout February and March to raise money for Jerry's Kids. For the last three years, the club was able to raise a total of \$1,200.00 each year. This will send two children with Muscular Dystrophy to summer camp for one week. The camp allows the children to participate in activities that they normally would not be able to. This year we have received a plaque of recognition by D.E.C.A. Club, which is held by Christine Halt (left). The Anchor Bay D.E.C.A. Club presented a \$1,200 check to Mrs. Heather Jaqua and Megan Binger. We want to give our special thanks to everyone for participating and being so generous and wish the MD children the best of summers of their lives.

SKILLS USA

Auto Mechanics Students Compete

Dan Bommarito, (12) and Steve DeFour (12) competed in the State Skills USA Championships in Lansing on April 22nd. Dan competed in the Auto Service Technician contest and placed 8th over-all. (out of 24 contestants) The Auto Service Technician contest requires skill demonstration

in 8 areas of Auto Service. Steve DeFour competed in the Electrical Technician Specialist Contest and placed 5th (out of 18 contestants). Skills USA (formerly VICA) is the largest Student Organization in the United States with membership made up of Vocational Students in all 50 states and in 50 different Career and Technical areas. Both Dan and Steve qualified for the State Contest by placing in the Regional Competition held at Macomb College in March. The Regional contest included students from Anchor Bay, Warren Fitzgerald, L'Anse Creuse Pankow Voc-Tech Center, Chippewa Valley, and the St. Clair Tec Center.

Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Contest

Six Anchor Bay Vocational Auto Students participated in the 2006 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Contest held at Macomb College on March 2nd. Dan Bommarito, (12), Steve DeFour, (12), Sean Demers, (12), Westley LaBoda, (12), Keith Alhage, (11), and Chris Wagner (11) participated.

The Ford/AAA contest is held in all 50 States and gives the student an opportunity to qualify for the State Hands on Contest and possible entry into the National Contest in June. Students who participate are also registered with Ford/Lincoln Mercury Dealers for potential job placement, reduced prices on tools, and an opportunity to qualify for scholarships for further education.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

By: Coach Szur

Katy Oland has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Macomb CC on a volleyball scholarship. She will join her high school teammates, Lauren Mallast and Kristina Ciaramitaro in a Monarch uniform this fall. Last season Macomb finished in the top 10 in the nation and hopes to win a National Championship next fall. Katy was named by her teammates as the top defensive player for the season and also honored by Macomb County Coaches Association with a spot on the All Defensive team for Class A. We wish her and her teammates GOOD LUCK as they start the next phase of their volleyball and educational careers.

The Lady Tars Volleyball Camp will run from June 26th through June 29th. There are sessions for 6-8 grades, 9 & 10 grades and 11 & 12 grades. Brochures are available by contacting the high school athletic office or one of the middle school main offices. You can also e-mail Coach Szur @ tszur@abs.misd.net, and she can e-mail you a copy to print out and send in. The earlier you register, the cheaper the price! Don't delay, register today!

And lastly - the girls are working out three days a week in the high school weight room. Anyone that is planning on trying out for a team next year is eligible to join us. Days are Mon., Tues and Thurs - and times are from approximately 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Those times will change once summer hits [we'll go earlier in the day]. If interested, contact Coach Szur for more information.

The Lady Tars volleyball teams will be attending a number of camps this summer. The varsity candidates will be training at University of Michigan and competing in the Ferris State Team Challenge this summer. It's not all hard work, however. The upper classmen will also be canoeing and climbing the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes as part of their 'conditioning' for the camps. The J.V. candidates will be participating in the Ferris State Team camp where they will be staying in the dorms, practicing, and competing in Ferris' arena. The freshmen players will be practicing together for three days

and then will split into teams to compete at Macomb Community Colleges Team camp this summer. This is an opportunity that the high school coaching staff is offering for the first time to freshmen and incoming freshmen players. The purpose for these camps is to assist the girls in developing their skills, and preparing them to compete at the high school level. The 'big move' is on! Get ready MAC Red -- HERE WE COME!!!

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

We ask that parents be aware of what their children are wearing to school. Now that the weather is warm, some of our students are wearing inappropriate clothes, (short shorts, tummy exposing shirts etc...). We make announcements every morning concerning the dress code, and if a student is dressed inappropriately they are asked to go to the main office where they will either have to change clothes, wear a t-shirt over their clothes (supplied by the school), or be disciplined. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter; it is appreciated.

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A smart move: Getting a good start at Macomb

Do you remember the old V8 commercial where the actor was drinking some commonplace beverage and then sees someone else drinking a glass of V8? The actor "toinks" his forehead and says, "I could have had a V8." In so doing, he would have gotten all those vitamins and minerals rolled into one beverage.

In a lot of ways, that scenario applies to beginning your college studies at Macomb Community College. With its affordability, small class sizes, and many affiliations with senior institutions that ensure a seamless transfer, students who attend Macomb know they're getting the best all rolled into one school.

Attending Macomb just makes sense. Students aiming to earn a bachelor's degree can achieve their goal by attending Macomb first and then transferring to a senior college. They just spend less money doing it, up to half the cost of a four-year public college. And they'll do it in a setting that promotes easy access to faculty. While Macomb offers the resources of a large college and the same courses that set the foundation for a bachelor's degree, it does it with small class sizes—averaging 20 to 25 students.

Since many of its students work while attending college, Macomb strives to make attending classes convenient—offering classes at a variety of times and locations as well as online. Macomb even offers varied course lengths from eight weeks to traditional 16-week terms.

Continually evolving

The college that planted its roots in Macomb County more than 50 years ago continues to evolve to address changing community needs and emerging workforce opportunities. Macomb also has addressed the increasing importance of having a bachelor's degree both to meet job requirements and improve earnings potential. Consider the following:

- Honors Fast Track program with Walsh College that provides students the opportunity to complete a master of business administration in five years versus the typical six.
- Macomb 2 Oakland, a dual degree program that provides joint admission and concurrent enrollment at both Macomb and Oakland University.

- Ferris State University offers courses to earn a bachelor of applied science degree in industrial technology and management on site at Macomb's South Campus.
- Franklin University's bachelor of science online program where more than two-years worth of credits can be taken at Macomb's tuition rates.

Another evolution is the college's Associate of Business Administration (ABA) degree. Research indicated that employers now use automated or electronic techniques to scan resumes and transcripts looking for key words. By actually naming business administration in its title, Macomb hopes to assist its graduates with a gentle assist in their job search.

Technical education programs advance too.

With a recent award of \$300,000 from the National Science Foundation, Macomb and Wayne State University are working together to train incoming automotive service students in the maintenance and repair of hybrid electric vehicles (HEV). HEV credits earned at Macomb can be applied toward a bachelor's degree program offered by Wayne State.

Moving on to the Macomb University Center

Located on the college's Center Campus in Clinton Township, the Macomb University Center provides a natural transition from the community college to more than 40 bachelor's and master's programs offered in Macomb County by eight partner institutions. Faculty from each of the senior institutions teach the courses.

For more information about Macomb's programs contact the counseling and academic advising at 586.445.7221 or 586.286.2228.

Did you know?

In addition to Macomb students receiving more than \$16 million annually in financial aid, Macomb College has more than 95 private scholarships—with some granting more than one annual award—available to students. These scholarships cover a wide range of student circumstances as well as program choices.

For example, some prerequisites are based strictly on a financial need. Others aim to help students who are returning to school for retraining or a career change. And still others offer to assist a single parent with child care costs while attending classes.

Check with the college's financial aid office at 586.445.7228 for a list of available scholarships as well as the criteria and requirements for each one.

**Senior All Night Party Tickets
On Sale Now for \$35.00**

**We need help! Any parents of Seniors,
Juniors and Sophomores are invited to
help us with the...
Senior All Night Party parent meeting
Call Sue Accivatti at Ext. 2106**

ATTENTION ALL TRAVELERS

See Ms. Deborah Benedic at ABHS for information about the June 19-25, 2007 train trip to Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. Culture, shopping and even a play in Toronto will only

be matched by our "Disco Dance" on a St. Lawrence Seaway Cruise. Seriously, Notre Dame Basicica's alter in Montreal is so inspirational, that you'll be telling your entire friend, it is a "must see". Contact Ms. Benedic at dbenedic@abs.misd.net for more details.

DRAMA / FORENSICS

What a wonderful year we have had in the Performing Arts Center at Anchor Bay. We concluded our theatre season with a full-scale production of *The Wizard of Oz*. With a cast, crew, and pit orchestra numbering almost one hundred, the culmination of efforts was certainly a sight to see! The show was a huge hit, and we would once again like to thank all of the people who helped to make the show as successful as it was: supportive staff, administration, parents, community members, and of course, the students themselves.

The forensics (competitive speaking and interpretation) season is winding down. Most recently, five of our team members qualified for the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association's state tournament hosted by Eastern Michigan University May 5th and 6th. The tournament was attended by over one hundred schools from across the state of Michigan and involved over five-hundred competitors. All five of Anchor Bay's competitors went on to semifinal rounds, including Paul Williams and Alysse Conigliaro in Dramatic Interpretation and Allegra Lanni in Broadcasting. Jeff Howson advanced to the final round and took fifth in Poetry Interpretation, and Kenn Sanders also advanced to final round in his event, placing second in Storytelling. Overall, with all of its representatives placing in the top twelve of the state in their respective events, Anchor Bay High School placed 8th overall in the state of Michigan at the tournament--again, a commendable showing for our school and our students.

Many members of the team will attend the Michigan Speech Coaches Incorporated state tournament and conference to be held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, May 19-21. Again, we look forward to a wonderful tournament experience!

To find out more about the after-school drama program or our forensics team, please contact Ms. Battice at (586) 648-2525 ext. 2360.

SCHEDULE OF 2nd SEMESTER EVENTS

- .May 12 4th Progress Report Marking
- May 13 Prom - Crystal Gardens Banquet Center - Marysville
- May 16 Co-op Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
- May 17 Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance
- May 18 - 21 Spring Instrumental Music Trip
- May 18 - 20 Forensics Spring Conference/State Tournament Mackinaw Island
- May 21 Baccalaureate 7:00 pm High School Auditorium
- May 24 Progress Reports to Students 6th Hour
- May 25 Marching Band New Marchers Orientation 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Spring Vocal Music Concert 7:30 p.m.
- May Band Spring Trip - Florida
- May 23 Senior Awards 7:00 p.m.
- May 25 Senior Exams 4, 5 & 6th hours
- May 26 Senior Exams - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Hours
Seniors Dismissed at 10:18 a.m.
- May 29 Memorial Day - No School

- May 30 Instrumental Music Banquet Salt River Banquet 6:30 p.m.
- June 2 Senior Breakfast and Commencement Practice 7:45 a.m. Practice is **MANDATORY** for all seniors who plan on participating in commencement ceremonies.
- June 4 Graduation McMorran Place in Port Huron - 1:00 p.m.
Senior All-Night Party 11:00 p.m.- A.B.H.S.
- June 7 Undergraduate Awards 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Auditorium
- June 10 ACT test 7:30 a.m.
- June 12 Final Exams - ½ Day Dismissal at 10:18 a.m. - Periods 1-2
- June 13 Final Exams - ½ Day Dismissal at 10:18 a.m. - Periods 3-4
- June 14 Final Exams - ½ Day Dismissal at 10:18 a.m. - Periods 5-6
- June 14 Marching Band Pre-Camp 12:30 - 3:30
- June 15 Marching Band Pre-Camp 8:30 - 3:30 pm
- June 16 Marching Band Pre-Camp 8:30 - 3:30 pm
- June 25 Marching Band @ Bay Rama Parade 1:00

BAY HAVEN PREVENTION COALITION

This past January, The Bay Haven Prevention Coalition offered Mini-Grants to Local School and Organizations to fund projects or programs that they offer that are anti-tobacco, anti-alcohol related. Each Mini-Grant applicant was offered up to \$300. For a month and a half, many Mini-Grant applications were sent to the Coalition and at the February 15th meeting the Coalition, came together and read through each application and decided which applicant would be awarded the funding they requested. With careful decision, six applicants received some monetary assistance. As a coalition, we feel that it is not only important to bring the community together by doing large projects but also by allowing teachers and other community organizers to receive funding for smaller projects that they are doing as well. During the next five months or so, these applicants will use the monies they requested and then report back to the coalition as to how the monies were spent, how effective their program was, and many other criteria required of them to receive funding. Bay Haven Coalition is funded solely by grants, which are awarded annually, and the coalition takes funds from their budget to allow for the Mini-Grant project to occur.

Anchor Bay Administrative Office
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Each letter should include the following information; student's name, home school, requested school, and grade of student for the 2006-07 school year. Applications will be accepted from April 1, 2006 until June 13, 2006. High school students will need to provide attendance, grades, and discipline records from their previous school. Parents will be notified in late August whether their request can be accommodated. In the event there are more requests than available slots, a lottery system will be implemented. No transportation is provided outside of district. For further information, please call your school office or Nadine Rickard at 586-725-2861, ext. 1814.