



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."

REPORT CARDS

Wednesday, November 16

Distributed to students during 6th hour

attended by 1280 students who enjoyed the event and danced until 11:00 pm!

The football game was also well attended with the crowd all bundled up and cheering on the home team.

I look forward to this event almost as much as the students do and hope that our luck holds out next year with another good weather weekend.



HOMECOMING - 2005

By: Ms. J. Stefanac

Homecoming is about pep assemblies, parades, the Homecoming dance, and the football game. During this weekend of excitement, I was so proud of all the students who participated in the events and those who came out to support the school by their inclusion in one of the events over the weekend.

The pep assembly was exciting as the students sat in their grade designated area of the gym and loudly cheered as their class was announced. The band provided us with inspiration and school spirit when they entered the gym during the assembly and with their further participation in the half time program and the parade.

The ROTC students always look great as they pass in formation, looking sharply dressed in uniform with behavior appropriate for the occasion. The dance was



COUNSELING NEWS

Scholarship Calendar

The following dates are for upcoming scholarship application deadlines. If your senior is interested in applying for any of these scholarships, have them stop in the counseling office for more information.

December 2005

- 01 Oakland University Scholarships
- 01 Society of Automotive Engineering International Scholarship
- 02 Toyota Community Scholars Program
- 08 Central Michigan University Central Scholarship
- 15 AXA Achievement Scholarship
- 15 Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable" Student Scholarship
- 15 Michigan Elks Associate Gold Key Scholarship Program

January 2006

- 01 American Legion Scholarships

- 10 Ferris State University Merit Scholarships
- 13 Northern Michigan University Academic Achievement and Leadership Scholarship (January Session)
- 30 Central Michigan University Leadership Advancement Scholarship

Financial Aid Night

On Wednesday, December 7, 2005 from 6:00-8:00 pm, the high school counseling staff will present an informal program for college-bound seniors. During the presentation, the counselors will review financial aid, scholarships, and financial aid scams. In addition, an overview of the student loan process will be reviewed as well as options available to students and/or families as a source of financing college.

The 2006-07 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available at the workshop. Parents of seniors should be prepared to complete a FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1, 2006. There will be time at the end of the program for your individual questions. Hope to see you there!

College Campus Visits

Visiting college campuses can be a great way to help you decide on which college would be best for you. Here are some upcoming open houses.

Wayne State University - Fall Open House

Sunday, November 6, 2006

12:00 - 4:00pm

Register on-line at www.openhouse.wayne.edu or call (877)WSU-INFO.

Northern Michigan University-Wildcat Weekend

November 5, 2005 or March 18, 2006. For more information visit www.nmu.edu/admissions or call (800)682-9797

Lawrence Technological University-Campus Visit Days

Saturday, November 12, 2005 or Saturday, December 3, 2005RSVP by November 10 at www.ltu.edu/futurestudents or call (800)CALL-LTU



VOCAL ARTS NEWS

Musically, Deborah Root and Theresa White

The choirs had their first concert of the year on October 24, 2005. We had a great turn out and a fantastic afterglow thanks to our great Choir Booster Group. Above are 3 Concert Choir members getting ready for the concert. Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser closed on the 24th as well. Delivery will be Friday, November 18th. Remember to pick up your order. Ashley Pearson, senior, auditioned and was selected to be a member of the Michigan Regional Honors Choir. She will sing with this choir on Saturday, December 3 and will audition for the state level choir on that day as well. We wish her the best.

Next Concert:

Thursday, December 15, 2005 @ 7:30 p.m.
Students report at 5:45 p.m. and doors will open at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 19, 2005 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Winter Concert for all Fifth Grade students in the Anchor Bay District.

CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is available for all students to access information regarding careers, college information, trade schools, and apprenticeship programs.


Fall is a wonderful time to visit colleges, but it is very important to look at the colleges that have the programs in which you are interested in. Taking time to research the programs and colleges you are interested in can save parents and students valuable time.

Parents, please encourage your student to take advantage of the resources available to them. Any parent interested in being a Career Speaker, please call The Career Center at ABHS, (586) 648-2500, ex.2349.

TEXTBOOK OPTIONS

With the purchase of new middle school and high school textbooks in math and science the past couple

PARENT MEETING
6:30 P.M.
Media Center



Nov 7, 2005

years, Anchor Bay has also received CDs containing the content of the textbooks. Parents may request from the classroom teacher a CD that their student may take home and use to do homework. Parents must complete a form in making this request. Should the CD be damaged, the student is responsible for the replacement cost. In addition, the student textbooks can be accessed over the internet from home at the companies' website. Teachers can supply the website addresses upon request. Using the CDs can save students carrying heavy textbooks home.

COMING THIS WINTER

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB

When:

Thursdays - leaving 2:30pm returning 11:00pm

Where:

Either Alpine Valley Resort
or Mt. Holly Resort

Cost: Approximately \$25 per trip includes bus ride (students must ride the bus both ways) and lift tickets.

Ski and snowboard rentals and meal extra.

Students listen for announcements in school after Christmas break. Parents may contact the high school: Mrs. Jens extension 4327 or Mrs. Huber extension 4324 for further information.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

David Visnaw & Molly Dee, Co-Directors

Congratulations to the **Anchor Bay High School Marching Band!** On Wednesday, October 5th, the Marching Tars participated in the MSBOA District 16 Marching Band Festival at Stevenson High School. The Marching Tars received a straight First Division rating from the panel of three adjudicators in the class AA division. The adjudicators judged the band

in the categories of marching, music, and general effect. This marks the seventh straight consecutive year in which the Marching Tars have received top honors at this annual festival.

It was great to have a large, enthusiastic crowd again at this year's festival. The students definitely benefited from your support and energy. Special thanks to our Band Booster Executive Board who help organize the dinner, chaperones, and the "pit crew" for that evening's event. A special thanks to Mr. Williams for making sure the students had water at each performance along with setting up the stands at each home game. We appreciate all the support that has been generated during this busy time of the year.

Now that Marching Band season has come to a close, many of my students have asked me for information on private lesson instructors. Taking private lessons has always been an exceptional way to improve a student's individual skill on his or her instrument, as well as that student's self discipline and self-confidence. There has also been research that has linked private lesson study to increased standardized test scores. For those that are interested, please contact me for the list of local private lesson teachers and their phone numbers.

Did you know? ... Middle school and high school students who participated in instrumental music scored significantly higher than their non-band peers in standardized tests. University studies conducted in Georgia and Texas found significant correlations between the number of years of instrumental music instruction and academic achievement in math, science, and language arts.

Source: University of Sarasota Study, Jeffrey Lynn Kluball; East Texas State University Study, Daryl Erick Trent

(www.anchorbayabnds.org)

Upcoming events:

- 11/04 A Musical Harvest Auction Fundraiser 6:15 PM (Zuccaro's)
- 11/07 Fruit Sale Begins
- 11/22 Marching Band Rehearsal 2:30 - 4:30 PM (ABHS)
- 11/25 Grosse Pointe Parade 10:30 AM
- 12/07 Winter Instrumental Music Concert (CB & SB) 7:30 PM (ABHS)
- 12/08 Winter Instrumental Music Concert (CaB, 9SB, & WE) 7:30 PM (ABHS)

Please visit JP's Clubhouse (corner of County Line and Green St.) for BINGO every Monday Night in support our Instrumental Music Program!

www.anchorbaybands.org

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN YOUTH
EXCHANGE
PROGRAM MAY BE LOOKING FOR
YOU!!**

Lion's of Michigan Youth Exchange program offers summer opportunities for youth to travel and expand their knowledge of family and community life in other cultures.

Young people between the ages of 16 and 21 may participate. Youths traveling must be of good health, both mentally and physically, and be willing to learn new customs and cultures. Knowledge of foreign languages is not mandatory, except in France where the participant must have previously studied at least two years of French.

Each cultural exchange is approximately four to eight weeks long depending on the country to be visited. Youths traveling on the program are responsible for their fees and fares but may write to local Lion's clubs and organizations to request sponsorship. Youths traveling on the program will stay on Lion approved families.

We are also looking for families who would like to host a youth for three to six weeks in the winter and summer months.

For more information on the Lion's Youth Exchange program please call Lin Olivia Whately at her home,
(586) 752-0792.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Homecoming was a success again this year. There were over 1250 students at the dance. This picture is taken from the second floor looking down on the dance floor. Powder Puff and Soccer opened the Homecoming week festivities. The Seniors, as you probably are well aware of by now, won the annual Powder Puff game.

Thank you to Chesterfield Township for the use of their queens' float, the Anchor Bay Marching Band and the Air Force Junior ROTC for helping to make the



Homecoming parade a success. Thank you also to parents who offered their houses for float sites, parents and teachers who helped the students with the floats, or those teachers and parents who helped to chaperone the float sites. We had a record crowd again at the dance, which totaled over 1200 students. The commons area in the new ABHS is a perfect area to have a dance of this size. We had good chaperones but could have used more. Students were very well behaved and they seemed to have a great time. Thank you to all of those teachers and parents who helped to chaperone the dance. We could not have done it without you!

Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive for Thanksgiving. We will begin on November 3rd. They need typical Thanksgiving food - cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie filling, dry packaged whipped cream, instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing, evaporated milk. They can also use such items as flour, sugar, cereal, cake mixes, macaroni and cheese, tuna, and other canned meat. We would appreciate any help you are able to give. The items can be dropped off in the office or in Mrs. Accivatti's office until November 18th. We will also be collecting for Toys for Tots beginning November 14th until December 9th.

YEARBOOK

The annual Junior Senior Powderpuff yearbook fundraiser was held to open homecoming week, and it was a huge success in addition to being a record year for attendance.



Senior yearbook pictures should have been in to the Yearbook Class by October 1st. If your picture was taken with Prestige, they will be sent to us. If not, your photographer or you should have delivered the picture to us. We will be sending the first 56 pages of the Yearbook to the plant to be printed. Parents of Seniors will be receiving a letter concerning the Senior Parent Ad for those parents who would like to place an ad for their child in the Yearbook. Watch for this letter and return your information as soon as possible. Space is limited so please pay close attention to the due date of December 1st. Also, this year we have made arrangements for a Senior class composite (a picture with each Senior who had their picture taken). If your senior did have their picture taken at Prestige, they will receive a copy of the composite. If your senior **did not** have their picture taken by Prestige, they must **hand deliver** a special sized picture along with a photographers release and \$20.00 to Prestige Studio by **January 20, 2006**. This cost will pay for the processing of the photo, and you will also receive a composite picture in May. Yearbook deposits of \$30.00 will be taken through the week of November 14th and December 5th during lunch. The total price is now \$60.00. Checks should be made out to Anchor Bay High School. The amount of extras ordered will be minimal. Those students who put a deposit down on the 2006 "Anchor" all color yearbook will be asked to pay off the balance sometime at the beginning of March. Yearbooks will then be distributed to students who have paid in full when they come in toward the end of May. Thank you to all who supported the annual Girls Powder Puff Game which is a Yearbook fundraiser. This fundraiser helps pay for the yearbooks.

SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY

Once again, we need parent help. With this year's graduation on June 4th, we will have only one night and

one morning to decorate the school for the All Night Party. The parent meeting this month is scheduled for November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the commons area outside the Student Activities office. If you are unable to attend and would like to help, please call Sue Accivatti at 648-2525 Ext. 2306. Also, make sure that your senior purchases his or her ticket as soon as possible so that we will be able to plan accordingly. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased for \$35.00 from the Student Activities office from Mrs. Accivatti (they would make a great stocking stuffer). The first 50 students to purchase a ticket will receive a free 11th annual "All Night Party" shirt.

We will be having a lottery for a fundraiser. The lottery tickets are for the month of January. They will be printed in red and would make a great Christmas present for those people who you "just don't know what to buy". We need parent volunteers to sell these tickets in November and December. There are 1000 tickets. The tickets are \$10.00 each, and it is possible to win up to \$200.00. The winning numbers for each day are based on the Michigan three number evening draw. Please call Sue Accivatti at 648-2525 Extention 2306 to obtain tickets. The profits will go toward the Senior All Night Party and Prom. We have already ordered activities for this night for Senior All Night Party and now need \$\$\$ to pay for these activities.

POMS

The Dance team just finished their Homecoming Clinic. The mini poms were a great success once again, and the little poms marched in the Homecoming parade. The girls are performed at each soccer and football game and will be practicing routines for competition this winter at the Palace and Florida



DRAMA & FORENSIC NEWS

By: Mrs. Dawn Battice

The fall production of *Up the Down Staircase* runs November 17, 18, and 19, with curtain at 7:15 pm. Admission tickets for regular seating are available at the door and cost \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Reserved seating is also available for \$15.00 per seat.

The ABHS forensics team is busily preparing for two competitions to be hosted by the University of Michigan: the Original Interpretation Tournament on Saturday, November 12, and the Pentathlon Tournament on Saturday, December 3. Both tournaments run all day (8:30 am until 5:30 pm) and are open to the public.

If you have any other questions, please contact Ms. Battice at the high school, extension 2360. Come out and support the communication and theatrical arts of Anchor Bay.

QUIZ BOWL

Quiz Bowl competition has started. Mr. Kirsten has volunteered to sponsor this year's Quiz Bowl team. Practices are after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meets are every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m at various Macomb County Schools.

BOWLING

Bowling has been declared a high school sport by the MHSA! For the second year, we have to follow all of the rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. *Mandatory* practice for tryouts have begun in November. Because bowling is now a high school sport, students who join the bowling team will have to follow MHSA rules. Jim Sprake and Brandon Dean will be sponsoring the team for the Eastern Michigan Bowling Conference. Remember **before** practice, students must have and maintain academic eligibility, return the informational slip from the packet, obtain a sports physical, and have their own equipment. Bowling will still be a club, and students must fundraise or pay for all of their Expenses



EQUESTRIAN TEAM

This is our second year for an Equestrian Team. They have finished the season. The Equestrian Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 6th Overall the girls had a successful year. They knew coming in that the "A" Class was going to be tough. With each meet they showed improvement and they are already practicing their patterns for next season. Tryouts for next year will begin in the spring

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 7 Parent Meeting 6:30 P.M. Media Center
- Nov. 11 Grades Due by 2:00 p.m. - 1st Marking Period
- Nov. 16 Report Cards to Students 1st Marking Period 6th Hour
- Nov. 16 Prevention Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17, 18 & 19 Fall Musical" 7:15 p.m.
- Nov. 23-27 School closed Thanksgiving recess
- Nov. 25 ABHS Band - Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade - 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 5 Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m. Media Center
- Dec. 7 & 8 Winter Instrumental Music Concert 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 & 8 One Act Production Auditions
- Dec. 9 2nd Progress Report Marking
- Dec. 10 ACT Test
- Dec. 11 Jingle Bell Run 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30
- Dec. 15 Progress Grades due by 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17 9th grade Volleyball tournament
- Dec. 20 Progress Reports to Students 2nd Marking Period 6th Hour
- Dec. 21-Jan 2 Holiday Recess
- Jan. 3, 2006 School resumes
- Jan. 6 Registration Deadline ACT test / regular fee
- Jan. 7 JV Volleyball tournament
- Jan. 11 Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30
- Jan. 10 Band Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 2** Michigan Music Conference "Send Off" Concert ABHS auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 16 Professional Staff Development Day
NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 17 MSBOA District 16 Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 18 Semester Exams ½ Day

Jan. 19	Dismissal at 10:24 a.m. Periods 1-2 Semester Exams $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Dismissal at 10:24 a.m. Periods 3-4	April 27	Professional Staff Development NO SCHOOL
Jan. 20	Semester Exams $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Dismissal at 10:24 a.m. Periods 5-6 End of First Semester	April 27, 28 & 29	Spring Play Production 7:15 pm High School Auditorium
Jan. 23	Second Semester begins	May 1	AP Exam (English) A.M.
Jan. 26	ABHS Jazz Ensemble Mid-Winter Concert Auditorium 7:30 p.m.	May 2	AP Exam (Statistic) P.M.
Jan. 28	MSBOA District 16 High School Solo and Ensemble Festival	May 3	AP Exam (Calculus) A.M. - Long Distance Learning Lab
Jan. 28	One Act District Festival TBA	May 4	Band Booster Meeting Band Room 7 p.m.
Jan. 31	American Mathematics Competition	May 4	AP Exam (English Literature) A.M.
Feb. 1	Report cards to students	May 5	Registration deadline ACT test/regular fee
Feb 6	Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. Media Center	May 5	AP Exam (History) A.M.
Feb 7, 8 & 9	Spring Show Auditions	May 8	Parent Meeting 9:30 A.M. Media Center
Feb 11	ACT Tests	May	Spring Instrumental Music Concert Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
Feb 11	One Act Regional Festival (MIFA) TBA	May 9 & 10	Instrumental Music Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.
Feb 15	Pre Band Festival Clinic 2:15 - 10:00 p.m.	May 9	AP Exam (Government) A.M.
Feb 15	Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30 p.m.	May 10	AP Exam (Chemistry) A.M.
Feb 16	Jazz Ensemble @ CMU Jazz Festival after school	May 12	4 th Progress Report Marking
Feb 17	Jazz Ensemble @ CMU Jazz Festival All Day	May 13	Prom - Crystal Gardens Banquet Center - Marysville
Feb 21	3 rd Progress Report Marking	May 16	Co-op Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Feb 22 23 & 24	Mid-Winter Recess	May 17	Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30
Feb 25	Varsity Volleyball tournament	May 18 - 21	Spring Instrumental Music Trip
Feb	Annual Scholarship Basketball Game 7:00 p.m.	May 18 - 20	Forensics Spring Conference/State Tournament Mackinaw Island
March 3	Registration Deadline ACT test / regular fee	May 19	Progress Report grades due 2:00 p.m.
March 3	MSBOA District 16 Band Festival ABHS hosting 1:00 - 10:00 p.m.	May 24	Progress Reports to Students / 4 th Marking Period 6 th Hour
March 4	MSBOA District 16 High School Band Festival ABHS hosting 7:00 - 6:00 p.m.	May 25	Marching Band New Marchers Orientation 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
March 6	Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m. Media Center	May	Band Spring Trip - Florida
March 8	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Progress Reports to Parents 3 rd Marking Period	May 23	Senior Awards 7:00 p.m.
March 15	Coalition - Bay Haven Zero Tolerance 2:30 p.m.	May ?	Baccalaureate 7:30 p.m. (Place to be Announced)
March 20	Blood Drive	May 25	Senior Exams 4, 5 & 6 th hours
March 23	Professional Staff Development NO SCHOOL	May 26	Senior Exams - 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Hours Seniors Dismissed at 10:18 a.m.
March 25	MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival Location to TBA 8:00 - 6:00 pm	May 29	Memorial Day - No School
March 31	End of 3 rd Marking	May 30	Instrumental Music Banquet Salt River Banquet 6:30 p.m.
April 2 - 8	Close Up Washington Trip	June 2	Senior Breakfast and Commencement Practice 7:45 a.m.
April 3	Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. Media Center	June 4	Graduation McMorran Place in Port Huron - 1:00 p.m.
April 7	MSBOA Regional Jazz Ensemble Festival TBA	June 7	Senior All-Night Party 11:00 p.m.- ABHS Auditorium
April 8	MSBOA Regional Jazz Ensemble Festival TBA (possible date)	June 10	Undergraduate Awards 9:00 a.m. - 12:00
April 12	Report Cards to Students / 3 rd Marking Period 6 th hour	June 12	ACT test 7:30 a.m.
April 12	Band Booster Meeting Band Room 7 p.m.	June 12	Final Exams - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Dismissal at 10:18 a.m. - Periods 1-2
April 14 - 23	Easter Recess - No School	June 13	Final Exams - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Dismissal at 10:18 a.m. - Periods 3-4
April 24	School Resumes	June 14	Final Exams - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Dismissal at 10:18 a.m. - Periods 5-6
April	AFJROTC Military Ball		
April 8	ACT Test 7:30 a.m.		