



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- School Phone #  
586-725-7373
- Fax #  
586-725-6760
- Transportation  
586-725-4220
- School Hours  
7:55 - 2:41
- School Lunches  
\$2.25
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- District Website  
[www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net)



*If your child is absent from school, please call us at 725-7373 Before 10:00 am*

*If you get the voice mail message, use ext. 3790*

*The mission of Anchor Bay Middle School North is to provide opportunities for students to become responsible, productive members of society and lifelong learners.*

## From the Principal

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and you are looking forward to the Christmas season. Then it is almost time for New Year's Resolutions.

As this school year seems to be flying by, we continue to look for ways to improve our programs. One new requirement is a signed permission slip for students to attend the school dance/activity night. This has two purposes: 1. to be sure you know your child is staying after school and 2. you know when he/she is to be picked up. We always have a few stragglers who are here without rides, for up to an hour, after the event is over. Supervision becomes an issue.

Something else we would like to try is e-mailing the newsletter to you instead of mailing it. This could save paper, save copy numbers, save postage and save time. Currently, the newsletter is done in Publisher but could be done in Word if that is more compatible for most people.

The newsletter is also posted on the school district's website [www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net)

If you would like to have the newsletter e-mailed to you instead of mailing, please e-mail [hjohnson@abs.misd.net](mailto:hjohnson@abs.misd.net).

Or if you prefer to read the newsletter on the website, let us know. We will not mail a copy home to you. Also, please e-mail your response and include your name and your child's name and grade. We would like to create a comprehensive e-mail address book of parents to keep you better informed of last minute changes and send reminders of important events.

In our last two newsletters, we included a list of teachers e-mail addresses and voice mail numbers. These can also be found on the school district website. The best way to keep track of your child's progress is by e-mailing the teachers. All students also have an agenda book.

Organization is the key element to success in middle school.

Progress reports for the 2nd marking period will be given to students on Friday, December 16th.

There are still openings for the 8th grade Washington D.C. Trip. This is a wonderful opportunity for 8th grade students to see the Nation's Capitol. For many students, it is their first trip without parents and an enjoyable time to spend three days with their friends.

**ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH  
BOOK FAIR - DECEMBER 5 - 9TH  
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**



**Parent Advisory Meeting  
December 6th at 7:00 pm  
In the  
Media Center**

## BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

12/5	LCE	Away
12/8	LCN	Home
12/12	Mt. Clemens	Home
12/15	Powell	Away
1/3	ABSouth	Home
1/5	New Haven	Home
1/9	Romeo	Away
1/12	Seneca	Away
1/19	Powell	Home
1/23	Mt Clemens	Away
1/25	Romeo	Home
1/30	ABMS South	Away

7th Grade game starts at 3:30 and 8th grade game starts at approximately 4:45.

### SPORTS BOOSTERS

**Need YOU**

### NEXT MEETING

**January 17th 7:00 p.m.**

Sports Boosters purchase uniforms for our athletic teams with their fundraising activities. Selling concessions at athletic contests is one place you can help. But more members are needed at meetings to come up with other ideas and suggestions to continue meeting the uniform needs of all our teams.

# ATHLETICS

## SPORTSMANSHIP A WAY OF LIFE

### OF SPECTATORS IN GENERAL

- Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and fans.
- Avoid antics designed to draw attention to you instead of the game.
- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- Recognize and compliment the efforts of school and league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the role of good sportsmanship to that end.
- Be a positive behavior role model at events through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.

### OF PARENTS IN PARTICULAR...

- Understand the purpose of educational athletics. School sports are about kids learning and having fun. They're not about attempting to earn college athletic scholarships.
- Understand that you are possibly the biggest role model in your child's life. Carrying on wildly in the stands at games and challenging the authority of coaches and officials does little to model positive behavior in your child's presence.
- Make your cheers during games those of support of your child—not instructions on how to play.
- Recognize that school coaches and administrators are now in charge of your child's athletic activities. Don't undermine their authority - openly or behind the scenes.
- Don't live your life through your child's athletic activities. This is their time. This is their place. Let them play.

*[From the MHSAA's (Michigan High School Athletic Association) Sportsmanship brochure]*

## GIVE THE GIFT OF READING

The MacDonald Public Library is a drop-off site for the Detroit Free Press Gift of Reading Program. This program has distributed more than 500,000 books to Michigan Children over the years.

New or gently used children's books suitable for the 0-6 age group may be placed in the large gift wrapped box near the library's circulation desk from now until December 9th.

The books that work best are simple stories or picture books that would be right for the beginning reader. Please don't select a book with a religious theme - the children who receive these books come from many different faiths - please don't wrap the book.

The Gift of Reading is a legally registered assumed name of the Free Press Charities, which has 501©(3) status, so your gift is tax deductible.

### Teen Movie Day at MacDonald Library

Teens in grade 6-12, bring your friends to the library and enjoy a movie and popcorn. The movie this month will be **THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS**. Registration is required.

Contact the library at 586-725-0273 or visit the website [www.libcoop.net/newbaltimore/](http://www.libcoop.net/newbaltimore/) to register today.



## YEARBOOK - 2006

You should have received a blue and white envelope in the mail with the information for ordering a copy of the 2006 yearbook. Inside this envelope are the directions on how to order.

You can order online at [www.buyayearbook.com](http://www.buyayearbook.com), using School ID #6058220 or by telephone using a check or credit card at a toll-free number, 1-888-298-5063. The cost is \$26.50.

**All orders must be submitted by December 22nd.** The yearbook will be distributed to students in June, 2006. By pre-ordering, you are assured of getting a yearbook. There will NOT be extras.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** were November 8th and 9th. Approximately 75% of the report cards were picked up at that time. Cards not picked up were given to students on November 10th and 11th. If you did not receive your child's report card and need a copy, please let us know. If you have a concern about your child's progress or lack of progress, please contact the teacher first.

**TUTORING WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER SCHOOL—**Anchor Bay Middle School North will be offering tutoring for our students from 2:55-3:40 p.m. The dates will be determined after tutoring interest forms are returned. You will be notified with your assigned day and classroom.

Please note that transportation will NOT be provided. Please make arrangements to ensure that your student is picked up promptly after tutoring.

**Homework Assistance:** This session will allow students to work on homework with assistance from a teacher.

**Skill Building:** This session will provide lessons targeting specific skills in a subject area. This is not for individual homework help.

For more information and/or to register your child for the tutoring program, please call Mrs. Stanton in the counseling office - 586-725-7373, extension 1715.

### OPERATION CINDERELLA



Anchor Bay High School is developing a program to resell used Prom or evening dresses for students who may want to save money on dresses for Prom or Homecoming. Anyone who would like to donate a dress can call Fran Matlock, Jodi Quigley or Sue Accivatti at the High School - 648-2525. Fran's extension is 7292; Jodi's is 2304; and Sue's is 2306. Please leave a message and someone will contact you. Thanks a bundle!!

## Career Fair

**Date:** December 7, 2005  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Where:** ABMS North Gym  
 52805 Ashley  
 New Baltimore



### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please clip the "Boxtops for Education" from any General Mills brands that you use and send them to school with your child. Students may turn these in at the office or to any of their teachers.

### CHORAL NOTATIONS



The 6th grade choir is to be congratulated on their fine debut performances of Made in the USA for the fall concert! You had us all singing and dancing with happiness!

Nineteen extraordinary 6th grade singers have been selected to represent Anchor Bay Middle School North in the 3rd Annual Anchor Bay All-District Choir. Rehearsals begin on Monday evenings in January and conclude with a Choral Festival on March 27th at Anchor Bay High School.

December marks the busiest time for our choirs. Monday, December 5th will find both 6th and 7/8th choirs at the Big Tree in downtown New Baltimore, leading the community sing-along to begin the celebration of the season. We'll see you there at 7:00 p.m.!



Our 6-8 school holiday concert is at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14th. Come hear us sing anthems from the master composers, light-hearted songs, and some of your favorite carols.

### 6TH GRADE HEALTH PROGRAM

During the 6th grade physical education class, three days will be used as health class. The curriculum will basically be an overview and review of the material covered in the 5th grade health component.

Any questions, please call Mr. Cleverley or Mrs. Hawkins.

### SAILOR PRIDE



The next time you are in our building in the gym area, check out the new décor. Among the items added to reflect Sailor Pride are athletic team pictures, current and past. A group of students, under the guidance of Mrs. Hawkins, are undertaking projects to enhance school spirit and pride. Thank you to those who have contributed to the project, but there is still much to do.

The following items are still needed:

- 30 - Black 8x10 picture frames
- 3 - Fake 4 to 6 ft Christmas trees
- 1 - Sailor Suit (med-lg) for school mascot

Large foam to make anchors and sailboats.

Red material for curtains

White rope or ribbon for curtains

Rods and hardware for curtains

5 - Bulletin boards 4x3 ft

2 - Bulletin boards 8 ft

10 - Wooden sailboats and anchors from Michael's Craft Store

Christmas decorations for trees. No lights, please, unless battery operated.

3 - gallons blood red paint (latex or acrylic) paint code oz 4896, medium yellow/magenta from Home Depot.

All gifts can be donations to the Sailor Pride committee and can be used as a tax deduction. (Keep your receipts) We appreciate any help that you can give. With everyone's help our school (our home-away-from-home) will reflect a place of pride and ownership in our community.

Go SAILOR PRIDE!

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**School Year 2005-2006**

Dec 5—9	Book Fair
Dec 6	Parent Advisory Meeting 7:00 p.m. Media Center
Dec 7	Career Day
Dec 13	Band Concert 6/7/8 7:00 p.m. Gym
Dec 14	Choir Concert 6/7/8 7:00 p.m. Gym
Dec 16	2nd Quarter Progress Report sent home with students
Dec 21-Jan 2	Christmas Recess
Jan 3	Return to School
Jan 16	Staff Development—No School for Students
Jan 18, 19, 20	Exam Days - Half Day for Students
Jan 27	First Semester Report Cards sent home with students
Feb 4	Solo and Ensemble
Feb 10	Valentine Dance/Activity
Feb 22-24	No School-Winter Break
Mar 5 - 10	Spirit Week
Mar 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening Only - Progress Reports Available
Mar 11	Band Festival
Mar 13 - 17	Leader Dog for the Blind Fundraiser
Mar 21	Band Concert 6/7/8 7:00 p.m. Gym
Mar 23	Staff Development Day-No School for Students
Apr 6 - 9	8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
Apr 7	3rd Quarter Report Cards sent home with students
Apr 14-23	Spring Recess
Apr 27	Staff Development- No School for Students
May 11	NJHS Induction
May 12	4th Quarter Progress Reports sent home with students
May 18, 19	6th Grade Trip to Mackinac Island
May 29	Memorial Day
June 1, 2	7th Grade Trip to Mackinac Island
June 6	Choir Concert 6/7/8 - Tentatively scheduled to be at the High School Auditorium
June 7	Awards Night -7:00 p.m.
June 8	Band Concert 6/7/8 - Tentatively scheduled to be at the High School Auditorium
June 9	Cedar Point Trip
June 12, 13, 14	Exam Days - Half Day for Students
June 14	Last Day of School for 2005-2006
June 19	Final Report Cards Mailed Home to Parents



***To be updated***

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