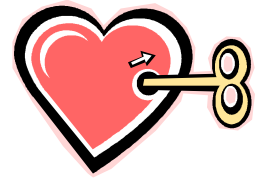


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# ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH FEBRUARY/MARCH 2006 NEWSLETTER





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February/March, 2006 Newsletter



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

### 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 a.m.

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

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What may seem punitive is more of another opportunity to succeed. The new way of getting our students to do their class work is being successful. Students who are at the 'F' status on their previous report card or are at an 'F' status in class due to any missing assignments are assigned a detention. The plan, at this point, is working. We realize this could inconvenience some of you, but we are all held to certain standards and the schools are no different. We are dealing with adequate yearly progress; staffing our schools with highly qualified teachers; and changing and/or increasing requirements for High School graduation, etc. As we progress with this new way of trying to help our students, we must be willing to change and try new ideas. Your input is welcomed. Give us a call or send me an e-mail.

The next big event is getting 8<sup>th</sup> Graders registered as freshman and setting your sites on graduating in the year 2010. (Does that seem possible or what!) Students will be bringing home the High School Course Guide and a Course Request Form to complete. Please review these materials with your student. The Course Request Form must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the Language Arts teacher by March 2nd.

We had an excellent response to the Internet Safety program. School Resource Officer Tim Wiley made an excellent presentation and would be more than happy to do any follow-up that is needed.

You may have recently read or heard about MySpace and other Internet sites where teenagers post personal information about themselves. *Dateline*, *The Today Show*, local television news programs, and newspaper articles, have talked about the popularity and danger of such sites.

So what's the big deal? Haven't teenagers always written very personal stuff in diaries and in notes passed to their closest friends? The big deal is that this is in a very public forum. Not only is this a site visited by predators and stalkers, it is also a site that college admissions offices and potential employers are aware of. Anything that a teen posts on the site and any comments made to or about that person are now part of a public record. In addition to screen names—often first and middle names—students post their city, date of birth, school, teams, jersey numbers, schedule of games, sometimes even addresses and cell phone numbers. In their privacy policy, MySpace says that users may search for other members using first and last names, email address, school, or work place. We had no trouble finding and identifying many of our students.

### **This is an ideal location for predators to lurk and all parents should be aware.**

Please be sure to read Mr. McDonald's article in this newsletter about treating each other with kindness and tolerance, and to celebrate our differences.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be on Thursday, March 9th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – that evening only. We will give the progress reports to students on Tuesday, March 7th.

Please review your child's report before conferences so that you know which teachers you especially need to see. ***Time is very limited at conferences. We ask you to keep your visit to 5 minutes per teacher.*** If you need more than 5 minutes, please make an appointment to see the teacher during the school day. Unable to attend conferences but have concerns? You can call or e-mail the teacher(s).

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions or concerns.

Timothy J. Brisbois, Ed.S.  
Principal

## CHORAL CHRONICLES

Congratulations to the newest members of the 2006 Honor Choir. After successful auditions these sixth graders become our model students in the all-district Anchor Bay Honor Choir - 4th thru 6th Grade. Everyone will be looking up to our Middle School choir members as they prepare for their concert on Monday, March 27, 2006, at Anchor Bay High School. The students are:

Karisa Borovica  
Kara Deel  
Ian Guir  
Holly Harris  
Sumer Kado  
Brittany Lewis  
Devin Malfait  
Elizabeth Martin  
Christina Meister

Alyssa Metcalf  
Emily Miller  
Sarah Miller  
Elizabeth Pilato  
Sharlyn Tremaine  
Alyssa Varcally  
Alyssa Werner  
Angela Worde

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## EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The first meeting of the 2006 - Anchor Bay High School Equestrian Team is set for Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 2:30 pm in the commons area of the high school. 8th grade students interested in joining the team must attend. We are requesting a parent or guardian to also be there. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Reinhold at 586-725-7402.

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## NEWSLETTER E-MAIL

Thanks to all who e-mailed us requesting to have the Newsletter e-mailed instead of regular mail. We would like to have many more parents choose this option. Not only will you receive the Newsletter in a more timely manner, but we will have the means to notify you of changes and send reminders about events taking place in our building. E-mailing the Newsletter also saves us money. If you would like to have the Newsletter e-mailed to you, please send an e-mail to [hjohnson@abs.misd.net](mailto:hjohnson@abs.misd.net) with your name, your child's name and grade.

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

On Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> we had assemblies to deal with a number of issues, including the cell phone policy, name calling and behavior in general. I would like to share the highlights with you. Due to an increasing number of cell phones interrupting the learning environment, I would like to remind students and parents that cell phones and other electronic communication devices **must** be kept in lockers and turned off. Also if there is any type of **emergency** to please call the main office and we will relay the message to the student.

The consequences for violations are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense = Confiscation and picked up by a parent.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense = Confiscation and picked up by a parent and one day time out of school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense = Three days time out
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense = Five days time out
- 5<sup>th</sup> Offense = Ten days time out

Another issue that has been increasingly become a problem is name calling, including ethnic and racial name calling. During the assembly this topic was given extensive concern and students have been warned that such name calling will result in a time out of school.

Thank you for your help and support in these matters.

Joseph McDonald  
Assistant Principal

# ATHLETICS

## VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

2/7	LCE	Home
2/9	LCN	Away
2/14	ABMS South	Away
2/16	Powell	Home
2/20	Mt. Clemens	Away
2/28	Romeo	Home
3/2	Seneca	Home
3/8	New Haven	Away
3/9	Powell	Away
3/14	Mt. Clemens	Home
3/16	Romeo	Away
3/21	ABMS South	Home

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

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## WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Tues	2/28	Pierce	Away	4:00
Wed	3/1	Brownell	Home	5:30
Mon	3/6	Parcell	Home	5:30
Wed	3/8	Mt.Clemens	Home	5:30
Mon	3/20	Kennedy	Home	5:30
Wed	3/22	Roseville	Away	4:00
		@Eastland		
Mon	3/29	L'Anse Creuse	Away	5:30
		@ LC South		

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## SPORTS BOOSTERS NEXT MEETING

MARCH 14th  
7:00 P.M.  
ROOM A1

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

## Sportsmanship: Character in Action

Sportsmanship is an often-used word, yet no definitive explanation is readily available. We do know that it refers to some key concepts:

- Citizenship
- Integrity
- Respect for Opponents and Officials
- Fair Play
- Understanding of the Rules
- Appreciation for all Performances
- Personal and Institutional Pride
- Gracious Acceptance of Results
- High Moral Character

All of these concepts fall into the definition of sportsmanship. They all represent the standards which athletics, in the proper atmosphere, can teach our students, coaches, and spectators.

## DEFIBULATOR FUNDRAISER

We are planning a fundraiser to help pay for a defibulator for our building. We will keep you informed as plans are developed.

## SCHEDULING FOR 9TH GRADE

2006 - 07

Dear Parents,

The scheduling process for the 2006-07 school year has begun. The first phase is for students to select courses they would like to take next year and complete a request form.

On February 27 and 28, counselors will be meeting with students in the Language Arts class. Students will bring home a hard copy of all scheduling information which should also be available at the A.B.H.S website, [www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net).

Review your child's selection and sign their completed Request Form. Students return completed forms to their Language Arts teacher by March 2nd.

During the weeks of 3-06-06 to 3-24-06 students will be meeting with counselors to complete their request form. Any student who does not complete a request form by March 24th, will have a request form completed for them by their counselor with no option for change.

Again, consider helping your student make selections for the courses they would like to take during the next school year.

Scheduling for 6th and 7th graders will start in late March.

**MAY BOOK FAIR**  
Our next Book Fair will be  
May 1st - 5th, 2006.

**BAND CONCERT**  
6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE  
MARCH 21, 2006  
8:00 P.M.

## MACDONALD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of MacDonald Public Library put their heart, soul and elbow grease into making the Book Sale a huge success. All the proceeds benefit YOUR public Library.

That is a win-win!

Hope all is well in your world. Thanks for all you do to make the MacDonald Public Library more visible in the community.

Your efforts are appreciated!

All Best,

Beth Bagley-Stanton  
MacDonald Public Library

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### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

MARCH 9TH

P.M.

### PROGRESS REPORTS TO STUDENTS

MARCH 7TH

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### NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

DEVELOPMENT DAY

FOR TEACHERS

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### FROM FOOD SERVICE

8<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting the high school on March 7th. Please remember they will be having lunch at the high school. Students that qualify for free and reduced lunches will be honored this day but students that have credit on their Middle School accounts **will not be** carried for this day. Paid students will need to have \$2.25 for lunch and reduced students will have to have 40 cents for lunch.

**ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH**

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**School Year 2005-2006**

Feb 22-24	No School-Winter Break
Mar 5 - 10	Spirit Week
Mar 7	8th Graders visit the High School for Lunch
Mar 7	Progress Reports Given to Students
Mar 7	Parent Advisory – 7:00 p.m. Media Center
Mar 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening Only – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Mar 11	Band Festival
Mar 14	Sports Boosters Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Room A1
Mar 21	Band Concert 6/7/8 8:00 p.m. Gym
Mar 23	Staff Development Day-No School for Students
Mar 28	6th Grade Choirs at ABMS South 7:30 p.m.
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 1 – 5	Book Fair
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

**Homework Website for the Buzzlightyears 7th Grade Team**

**Go to *scholastic.com*. Click on *Class Homepage* Login in bottom, right corner.**

**Username: *healy* Password *math***

**Click *homework* on the screen's left side. Scroll to find this week's assignments for all teachers on the team.**

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