

# ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Welcome 2008-2009 Marching Tars and Parents! We are very excited to get the new marching band season underway and would like to share important information for new and returning members.

We are fortunate at Anchor Bay High School to have marching band as a class that meets during the fall semester. It is important to remember that its members receive a letter grade and semester credit for their participation in the class (including band camp). Involvement in the ABHS Marching Band for three years accounts for a half-credit of Physical Education. Consequently, students who are involved with marching band for three of their four high school years will become exempt from the Physical Education requirement at Anchor Bay High School. This creates a little more space in students' schedules to take other electives and courses.

This year, the marching band will be attending Central Michigan University to learn next year's field show and to better prepare the band for the upcoming marching band season. CMU is located in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and contains excellent facilities, living conditions, and resources. Various fundraising efforts and the help of our Band Booster organization help keep our camp costs down. This year, the cost of camp is \$290.00 per student. The following items are included within this fee:

- ♪ This year's band camp T-shirt.
- ♪ Instructors for each section of the marching band
- ♪ 15 meals (includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and fruit/liquids on the field)
- ♪ 5 nights of lodging (and linens)
- ♪ Access to the Student Activities Center (SAC) for swimming and other recreation.
- ♪ Indoor and outdoor rehearsal facilities
- ♪ Transportation to CMU (all students must be picked up at the end of camp!)

In addition to the band camp fee, there are other small costs that factor in to being a part of the ABHS Marching Band. These costs have to do with our uniform. The expensive parts of everyone's uniform will be provided to you at no cost (each uniform is approximately \$500.00). However, new members to our band will be required to purchase three necessary items to complete your uniform. You will need a pair of our black marching shoes (\$30) and our red marching band T-shirt with the Anchor Bay HS Bands logo (\$12). Both will be yours to keep. Lastly, all new marchers need to provide their own pair of white shorts of an appropriate length (4" inseam please; "short" shorts will not be acceptable.) These shorts will be used in hot weather parade performances along with the red T-shirt and white tennis shoes. Orders for shirt sizes will be taken at the New Marcher Orientation on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shoes will be sized and ordered at pre-band camp (on 6/11).

Enclosed is a tentative schedule of events for this summer and fall. The schedule includes all required rehearsals, performances, camps, and payment due dates. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call at 648-2500, ext. 2359 (Visnaw) and 2358 (Dee), or email us at the email addresses below. For updated information, you can also visit the instrumental music website at [www.anchorbaybands.org](http://www.anchorbaybands.org). In addition, there will be an informational meeting for new parents during the May 22<sup>nd</sup> New Marcher Orientation. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. We encourage all new parents to attend this meeting!

Thank you for helping make the Marching Band at Anchor Bay HS something to be proud of!

Musically yours,

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## 2008-2009 ABHS MARCHING BAND SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/22 (Thurs)** New Marcher Orientation @ ABHS from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (for parents and students)  
**Due: \$42.00 to cover the cost of shoes and the red band T-shirt. Please make all checks out to the Anchor Bay Band Boosters.**
- 6/10 (Tues)** Marching Band Pre-Camp at ABHS from 12:30 AM to 3:30 PM.  
Buses will be provided from each middle school. Lunch is not provided.  
**Due on 6/10: \$100.00 deposit for CMU Marching Band Camp.** Please make all checks out to the Anchor Bay Band Boosters. Cash will not be accepted! It is acceptable to pay the entire camp fee in one payment (\$290.00)  
**Due on 6/10: CMU Band Camp Health Form (received from band instructors).**
- 6/11 & 6/12 (Wed & Thurs)** Marching Band Pre-Camp at ABHS from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.  
Lunch is not provided.
- 6/29 (Sun)** Bay Rama Parade. White shorts, red band T-shirt, and white tennis shoes will be worn for the parade.  
Call time is at 12:15 PM at the Dairy Queen on Green Street.
- 6/24 (Tues)\*** **Due: \$95.00 payment for band camp (see below for further details)**
- 7/15 (Tues)\*** **Due: \$95.00 final payment for band camp (see below for further details)**
- 7/28 (Mon)** Report @ ABHS for CMU Band Camp at 6:45 AM
- 8/2 (Sat)** Marching Band performs at CMU (10:30 AM).  
Parents need to pick up their child from CMU by 11:00 AM.
- 8/14 (Thurs)** First Rehearsal/Uniforms Issued: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
(Specifics TBA – check: [www.anchorbaybands.org](http://www.anchorbaybands.org))
- 8/19 (Tues)** Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
- 8/21 (Thurs)** Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
- 8/26 (Tues)** Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
- 8/27 (Wed)** Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
- 9/2 (Tues)** Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM @ ABHS) – the first day of school is Wed, 9/3 (no rehearsal)

\* Please mail the 6/24 and 7/15 payments to: Anchor Bay Band Boosters, Ron Reed – Financial Secretary, 10438 Middle Lane, Casco, MI, 48064. You may also feel free to drop off your payment in person during regular business hours. In addition, please make all checks out to the Anchor Bay Band Boosters, and write your child's name in the memo portion of the check.

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8/19 (Tues)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
8/21 (Thur)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
8/26 (Tues)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
8/27 (Wed)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
9/2 (Tues)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM @ ABHS)
9/3 (Wed)	First Day of School ☺ – No Rehearsal
9/4 (Thur)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
9/5 (Fri)	Home Football Game vs. Port Huron HS (Report time - 5:00 PM @ ABHS)
9/8 - 9/11 (M - Th)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
9/15 - 9/18 (M - Th)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
9/19 (Fri)	Home Football Game vs. Utica HS (Report time - 5:00 PM @ ABHS)
9/22 - 9/25 (M - Th)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
9/26 (Fri)	Homecoming Game vs. Cousino HS (Report time – 4:30 PM @ ABHS)
9/28 (Sun)	Harper Woods Marching Band Invitational (Report Time, afternoon - TBA)
9/29 - 10/2 (M - Th)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
10/6 - 10/9 (M - Th)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
10/12 (Sun)	Mini-Camp (2:00 PM – 8:00 PM @ ABHS)
10/13 - 10/14 (M - Tu)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
10/14 (Tu) or 10/15 (W)	<b>MSBOA Marching Band Festival (day, time, and location TBA mid-September)</b>
10/16 (Thur)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:35 PM @ ABHS)
10/17 (Fri)	Home Football Game vs. Eisenhower HS (Report time - 5:00 PM @ ABHS)
10/21 (Tu) or 10/22 (W)	<b>MSBOA Marching Band Festival RAIN DATES</b> **Only needed if festival is postponed**
10/24 (F) or 10/25 (Sa)	Playoffs? (TBA)
11/19 (Wed)	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:35 PM @ ABHS)
11/22 (Sat)	Royal Oak Holiday Magic Parade (Report Time – 7:30am)
11/28 (Fri)	Grosse Pointe Santa Clause Parade (Report Time – 8:00am)
12/1 (Mon)	Hand In Take-Home Final Exam!

**NOTE:** All rehearsals and performances are mandatory and part of the overall Marching Band Class grade. To be excused from a rehearsal or performance, have a parent call the voice mail system, one week prior to the absence, at 648-2500, ext. 2359. Please leave the daytime telephone number where that parent can be reached. In the case of an illness or emergency, please make contact within 24 hours of the missed event. Do not schedule avoidable conflicts with rehearsals or performances. These include job commitments, baby-sitting, avoidable medical appointments, senior pictures, etc. These types of conflicts will not be excused. **Email excusals will not be accepted.**

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