

# ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Welcome 2026-2027 Marching Tars and Parents! We are very excited to get next year's 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 trimester 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 taking part in a summer camp held at CMU to learn next year's field show and to prepare the band for the upcoming marching band season. Thanks to the various fundraising efforts through our Band Booster organization over the years, we will be able to again keep our camp and season costs down. This year, the marching band fee is \$550.00 per student. The following items are included within this fee:

- ♪ Band Camp lodging/food/facilities at CMU
- ♪ This year's band camp T-shirt
- ♪ Instructors for sections of the marching band for camps/season
- ♪ Student meals during camp and some other meals throughout the season
- ♪ Special events and various expenses during camp
- ♪ Other various season marching band group expenses from June through October

In addition to the marching band fee, there are other small uniform costs that factor into ABHS Marching Band membership. 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 the band will be required to purchase three necessary items to complete your uniform. Students will need a pair of our black marching shoes, our red marching band T-shirt with the Anchor Bay HS Bands logo, and a pair of black shorts of an appropriate length (4" inseam please; "short" shorts will not be acceptable). All these purchased items will be yours to keep.

Orders and sizing for the Marching Tars red shirt (\$16) and black marching shoes (\$50) will be taken via the online [Marching Band "Pre-Registration" process – due by Wednesday, May 20th](#). The black shorts are the responsibility of the student to provide and are used in hot weather performances along with the red shirt and black marching band shoes. Also, student leaders will take orders for "section shirts" during the summer. These shirts are not mandatory to purchase. However, they do provide unity for the individual sections.

Enclosed is a tentative schedule of events for this summer and fall. The schedule includes all required rehearsals, performances, camps, and payment due dates. For updated information, you can also visit the instrumental music website at [www.anchorbaybands.org](http://www.anchorbaybands.org). There will be a NEW PARENT informational meeting at ABHS on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> after completing the registration process at 5pm. We encourage all new parents to attend this meeting to gain insight into the marching band culture and commitment. A chance to ask questions will also be a part of this meeting.

Thank you for helping make the Marching Tars at Anchor Bay High School something to be proud of!

Musically yours,

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## 2026-2027 ABHS MARCHING BAND SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

05/20 (Wed)	All students must complete the MB Pre-Registration Form: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/YBxNw6EgGM">https://forms.office.com/r/YBxNw6EgGM</a>
05/20 (Wed)	Marching Band Registration & New Marcher/Parent Orientation @ ABHS (north entrance)
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>	New Marchers & Parents: 5:00 PM - 6:45 PM      Sophomore Parents: beginning @ 6:00 PM Junior Parents: beginning @ 6:30 PM      Senior Parents: beginning @ 7:00 PM
<b>ALL</b> current and new marchers must be registered by this date!	<b><u>Due: New Marchers...\$66.00 to cover the cost of shoes and the red band T-shirt.</u></b> Please make all checks out to "Anchor Bay Band Boosters."
	<b><u>Due: All Marchers...\$200.00 deposit for Marching Band Fees.</u></b> Please make all checks or money orders out to the Anchor Bay Band Boosters. It is acceptable to pay the entire fee in one payment (\$550.00). Full payment at registration via credit card or Venmo is available with a 3.5% processing fee.
	<b><u>Due: All Marchers...Marching Band/Band Camp Documents.</u></b> Available at <a href="http://www.anchorbaybands.org">www.anchorbaybands.org</a> .
06/5 (Fri)	Day 1 of Marching Band Pre-Camp at ABHS from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. This is for freshmen, new marchers, percussion, veterans changing instruments, color guard, and student leaders ONLY! Lunch is not provided.
06/8 (Mon) & 06/9 (Tues)	Day 2 & 3 of Marching Band Pre-Camp at ABHS from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. This is ALL MEMEBRS! Lunch is not provided.
06/21 (Sun)*	<b><u>Due: \$175.00 fee payment. (see below for further details)</u></b>
06/28 (Sun)	Bay Rama Parade: Black shorts, red band T-shirt, short black socks, and black MB shoes will be worn for the parade. Call time is 12:15 PM at the Dairy Queen on Green Street.
07/21 (Tues)*	<b><u>Due: \$175.00 final fee payment. (see below for further details)</u></b>
07/26 (Sun) – 07/31 (Fri)	<b>Marching Band Camp @ CMU!</b>
07/31 (Fri)	Band Camp Performance @ ABHS (evening, TBD)
08/11 (Tues)	First Rehearsal/Uniforms Issued: 9 AM – 3:30PM. Students will be assigned a one-hour time slot during this time.
08/12 (Wed)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
08/13 (Thurs)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
08/18 (Tues)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
08/19 (Wed)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
08/20 (Thurs)	Performance at Jimmy John's Field! Stay tuned for Call Time.
08/25 (Tues)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
08/26 (Wed)	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
08/27 (Thur)	<b>Home Football Game vs. Port Huron at Big House (Participation/Details TBD)</b>
08/31 (Mon)	First Day of School – No Rehearsal
09/01 (Tues)	First 7 <sup>th</sup> Hour Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)

\* If mailing payments, mail to: Anchor Bay Band Boosters, Financial Secretary, PO Box 145, New Baltimore, MI 48047. Please make all checks out to the Anchor Bay Band Boosters and write your child's name in the memo portion of the check. Contact the Band Booster Financial Secretary at [financialsecretary@anchorbaybands.org](mailto:financialsecretary@anchorbaybands.org) with any questions.

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## 2026-2027 ABHS MARCHING BAND CLASS SCHEDULE

<b>08/11 (Tues)</b>	First Rehearsal/Uniforms Issued: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. One hour per each instrument section. (TBA...check <a href="http://www.anchorbaybands.org">www.anchorbaybands.org</a> in August for your section's block of time)
<b>08/12 (Wed)</b>	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
<b>08/13 (Thurs)</b>	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
<b>08/18 (Tues)</b>	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
<b>08/19 (Wed)</b>	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
<b>08/20 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Performance at Jimmy John's Game</b>
<b>08/25 (Tues)</b>	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
<b>08/26 (Wed)</b>	Rehearsal (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ ABHS)
<b>08/27 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Home Football Game vs. Port Huron at Big House (Participation/Details TBD)</b>
<b>08/31 (Mon)</b>	First Day of School – No Rehearsal
<b>09/01 - 09/03 (Tu - Th)</b>	First 7 <sup>th</sup> Hour Rehearsals (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
<b>09/08 - 09/10 (Tu - Th)</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Hour Rehearsals (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
<b>09/11 (Fri)</b>	<b>Home Football Game vs. Utica (report time – 3:00 PM @ ABHS) – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night</b>
<b>09/14 - 09/17 (M - Th)</b>	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
<b>09/21 - 09/24 (M - Th)</b>	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
<b>09/26 (Sat)</b>	<b>Scholastic Marching Band Invitational @ Stoney Creek HS (performance time is TBD)</b>
<b>09/28 – 10/1 (M - Th)</b>	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
<b>10/01 (Th)</b>	Anchor Bay School District Elementary Tour (during school day)
<b>10/02 (Fri)</b>	<b>Home Football Game vs. Lakeview HS (report time – 2:30 PM @ ABHS) – Homecoming</b>
<b>10/05 - 10/08 (M - Th)</b>	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
<b>10/11 (Sun)</b>	<b>Mini-Camp (1:00 PM – 7:00 PM @ ABHS)</b>
<b>10/12 - 10/13 (M - Tu)</b>	Rehearsal (2:35 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS). (later call time on Tuesday if MSBOA Festival that day)
<b>10/13 (Tu) or 10/14 (W)</b>	<b>MSBOA Marching Band Festival (day, time, and location TBA mid-September)</b>
<b>10/15 (Th)</b>	Rehearsal for Recording/Senior Night (2:20 PM – 4:05 PM @ ABHS)
<b>10/16 (Fri)</b>	<b>Home Football Game vs. Stevenson (report time – 4:00 PM @ ABHS) – Senior Night</b>
<b>10/30 (F) or 10/31 (Sa)</b>	<i>Playoffs? (TBA) Marching Band performance if home game (report time - TBA)</i>
<b>05/31 (Mon)</b>	<b>New Baltimore Memorial Day Parade (Report Time – 9:15am @ Burke Park, downtown NB)</b>

**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 (not student) contact the director – this must be done AT LEAST two weeks in advance of a rehearsal or four weeks in advance of a performance. The earlier these are communicated, the better. 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. Because every rehearsal and performance are important to the overall success of the ensemble, do not schedule avoidable conflicts with rehearsals or performances. These include vacations, job commitments, baby-sitting, avoidable medical appointments, senior pictures, etc. These types of conflicts will not be excused.

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