





Bothwell School News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello to all of our families!

Bothwell staff welcomes returning and new students to our 2023-24 school year! Adjusting back to schedules and routines makes for very busy times. Thank you to all parents/guardians for their support to help their children have a positive transition back to school. Our team is excited to engage with students and connect with families. It is our honour that families entrust us as we plan for your child's days at school. As we begin our school year, we focus on the relationships, creating a sense of a belonging and safe community as we nurture students' well-being.

Our Bothwell School Parent/Student Handbook HUB is available online on our website www.bothwell.hsd.ca- Click on 'Parents' tab and it will lead you to the information! Our school reports may be viewed on our website under the 'About' tab. Also, follow us on Twitter!

Special welcome to Ms. Penner, our grade ¾ teacher, welcome back to Mr. Fast, and welcome to our new Educational Assistants: Ms. Friesen, Mrs. Letkeman and Mr. Abraham.

It was an absolute pleasure for staff to connect with those families who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher Event on September 5. Please know that you are welcome to contact us and we encourage continued communication between home and school. A school is strengthened by the support from a caring community. We strongly believe in home/school connections and that relationships are vital to creating and sustaining a safe and welcoming environment. Communicating and working together enhances your child's educational experience. Staff emails may be found on our website under the ABOUT tab and 'Our Staff' link. I invite you to come by to visit me at the school or contact me by phone (388-4422) or email -lrekrut@hsd.ca.

I feel very fortunate to be working with such a dedicated team of educational professionals. I am committed to continue supporting an environment at Bothwell School that focuses on student learning, and a safe environment that genuinely cares for your children. I look forward to getting to know your children, and the opportunities to meet with parents/guardians.

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank our Bothwell families for your continued partnership and support. We enthusiastically have been preparing for the return to school and we look forward to many learning opportunities and experiences for this school year!
Go BADGERS! #badgerpride

Mrs. Rekrut
Principal Bothwell School

BADGERS KNOW THEIR STRENGTHS!



Real STRENGTH has to do with HELPING others." Mr. Rogers

"Create something that will make the world awesome." R. Novak

Character Citizenship Communication Critical Thinking Creativity Collaboration

***The badger is a symbol for persistence, confidence, and strong will.
Achieve your goals and be resilient with BADGER PRIDE!***

BOTHWELL SCHOOL STAFF

Principal: Mrs. Rekrut

Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten - K Team of Mrs. Chalmers, Ms. Blair, Mrs. Wareham

Grade 1/2 HR- Ms. Blair

Grade 3/4 HR - Ms. Penner

Grade 5/6 HR, - Mr. Heese

Grade 7/8 HR, Guidance - Mrs. Muntain

K-8 Music, 5-8 French - Mrs. Chalmers

K-8 Phys-Ed, 7/8 SCI - Mr. Fast

Learning Support Teacher/Literacy Support - Mrs. Wareham

Literacy Support-Mrs. Sina Bateman

Educational Assistants (to be updated in September):

Mrs. Doerksen, Mrs. Hiebert, Ms. Sclanders, Ms. Letkeman, Mrs. Rempel, Mrs. Plett, Mr. Abraham, Ms. Friesen

Secretary: Mrs. Unger

Librarian: Mrs. Chamberlin

Head Custodian: Mr. Levesque

Evening Custodian: Mrs. Schwarz

NO CHILD WITHOUT

Our school is involved in the **Canadian Medic Alert** Foundation's **No Child Without** program.

There is **no cost** for students who attend our school and are age 4 up to their 14th birthday to join Medic Alert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information and to register, come to the office for a brochure or go to <https://www.medicalert.ca/no-child-without-program> To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call Medic Alert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

FOOD ALLERGIES

At this time, there are no peanut allergies in our school. Please let us know if your child is allergic to any foods that we can help accommodate to request are not brought in lunches or snacks.

OUR SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

School Start time: 9:00

Morning recess is from 10:40-10:55

Kindergarten dismissal 11:55

Lunch is from 12:05-1:05

Last recess is from 2:15-2:30

Please refer to the Student Handbook Hub on our school website (bothwell.hsd.ca) for a more detailed schedule.

LUNCH HOUR 12:05-1:05

- All bus students are expected to remain at school for lunch.
- Walking (town) students may go home for lunch during the scheduled lunch hour.
- Once the choice has been indicated, bus and town students who remain at school for lunch may NOT leave the school grounds without communicated permission from a parent. This includes trips to the store for those students in grade 5-8. Please see our handbook hub available on line.

SAFETY REQUEST

Please do NOT USE the bus loop between 8:30 and 4:00.

When dropping off/picking up students, please use the visitor parking stalls at the front of the school. This will help with safety for all who are walking to our front entrance or for any bikes that access the loop.

GRADE 7 & 8 SHOPS

Grade 7 & 8 travel to Mitchell for TechEd and Human Ecology classes in the morning on day 6. Please remember this when scheduling appointments. This year they will both be going on the same day :

Grade 7 & 8's go on Day 6

WELCOME BACK ASSEMBLY

Our Welcome Back Assembly will take place on Tuesday, September 12 in the gym at 11:00 am. As with all of our assemblies, parents and families are always welcome to attend!



BOTHWELL SCHOOL 2022-2023 PARENT and STUDENT HANDBOOK HUB

The [Bothwell Parent and Student Handbook Hub](#) contains valuable information and is accessible to each family in the following ways:

- 1) An email with the Handbook HUB attached was sent to parents/guardians.
- 2) The Handbook HUB is also on the school's website under the Parent tab. Please take some time to review and discuss the information with your child(ren).

STRONG CONNECTIONS

Friday, Sept. 15 and Monday, Sept. 18

Strong Connections will be held on Friday, September 15th and Monday, September 18th. On these days, grade K-8 **students attend school one day- either on Friday or on Monday**. The grade 6-8 students will be at the camp on the Friday and will not be in school on the Monday.

Students are divided up to allow each homeroom teacher the opportunity to meet one on one with each student. While students participate in some academic assessment activities, the utmost benefit of these days is the opportunity for teachers and students to begin to build a stronger relationship.

Students will arrive at and depart from school in their normal manner (bus or other). An email will be sent to all parents on September 7 with their child's/children's day to attend school. If you did not receive this message, please call the school for your child's scheduled day, or log into the Portal to view. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call the school for more information. There will be no hot lunch offered on Friday, September 15.

OFFICE REMINDERS

This is the time of the year when various school fees are collected. Thank you to families who pay promptly. These fees can be paid on Parent Portal or in the office.

\$5 **per student** Activity Fee for school based activities for your child (Gr. 1-8)

\$15 Human Ecology./Tech. Ed. Fee (Gr. 7 - 8 only)

(Field trip fees are additional)



INFORMATION UPDATES REQUIRED

Parent's/Guardian's are asked to log in to Parent Portal to go over contact information. Please call or email the school at bothwell.hsd.ca if there are any changes that need to be made for phone numbers, emergency contacts, work numbers, babysitters etc.

PARENT PORTAL

Stay connected and informed. The HSD Parent Portal is a communication tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children, by providing secure online access to their child's student information. With a single username and password, parents can access the following data for each of their children attending an HSD school. See the link on our website or click on this link <https://hsd.ca/parent-portal/>:

Permissions & Consent Forms

School Fees Account

Report Cards

Student information

Attendance information

School Information

Grad/Credit Summary

View Parent Contact Information



ORANGE SHIRT DAY- SEPTEMBER 29

Our school will be acknowledging the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 29 and encourage all students and staff to wear an orange shirt to school on September 29!



The history of the orange shirt began back in 1973, when Phyllis Webstad entered St. Joseph Mission Residential School and was told she could not wear the new orange shirt her grandmother gave her. This link has special information about Orange Shirt Day and a video:

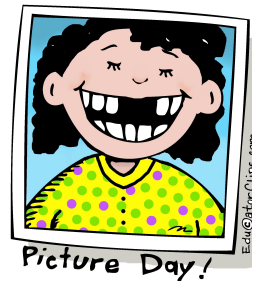
[What is Orange Shirt Day? | Articles | CBC Kids](#) .

HSD INDIGENOUS LEARNING DAY

Planning is underway for the HSD Indigenous Learning Day. We will communicate with parents as details are confirmed.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is Friday, September 22. There will be no retake day at the school but if parents wish to have retakes taken or if your child was not in school on picture day, please contact the school as soon as possible. Proofs will be sent home with every student within the 2 weeks following Picture Day. Parents/guardians may order using the paper order form that will be sent home with the proofs or on-line at mylifetouch.ca.



YEARBOOKS

The **2022-23** yearbooks have arrived and will be sent home in the first week of school with those students who purchased them. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, they are \$20. Copies of past yearbooks are available for purchase.



A BIRTHDAY REQUEST

We would like to encourage Birthday Party invitation delivery for outside of school. There have been tears and hurt feelings when everyone is not included. Please make party arrangements and pick-ups outside of school.



FRIDAY HOT LUNCH ORDER OPTIONS

The Friday hot lunch order options will be available again this year! We will once again be using Munch-a-Lunch for our online ordering and payment! If you do not already have an account, head to our website, click the link and create an account. We are working with a few new restaurants so once everything is in place, we will send an email to parents and will post the schedule and link on our website as well as in the October newsletter. Ordering will be for one month at a time.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

The canteen is open daily from 12:05 - 12:10. The following is a list of what is being offered in the canteen at this time:

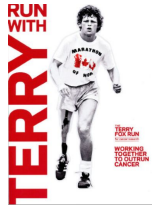
Apple Juice Box \$.50	Pudding \$.75
Rice Krispie Square \$.50	Goldfish Crackers \$.50
Ritz Bitz \$.75	Ritz Snackwiches \$.50
Welch's Fruit Snack \$.50	Hot Rods \$.50
Pizza Pops \$1.00	Chocolate Milk \$1.00
Spoon \$.10	



STUDENT SAFETY IS IMPORTANT @ BOTHWELL SCHOOL

- 1) **Call-Back System**—This is how we ensure all students are accounted for. When students are absent without notification from a parent, we call to notify parents and ensure they are safe.
- 2) **Student Absences for Part of a Day or Longer** - If your child is going to be absent please notify the teacher or office by:
 - entering it on the Parent Portal
 - sending a **signed note**, email bothwell.hsd.ca, or a phone call ahead of time
 - calling the school the day of the absence **between 8:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.**
- 3) **Mid Day Student Pick-Up** - When parents pick up a child **during** the school day, please **come to the office and sign out your child**. If someone other than the child's legal guardian is to pick them up, **PLEASE notify the school granting permission by note, email or phone call**.
- 4) **Visitors** - Visitors are welcome at Bothwell School. Upon arrival, please stop by the office so we can welcome you, sign you in, and provide you with a visitor tag.

TERRY FOX RUN



Bothwell School will be holding the annual Terry Fox Run on Monday, September 25 @ 2:45PM. All families/caregivers are invited to join us as participants or spectators. Students will take part in the run on the designated streets

directly south of the school (with supervisors on the route). Please help your child plan with appropriate clothing/footwear on this day, and feel free to send in a "Tooney for Terry". Students who bring in a donation will have permission to wear a hat indoors for the day.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Cross Country Running is the first inter-school sport of the school year. Grade 5-8 runners will have the chance to participate in two HSD runs: September 21st at Abe's Hill/Steinbach Soccer Park and on October 4th at A.D. Penner Park. Sign up sheets are on the PE bulletin board.

BADGER VOLLEYBALL

Grade 7-8 Volleyball sign up sheets are posted on the PE bulletin board. Practices are scheduled to begin during the first full week of school (Sept. 11-15th). Specific practice days/times will be emailed to parents. The boys volleyball season is scheduled to begin on October 5th, and the Girls' season is scheduled to begin on October 10th. All games will be played after school with the Girls playing on Tuesdays and the Boys on Thursdays. Playoffs are scheduled for mid November.

GRADE 6-8 CAMP- SEPTEMBER 13- 15

We are looking forward to our upcoming **Bothwell School Retreat** for our Grades 6-8 students and staff!

In following tradition, every three years our school plans for our Grade 6, 7, and 8 students and look forward to having them all participate and attend this overnight camping trip.

As previously shared in March last year, the camp experience to Winkler Camp is taking place in September. Students fundraised with chocolate sales last spring to help lower the overall cost of the camp. Specific details will be shared with the families.

This year we will be renting out the facilities at **Winkler Bible Camp from September 13-15** (*please note: as a public school, this retreat will not involve any programming affiliated with the religious aspects of the camp). This 3-day retreat gives students and staff a chance to connect and build on teamwork, friendship and leadership skills and is a great way to kick off the school year as part of strong connections. The students will be able to take part in a number of fun activities and team building experiences!

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES & INSTRUCTION IN HSD

Parents must notify the school if they want their student(s) to participate in either religious exercises and/or religious instruction. Many parents did this in the form of a petition at the end of last year. Parents wishing to have their children participate, can do so by notifying the school administration. More information is available at:

[HSD Religious Exercises & Instruction](#)

Family Matters



Hanover School Division has devices for students to use. SeeSaw is an online tool and Google Classroom is accessible through Google accounts.

Please know that school devices are monitored by GoGuardian.

Google Classroom definitely streamlines homework and organization for our students.

Our younger students and their families are using SEESAW as one way to engage and communicate their learning.

As your child begins to use Google Classroom in middle years, it is a good idea to familiarize yourself with the capabilities so you can best support your kids when they are using these online learning tools for school. Please access the below links for more information:

[What is Seesaw? Introduction For Families](#)



[Google Classroom Tutorial for Students and Parents](#)



PARENT AND CHILD FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program (HPCCP) invites **parents/caregivers and their preschool children** to attend FREE parent-child programming! This program is provided to promote school readiness.

Children will have the opportunity to play, learn, create, sing, and develop skills to prepare them for kindergarten with qualified instructors.

Parents will be able to visit with other parents and participate in activities with their children.

Programming is free and snacks will be provided. Families can attend once or twice a week or drop by when able.

HPCCP in New Bothwell will be:

NEW TIMES:

**Monday with Mrs. Melbourne and Thursday with Ms. Peters
afternoons from 1-3pm**



[Bothwell PreSchool Program Pamphlet 2023/24.pdf](#)

SCHOOL PRIORITIES SUCCESS AND BADGER PRIDE



2023-24 Bothwell School Planning Priorities Report

LITERARY FOCUS



NUMERACY FOCUS



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

