




Bothwell School News

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OCTOBER 2023

1	2 Day 1	3 Admin Day/PD Election Day No classes	4 Day 2 Cross Country Run #2	5 Day 3 World Teacher Day! 7/8 Boys Volleyball	6 Day 4 Pre-ordered Lunch: Niakwa Pizza	7
8	9 Thanksgiving No School 	10 Day 5	11 Day 6 PAC AGM 6:30-7:30 p.m.	12 Day 1 7/8 Boys Volleyball	13 Day 2 Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway Gr 5-8 Choral Festival Gr. 1/2 Corn Maze Field Trip	14
15	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6 Pre-ordered Lunch: The Bistro Fall Fun Day p.m.  7/8 Boys Volleyball	20 MTS PD Day No Classes November Hot Lunch Online Orders Open	21
Bus Safety Week Oct. 16-20						
22	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Day 4 Grade 6-8 Routine Immunizations p.m. 7/8 Boys Volleyball	27 Day 5 Pre-ordered Lunch: Dairy Queen November Hot Lunch Online Order Due by 9:00am	28
29	30 Day 6	31 Day 1 Costume Parade a.m.				

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have been enjoying beautiful autumn colours and warm temperatures this fall and it has been so good to see students and staff enjoying the fresh air.

I have loved the times I have been able to be outside with the students at recess breaks and watching students play volleyball, basketball, soccer, or football. Some students call me over to the outdoor kitchen and share the 'soup' or 'make tea' for me and it is great to see students enjoying all the outdoor play areas! They have so much energy as they swing or climb and play on the structure and exercise equipment. Middle years students will have the opportunity to have indoor gym or library option on the schedule during noon breaks starting within the month of October. The Grade 7 & 8 students also are able to follow the [Bothwell School Grade 7&8 Device/Cell Phone Contract](#).

It is great to have the Grade 7 and 8 students take part in our school volleyball, and we are thankful to our dedicated coach, Mr. Fast for his time for early morning practices. The league play dates, locations and specific details are shared with those families. Go Badgers!!

Our school community has collaborated in many ways in September to build upon our sense of belonging and positive school culture. It is important to show support to others by welcoming our new students and connecting with our peers and teachers. We participated in a Welcome Back Assembly, Strong Connections activities, and the Grade 6-8 Camping Retreat. We also supported the Terry Fox Run and raised funds for cancer research and honoured National Truth and Reconciliation Day with education and invitation to wear an Orange Shirt on September 29. The Tabs for Wheelchairs drive has also had strong support over the years and we will continue to collect tabs in the pails located in our front office, so bring the tabs by when you can!

This is the time of year when we are reminded to be thankful. October 5 is World Teachers' Day and I encourage you to thank a teacher! There are many exciting things to take place in October at Bothwell School and I am looking very forward to connecting more with your children throughout the year.

Our staff is committed to care for your children as we all continue to learn together. I'd like to take this time to welcome Ms. Friesen to our school as an educational assistant. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your commitment to supporting your children and our school.

I sincerely wish you a Happy Thanksgiving to celebrate family and all that you are thankful for in your life.

Mrs. Rekrut

BADGERS KNOW THEIR STRENGTHS!

"I believe... that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another." ~ Thomas Jefferson

"Citizenship is the chance to make a difference to the place where you belong." ~ Charles Handy



Character **Citizenship** **Communication** **Critical Thinking** **Creativity** **Collaboration**

The badger is a symbol for persistence, confidence and strong will.

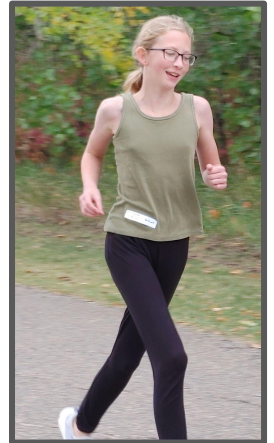
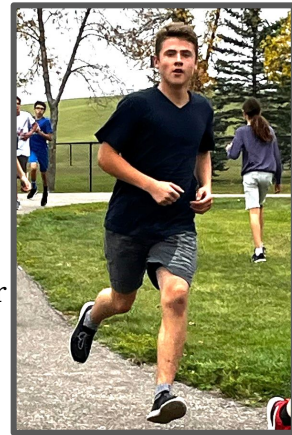
Achieve your goals and be resilient with BADGER PRIDE!

TERRY FOX RUN UPDATE

The Terry Fox Run was held on Monday, September 25th. Gr. 1-8's ran around the block to the south of the school and had a great time. The total amount of donations collected was \$70. Thank you to everyone who raised money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Fundraising proceeds will go towards researching ways to fight cancer. Way to go Badgers!

GR. 5-8 BADGER CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Gr. 5-8 cross country runners participated in the first Hanover School Cross Country Run at Abe's Hill/ Steinbach Soccer Park on September 21st. Students worked hard and had a fantastic time! Notable results were Shane Olson finishing 6th in the Gr. 8 Boys category and Avery Rempel finishing 7th in the Gr. 8 Girls category. The next HSD run is scheduled for October 4th at A.D. Penner Park in Steinbach. Parents/guardians, family and friends are welcome to come out and watch!



GRADE 7 & 8 BADGER VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball practices are being held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this year. With our girls' team sign ups being low again this year, we have combined the boys' and girls' teams and will participate in the Gr. 8 Boys division of the HSD volleyball league. The team will be playing on Thursday evenings, beginning on October 5th. The regular season will wrap up on November 9th with playoffs potentially extending into the following two weeks. The team's regular season schedule can be found on the Bothwell School website. Spectators are welcome to attend school athletics events and we welcome support for our student athletes during both home and away games! Let's go Badgers!

FALL FUN DAY

On October 19 in the afternoon, Bothwell School students will be participating in our annual Fall Fun Day! It will include a variety of fall-themed activities that will get students outside, collaborating and having fun together. Students will rotate from station to station, and try a variety of activities.



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Badger Leaders have started up in September! Students who chose to participate in this program will be looking for ways to volunteer both at school and in the community. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more details.

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

by Mrs. Muntain

It has been so nice to see all the students and staff back at school for another year. Sometimes these changes can be difficult and challenging. It is important for students to have a safe place at home and at school. Many students rely on their classroom teachers for support at school, however they can also be supported by the school guidance counselor. As the school counselor, I am able to meet with students who may require additional assistance with various social/emotional needs. Some of these may include anxiety, friendships, conflicts, or sadness. There are many reasons that a student may want to speak to the school counselor. I am here to support them! :)

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) -ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bothwell School PAC Annual General Meeting will take place at the school on
Wednesday, October 11 @ 6:30 - 7:30pm.

Mrs. Rekrut and the PAC invites all families to join the meeting!

PHOTO DAY ORDERS

Proofs will be sent home with every student sometime in October. Parents/guardians may order using the paper order form that will be sent home with the proofs or on-line at Mylifetouch.ca. Unfortunately, Lifetouch will no longer be taking classroom group photos. 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 Lifetouch at 1-204-272-3500 to set up an appointment in their Winnipeg studio for November or December

COSTUME PARADE

On Tuesday, October 31st, students may dress up in friendly costumes during the morning. Participation is voluntary. The costumes cannot be violent or scary, and are to follow school dress code. The traditional costume parade will follow morning announcements. Students will need to bring along their regular clothes as they are going to be changing out of their costumes by lunch hour.



THE WEATHER IS CHANGING...

Did you know that our students spend 60 minutes of their school day outside at recess? Being outdoors and playing outside is so important! The weather is changing and fall is upon us. Please make sure your children have outdoor gear that will allow them to enjoy recess.



SUMMER READING FINAL RESULTS

The final results of our Summer Reading program are in! We had 41 students participate in our summer reading program. All students who brought their books back on time were eligible to win. These are the winners:

Bethany F.
Everett M.
Arianna P.
Jaxon F.
Dawson P.



You each will receive a \$10 certificate to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair in November!

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

All urban bus routes are posted on the HSD website with times and maps. Any bus **urban or rural** that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues is listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area. The website is at: hsd.ca Go to drop down menu of Services /Transportation Services where you can select:

Bus Delay Bulletins, where any bus that is late is posted with approximate delay.

Thank you for checking this option before calling the Hanover School Division Transportation Department with your questions regarding bus delays.



Family Matters : Making the Most of Screen Use



Tips for Grown-Ups: Just as it's important to have balanced meals of food, we can think about having healthy, balanced MEALS of tech as well.

Model: Set a good example. Your kids will learn from watching your actions.

Engage: Have conversations about what they watch or play. Ask questions to make connections to their lives.

Adjust: Not all screen time is the same. Choose age-appropriate, educational content.

Limit: Set healthy rules and expectations for your home.

Support: Support each other. Be patient, even on days when rules go out the door!

Tips for Kids:

1. Pause for people. If someone speaks to you or needs your attention, pause the show or game.
2. Ask first. Ask your grown-up before watching a new show or playing a new game.
3. Pause, breathe, finish up! When it's time to stop, take a deep breath and put device away.

Questions for Before, During, and After: Use these questions to talk with kids about books, movies, TV shows, podcasts, games, and more! You'll help them build important skills like remembering, emotional awareness, and critical thinking. Why do you want to watch, play, read, or listen to this? What do you think will happen? Does it remind you of anything? How does it make you feel? Which character would you like to be friends with? Why? Did you like it? Why or why not? What would you like to learn more about?

Get more tips at commonsense.org/families - Family Tech Planners available for you! See link below:

[Helping Your Kids With Good Screen Time Habits](https://commonsense.org/families)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES: FIRE DRILLS, TORNADO DRILLS, LOCKDOWN DRILLS

We began the school year reviewing and practicing our fire drill and school evacuations, and will review bus safety this month. We have drills to ensure that we know what to do in the case of a real event.

Lock Down Drills: In preparation for a situation that would be considered a threat to the school and its occupants, one of the responses of the school would be to lockdown the school. Why is it important to practice a lockdown drill? Practicing a lockdown drill is a way to be ready in keeping our school community safe and out of harm's way in the event of a situation that puts our school at-risk.

We practice for fire drill and lockdown procedures. Teachers prepare their students by outlining the procedures and ensuring that they understand the purpose of the drills. Students have a classroom based drill prior to school wide drills. We are not trying to alarm our students, simply prepare them and help them know we have a plan to keep them safe. Teachers stay with their students as they are instructed to shelter in place in their classroom away from windows and doors and to remain quiet. Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss this at home well and if there are any emotional issues or past experiences that would make participation in a drill traumatic for your child, please contact the school so we can help connect further with your child to feel safe.

GRADE 6-8 CAMP



SCHOOL PRIORITIES SUCCESS AND BADGER PRIDE

2023-24 Bothwell School Planning Priorities Report



LITERARY FOCUS



NUMERACY FOCUS



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

