



Bothwell School News

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December 2023

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3	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway January Hot Lunch Link Open	9
Food Drive for Niverville Helping Hands Christmas Hampers Dec. 4-15						
10	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 1 Winter Concert 10:30am & 7:00pm @ Bothwell Christian Fellowship Church All Welcome!	15 Day 2 Pre-ordered Lunch: The Bistro January Hot Lunch Link Closed by 9:00 AM Today!	16
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17	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Gr. 5-8 Curling St. Adolphe	21 Day 6	22 Day 1 Pre-ordered Lunch: Dairy Queen Last Day of Classes	23
24  31	25 Christmas Break Begins 	26	27	28	29 Classes resume Monday, January 8	30

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is really hard to believe that we are beginning our fourth month of school already! I enjoy spending time with students, visiting classrooms, and observing the learning that is taking place each day! The weather has been great for students to play outside- but I know they would love to see more snow for the infamous snow hill- I guess we will wait to see what mother nature has in store!

Staff celebrate student progress and we appreciate the way we can work together with families to ensure we all do our part to support learning. We are thankful that parents/guardians connected with our staff during term one and at our recent progress conversations. We always welcome discussion of how home and school can continue to be a team in support of your child(ren)- so please feel comfortable to connect with us!

The following are just a few friendly reminders:

Walking To and From School: Student arrival begins at 8:50 am. We are so thankful to our crossing guards who are reliable and safely help students cross the highway in the morning and in the afternoon. Please have your child cross with the crossing guards. *Patrols are stationed at the cross walk from 8:50-9:00 and from 3:45- 3:55.*

Driver Safety by School Ground: The bus loop is not to be used for pickup or drop offs. Please park in designated areas when picking up or dropping off your children. Please stop for patrols and adhere to the 30 km signs.

Student Safety by School Ground: Go over safety precautions with your child so they know which side of the road to walk/ or bike and that they are safe around traffic, or to use the designated paths. We expect town students that are walking home from school to safely walk directly to their destination. Please have your child check in with parent/guardian prior to playing outside or with friends at the end of the school day, as we have had some phone calls concerning that a child is taking too long to get home.

Dismissal Arrangements: Providing ample notice to the school if there are plans that are different than the normal dismissal arrangements is best and helps buses to leave on time. Please call to the office or email to both bothwell@hsd.ca and to your child's homeroom teacher.

Music classes are involved in many practices and preparations for the upcoming concert, "Sights and Sounds of the Season." All families and community members are invited to join and please see newsletter section for details of times and locations. In the past, we have traditionally included a Christian reference within our concert and this year we are having a secular concert. There are varying perspectives in our community and feedback from Bothwell School families is important. We want to be an inclusive and caring community with respect for all. I plan to share a survey to families following the concert to gather feedback for the future.

On behalf of the staff at Bothwell School, I wish our students and their families a peaceful Christmas filled with love and happiness!

Mrs. Rekrut

BADGERS KNOW THEIR STRENGTHS!

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it! ~ He Luccock

Competition makes us faster. Collaboration makes us better!



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!**

FOOD DRIVE FOR HAMPERS

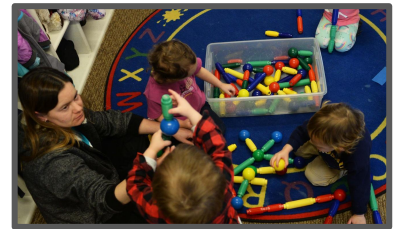
Starting on December 4, the Grade 7/8 Leadership Team will start collecting donations for the Niverville Helping Hands Food Drive. All Bothwell School students can bring non-perishable food items to school between December 4 – 15. Non-perishable food items can include canned goods, cereal, pasta, condiments, etc. Your generosity and participation in this worthwhile project is greatly appreciated. The class with the most food collected by December 15 will receive Timbits as a prize!

Families who wish to receive a Christmas Hamper are encouraged to request a hamper through Niverville Helping Hands website: <https://nivervillehelpinghands.com/christmashamper/> as PAC will not be distributing hampers this year.

If families would like to make a monetary donation, you can donate directly to Niverville Helping Hands at this link: <https://nivervillehelpinghands.com/donate/>.

PARENT AND PRESCHOOL CHILDREN FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

This HSD programming is free and snacks are provided. Families can attend once or twice a week or drop by when able- tell others they are welcome to join! **Monday and Thursday afternoons anytime between 1:00-3:30 pm**
[Bothwell PreSchool Program Pamphlet 2023/24.pdf](#)



WINTER CONCERT

Submitted by Mrs. Chalmers

We are hard at work with preparations for this year's concert!
Our theme this year is "Sights and Sounds of the Season!"
We are focusing on how the holidays feel, sound like, and taste like!
The concert will be held at the Bothwell Christian Fellowship Church, and the performance times are 10:30 am and 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 14.
See you then!



PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS PERTAINING TO OUR CONCERT

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LOST AND FOUND

We will have our lost and found table set up in the front foyer from Dec 18-22. Please stop by or ask your children to stop by and look for any items that may belong to them. All unclaimed items will be packed and will be donated to a local charity.



TOYS/PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HOME

Please have your child keep personal items and/or toys at home. This will ensure safe keeping and less distraction during their learning time. If your child's teacher is planning for show and tell share time, we understand that they can have something then and place in back pack for rest of day.

BOOK FAIR UPDATE!

Submitted by Mrs. Chamberlin

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your generous support of our Scholastic Book Fair! Our total sales were \$2223.75 which means almost \$600 of new books for our school library! Congratulations to Ethan F. for winning \$25 in book fair products and to the 10 poster winners. **Thank you so much!**

BRRR... IT'S GETTING COLDER

Winter weather is here! It is important that students dress warmly for the cold weather.

WARM BOOTS, MITTENS, HATS, SKI PANTS AND PARKAS can be the difference between students enjoying recess or enduring it.



*Scarves VS Neck Warmers—While both serve the same purpose, scarves can get caught on swings, tree branches or the play structure, **neck warmers** are preferred for play during recess.

*Shoes VS Boots—It is difficult to be active building snow forts at recess when students' shoes are filling with snow. All students are expected to be outside for AM, noon hour and PM recesses, so **winter boots** are the best! Wearing a warm pair of socks helps too! Students sometimes pack an extra dry pair!

We want our students to be comfortable at recess and not at risk of getting frostbite. If funds are a little tight, please let us know and we will be sure to help where we can! (call Mrs. Unger the secretary)

Bus Students and Gr. 7/8 Human Ecology/Tech. Ed. Students— Although it is rare, buses do break down in cold weather. It is important that students riding the bus have outdoor jackets along with them.

School Closure— In HSD when schools are closed and buses are cancelled, the announcement is made via a phone message sent to all HSD families (unless you have requested that your name be removed from the call list). Also, the announcement is made on local Radio Stations AM 1250, and Mix 96.7 FM between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. Details are also available at the HSD website (www.hsd.ca). Please note that on cancellation days, no one will be at the school (check closure info before dropping off your child or having them walk to school).

ATHLETICS NEWS

Submitted by Mr. Fast

The Gr. 7/8 Volleyball team played hard against Kleefeld and ultimately lost in their semi final playoff game on November 16th. Thanks to each of the players who made the season successful as the team built their skills and grew closer together.



CURLING

The Gr. 5-8 curling bonspiel will be held on December 20th at the St. Adolphe Curling Rink. Students will leave Bothwell at 10:30AM and arrive back at the school by 3:30PM.



COUNSELOR CORNER

Submitted by Mrs. Muntain

Sometimes our children are dealing with a lot of emotions. Often it is difficult for them to identify or name these emotions. They can experience BIG emotions over something very small because they don't understand. How do we deal with these? It is important to discuss emotions and ways to cope with these. Here is a link to a poster that can be helpful when guiding children through big feelings or emotions.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12CJUoAa2kEc-qg03wxJcxLx1yQsZMgfQ/view?usp=drive_link

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year will open up in January, 2024. To be eligible, children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2024. The registration process will take place online at www.HSD.ca. If you do not have access to the Internet, please visit the school office and we can assist you in completing the registration on a school computer. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to register their children soon after registration opens in January. Early registration will assist us in preparation and planning for the upcoming school year. Registering before March 1, 2024, will ensure there is sufficient time for school appointments and provide parents/guardians with the opportunity to participate in Kindergarten orientation activities. Visit www.HSD.ca for registration instructions.

Family Matters



Click this link:

[Parents' Ultimate Guide to Discord | Common Sense Media](#)

What is Discord? Discord is a free app for mobile and PC that lets people chat via text, voice, or video in real time. Combining the internet-calling features of Skype with Reddit-like discussion boards, it's broadened from gamers-only to a social networking site for communities of all types. Users include those with non-gaming interests like anime, TV series, music, and more. It can also be an easy-to-use group-chatting tool for friends.

Is Discord safe? How does it work? Click link above for information and short video to know more about this popular chat app.



SCHOOL PRIORITIES SUCCESS AND BADGER PRIDE

2023-24 Bothwell School Planning Priorities Report



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NUMERACY FOCUS



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS





Winter Classes at the Steinbach Arts Council

Explore a variety of creative classes for all ages, including pottery, culinary arts, visual arts, performing arts, creative wellness, and languages. Join us and let your creativity flow!

REGISTER at [STEINBACHARTS.CA](https://steinbacharts.ca)

WE WISH YOU

Merry Christmas

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



From Bothwell School Staff