



Bothwell School News

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September 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bothwell Community,

Welcome back to a new school year filled with excitement, growth, and learning opportunities! As we embark on this journey together, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are new to our school community. I would also like to extend a warm welcome back to our new and returning school staff.

The start of a new school year is always a special time—a time to reconnect with friends, meet new teachers, and set goals for the months ahead. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work preparing classrooms, planning enriching activities, and refining our curriculum to ensure that every student receives an exceptional education that nurtures their academic, social, and emotional development.

As your principal, I am committed to fostering a positive and supportive environment where each student feels valued and inspired to reach their full potential. Together with our talented staff, I look forward to a successful year of achievements, growth, and memorable experiences.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. I am confident that this school year will be one of growth and success for all of our students!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Amanda Dent

BADGERS KNOW THEIR STRENGTHS!



Character Citizenship Communication Critical Thinking Creativity Collaboration

[2024-25 Bothwell School Planning Priorities Report](#)

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

BOTHWELL SCHOOL STAFF

Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Lafreniere
Grade 1/2 HR- Ms. Lawrie
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, 7/8 ELA - 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):

Mr. Abraham, Mrs. Doerksen, Mrs. Falk, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Hiebert, Mrs. Manaigre, Mrs. Plett,
Ms. Sclanders (on leave), Mrs. Rempel

Secretary: Mrs. Unger

Librarian: Mrs. Chamberlin

Head Custodian: Mr. Levesque

Evening Custodian: Mrs. Schwarz

Principal: Mrs. Dent

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 /NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be aware the Gr. 5/6 classroom is a nut aware classroom. Please refrain from bringing peanut butter, Nutella, etc.

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 <https://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 Friday, September 6 in the gym at 11:00 am. As with all of our assemblies, parents and families are always welcome to attend!



BOTHWELL SCHOOL 2024-2025 PARENT and STUDENT HANDBOOK HUB

The [Bothwell School Parent & Student Handbook 2024-25](#) 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. 13 and Monday, Sept. 16

Strong Connections will be held on Friday, September 13th and Monday, September 16th. On these days, grade K-8 **students attend school one day- either on Friday or on 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 4 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 13.

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)

\$20 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 : [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 27

Our school will be acknowledging the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 27 and encourage all students and staff to wear an orange shirt to school on September 27!



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:

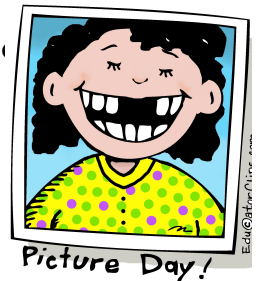
[What is Orange Shirt Day? | Articles | CBC Kids](#) .

HSD INDIGENOUS LEARNING DAY

HSD Indigenous Learning Day for grade 5/6 students will be held at Kleefeld Park on September 19.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is Friday, September 20 in the morning. There will be no retake day at the school 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. On another note, Lifetouch has decided to bring back classroom group photos this year!



YEARBOOKS

The **2023-24** 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! (head to our website, click the link and create an account). We are partnering again with Niakwa Pizza, Subway, The Bistro (in Landmark) and Dairy Queen. The schedule for the year is on our website. The price list will be updated soon. The September order form will be open on Friday, Sept. 6 and closed Sept. 13. The October order form will be open Sept. 20 and closed Sept. 27. The yearly schedule and link is on our website. Ordering will be for one month at a time. If your child is away on a Hot Lunch day, you are welcome to pick up their lunch from the office or we can send it home with a sibling. It will be kept in the fridge until the end of the day and will then be thrown out. There are no refunds. Please note: there will be **NO** reminder email for ordering sent this year as ordering is optional.

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:

Pizza Pops \$1.00
Goldfish Crackers \$.75
Welch's Fruit Snack \$.50

Chocolate Milk \$1.00
Rice Krispie Square \$.50
Apple Juice Box \$.50



Ritz Bitz \$.75
Hot Rods \$.50
Spoon \$.10

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:

Tuesday and Thursday with afternoons from 1-3:30pm

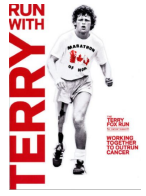
[Bothwell PreSchool Program Pamphlet 2024/25.pdf](#)



TERRY FOX RUN

Bothwell School will be holding the annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 4 @ 2:45PM (rain date: Monday, Oct. 7th).

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: Wednesday, October 2nd (PM) at Abe's Hill/Steinbach Soccer Park and Wednesday, October 9th (PM) 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. 9th-13th). Specific practice days/times will be emailed to parents. The boys volleyball season is scheduled to begin on Thursday, October 3rd, and the Girls' season is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 1st. All games will be played after school with the Girls playing on Tuesdays and the Boys on Thursdays. Playoffs are scheduled for mid November.

TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Once again, our school will be collecting pop tabs for the Tabs for Wheelchairs campaign. Laila, who attends École George McDowell in the Louis Riel School Division in Winnipeg, will be the poster child for this year! She has been an unbelievable driving force with the Tabs for Wheelchairs program at her school and has inspired countless others to start saving with us! Laila will receive her specialized power wheelchair on Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION & EXERCISES 2024-25

Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received petitions from spring, requesting that religious exercises and religious instruction be held at Bothwell School during the 2024-25 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible and the Discovery Time Program. Parents/Guardians who did not sign the submitted petitions are eligible to join at any time, by delivering a signed note to the school office. More information is available at:

[HSD Religious Exercises & Instruction](#)

MY CHILD ISN'T FEELING WELL. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

It is important to keep your child at home if they are sick. While these aren't hard and fast rules, some good guidelines to follow are:

- Keep students home when they have a bacterial infection such as Strep Throat or similar until they have been **on antibiotics for a minimum of 24 hours** and are feeling better
- Keep students home if they have a stomach bug until they have **not thrown up for at least 24 hours** and are feeling better
- Keep students home if they have a fever. Only send them back when they have been **fever-free for at least 24 hours** and are feeling better
- Finally, it is important that if your child has something contagious such as **PINK EYE, it is important to keep your child at home**, so that you do not spread it to other students.

We know that there are seasonal allergies as well as minor colds and sniffles going around. We trust parents to use their judgement on whether or not to send your children to school when they have those sorts of things.

NIAKWA PIZZA FUNDRAISER - GR. 5-8

Our grade 5-8 students will be running a Niakwa Pizza fundraiser from October 1-14. Profits from this fundraiser will collectively lessen the cost for the the Grade 5-8 Ski Trip that is scheduled for this year. Order forms will be sent home on **October 1** and are to be returned to the school, along with payments by **October 15**. Preferred method of payment is cheques made out to Bothwell School. Please do NOT pay for your pizza orders on Parent Portal as fundraising events are not involved with students accounts. Niakwa Pizza has offered some incentive for the class that sells the most frozen pizzas! They will deliver the class free pizzas for a lunch as a reward for their hard work. For the student who sells the most frozen pizzas, they will give that student a scooter (valued \$75-\$100)! So sell, sell sell!

Families with pizza orders can pick up their orders on **Nov 21** between 3:30 and 4:30.

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.