



# Bothwell School News

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## September 2025

	<b>1</b> Labor Day No School	<b>2</b> Administration Day No School	<b>3</b> Administration Day No School  Meet The Teacher EVENT 4:00-5:30	<b>4</b> Day 1  First Day of School! Welcome Back!	<b>5</b> Day 2 No Hot lunch  September Hot Lunch Online Orders Open	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Day 3  Welcome Back Assembly	<b>9</b> Day 4  Picture Day a.m.  	<b>10</b> Day 5	<b>11</b> Day 6	<b>12</b> Day 1 No Hot lunch  September Hot Lunch Online Order Due by 9:00am  <b>Strong Connections Day 1</b>	<b>13</b>
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year at Bothwell School! I hope that your family had a restful and enjoyable summer. September is always an exciting time as we reconnect with friends, meet new classmates, and settle into the routines that set the foundation for a successful year of learning.

At Bothwell School, we are committed to creating a safe, caring, and engaging environment where every student can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. This year, we will continue to focus on building strong literacy and numeracy skills while also encouraging curiosity, creativity, and kindness in all that we do.

I encourage families to stay connected with us throughout the year. Our school website, [bothwell.hsd.ca](http://bothwell.hsd.ca), is an excellent place to find important updates, newsletters, calendars, and other resources. Communication between home and school is key, and we truly value your partnership in supporting student learning.

On behalf of the staff, I want to wish everyone a wonderful start to the school year. Together, we can make 2025–2026 a year filled with growth, learning, and success.

Warm regards,

Amanda Dent  
Principal



## BOTHWELL SCHOOL STAFF

### Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Lafreniere

Grade 1/2 HR- Ms. Green

Grade 3/4 HR - Ms. Penner

Grade 5/6 HR & ELA, Gr 5 Math, SCI & SS, 5/6 French - Ms. Lawrie

Grade 7/8 HR & ELA, Grade 1-8 Music, 7-8 French, 7/8 SS - Mrs. Chalmers

Grade 7/8 HR & ELA, Grade 7 Math, Grade 6 Math, SS & SCI - Mr. Giesbrecht

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

Grade 8 and Grade 2 Math, Guidance - Mrs. Muntain

Learning and Literacy Support - Mrs. Wareham

### Educational Assistants (to be updated in September):

Mrs. Doerksen, Mrs. Hiebert, Mrs. Plett, Ms. Sclanders, Mrs. Woods

Secretary: Mrs. Unger

Librarian: Mrs. Chamberlin

Head Custodian: Mr. Levesque

Evening Custodian: Ms. Dauphinais

Principal: Mrs. Dent

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## FOOD ALLERGIES /NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be aware the Gr. 1/2 & 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 on our school website <https://bothwell.hsd.ca/> for a more detailed schedule.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## WELCOME BACK ASSEMBLY

Our Welcome Back Assembly will take place on Monday, September 8th in the gym at 9:05 am. As with all of our assemblies, parents and families are always welcome to attend!



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## BOTHWELL SCHOOL 2025-26 PARENT and STUDENT HANDBOOK

The [Bothwell School Parent & Student Handbook 2025-26](#) contains valuable information and is accessible to each family in the following ways:

- 1) A paper copy of the handbook will be available during meet the teacher. Teachers will be going over the handbooks with students the first week of school and a student/parent acknowledgement form to be signed and returned, will be sent home.
- 2) The handbook 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. 12 and Monday, Sept. 15

Strong Connections will be held on Friday, September 12th and Monday, September 15th. 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 was sent to all parents on September 3 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 12.

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## 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.

\$10 **per student** Activity Fee for school based activities for your child (Gr. K-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](mailto: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

View Parent Contact Information



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY- SEPTEMBER 29

Our school will be acknowledging the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, September 29th 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](#) .

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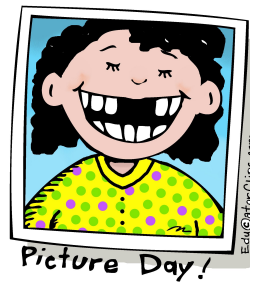
## HSD INDIGENOUS LEARNING DAY

HSD Indigenous Learning Day for grade 5/6 students will be held at Kleefeld Park on September 18.

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## PICTURE DAY

Picture day will be on Tuesday, **September 9** in the morning. We have switched to Edge Imaging for our school photos. Proofs will be sent home with every student within 2 weeks of Picture Day. Parents/guardians can order on-line through Edge Imaging at [edgeimaging.ca/order](https://edgeimaging.ca/order) and enter the portrait code provided on your proof. When ordering online there are many options available including over 200 backgrounds! Retakes will be on November 3.



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## YEARBOOKS

The **2024-25** yearbooks will be arriving by next week and will be sent home with those students who purchased them. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, they are \$20. Copies of some 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.



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## 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 with Niakwa Pizza, Subway, BarBurrito and Wendy's. 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. 5 and closed Sept. 12. The October order form will be open Sept. 19 and closed Sept. 26. 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.

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## 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

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## 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 afternoons from 1-3:30pm**

[Bothwell PreSchool Program Pamphlet 2025/26.pdf](#)

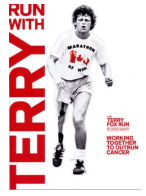




## TERRY FOX RUN

Bothwell School will be holding the annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 3rd @ 2:45 PM (rain date: Monday, Oct. 6th).

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.



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## 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 1st (PM) at Abe's Hill/Steinbach Soccer Park and Wednesday, October 8th (PM) at A.D. Penner Park. Sign up sheets are on the PE bulletin board.

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## BADGER VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball sign up sheets are posted on the PE bulletin board. We're planning for practices to be running soon! Specific practice days/times will be emailed to parents. The girls' volleyball season is scheduled to begin the final full week of September, with the boys' season scheduled to begin on October 2nd. All games will be played after school with girls playing on Tuesdays and the boys on Thursdays. Playoffs are scheduled for mid November.

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## TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Once again, our school will be collecting pop tabs for the Tabs for Wheelchairs campaign. Delainey, who attends Stoney Brook Middle School in Steinbach, will be the poster child for this year! Despite her difficult prognosis, Delainey is a medical miracle as she continues to beat all the odds stacked against her and lives her best life. Delainey will receive her specialized power wheelchair in 2026.

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## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION 2025-26

Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received petitions from spring, requesting that religious instruction be held at Bothwell School during the 2025-26 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time Program. More information is available at:

[HSD Religious Exercises & Instruction](#) and on our school website.

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## SCHOOL CLOTHING ORDER

Show off your school spirit with stylish and comfortable gear! The order window will remain open until **September 24th!**, so don't miss out! Click the link below!

<https://bothwellschoolfall2025.itemorder.com/shop/home/>





## 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.

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## 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 14**. 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.

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## 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) **Morning Arrival** - Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. need to be signed in at the school office either by contacting the office via email/phone or by coming into the school.
- 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](mailto: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.