



Bothwell School News

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NOVEMBER 2025

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9	10 Admin/PD Day No School	11 Remembrance Day No School 	12 Day 3 Photo Retakes and Class Photos 9 a.m. 	13 Day 4	14 Day 5 Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway Gr. 1-8 Report Cards	15
16	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 Student Led Conferences 4-8 p.m. Book Fair Family Night 4-8	21 Day 4 Pre-ordered Lunch: BarBurrito December Online Hot Lunch Orders Open Grade 6 & 8 Routine Immunizations p.m. Niakwa Pizza Fundraiser Pick-up between 3:00-4:30	22
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is a month that invites reflection and gratitude. At Bothwell School, we take time to appreciate the effort and growth we've seen from our students since the start of the year. Classrooms are filled with meaningful learning, collaboration, and a strong sense of community.

This month, we will come together for our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 7th at 11:00 a.m. Families are welcome to join us as we pause to honour those who have served and continue to serve our country. Through this important observance, our students learn about respect, courage, and the value of peace.

We are also looking forward to our Student-Led Conferences on November 20th. This is a special opportunity for students to take pride in sharing their learning and growth with their families. We value these conversations as they highlight student achievement and the ongoing partnership between home and school.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our upcoming Christmas Musical – *Jingle Bell Jukebox*, which will take place on Wednesday, December 11th at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Students are already beginning to rehearse with Mrs. Chalmers, and we can't wait to share their hard work and musical talents with our school community.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor play—fresh air and active movement are important parts of the school day.

For ongoing updates, important dates, and school information, please visit bothwell.hsd.ca. Staying connected helps us work together to make this a successful year for all.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Amanda Dent



REPORT CARDS

Term 1 report cards will be available to view on Parent Portal on November 14th at 3:30. To access your child's report card, please visit HSD Parent Portal at this link: [Parent Portal](#). The online Parent Portal is now the divisional default delivery method for report cards.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - Nov. 20

Mark your calendar for **Student Led Conferences** on **Thursday, November 20** from 4-8 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to take the lead in sharing their learning journey, showcasing their progress, and reflecting on their achievements. Unlike traditional conferences, student-led conferences allow students to guide the discussion, highlight their work, and set goals for their continued growth.

Families can sign up for 20 minute conference times **with their homeroom teacher** through **Parent Portal** beginning **November 12** at 8:30 a.m. If you need assistance with scheduling, please reach out to the school office.

Mrs. Lafreniere : Kindergarten
Ms. Green : Gr. 1/2
Ms. Penner : Gr. 3/4

Ms. Lawrie : Gr. 5/6
Mrs. Chalmers : Gr. 7/8
Mr. Giesbrecht : Gr. 7/8

While Student-Led Conferences are a time to **celebrate learning**, we encourage families to connect with teachers **at any time** if there are questions or concerns about their child's progress. Open communication is key to supporting student success! Student Led Conferences will be replacing the traditional Parent Teacher Conference format.

An email will be sent to all families on November 7 with instructions on how and when to book their meeting times. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating all the hard work and achievements of our students!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Families who wish to receive a Christmas Hamper are encouraged to request a hamper through Niverville Helping Hands website: <https://nivervillehelpinghands.com> and click on Christmas Hampers.

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

LOST AND FOUND

A table with lost and found items will be set up in the front foyer during Student Led Conferences night on November 20. Please stop by and see if any items belong to your children.



We are on INSTAGRAM!

Looking for a fun and easy way to keep up with all the exciting events, activities, and updates at our school?

Follow us on Instagram! @bothwell.school.hsd

From highlights of recent events to sneak peeks of what's coming up, our Instagram page is a great way to stay connected and see our school community in action.



PROVINCIAL CELL PHONE POLICY REMINDER

Students are not permitted to bring a personal device to school. Grades K - 8 are considered Cell Phone Free learning environments. If a student requires the use of a personal device for notification to administer medication or additional health related concerns, an accommodation can be provided by the school principal.



ATHLETICS NEWS

Cross Country

The Gr. 5-8 cross country team wrapped up their season on October 8th at AD Penner Park. The team practiced hard through the months of September and October. Many of our runners showed great improvement from the first run to the next, and cumulative results (from race #1 and race #2) were excellent. A number of our runners finished in the top 10 in HSD, and many others improved their results throughout the season. Thanks for a great season, Badgers!

Volleyball

The Gr. 6/7 volleyball team has had a successful first half of the season. The team has been consistently improving in their teamwork and volleyball skills. Keep up the hard work Badgers!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting our Book Fair from **November 17-21** in the library, just in time for Christmas shopping!

Bothwell School students can also win prizes by participating in contests that will run before and during the fair. A big thank-you to the Niverville Nighthawks, Steinbach Pistons and Steinbach Keystone Cinema for donating tickets for prizes!



Don't miss out on the Family Event Night to be held in conjunction with our Progress Conversations on **Thursday, November 20** from 4-8pm. That night, you can enter your child into a draw for a chance for them to win \$25 to spend at the Book Fair. See you at the Book Fair!

PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

A reminder for students to keep personal items at home except on show & tell days. The school is not responsible for the items being lost, or damaged and it is best for students to have keepsakes, collections, and/or toys at home. Personal items/toys often become a distraction for children during the school day.

JUST FRIENDLY REMINDERS

-THE **WEATHER** IS CHANGING almost daily. Please send your children to school with outdoor gear appropriate for the weather so that they can enjoy time outdoors.

-**WATER BOTTLES** are a must for your child during their school day, students are able to fill water bottles during the school day and should bring them home for washing/cleaning.



STORM, COLD WEATHER AND SCHOOL CANCELLATION INFORMATION

- 1) On days when school is in session, students may arrive at school at 8:55
- 2) Students should be warmly dressed for winter weather for all recess breaks.
- 3) General recess guidelines we follow:
 - a) When the temperature or wind chill is -30°C or colder, recess is indoors.
 - b) When the temperature or wind chill is between -25°C and -29°C , recess is shortened or indoors.
- 4) When individual buses are running late or are cancelled, HSD posts the bus number and how late it is on the division website, www.hsd.ca. The division does **not** call each family on the route with notification.
- 5) If all of the schools in the division are closed due to bad weather or extreme cold, and bus service is cancelled, you will receive a phone call from the division. The cancellation notice will also be posted on the division website, www.hsd.ca. An announcement will also be made on AM 1250 and 96.7 FM radio stations between 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.



PLEASE NOTE: No one is at the school on cancellation days. Please do not drop off students and drive away as there is no one at school to let them in to use the phone.

BOTHWELL SCHOOL PAC

There are lots of ways for parents to be involved on the Bothwell School PAC with varying amounts of time commitment required. If you would like to get involved, even on a casual basis, please contact pacbothwell@gmail.com. Thank you to our returning and new parents of our 2025-26 PAC:

Chairperson: Andrew Wychnenka

Vice Chairperson: Kyra Gladstone

Treasurer: Kaitlin Penner

Secretary: Kristy Rempel

School Rep: Amanda Dent

We thank all of those who attended PAC Annual General Meeting on September 22nd! THANK YOU to our past PAC members and to all the parents who help support our school throughout the year.

PHOTO RETAKES AND CLASSROOM GROUP PHOTO DAY

Photo retakes AND classroom group photos will be taking place on Wednesday November 12 in the morning. Photo Retake permission slips will be sent home on November 3 or 4th with all students. If your students missed their photo day OR you want them to be retaken, please complete this form and return by November 7th.

Classroom Group photos will also be taken this morning.

Please see the below information flyers regarding retakes and classroom group photos.

GROUP PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- Once your complimentary 6x8 group photo has been processed, it will be shipped directly to the school.*
- Go online and easily purchase your group photo as a beautifully designed 8x10 print with a stylized border.

*Note that your group photos will arrive at a later date.



DON'T FORGET
School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.

GET REMINDERS
Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge. Each group photo style is at the discretion of individual schools.



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MISSED PHOTO DAY? NO NEED TO WORRY!

We here at Edge Imaging believe every student within Canada deserves a school photo and we do our best to make sure of this



Every student and staff who were absent from the original photo day are encouraged to take part and create a long-lasting memory. We look forward to capturing these special moments when we return to your school!

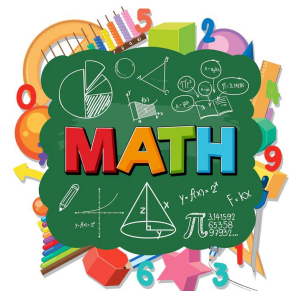
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MATH PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

The WINNERS of October's Math Problem of the Month are:

K-4: Olivia D.

5-8: Kian R.



Congratulations! Good luck to all students on solving November's Math Problem of the Month!