



Bothwell School News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope that all of our Bothwell School families enjoyed a restful and joyful break. January is a time for fresh starts, renewed energy, and a return to routines that support learning and growth.

As we begin the new year, students will be reviewing goals, building positive habits, and continuing to develop their skills across all subject areas. Our focus remains on creating a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where every student feels valued and encouraged to do their best.

We are excited to continue our **Friday afternoon skating** for **Grades 1-8 students**. This program provides a wonderful opportunity for students to stay active, build confidence, and enjoy winter recreation together. Please ensure students come prepared with appropriate winter clothing and skating equipment.

Winter brings unique opportunities for learning and play, and we look forward to students enjoying outdoor activities whenever weather permits, including our upcoming **Winter Fun Day**. Please continue to ensure your child is dressed warmly for recess and outdoor learning.

We are grateful for the ongoing partnership between home and school and appreciate the support you provide each day. For important dates, updates, and school information, please visit **bothwell.hsd.ca**.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and successful start to 2026.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Amanda Dent

Principal



THANK YOU

Thank-you for the lovely Christmas cards, gifts and wishes received from students and parents to Bothwell School Staff. Your support is a great encouragement to us all!

WHEN STUDENTS ARE ABSENT

If your child is going to be **absent from school for part of a day or longer**, please notify the school by:

- entering the absence on your Parent Portal or
- informing the office and/or teacher ahead of time, with a **signed note, email or phone call** or
- call the school the day of the absence and speak to the secretary or leave a message on the answering machine

We will call all homes where students are absent without communication from a parent.

If you pick up your child **during** the school day, please **come to the office and sign out your child.**

If someone other than your child's legal guardian is to pick them up, **PLEASE notify the school with your permission by email to bothwell@hsd.ca or phone call.**

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten registration for the 2026-27 school year will open up on January 5, 2026. To be eligible, children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2026. 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, 2026, 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.

GRADE 2 SWIM PROGRAM

The Gr. 2 students will be going to the Steinbach Aquatic Center for swimming lessons **Tuesday afternoons**, starting on January 6th. Lessons are every Tuesday afternoon until March 10th. The bus leaves Bothwell School at 12:40 and will return by approximately 2:15. Lessons are from 1:15-1:45.

GRADE 8 INFORMATION: TRANSITION TO GR. 9 AND JUNE FAREWELL

The Grade 8 Class will be supported with transition plans to attend Grade 9 next year. Students in our school are set to attend Grade 9 at Niverville High School for their highschool programming. Soon, we will have information from Niverville High School about an orientation tour and Grade 9 course selections.

In June, our students will be involved with plans for a year end farewell celebration that will take place as a class event during part of their school day. Any parents/families that would like to plan for their own after school celebrations are welcome to do so!

JUST A COUPLE OF SAFETY REMINDERS



For Students:

- 1) Be extra careful when crossing any street since vehicles often require a greater distance to stop on snowy/slippery streets.
- 2) Follow the Crossing Guard's instructions. Walk across safely, do not run or ride a bike across the path.
- 3) Dress with warm clothing, footwear and mitts since all students will be outside for AM/PM and noon hour recess as we follow the HSD weather guidelines.

For Parents:

- 1) Please use the visitor parking areas for pick ups and drop offs and do not use bus loop.
- 2) Please slow down and be extra careful in our school zones- 30 km speed in school zones.

STORM, COLD WEATHER AND SCHOOL CANCELATION 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 HANOVER PARENT AND CHILD COMMUNITY PROGRAM (HPCCP)

Do you have a child that is kindergarten-age or younger?
Do you have some free time during the day?
We have the place for you!



Come and visit us for a program filled with laughter, songs, crafts, stories, and a snack! We are in room 3 at Bothwell School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. **please come shortly prior to 1:00 or after 1:08 to avoid the recess transition**

Can't make it for the whole 2 and a half hours? That's fine with us! We are drop-in and you are always welcome to come late or leave early if that is what is best for you.

Infants are more than welcome and we cannot wait to meet you and your child(ren)!

Parents are required to stay with their child(ren). We are a free program and pre-registration is not required. Please bring indoor footwear during these snowy months!

If you have any questions, please email Stacey Marcoux at smarcoux@hsd.ca.