



Bothwell School News

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February 2026

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8	9 Day 1	10 Day 2 Gr. 2 Swimming p.m.	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway Wear Red & White/Team Canada Colors Jump Rope For Heart pm	14 
15	16 Louis Riel Day No School	17 Day 6 Assembly @11:00 with Corny Rempel Gr. 2 Swimming p.m.	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 Pre-ordered Lunch: BarBurrito Gr. 5-8 Skiing March Hot Lunch Online Link Open	21
22	23 Day 4	24 Day 5 Gr. 2 Swimming p.m.	25 Day 6	26 Day 1 Pre-ordered Lunch: Wendy's Bothwell Winter Olympics Closing Ceremonies & Talent Show a.m.	27 HTA PD Day No School March Hot Lunch Online Orders and Money Due by 9:00 Today!	28

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

February is an exciting and energetic month at Bothwell School as we come together to celebrate our **Bothwell School Winter Olympics** and **I Love to Read Month**. Throughout the month, students will participate in a variety of fun and inclusive activities that promote teamwork, perseverance, respect, and fair play—values inspired by the Olympic spirit.

Alongside our Olympic events, students will be celebrating their love of reading through **I Love to Read Month** activities. Students will be completing **Reading Passports**, encouraging them to explore different types of books and build strong reading habits. We will also be participating in **Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.)**, giving students dedicated time during the school day to enjoy reading for pleasure.

Thank you to our families for your continued support at home—whether it's encouraging reading, supporting school spirit, or helping students come prepared for winter activities. Please ensure students are dressed warmly for outdoor play.

For important dates, updates, and school information, please visit bothwell.hsd.ca.

Let the games begin—and happy reading!

Warm regards,
Amanda Dent
Principal



BOTHWELL SCHOOL WINTER OLYMPICS

We are excited to share that Bothwell School will be hosting the Bothwell School Olympics throughout the month of February! Throughout the month, students will participate in a variety of activities inspired by the values of the Olympic Games, including teamwork, respect, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Students will be organized into teams and will represent countries that participate in the Winter Olympics. Our celebrations kicked off with Opening Ceremonies on Friday, January 30, followed by a Winter Fun Day.

February is also I Love to Read Month, and we will be combining the excitement of reading with our Olympic theme. Students will take part in an Olympic Reading Passport, where they will read (or be read to), track their reading minutes each week, and have an adult initial to confirm their reading. In addition, we will be participating in D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) throughout the month to encourage a love of reading school-wide. We are very excited for all that February has to offer and look forward to a fun, engaging, and active month for our students. An updated calendar outlining all month-long activities will be posted on the school website. Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to celebrate together!



STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES – March 26, 4:30–8:00 p.m.

We are excited to invite families to our upcoming **Student-Led Conferences** on **Thursday, March 26, from 4:30 to 8:00 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 a conference time through the **Parent Portal** beginning **March 16** at 8:30 a.m. If you need assistance with scheduling, please reach out to the school office.

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!

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating all the hard work and achievements of our students!

BOTHWELL HANOVER PARENT AND CHILD COMMUNITY PROGRAM (HPCCP)

Hanover Parent Child Community Program (HPCCP) Do you have a child that is kindergarten-age or younger? Come and visit us for a program filled with laughter, songs, crafts, stories, and a snack! We are in Bothwell School once a week on Tuesday 1:00-3:30pm, September through June. We follow the same schedule as the divisional calendar. For more information, check our website: <https://studentservices.hsd.ca/pre-school/>. We are a free drop-in program, no registration required! If you have any questions, please email Stacey Marcoux at smarcoux@hsd.ca.



CHANGE TO YOUR CONTACT INFO

Please notify the school of any email address, address, or telephone # changes so we can keep our records up to date. You can check what contact information we have on file for you via Parent Portal.

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

8:55	Students Are Welcomed To Enter Building
9:00	Announcements/Start of Period 1
10:40-10:55	Recess
11:55	K students dismissal for bus and pick up time
12:05-12:25	Lunch
12:25-1:05	Noon Recess Break
2:15-2:30	Recess
3:40	Bus Students Dismissed
3:45	Non-Bussed Students Dismissed

MORNING ARRIVAL REMINDER

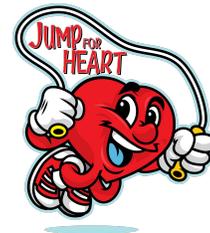
Please do not send/drop off your children earlier than 8:55 AM. It is important for students who walk across the highway to be at the crosswalk during the time when the patrols are present from 8:50- 9:00. Bus time arrivals are at approximately 8:55. Class starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

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.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We are pleased to be holding the Gr. 1-8 Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event on February 13, 2026 in the afternoon. Our Olympic team countries will be collecting cash donations throughout the next two weeks. All money raised will support the Heart and Stroke foundation in their efforts to promote children's health and fund vital heart and stroke research. Students will be practicing their jumping skills during PE classes in preparation for this event.



We are looking forward to having a blast jumping; fundraising for heart health; and celebrating on February 13th!

GRADE 5-8 SKI TRIP

The grade 5-8 students and staff are excited to go on an adventure to Falcon Ridge Ski Slopes on February 20th! Students and staff will be leaving the school at 9AM and returning by 5:30PM. Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing will be offered and we are looking forward to making some great memories together!

BABYSITTING COURSE

Parents can register their children for the babysitting course at the below link. The babysitting course is open to anyone 11 years old or older (or completed grade 5).



Niverville at the Community Resource & Recreation Centre (CRCC) : **April 2026**

[Niverville Recreation and Wellness](#)

A promotional graphic for a Spring Break Camp. The background is a photograph of a woman with glasses and a pink sweatshirt standing in a classroom, holding a piece of paper and talking to a group of children sitting at tables. The children are engaged in an activity, possibly drawing or coloring. Overlaid on the image are several logos and text elements. At the top left is the SAG logo. Next to it is the Canadian Tire logo. The main text 'SPRING BREAK CAMP' is written in large, bold, teal letters. Below this, it says 'AT THE STEINBACH ARTS COUNCIL'. At the bottom, there is a pink rounded rectangle with the text 'FOR KIDS 5-8 & 9-12'. A circular button with a hand icon and the text 'REGISTER NOW' is also present. Various small illustrations of animals and objects are scattered around the text.

An exciting Spring Break awaits! From March 30 to April 2, 2026, children aged 5-8 and 9-12 can explore their artistic talents in a fun, safe environment at the Steinbach Arts Council. This 4-day camp offers a diverse range of activities, including music, theater, visual arts, culinary arts, and dance. Experienced instructors will guide campers through engaging projects, fostering creativity and new skills.

To register, visit SteinbachArts.ca/SBC or call 204.346.1077.

Healthy Food In Schools

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The food suggestions below do not exclude potential allergens.

- Vegetables and Fruit** raw vegetables (carrot sticks, celery sticks, snap peas, cherry tomatoes, pepper strips), vegetable salad or coleslaw, raw fruit (sliced apple, small banana, grapes, mandarin orange, cut up melon, berries), canned fruit cup or apple sauce (no sugar added)
- Grain Products** whole grain crackers, pita, tortilla bagel or bun, corn bread, English muffin, bran or oatmeal muffin
- Milk & Alternatives** milk, cheese string or cut up cheese, cottage cheese cups, milk based soup, yogurt dip for vegetables or fruit, yogurt cup frozen yogurt tube, yogurt drink
- Meat & Alternatives** hard-boiled egg or egg salad, mixed bean salad, hummus, baked beans, lean deli meat, chicken salad, tuna salad, salmon salad, peabutter (made from golden brown peas) , sunbutter (made from sunflower seeds, peanutbutter)

Leftovers	Make extra portions of supper the night before for easy lunches the next day. Try spaghetti and sauce, stir fry, stew, casserole, chili, soup, pizza, roasted meat sandwiches.
Soup or Baked Beans	Heat at home and put into a thermos or microwave at school (look for low sodium varieties). Serve with whole grain crackers, cheese and raw vegetables.
Pasta Salad	Let children decide what to put into the salad. Offer leftover cooked vegetables, shredded carrots, chopped peppers or tomatoes, cubed cheese, hard-boiled egg, leftover poultry or meat, canned tuna or salmon or sunflower seeds.
Kabobs	Skewer fruit , cheese or sandwich pieces to make a kabob.
Yogurt or Cottage Cheese Parfait	Add canned, fresh or frozen fruit to your child’s favorite yogurt or cottage cheese and include a small container of cereal for your child to sprinkle on top.