



Bothwell School News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year at Bothwell School! I hope that students and families had a restful and enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. September is always an exciting time as we welcome students back, reconnect with one another, and establish the routines and relationships that support a successful school year.

As I begin my first year as Principal of Bothwell School, I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received and excited for the opportunity to work alongside our students, staff, and families. I look forward to building on the many strengths of our school community and continuing to create a safe, caring, and engaging environment where all students can learn, grow, and experience success.

Strong partnerships between home and school are an important part of supporting our students. I encourage families to stay connected throughout the year and to reach out whenever you have questions, concerns, or celebrations to share. Our school website is also a helpful source for newsletters, calendars, updates, and other important information.

On behalf of the staff at Bothwell School, I wish all of our students and families a wonderful start to the 2026–2027 school year. I am looking forward to a great year of learning, growth, and connection together.

Warm regards,

Mrs. D. Stewart
Principal



BOTHWELL SCHOOL STAFF

Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Lafreniere
Grade 1/2 HR- Mrs. Kluz
Grade 2/3 HR - Mrs. Chalmers
Grade 4 HR - Mrs. Rogalsky
Grade 5/6 HR, ELA, SS, 5-8 French, 6 Math - Ms. Lawrie
Grade 7/8 HR, ELA, SS, Visual Arts, 8 SCI, 7 Math - Ms. Penner
Grade K-8 Phys-Ed, 1-6 Music - Mr. Bergen
Grade 8 Math, Guidance - Mrs. Muntain
Learning and Literacy Support - Mrs. Wareham

Educational Assistants (to be updated in September):

Mrs. Doerksen, Mrs. Hiebert, Ms. Sclanders, Mrs. Stoyanova, Mr. Sawatsky (Youth Support Worker)

Secretary: Mrs. Unger

Librarian: Mrs. Chamberlin

Head Custodian: Mr. Levesque

Evening Custodian: Ms. Wiese

Principal: Mrs. Stewart

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

At Bothwell School we are committed to provide a safe environment for all children. In common with most other schools, we have students with nut allergies. Bothwell School is 'Nut Aware'. We do not describe the school as being 'Nut Free' because we can't guarantee that students or adults have not brought nuts, or traces of nuts, into the building. We ask that you are aware of this, and take care to make sure your child's lunch does not contain nut items that would put someone else's child in danger. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

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 Parent / Student Handbook on our school website <https://bothwell.hsd.ca/> for a more detailed schedule.

LUNCH HOUR

Our scheduled lunch hour is 12:05-1:05 p.m. All bus students are expected to remain at school for lunch, while walking (town) students may go home during the scheduled lunch hour.

Students who remain at school for lunch are not permitted to leave school grounds without parent/guardian permission communicated to the school.

Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook on our school website for complete lunch-hour expectations.

SAFETY REMINDER

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 students travel to Niverville for Shops classes (Woodworking and Human Ecology) in the morning on **Day 5**. Please remember this when scheduling appointments. Due to Strong Connections, there will not be Shop classes on Friday, September 25th.

WELCOME BACK ASSEMBLY

Our Welcome Back Assembly will take place on Friday, September 11th in the gym at 9:05 am. As with all of our assemblies, parents and families are always welcome to attend!



BOTHWELL SCHOOL 2026-27 PARENT and STUDENT HANDBOOK

The [Bothwell School Parent & Student Handbook 2026-27](#) contains valuable information and is accessible to each family in the following ways:

- 1) Teachers will be going over the handbooks with students the first week of school.
- 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. 25 and Monday, Sept. 28

Strong Connections will be held on Friday, September 25th and Monday, September 28th. On these days, grade 1-8 **students attend school one day- either on Friday or on Monday** (Kindergarten students should attend both days).

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 parents/guardians on Sept. 11 with their children's scheduled day. If you did not receive this email, please log into Parent Portal to view or call the school.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call the school for more information.

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)

\$25 Human Ecology./Woodworking Fee (Gr. 7 - 8 only)

Field trip fees are additional

INFORMATION UPDATES REQUIRED



Parents / Guardians 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

View Parent Contact Information



ORANGE SHIRT DAY- SEPTEMBER 29

Our school will be acknowledging the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Tuesday, September 29th and encourage all students and staff to wear an orange shirt to school on September 29!

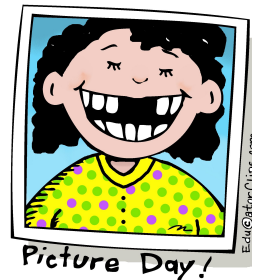


HSD INDIGENOUS LEARNING DAY

HSD Indigenous Learning Day for grade 5/6 students will be held at Kleefeld Park on October 2nd.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day will be on Thursday, **October 1**. 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 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 6.



YEARBOOKS

The **2025-26** yearbooks have arrived and will be sent home next week with those students who purchased them. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, they are \$15. Copies of some past yearbooks are available for purchase.



TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Our school will be collecting pop tabs again next year for the Tabs for Wheelchairs program! It is important to know that the Manitoba Government does supply wheelchairs but does not supply the sport wheelchairs. Please continue to collect over the summer holidays!!!



BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

To help avoid disappointment or hurt feelings, we ask families to please distribute birthday party invitations outside of school. Party arrangements, such as transportation or pick-up plans should also be made outside of school.

Thank you for helping us keep celebrations positive for all students.



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, Country Snacks (hot dogs) and Wendy's. The schedule and price list for the year is on our website. There will be no September Hot Lunch available. Our first hot lunch will be on Oct. 2. The October order form will be open Sept. 18 and close Sept. 25. 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: If ordering a Wendy's meal, there will be no toy included.**

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	Chocolate Milk \$1.00
Goldfish Crackers \$.75	Rice Krispie Square \$.50
Welch's Fruit Snack \$.50	Apple Juice Box \$.50
Hot Rods \$.50	Spoons no longer available



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:

TIMES:

Tuesday afternoons from 1-3:30pm

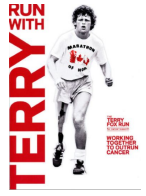


[Hanover Parent-Child Community Program Pamphlet 2026/27.pdf](#)

TERRY FOX RUN

Bothwell School will be holding the annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, Sept. 24 @ 2:45 PM (rain date: Tuesday, Sept. 29th).

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 7th at Abe's Hill/Steinbach Soccer Park and Wednesday, October 14th at A.D. Penner Park. Sign up sheets are on the PE bulletin board.

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 September 29th, with the boys' season scheduled to begin on October 1st. All games will be played after school with girls playing on Tuesdays and the boys on Thursdays. Playoffs are scheduled for mid November.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION 2026-27

Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received petitions from spring, requesting that religious instruction be held at Bothwell School during the 2026-27 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.



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. [Cold and Flu Season | Hanover School Division](#)

NIAKWA PIZZA FUNDRAISER - GR. 5-8

Our grade 5-8 students will be running a Niakwa Pizza fundraiser from October 1-15. Profits from this fundraiser will collectively lessen the cost for the the Grade 5-8 Camp 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! Pick up date to be determined.

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, 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.