Bothwell School News

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NOVEMBER 2026

1	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5 Day 1 Gr. 6-7 Volleyball @ SCS	6 Day 2 Pre-ordered Lunch: Niakwa  Photo Retakes 9 a.m.	7
8	9 Day 3	10 Day 4 Remembrance Day Ceremony 11 AM - all are welcome	11 Day 6 Remembrance Day No School	12 Day 5	13 Day 6 Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway	14
15	16 Admin/PD Day No School	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4 Pre-ordered Lunch: Hot Dogs *December Online Hot Lunch Orders Open* Niakwa Pizza Fundraiser Pick-up between 3:00-4:30	21
22	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3 Pre-ordered Lunch: Wendy's *December Online Hot Lunch Orders Due by 9:00 am* Gr. 1-8 Report Cards	28
29	30 Day 4					

Scholastic Book Fair November 30 - December 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is a time for reflection, gratitude, and appreciation for the many things that make our school community special. As we settle into the school year, it has been wonderful to see our students engaged in learning, building friendships, and taking part in the many opportunities available at Bothwell School.

October was a busy and exciting month! Our Grade 6/7 Badger Volleyball Team enjoyed a great season of learning, teamwork, and competition, while students in Grades 5–8 represented our school in cross-country running events. Our Grade 5/6 students also had the opportunity to participate in the HSD Indigenous Learning Day in Kleefeld. We also want to extend a sincere thank you to our families and school community for supporting our Niakwa Pizza Fundraiser! It was a tremendous success, and we appreciate everyone's contributions.

As we look ahead to November, we will gather for our **Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m.** We warmly invite families and community members to join us. This is an important opportunity for our students to reflect on the meaning of remembrance, respect, and peace.

Term 1 Provincial Report Cards will be available through the Parent Portal on Friday, November 27th, followed by Student-Led Conferences on Thursday, December 3rd. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for students to share their learning, celebrate their progress, and identify goals for continued growth. We look forward to welcoming families into the school and strengthening the partnership between home and school.

With the arrival of colder weather, we remind families to ensure students come dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Warm jackets, hats, mittens, and suitable footwear help everyone stay comfortable while enjoying fresh air and active play.

For school updates, important dates, and other information, please visit our school website at **bothwell.hsd.ca**. Staying informed and connected helps us continue to build a positive and supportive school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to another great month of learning and growing together at Bothwell School!

Warm regards,

Mrs. D. Stewart
Principal



REPORT CARDS

Term 1 report cards will be available to view on Parent Portal on November 27th 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 - Dec. 3

Mark your calendar for **Student-Led Conferences** on **Thursday, December 3** from 4:30-7 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 15 minute conference times **with their homeroom teacher** through **Parent Portal** beginning **November 25** at 8:30 a.m. If you need assistance with scheduling, please reach out to the school office.

Mrs. Lafreniere : Kindergarten
Mrs. Kluz : Gr. 1/2
Mrs. Chalmers : Gr. 2/3
Mrs. Rogalsky : Gr. 4
Ms. Penner : Gr. 7/8

Mr. Bergen (P.E. / Music) and Mrs. Muntain (Guidance / Gr. 8 Math) will be on-site. Please reach out to them if you would like to connect with either of them on that evening. 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!

An email will be sent to all families on November 20 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!

LOST AND FOUND

A table with lost and found items will be set up in the front foyer during Student-Led Conferences on December 3. Please stop by and see if any items belong to your family members.



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 Registration Form.

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

BIKE SAFETY REMINDER:

Students who bike to school are reminded to be mindful of pedestrians, especially as you approach and leave the school. ***Please slow down, watch for others, and help keep everyone safe!***

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 14th 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 20 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 and even winning a few games! Keep up the hard work Badgers!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



We will be hosting our Book Fair from **November 30 - December 4** 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, Steinbach Keystone Cinema and Steinbach Canadian Tire for donating prizes!

Don't miss out on the Family Event Night to be held in conjunction with our Student Led Conferences on Thursday, December 3 from 4:30-7:00 pm. That night, you can enter your child into a draw for a chance 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 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.

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.

PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retakes AND classroom group photos will be taking place on Friday November 6 in the morning. Photo Retake permission slips were sent home on October 28 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 3rd.



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 2026-27 PAC:

Chairperson: Christine Toews
Vice Chairperson: Shayla Hildebrand
Treasurer: Kyra Gladstone
Secretary: Anika Baril
School Rep: Debbie Stewart / Erica Chalmers



We thank all of those who attended PAC Annual General Meeting on September 24th. THANK YOU to our past PAC members and to all the parents who help support our school throughout the year.

BABYSITTING COURSE

Parents can register their children for the babysitting course that is run by the Canadian Red Cross at the Niverville Recreation & Wellness Centre. The babysitting course is open to anyone 11 years old or older (or completed grade 5). This course is being run on **December 28 2026.**

Niverville Recreation and Wellness

Bothwell PAC



