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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gordon Bell High School Celebrates 100 Years of Panther Pride

WINNIPEG, MB — Gordon Bell High School is celebrating **100 years of Panther Pride**, inviting generations of students, alumni, staff, families, and community members to come together for three days of centennial celebrations, October 8–10, 2026.

Founded in 1926, Gordon Bell has been part of Winnipeg's inner-city community for a century, educating generations of panthers and building a legacy that extends well beyond the school's walls.

The centennial celebrations officially begin **Thursday, October 8, with an opening ceremony from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the newly renovated library.** Hosted by Winnipeg School Division, the ceremony will bring together students, staff, alumni, and special guests to mark the school's history, recent makeover, and to launch three days of celebrations.

Following the ceremony, guests can tour the school's newly completed additions and renovations, and view the **Centenary Gallery** featuring yearbooks, newspapers, photographs, and artifacts spanning Gordon Bell's 100-year history

"This is a homecoming for every panther, from every decade, and every corner of the world," said Matt Henderson, Superintendent & CEO of Winnipeg School Division. "We're calling on the community to gather together to honour this inner-city institution and celebrate 100 years of panther pride."

CENTENNIAL WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, October 9 — Time Capsule & Gym Dedication Ceremony
The school will open its historic 1960 time capsule and install a new 2026-time capsule to leave a piece of Gordon Bell history for future generations. The gym will also be renamed to honour community legacy.

Friday, October 9 — Sports Night
Panther Pride takes to the court with an evening of volleyball and basketball, including alumni games and celebrations.

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Saturday, October 10 — Community School Tours
The celebrations extend into the surrounding community with morning tours at Mulvey School and Laura Secord School.

Saturday, October 10 — Community Activities at Gordon Bell
The afternoon includes Reach for the Top, a BBQ lunch for purchase, an alumni choir performance, Panther Power Sports Celebration, and Teachers Talk: A Tribute to the Teaching Staff of Gordon Bell.

Saturday, October 10 — Alumni Social
The centennial weekend culminates with a ticketed evening alumni social at CanadInns Destination Centre Polo Park from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

JOIN THE CENTENNIAL

For the complete schedule of events, registration information, and centennial details, visit **gordonbell100.info**.

ABOUT WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Winnipeg School Division is Manitoba's first, largest, and most culturally diverse school division, located in the heart of Winnipeg on Treaty 1 Territory. Serving 32,000 students across 78 schools, WSD is committed to creating welcoming and inclusive learning communities where every student feels a sense of belonging and is supported to learn, grow, and succeed with joy, love, and rigour.

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