



# ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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December  
2018

## Tis' the Season—From the Administration . . .

The Christmas season is upon us again and we have been very busy. We began getting into the Christmas spirit early as we prepared for the **St. Stephen-Milltown Lions Club Santa's Helpers Program**. This is an important community project and our students and staff make a tremendous contribution. After Santa's Helpers, we went immediately to planning for the annual Christmas Concert and did all this in the midst of teaching curriculum, assessing student performance, writing report cards and meeting with parents during conferences. Our hats go off to the teachers who manage all these tasks so well; to our students who make every effort to do their best work each and every day; and to parents as they provide the support that is so valuable to the initiatives

we take on as a school community.

Our Christmas Concert is an annual event that we are thrilled to prepare for you! We will present our Christmas Concert on two evenings this year to safely allow for the large number of guests that usually attend. Grades K-2 will perform on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 and Grades 3-5 will perform on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30. Both performances will take place in the Cafetorium with doors opening at 6:00. We ask that students be dropped off at the Bus Turn doors, off Chocolate Drive, at 6:00. Teachers will meet them and see that they get to their homeroom classes to get ready for their performance.

Again this year, K-Kids are collecting can goods as a project we are calling **"Cans for Christmas"**. These cans of food will be donated to our local Food Bank. When coming to our Christmas Concert, please support this project by bringing canned (or other) foods or a donation of money that K-Kids will forward to the Local Food Bank.

We look forward to the magical wonder of the season as demonstrated by the precious children of our school community during their concert presentations.

**Please remember that there is ample parking at the Arena Parking Lot.**

Winter is also upon us and students will be going outside for recess each day unless the temperature falls below -20 degrees. Therefore, it is important that students come equipped with all the warm winter clothing they will need. We often have students leave behind clothing at the end of their day. Please keep checking the "Lost and Found" totes in co-rooms for any of your child's missing items. Remember that labeling your child's belongings with their name is very helpful.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Holiday Season!  
*Mrs. C. Winchester, Principal*  
*Mrs. C. Parsons, Vice Principal*

### **PSSC:** **PARENT-SCHOOL** **SUPPORT** **COMMITTEE**

**PSSC usually meets on the third Monday of each month.**

*Next Meeting:*  
*Monday, January 21*

Meeting takes place in the School Library at 7:00.

Hope to see you there!



## Christmas Concerts 2018

### Primary Concert (Grades K-2)

Tues., Dec. 18 at 6:30pm

### Intermediate Concert (Gr. 3-5)

Wed., Dec. 19 at 6:30pm

NOTE: Please drop your child off at the Bus Turn doors on Chocolate Drive. Teachers will receive them at 6:00 at these doors. Concert doors open at 6:00pm.

**\*\*\*Please bring along canned food items or money donations for our "Cans for Christmas" project to support the local Food Bank. Our K-Kids appreciate your help with this project.\*\*\***



## Important Dates to Remember :

- December 05; Mike Cowie Musical Performance for Students
- December 14; Christmas Child Care Movie Night at SSES at 6:30-8:00pm; fundraiser for **The United Way**
- Primary Christmas Concert ( Gr. K, 1, 2) - December 18 at 6:30 p.m. (Storm date—December 20).
- Intermediate Christmas Concert ( Gr. 3, 4, 5) - December 19 at 6:30 p.m. (Storm date—December 20).
- December 20—"Dress for Christmas Day"
- December 21 — last school day before Christmas; FULL DAY
- January 07; No School for Students; Professional Learning Day for Staff
- **January 08, 2019** School reopens for Students
- January 21, 2019; Parent School Support Committee Meeting - at 7:00 p.m.



## **“BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE” RAFFLE**

- ◆ We are having a Raffle for the “Best Seats in the House” for each Christmas Concert at SSES; The Primary Concert on Dec. 18 and the Intermediate Concert on Dec. 19. These are separate draws.
- ◆ Tickets will go home on Monday, Dec. 10 and purchased tickets must be returned to the school with payment by Friday, Dec. 14.
- ◆ Raffle tickets will be drawn and the winners notified on Monday, Dec. 17.

Prize #1: VIP Front Row Comfy seating with refreshments provided, for 4-6 people and VIP Reserved Parking Space at the Office Doors area.

Prize #2: VIP Regular Front Row Seating for 4-6 people, along with VIP Reserved Parking Space at the Office Doors area.

Tickets are \$2.00 each. Thanks for your support!

Our Gift Card Fundraising Campaign was a huge success!!!

Our students sold \$67,355.00 worth of gift cards to the following businesses:

St. Stephen Atlantic Superstore

St. Stephen Canadian Tire

St. Stephen Guardian Pharmacy

St. Stephen Jean Coutu

These businesses have donated 10% of these sales back to our school. This will greatly help us fund projects and improvements at St. Stephen Elementary School that supports the learning and experiences of our students.

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

## **SSES SUPPORTS THE UNITED WAY**

The United Way funds projects that benefit many children in our area. SSES Staff are hosting a fundraiser for The United Way on Friday, December 14 at 6:30-8:00pm:

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME TIME TO YOURSELF OR TIME TO COMPLETE SOME CHRISTMAS TASKS?? WE ARE OFFERING

## **\*\*CHRISTMAS CHILD CARE\*\***

Children will watch a Christmas Movie and have popcorn and water for a snack.

Doors open at 6:15 Movie starts at 6:30

Cost: \$5.00 per child

Any children from Grades K-5 are welcome to attend:) All proceeds go to support the work of The United Way. Thank you!