

SSES Buzz- Week of September 12th, 2022



This Week's Buzz



We have had a very successful week at St. Stephen Elementary School!

During the month of September, teachers and students spend a lot of time working on routines and procedures which paves the road for successful days of learning for the rest of the year. We expect many students (and staff!) are tired when they get home at the end of the day as they transition into back to school routines.

Thanks to our families that have been so helpful with morning drop off time. Our priority is making sure all students arrive safely and we can't do this without the cooperation of everyone. Our 'Kiss and Drop' and parking lot have been a much safer space for students these last few days!

Students in grades 3-5 have been invited to participate in Cross-Country running this month, with the first practice on Monday after school. We are thrilled that we are able to offer extra-curricular activities

again this year, and we had a huge number of students attend our first meeting. Thank you to Mr. Worrell and our other staff for volunteering their time!

Skating at the Garcelon Civic Center will resume in late October and we will send out more information later. We thought this would be a great time to let you know so you can try on skates at home and make sure everything fits in case anything needs to be replaced. If your child does not have access to skates and/or a helmet, please let their teacher know. We have some available for students to borrow. Parents are welcome (and encouraged!) to join us - teachers appreciate all assistance with tying skates! Remember that students must wear a helmet and mittens/gloves on the ice.

The forecast is calling for a hot and sunny September weekend - enjoy a couple of restful days!

St. Stephen Weekly Menu



Meal Price \$6.50	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Snack Wrap With Caesar Salad	Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Chicken Noodle Soup	Chicken Quesadilla with Veggie Sticks	Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce & Caesar Salad	Hamburger & Roasted Potato Wedges
Option 2	Macaroni & Cheese with Veggies and Dip	Soft Tacos, Mexi Rice and Com	Cheese Pizza Slice & Cucumber Slices	Chicken Fingers with Potato Wedges, Veggies & Dip	Pancakes with Grilled Ham and Fruit

SSES is a Bee Me Kidz Zone!



Welcome to Mandy Ridgely who is the Bee Me Kidz Coordinator for St. Stephen Elementary School. Bee Me Kidz empowers and inspires elementary aged children to develop the social and emotional skills that will enable them to succeed in school and life. Their mission is to help kids and families 'Be the Best Me They Can Bee!'

Our 'Bee Me' Theme for the month of September is 'Friendship'. Friendship is having a good relationship with someone we call a **friend.** Follow this link to find suggestions of books you can read at home about friendship:

25 Children's Books About Friendship - From ABCs to ACTs

This week's student challenges were to: 1. Smile at 5 new people today and 2. Ask a new friend to play with you at recess. These can be great topics of conversation for you and your child.

Morning Arrival/Kiss and Drop

The safety of students is our top priority and we need your help to ensure our students arrive to school safely.

There are several options for dropping your child off in the morning. The safest and most visible location is at the 'Kiss and Drop' where duty teachers can direct students onto the sidewalk and into the building.

Students can also be dropped off at the end of Princess Street and use the walkway to the entrances. As well, we have a new crossing guard, Tiffany, who is ready to greet students at 7:45am and help them cross King Street.

Please do not drop your child off in the school parking lot. The school parking lot is reserved for staff in the mornings, as **this is not a safe spot for children to exit vehicles and cross the road**. If you need to park your car to walk your child to their entrance, you may use the Border Arena parking lot next door.

The building opens to students at 8am. Understanding that some families need to leave for work earlier than that, duty teachers monitor students outside at each of the entrances from 7:45am. Classes begin at 8:25am.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to ensure the safety of the students at St. Stephen Elementary School.

Week at a Glance

Monday September 12

- Bus Safety Week!
- Cross-Country Running Team practice 3pm-4pm (ALL forms must be signed and returned before practice begins)
- PBIS Focus- 'Be Prepared, Be Safe and Be Respectful' in the hallways
- Chartwells cafeteria service begins today- Paper copy of menu coming on Monday
- Please pay school fees via School Cash Online, or send to the office

Tuesday September 13th

Cross Country Running meet-Vincent Massey Elementary School (St. Andrews) 4:00-5:30

Wednesday September 14th

Miss Mandy from Bee Me Kidz is here today!

Thursday September 15th

Bus Safety practice today

Friday September 16th

- Please contact our office if you are interested in attending our PSSC meeting next week (466-7303)
- Happy Friday!

Upcoming Events



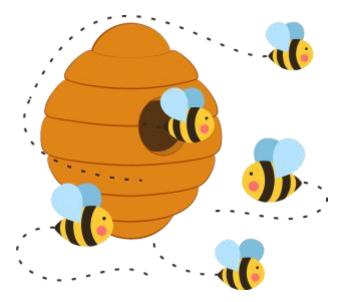
Dates to Remember!

- Wednesday September 21st PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) Meeting 6:30-7:30pm in library
- September 19, Monday 3:00-4:00 XC Practice
- September 20, Tuesday 4:00-5:30 SSES MEET: St. Stephen Elementary School
- September 26, Monday 3:00-4:00 XC Practice
- September 27, Tuesday 4:00-5:30 MES Meet: Milltown Elementary School
- Thursday September 29th-Terry Fox Walk
- Friday September 30th- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation-Orange Shirt Day <u>Orange Shirt Mi'kmaq Printing & Design (mikmaqprinting.com)</u>
- October 10th- Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- October 11th-14th Registration for students entering kindergarten in 2023-24





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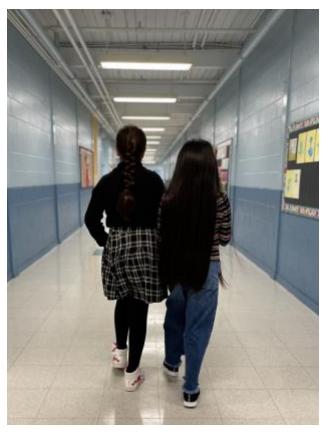


















































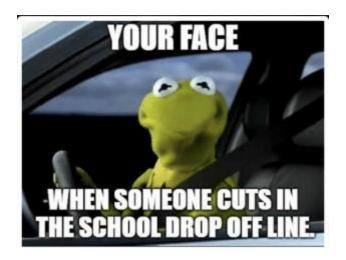








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