



St. Stephen Elementary School

Welcome To School!

September 2020

We are off to a great start with a new school year!

Our *Welcome to School Event* was a great way for students and parents to meet their child's teacher in an informal way. During this event, students were able to bring their school supplies with them to "move in", and parents had the chance to get the paperwork and forms they needed to complete for the beginning of the school year.

Students have settled very well into the first days at school. Routines are in place and classes are working hard to

learn and practice the Expected Behaviours at school. You will find reference to these in your child's Student Handbook in the front of their Agenda.

We have over 400 students attending SSES at this date, have welcomed a few new staff members and have 26 homeroom classes. This makes our school a very busy place!

This year, due to Public Health guidelines for COVID-19 Return to School Plans, we have several changes that will help keep students and staff safe. We are so happy with how easily the children

have slid into those new routines. We extend a huge "Thank you" to Parents for your support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We want to have open communication between home and school.

We look forward to a positive and productive year at SSES!

~Mrs. Colleen Winchester,
Principal

~Mrs. Courtney Parsons,
Vice Principal



- ☺ "Every Child Matters" Orange Shirt Day; September 30
- ☺ NB Wellness Week at SSES; Sept. 28-Oct. 02
- ☺ Terry Fox Walk, October 01 (Rain date: Oct. 02)
- ☺ Chartwell's Cafeteria Food Service resumes on October 05
- ☺ School Photo Day, October 07
- ☺ Parent School Support Committee (P.S.S.C.) Meeting on October 14 at 7:00; Online Meeting

SSES IS NUT FREE AND SCENT FREE

CAFETERIA SERVICES

Keeping our school free of nuts/nut products and scents is critical to providing a safe environment for some of our students and staff that have life-threatening allergies.

Please ensure that nut and scent allergens (including essential oils & scented sanitizers) stay home each day. Thank you for your help to keep our school SAFE for everyone.

Cafeteria Services are provided by Chartwell's, and they will resume Food Service on Monday, October 05.

Directions for accessing the School Lunches Online website for online ordering, as well as a Chartwell's Menu, will be sent home soon.

Lunch orders will be delivered directly to students at their classrooms for their lunch time.

Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

We are preparing for another year with PSSC at St. Stephen Elementary School. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00pm. At this point, we will be conducting online meetings. If you are interested in being a member of PSSC, we would love to have you! Please contact the school at 466-7303., and leave us your name and email address. We'll send you an electronic invitation to join an Online TEAMS Meeting on October 14.

We look forward to working with you over the year.



SSES – September 2020

16 Kings Court
St. Stephen, NB
E3L-3B2
sses@nbed.nb.ca
466-7303



Student Forms and Fees

Thank you for completing your child's forms and sending them back to school. It is critical that we have this information as soon as possible. Please inform the school office if any of your contact information should change throughout the school year. A reminder that your child's School Fee is reduced to \$15.00 this year.
Thank you!

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE St. Stephen Elementary School

Parents/Guardians are asked to register for "School Cash Online". This method will assist schools in becoming "cashless" and allow you greater security for your child's school money. This also provides a convenient and easy way for you to make school purchases or pay school fees.

Please simply go to our school website at sses@nbed.nb.ca and click on the icon for School Cash Online. Follow the instructions to easily register for this program. The instructions are also available in your child's Student Handbook in the front of their Agenda.

Please notify the office if you require assistance with registering. Thank you for your support of this change.

TERRY FOX WALK AT SSES

Students at St. Stephen Elementary School will learn about Terry Fox and the important contribution he made to society with his "Marathon of Hope". We will celebrate this Canadian Hero in a virtual School Assembly, and by organizing a Terry Fox School Walk.

SSES will hold a **Terry Fox School Walk** on Thursday, October 01 (Raindate: Oct. 02).

We are sorry to say that parents and friends will not be able to participate with us this year. Bubble classes will leave at intermittent times throughout the day for their 30-45 minute walk through their route in town.

If you would like to support this wonderful cause by donating to the Terry Fox Foundation, please go to the following site <https://asd-s.schoolcashionline.com/> to make your donation. SSES will submit all donations to The Terry Fox Foundation by October 06. Thank you!



SAFE



PREPARED



RESPECTFUL

BREAKFAST PROGRAM AT SSES

We are happy to say that Breakfast Program is up and running at SSES! A basket of breakfast options are placed in classrooms for children participating in having breakfast each morning. The nutritional options are served to students by their teacher between 8:00-8:20 each day.

Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate in breakfast and our Community Schools Coordinator, Catriona McLanaghan, will make sure that happens.

If you would like to make a donation to our breakfast program, you may do so by visiting our website at sses@nbed.nb.ca and selecting School Cash Online and make your donation. We really appreciate any donations towards the funding of this nutritional start to a child's day.