



ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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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 **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 and two mornings this year to safely allow for the large number of guests that usually attend. Please see the schedule below. We are hopeful that extended family guests will be able to attend in the morning, to reduce the number of guests for the evening performances. Doors open at 6:00. We ask that students be dropped off at the Kiss and Drop Area. Teachers will meet them and see that they get to their homeroom classes to get ready for their performance. **There is ample parking at the Arena Parking Lot.**

Again this year, K-Kids are collecting can goods and money donations as a project we are calling **"Cans for Christmas"**. The food and money will be donated to our local Food Bank. When coming to our Christmas Concert, please support our K-Kids in their initiative to support our Volunteer Center Food Bank.

We look forward to seeing the magical wonder of the season through our precious children of our school community during their concert presentations.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Holiday Season!

Mrs. C. Winchester, Principal
Mrs. C. Parsons, Vice Principal

Important Dates:

- Dec. 16; Wear Red & Green Day!
- Dec. 17; Primary Christmas Concert (Gr. K, 1, 2); 9:00am & 6:30pm
- Dec. 18; Intermediate Christmas Concert (Gr. 3, 4, 5); 9:00am & 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20; Dress for Christmas Day
- Dec. 20; last school day before Christmas;
- January 06; **No School for Students; Professional Learning Day for Staff**
- **January 07, 2020** School reopens for Students

"BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE" RAFFLE

• We are once again having a Raffle for the "Best Seats in the House" for each Christmas Concert at SSES; The two Primary Concerts are on Dec. 17 and the two Intermediate Concerts are on Dec. 18. There are separate draws for each of the four concerts.

- ♦ Tickets went home on Friday, Dec. 05 and purchased tickets must be returned to the school with payment by Friday, Dec. 13.
- ♦ Raffle tickets will be drawn and the winners notified on Monday, Dec. 16.

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!



Christmas Concerts 2019



Primary Concert (Grades K-2) - Tues., Dec. 17 at 9:00am & 6:30pm

Daytime:

9:00 – 9:10 Kindergarten

9:20 – 9:30 Gr. One FI

9:40 – 9:50 Gr. One & Two Eng.

10:00-10:10 Gr. Two FI

Evening:

6:30 – 6:40 Kindergarten

6:50 – 7:00 Grade One FI

7:10 – 7:20 Gr. One & Two Eng

7:30-7:40 Gr. Two FI

Intermediate Concert (Gr. 3-5) - Wed., Dec. 18 at 9:00am & 6:30pm

Daytime:

9:00 – 9:10 Choir

9:10 – 9:20 Grade Five

9:30 – 9:40 Grade Four

9:50 – 10:00 Grade Three

Evening:

6:30 – 6:40 Choir

6:40 – 6:50 Grade Five

7:00 – 7:10 Grade Four

7:20 – 7:30 Grade Three

NOTE: For the evening concerts, please drop your child off at the Kiss & Drop doors. 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 Volunteer Center Food Bank.*

*Our K-Kids appreciate your help with this project.****

Our Gift Card Campaign was a huge success!!! Thank you for your orders!!

Our students sold \$70,780.00 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. We are so grateful for their support!

READY FOR WINTER

Winter is 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.

Donations of clothing for our Clothing Closet are always welcome! We make use of pants, shirts, socks, and new underwear, to support our students needs.

Thank you!