



Family Newsletter of St. Stephen Middle School

Hello,

Good day! I hope that everyone enjoyed this last weekend of March. Nice that spring has arrived!

A busy and exciting week at SSMS this past week – our grade 6 students all spent a full day at the Huntsman Marine Science Centre in St. Andrews, students viewed (and participated in) a looping presentation led by visiting musician Stephen Lewis and everyone enjoyed a delicious Acadian meal prepared by Trent Seeley and his student helpers. Please see photos on the following page.

Report Cards will be coming home on Monday. Parent/Guardian – Teacher interviews are being held on Wednesday, March 28 from 6:00 – 8:30 and on Thursday, March 29 from 8:30 – 11:30. We hope to see you then! Sign-up sheets are available outside classrooms and some teachers are using an electronic sign-up.

At the monthly PSSC meeting this past week, the upgrades to the current changing rooms were discussed. The initial concept was developed at the school, discussed with the District and our Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and architects hired by the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure developed a draft plan. It includes a space with 28 individual stalls with locks. This will ensure safety and privacy for all students and will allow supervision at all times. 3-D renderings of the space will be made available in the next couple of weeks. The work is slated to begin in the summer. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Have a great week!

Bronwyn Tanner, Principal

This Week at SSMS:

Monday March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Math – Grade 6 Benchmark assessment continues (runs until March 28) ○ Theatre NB presentation ○ Green ASAP ○ Report Cards go home ○ Wrestling practice: 3:30 – 5:00 ○ Volleyball practice: Girls & Boys B 3:15 – 5:00
Tuesday March 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entrepreneurship Adventure 2018 presentations – grade 8 classrooms, all day ○ Green ASAP ○ Home/School communication folders go home ○ Volleyball practice: Boys & Girls A 3:15 – 5:00
Wednesday March 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student Forum: Block 4 (Library) ○ ASAP: Indigenous Peoples of NB presentation by Kate Akagi ○ Volleyball practice: Girls & Boys B 3:15 – 5:00 ○ Wrestling practice: 5:30 – 7:00 ○ Parent-Teacher interviews (6:00 – 8:30) Hope to see you there!
Thursday March 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No school for students ○ Parent-Teacher interviews (8:30 – 11:30) ○ Educational Assistant/School Intervention Worker Team – Mental Health First Aid training (all day) ○ Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Professional Learning on School Improvement Planning – SSMS Library (afternoon)
Friday March 30/ Monday April 2	Good Friday & Easter Monday – No School



to the St. Croix Vineyard Church for loaning us dishes and cutlery for our Acadian Meal! Much appreciated!



Grade 6 students all enjoyed a full day of learning and discovery at the Huntsman Marine Science Center in St. Andrews. An amazing experience for all!

Special Guest Presentation

Ms. Kate Akagi, Indigenous Student Advisor at NBCC St. Andrews, will be presenting to the students on Wednesday, March 28 during ASAP. The focus of her talk will be on Indigenous Peoples of New Brunswick. The presentation begins at 2:20 and all are welcome!



A scrumptious Acadian meal enjoyed by the entire school! The three course meal, prepared by Mr. Trent Seeley and student helpers, included a salad, Fricot (chicken stew and dumplings) followed by Pudding Au Chomeur. C'était délicieux!



Grand Finale! SSMS has been fortunate to have Stephen Lewis at our school for several weeks teaching the students about looping. This experience was made possible by an Arts grant received by Mrs. Upham. Mr. Lewis and the students performed for the entire school last Wednesday during ASAP. A terrific performance!



Congratulations to our Bobcat wrestlers for a great day of wrestling at the first tournament of the season held in Moncton on Saturday. A big thank you to Mr. Jody Weeks for coaching our wrestling team again this year!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 6 – SSMS Oratorical Event
- April 16 – 20 – Scholastic Book Fair @ SSMS – more info coming soon
- Wednesday, April 18 – PSSC meeting, 6:00 in the library. All welcome!

To check out our daily announcements, please link to our website at: [SSMS website](https://twitter.com/SSMS_Bobcats)
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