

Bobcat Express



St. Stephen Middle School

Week of October 5

Dear Families,

This week is the **SSMS Food Bank Drive**, an annual tradition for over 20 years. Ms. Donna Linton of the St. Stephen Food Bank (Volunteer Center) shares that this event is the single largest donation event for our local Food Bank each year. There will be changes to the collection and delivery of food items, due to COVID-19 protocols, and please refer to the more detailed note in this newsletter. A big thank you to all Bobcats for making a difference in our community!

We would like to recognize our **Custodial Team** for their work this year, especially all of the extras being done to keep our school clean. Thank you to Ms. Morrow, Ms. Turnbull, Mr. Sewell, and Ms. Armstrong.

SSMS is following all of the guidelines set by Public Health to keep our school community as safe as possible. If you have a question about whether or not your child should attend school, please call 811. ASD-S has prepared a Health Q&A document and it can be found [here](#). We recognize that this can be an anxious time and encourage all families to connect with our local Public Health professionals with any questions related to COVID-19.

Communication is important to us and please reach out with any questions or suggestions. We value the home-school partnership and know that together, we will work to create a positive and engaging school experience for your child.

Thank you,

Bronwyn Tanner

Monday October 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSMS Dismissal times: 2:56: Students walking or being picked up 3:10: Buses: 127, 128, 133 & 136 3:20: All other bus students
Tuesday October 6	
Wednesday October 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Picture Day (Harvey Studios – COVID protocols/guidelines will be in place.)
Thursday October 8	
Friday October 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fire Drill (Block 2, weather permitting)



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Starting the day with a healthy breakfast ensures that a child is able to focus on their learning. Students may need an extra snack when they arrive at school and we are happy to provide a breakfast snack program to all of our students. Breakfast trays, containing fruit, granola bars and yogurt are in each room each morning and are available throughout the day for any students seeking a healthy snack. We are very fortunate to have generous community partners, such as the Superstore (mentioned last week) and the local Kiwanis Club donate to this important program. A big thank you to the Kiwanis Club for their recent \$1000 donation. Donations of healthy, individual wrapped items, or fruit, are always welcome. As well, monetary donations can be made through School Cash Online on our website. Donations of \$25 or more will be eligible for an official income tax receipt. **Questions?** Please call the school at 466-7311.

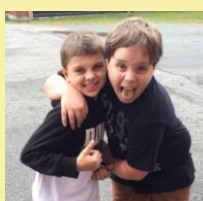


Bobcats Making a Difference!

- Students are asked to bring non-perishable food items to their homeroom during the week of October 5 – 10, just in time for Thanksgiving. Please keep perishable items to a minimum as the Food Bank is limited in storage and fridge space.
- Monetary or gift card donations are welcome as the Food Bank can use money for specific items.
- For every 3 items donated, a student receives 1 ballot to be placed in a draw for small prizes.
- Due to Public Health protocols, students cannot go door to door to solicit items.
- Given the current protocols, we will not be walking to the Food Bank as we usually do each year. Items will be delivered to the St. Stephen Food Bank on Friday afternoon.
- Thank you to our Bobcats for, once again, helping others in our community!



Bobcat Gallery



Bobcats, Out & About



From left: Students active during outdoor break, Mme. Breen Harris and Carter, Mr. Michel's outdoor PIF class.

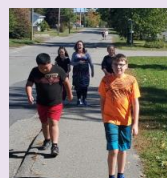


From left: Students in 8-1 pose outside and students in Ms. Gillmor's PE classes have fun dancing!



Students in Mme. McGinn's class enjoy a book of poetry generously donated and authored by Mrs. Shirley Downey.

More Terry Fox Photos:



SSMS Mission

Opening Doors to Opportunities
Challenge. Encourage. Achieve

Ouvrir les portes aux possibilités.
Défier. Encourager. Attendre

SSMS Vision

SSMS commits to providing diverse learning opportunities to foster productive citizens.

SSMS s'engage à offrir diverses expériences d'apprentissage pour développer des citoyens responsables et productifs.