

# Bobcat Express



## St. Stephen Middle School

Week of October 13

Dear Families,

On behalf of the SSMS Team, I hope that everyone enjoyed a healthy and happy Thanksgiving weekend. A huge thank you to our students for bringing in 1 665 items for the Food Bank last week! Ms. Donna Linton, Coordinator of the St. Stephen Volunteer Center, came to SSMS on Friday afternoon and her van was filled with the donated items. She expressed her appreciation and how this would make a big difference to many people in our community. Thank you, to all Bobcats, for helping others.

Last Friday, all families in ASD-S received an email from Mrs. Zoë Watson, our Superintendent, with important information for families regarding the COVID-19 situation in New Brunswick. Mrs. Watson specifically details the procedures that will be followed should there be a positive case in an ASD-S school. This letter can be found on the ASD-S website at <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/Welcome.aspx>.

We know that students are keen to find out when sports and other extracurricular activities might be returning to SSMS. Please know that there is regular communication with our District and that updates will be provided as soon as they are available.

Please reach out at any time. Best wishes for a nice week ahead.

Thank you,

Bronwyn Tanner

<b>Tuesday, October 13 – Friday, October 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SSMS Dismissal times:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2:56: Students walking or being picked up</li><li>3:10: Buses: 127, 128, 133 &amp; 136</li><li>3:20: All other bus students</li></ul></li></ul>
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[ASD-S website](#)



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**Clockwise from top left: Students in 8-3, 8-5 and 6-2 display some of the items collected in the Food Bank Drive. Thanks to all Bobcats for making a difference in our community!**





Students are reminded to bring a filled water bottle each day. Students can drink from their water bottle all day and can drink beverages brought from home during breaks (between each class) and lunch.



### Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams is the online learning platform used by all schools in New Brunswick. Grade 6 students are learning more about this platform and our grade 7 and 8 students were introduced to Teams last year. Parents and families can practice using Teams at home:

**Link to tutorials and everything 'Teams' including how-to videos at <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/TeamsInfo.aspx>**

**Did you know? Every student in NB can install Microsoft Office 365, which**



includes applications such as MS Teams, on personal computers for **free**. Instructions for downloading can be found [here](#). Please call the school with any questions.



### Bobcat Gallery



Above: Grade 8 student, Russell M., completes a coding activity which involves programming a robot, under the guidance of Mme. Russell, SSEC Technology Lead.

Below: Grade 6-4 learns about the names of fall clothing items during PIF class with Mme. Nauwelaers.



**Exploring the power of solar energy using a solar balloon.** How it works: the air inside gets heated by the sun until it expands and is lighter than the surrounding atmosphere, causing it to rise like a hot-air balloon. 7-2 did a great job collecting the air and holding it together to tie off both ends to grip it like a kite and watch the power of air molecules in action when getting heated.



Grade 8 students Kian and Aaron enjoy some outdoor basketball.

**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 pur développer des citoyens responsables et productifs.