

# Bobcat Express



## St. Stephen Middle School

Week of November 16, 2020

Dear SSMS Families,

This week marks the rotation to a **new X-class for all SSMS students**. There are four X-classes: Music (taught by Ms. Ward), Technology (taught by Mr. Good), Art (taught by Mr. McGinn) and Personal Wellness (taught by Mr. Yost and Mr. Heelis). Rather than having these classes once/week for the full year, the classes are clustered, such that the students have one of the courses, four times a week for a quarter of the year. Thank you to the dynamic X-Team for providing enriching and engaging experiences for our students.

**Parent-Teacher meetings will be held virtually this year.** An email with directions on how to register for the individual meetings will be sent later this week. Parent/Teacher meetings will be held during the evening of December 3 and the morning of December 4. Report cards will be distributed on December 1.

The next **PSSC meeting** (held virtually via Teams) is scheduled for Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00. All are welcome! To receive an email invitation to this event, please call the school at 466-7311.

Have a nice week ahead!

Thank you,

Bronwyn Tanner



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### Upcoming Dates

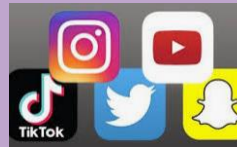
**November 18:** PSSC virtual meeting (6:00 – 7:00)

**November 20:** No classes for students, Report Card preparation and Professional Learning

**December 1:** Report Cards issued

**December 3:** Parent Teacher meetings (evening)

**December 4:** No classes for students, Parent Teacher interviews (a.m.) and School Improvement Planning (p.m.)



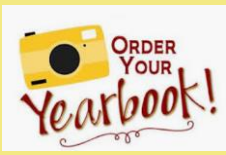
### Internet Safety & Privacy

RCMP Community Resource Officer, Lisa Williams, will be spending one hour with each class reviewing the important topics of online safety and online privacy. Ms. Williams will be presenting to the grade 6 students on Wednesday, the grade 7 students on Thursday and the grade 8 students next week. For online safety information for families, please link to <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/Pages%20needing%20reformatting/Internet-Safety-Information-for-Parents.aspx>

### PROWL Matrix

Our **school code of conduct** emphasizes students being **Prepared, Responsible**, taking **Ownership**, focusing on **Wellness**, and taking **Leadership**. Here are the recent winners of the weekly PROWL ticket draw from left: Charlotte M., Zoey M., Abby C., Carter R., and Kennedi G. Keep up the great work, Bobcats!





It is that time of year again – to order the **SSMS Yearbook!** The cost is \$25 until December 18 and then \$30 in January. Many thanks to Mme. McGinn and Ms. Ward for creating this special memento. Books can be purchased at SSMS or online at: [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

## Bobcat Bubble League

This year, as a way to connect our classrooms virtually, we have begun a weekly Bobcat Challenge. Homerooms 'compete' for points each week based upon a certain challenge. Halloween activities launched the Bubble League, and recent challenges have included Remembrance Day artwork submissions and a Clean Classroom Challenge. This week, the focus is on mental wellness and fitness and students will be creating a classroom display of their suggestions related to mental wellness. Thank you to Mr. Clarke for organizing the Bubble League for us and to Mr. Yost for organizing this week's challenge.

## Bubble League Leaderboard

- **Grade 6:** 1<sup>st</sup>: 6-4, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6-1 & 6-5
- **Grade 7:** 1<sup>st</sup>: 7-1, 7-3 & 7-4
- **Grade 8:** 1<sup>st</sup>: 8-5 & 8-6



## Bobcat Gallery



River L., Kohyn A. and Kyra R. share their recent Art projects. Hermione R.-S. with her recent Positive Office Referral. Talented Bobcats!

### 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.

**Bronwyn Tanner, Principal    Avis Scott, Vice Principal**