

Bobcat Express



St. Stephen Middle School

Week of March 29, 2021

Hello SSMS Families,

Students will be bringing home their term 2 **report cards** on Wednesday, March 31. Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, schools throughout our district will be altering the format for this year's Parent-Teacher conferences. Like last November, we will be offering **virtual Parent-Teacher conferences** via a Microsoft Teams meeting. This is a secure online connection between you and the teacher that you can book in advance. On Wednesday, an email will be shared with the link to the online registration site.

This week, our grades 6 and 7 students will be taking part in presentations led by **Science East**. Science East is a public science and technology educational organization located in Fredericton that has a science center for the public to visit and also educators who travel to schools to provide quality, inquiry-based learning for students. Thank you to Mr. Abbandonato for organizing this opportunity for our students. (<https://scienceeast.nb.ca/>)

Senior band practices began last week and many thanks to Ms. Ward for leading this wonderful opportunity again this year. A very positive development that has been approved in the yellow phase.

SSMS has been very fortunate to receive a **generous donation from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart charity** for the purchase of outdoor equipment. More news will be shared next week.

Student health and wellness continue to be our priorities. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. On Wednesday is our monthly PSSC meeting. Please contact the school if you wish to receive an invitation to the virtual Microsoft Teams meeting. All are welcome!

Stay safe and well,

Bronwyn Tanner, SSMS Principal

Monday March 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow phase guidelines• Basketball practices: 3:30 – 4:45 (Boys, Gr. 6) & 5:00 – 6:15 (Senior Boys)
Tuesday March 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science East presentations in the cafeteria (Block 1 ~ 6-1; Block 2 ~ 6-2; Block 3 ~ 6-5; Block 4 ~ 6-4; Block 5 ~ 6-3)• Basketball practices: 3:30 – 4:45 (Girls, Gr. 6) & 5:00 – 6:15 (Senior Girls)
Wednesday March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science East presentations in the cafeteria (8:40 – 9:35 ~ 7-5; 9:30 – 10:15 ~ 7-4; 10:20 – 11:05 ~ 7-1; 11:10 – 11:55 ~ 7-6; 1:00 – 1:45 ~ 7-2; 2:00 – 2:45 ~ 7-3)• Report cards distributed block 5.• Basketball practices: 3:30 – 4:45 (Senior Boys) & 5:00 – 6:15 (Boys, Gr. 6)• PSSC Meeting: 6:00 – 7:00 via Teams, all welcome!
Thursday April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball practices: 3:30 – 4:45 (Senior Girls) & 5:00 – 6:15 (Girls, Gr.6)
Friday April 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Friday, No School



Mr. Yost's Counselor's Corner

There are different ways to practice kindness. According to an article in Psychology Today, one way to be kind is to "open our eyes". In that sense, we need to be active when we see people in need. Do you notice when people could use a helping hand? A sense of safety and community is created when people are kind to those who need help.

Opening our eyes and our senses also means that we notice when others are suffering. A kind word, a smile, opening a door, or helping to carry something are all simple acts of kindness. During this time, it goes without saying that everybody is suffering to some degree more than they would have in the past. As such, there is no better time to open our eyes to the needs of others. When we choose to be kind to others, all involved will be rewarded with the happy sensation that comes with kindness.

Out and About at SSMS!

Grade 6 students enjoy an outdoor walk, students have their first Senior Band practice and Bobcats hit the courts!



Jack W. of Mr. Abbandonato's 7-2 class demonstrates his exploration of particle theory and pressure in terms of looking at the strength of balloons and eggs and their properties. Students investigated the 'walking on eggs' experiment where 6- 12 dozen egg cartons with eggs were set-up and students could walk over them to explore what would happen; and as they distributed their weight on the eggs the eggs did not break.



<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/Welcome.aspx> All updates and communication from **ASD-S** can be found here.



SSMS Website: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/2337/Pages/default.aspx>

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.