

Bobcat Express



St. Stephen Middle School

Week of December 13, 2021

Dear SSMS Families,

Our **Community Circles** are going strong and are proving to be a positive way to develop connections within the school and promote respectful speaking and listening skills. Staff members are impressed with how quickly the students have embraced this 'new' school practice and we all look forward to this becoming part of our school culture. Thank you to Mr. Yost for leading this at our school. Great work, Bobcats!

The **New Brunswick student perception online survey** is continuing this week, providing the opportunity for all students to share their thoughts on teaching, learning and personal wellness. The results will be available in 2022.

An annual fall tradition at SSMS has been the half-day **Read-A-Thon**. This year our Student Council will be hosting the event on Friday afternoon. There is a bookmark contest underway, and students are encouraged to share their submissions with Mr. McGinn early in the week. All students will receive a bookmark on Friday, as well as a special treat at the end of the afternoon. Reading twenty minutes a night is proven to have an enormous impact on the development of a student's literacy skills. The SSMS library has a great selection of books to choose from, as does our local public library. It will be a great way to end the week.

Have a nice week ahead and please be sure to connect at any time. We would love to hear from you.

Stay safe and well,
Bronwyn Tanner

Monday, December 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provincial student perception survey continues• Student Council: Classroom decorating judging begins & bookmark contest continues• Good For Kids French program continues• Basketball practices: A Boys, 3:30 – 5:00 & B Boys 5:00 – 6:30 / Home game @6:30 Co-ed vs. SJDA
Tuesday, December 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Council – lunch break• Basketball practices: U14 Girls, 3:30 – 5:00 & U13 Girls, 5:00 – 6:30; Basketball games: Boys A @ Harvey, 5:30 & Boys B @ Fundy, 5:45
Wednesday, December 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Band, block 1 and Junior Band, block 3• Basketball practice: B Boys, 3:30 – 5:00 & Co-ed home games vs Campobello, 5:00 and 6:30
Thursday, December 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSMS Community Circles (8:35 – 9:00)• Student Council – lunch block• Basketball: U13 Girls, 3:30 – 5:00 & U14 Girls, 5:00 – 6:30
Friday, December 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear your Bobcat Clothing: Show your Bobcat Pride!• Read-A-Thon (afternoon) Students will read in their homeroom classrooms• Basketball practice: A boys, 3:30 – 5:00



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



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PROWL Students!

Here are the students recently recognized for being our PROWL Students of the Week. They are being celebrated by the SSMS Staff for being **Prepared, Responsible**, taking **Ownership**, focusing on **Wellness**, and taking **Leadership**. From left, top row: Eden T., Peyton S., Mallory M., Gillian B., Nathaniel M., Nathaniel L. Bottom row: Brynley D., Reece B., and Ainsley D.

Way to PROWL, Bobcats! Keep up the great work!



Our Bobcat Café team in action (Thanks to Mme. Breen Harris for organizing this each week.)



Grade 6 students engage in STEM activities



Bobcat Gallery...Holiday spirit is in the air

(Thanks to the SSMS Staff for offering so many great ASAP options again this month!)



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.