

Bobcat Express April 25th, 2022

Week of April 25th, 2022



Dear SSMS Families,



Our students have been busy writing the first of the Provincial Assessments this past week. This year all assessments are being completed on a virtual platform and so far there have been very few glitches. Assessments continue up until the week of May 5th. If your child is absent on the day that they are scheduled to write, we do have make-up times available.

This afternoon, our grade six students were able to participate in a 'Mental Health Afternoon', facilitated by students from 6-1 and 6-2, and led by Mme. McGinn and Mme. Russell. We heard comments from guest speakers, including Mrs. Jennifer Grant, Mr. Yost and our mayor Alan MacEachern - as well as our virtual guests, Piper Daken and Kyle Moore. It was an afternoon enjoyed by everyone!

Also, this will be the last week for the current ASAP, with the sign up for May happening on Monday May 2. A reminder to students and families that students who leave school (due to being exempt, or

leaving without permission and forgetting to sign out at the office) during ASAP are not permitted to return to take the bus.

We are excited that we are finally able to have our first Social for this school year on Thursday of next week (April 28th). Admission is \$7 and can be paid ahead of time at the office. Students will be provided with a bracelet to wear that will show they have paid admission. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Thanks again to our staff for volunteering to chaperone this event!

Spring Social FAQs



What is a Spring Social?

The Spring Social is an opportunity for students to get together at the school after regular school hours. Most people attend for the main event which is a dance located in the big gym. However, there are plenty of other fun activities in the small gym for those who would prefer to do something else.

When is the Spring Social happening?

The Spring Social will be on April 28th from 6pm to 8:30pm

Is there a dress code?

Regular school dress code will apply. Avoid any clothing that would encourage substance abuse, foul language, or violence. To celebrate, some people like to take the opportunity to dress up in their fancy attire but that's a personal choice.

Which grades can attend?

The Spring Social is open to all students in good standing at SSMS

How much does it cost to attend?

Tickets to the Spring Social are \$7 each and sold at the door or at the office ahead of time. Other items like popcorn and drinks are available at an additional cost.

Can we request music?

SSMS has hired a DJ to provide music for the Spring Social. It will be up to the DJ on whether they will allow music requests. Keep in mind that any music at this event must be school appropriate.

Can we bring people from other schools?

No. Only students from SSMS with a valid ticket will be permitted to attend this event

Can you leave and come back to the Spring Social later?

No. Once a student leaves the building they will not be permitted to reenter the school to attend the Spring Social.

Are phones permitted?

Phones are not permitted during the event. Students bringing phones will have their phones checked into in a secure location along with any other personal items during the event. Checked-in items will be returned after the event. We encourage students to leave their devices at home and to make pick-up arrangements ahead of time.

Are there any additional rules for the Spring Social?

All school rules still apply to this event. Students who chose to make poor choices during this event will be dealt with in the same manner as they would be during a regular school day. It's important to remember that staff will be volunteering their own time to provide a fun experience. Best behavior is encouraged and appreciated!

Counselor's Corner -Mr. Yost



According to CASEL, social emotional learning (SEL) is “is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.” The importance of a successful social emotional journey cannot be understated. The implications of acquiring or not acquiring the skills and abilities stated by CASEL can have a profound impact on a person’s future. Although SEL is an overarching theme sprinkled throughout a student’s K-12 journey, parents also have the ability to reinforce the principles of SEL in the home. An article by Edutopia shares an overview of SEL along with some simple strategies that any parent or adult can use in their daily routines.

[Click here to read](#)

Week at a Glance



Monday, April 25th

- **Provincial Assessments for 7-1 (AM) AND 7-2 (PM)- French Reading**
- Yearbook Orders/ Cost is \$30. Bring cash or cheque (Payable to SSMS) to office. Yearbooks arrive in June!

Tuesday, April 26th

- **Provincial Assessments for 7-3 (AM) AND 7-5 (PM)- French Reading**
- Student Council Meeting at lunch (Mr. McGinn's room)
- Flag Football (co-ed) 3:30 to 4:30
- Games @ SSMS against Fundy. Black team at 430 and green team at 530.
- PSSC Meeting postponed until Tuesday May 3rd.

Wednesday, April 27th

- **Provincial Assessments for 7-6 (AM) Reading AND 6-3 (PM) Science**

- Junior Band- Block 1
- Senior Band-Block 3
- Girls' Softball 3:30 to 4:30
- Girls' Volleyball practice 4:45 to 6 (green team)

Thursday, April 28th

- **Provincial Assessments for 6-4 and 6-5 (AM)- Science**
- Flag Football (co-ed) 3:30 to 4:30
- Girls' volleyball practice (green team) 3:15 - 4:30.
- Spring Social 6-8:30pm (Admission will be \$7)

Friday, April 29th

- Grade six presentations with RCMP Education Liaison- Lisa Williams (Internet Safety)

PROWL Ticket Winners





Bobcats in Action































Grade 8 Closing Celebration



Our Grade 8 Closing Ceremony will be held on the evening of Thursday June 23rd. (time to TBA)

Tickets for the event will be \$5 each and there will be a semi-formal after the ceremony. Please email a toddler pic to Avis Scott Avis.Scott@nbed.nb.ca as soon as possible. You may also forward pictures of grade 8 students taken during their middle school years by themselves and with other grade 8 students. The pictures should not include anyone who is not a grade 8 student.

Pictures can be emailed to:

Avis.Scott@nbed.nb.ca

More information to follow in the coming weeks!

Upcoming Dates



- Week of April 25 Provincial Assessments: Grade 7 French Reading AND Grade 6 Science
- Thursday April 28th- SSMS Social
- Week of May 2 Provincial Assessments: Grade 6 English Reading, Grade 7 Math
- Friday May 6: Subject Council Day (no school for students)
- Monday May 9 NBTA Branch Meeting (no school for students)
- May 16-20- Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday May 23; Victoria Day Holiday
- Tuesday May 24-Friday May 27: SSMS Drama Production - 'Hoodies'
- Grade 8 Closing Celebration- Evening of Thursday June 23rd

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.

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