



St. Stephen Middle School

Hello,

Congratulations to the three SSMS basketball teams who took part in the provincials on the weekend! A weekend of fun, sportsmanship and the chance to play against new teams. All three teams played some great games with the Girls A team bringing home the silver medal for the second year in a row! This follows their silver medal finish in the American league on Friday evening. Well done, Bobcats and thanks to the parents and coaches Mr. McGinn, Mr. Brennan, Ms. Gillmor and Mr. Gomez.

This is our third week focusing on UNESCO goals 12 & 13. Please be sure to check with you child about what they are learning.

This week we are welcoming Brilliant Labs to SSMS to work with grades 6 and 7. For more information on this organization, please link to <https://www.brilliantlabs.ca/>.

Have a great week ahead!

Bronwyn Tanner, SSMS Principal

This week at SSMS:

Tuesday February 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Council meeting (Lunch, Art Room) • Green ASAP • Basketball practice: Girls A, 3:30 – 5:00 (U16) and Girls B p 5:00 – 6:30 • Wrestling practice: 3:15 – 5:00 (small gym)
Wednesday February 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO class (11:00 – 11:45) • GSA meeting (Lunch, Library) • Green ASAP • Basketball practice: Girls A, 3:30 – 5:00 (U14) • Basketball games: Boys A host McAdam @ 5:00 and Co-ed game on Deer Island @ 6:30
Thursday February 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brilliant Labs visiting (today and tomorrow) • Senior Band, Block 2 • Student Council Executive meeting (Lunch, Art Room) • White ASAP (Math League to meet in Mme. McGinn's room) • Basketball practices: Girls B, 3:30 – 4:30 • Social (6:00 – 8:30)
Friday February 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Band, Block 2 • White ASAP & Staff vs. Students basketball game (\$2 donation to the Jumpstart program) • Wrestling practice: 3:15 – 5:00 • Basketball practices: Girls A, 3:30 – 5:00 (U16), Boys A, 5:00 – 6:00 and then set-up for the jamboree from 6:00 – 7:00
Saturday February 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ed Basketball Jamboree @ SSMS – drop by if you can!



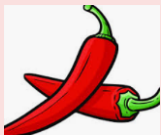
Bobcats at provincials!



3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Thank you to the organizers above: Sarah, Amber, Evan and Mallory for organizing another successful chili cook-off! Congratulations to River C-C for bringing home the grand prize.

Thanks to our judges, Mr. Furlotte, Mr. Legge and Mr. Gomez.



SSMS Mission

Opening Doors to Opportunities
Challenge. Encourage.
Achieve



Cultural Café

Mr. Suren Yoga Nathan, Manager, Community Engagement of the Multicultural Association of Charlotte County, is leading an ASAP focused on learning more about cultures around the world. We appreciate Mr. Yoga Nathan coming to SSMS each week!

Medical Note

This is the time of year when we encounter many viruses and bacteria. The best protection is good handwashing. Below are some resources to shared with us by the ASD-S Healthy Learners Nurses:

What You Need to Know About Handwashing (2019) CDC :

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/l900>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d914EnpU4Fo>

Handwashing Steps WHO Technique (2019)

Johns Hopkins Medical Center

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/O900>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lisgnbMfKvI>

WHO How to Hand Wash with Soap and Water (2015)

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/wA00>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PmVJQUcm4E>

WHO (2015) How to Hand Rub With Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/NA00>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnSjFr6J9HI>



Julian, a grade 8 student in Mr. Cheney's Language Arts class, is planning a fundraiser in support of the Jumpstart organization. As stated on their website, Jumpstart is 'committed to ensuring kids in need have equal access to sports and physical activity – an equal chance to be their best.' For a donation of \$2, students can watch a staff vs. students basketball game on Friday during ASAP. Thank you, Julian, for helping others!

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, February 25 – PSSC meeting (6:00, Library)

Wednesday, February 26 – Pink Shirt Day

February 26 – 28 – SSMS Bilingual Winter Carnival