



St. Stephen Middle School

Hello,

Wednesday is **Pink Shirt Day**, recognized throughout Canada and around the world. Mr. McGinn has designed a pink shirt for SSMS. T-shirts can be purchased for \$5 during break and lunch time. This year's theme: **Be Your Own Superhero**. Mrs. Bourque has planned daily activities for classes during Study Hall with a focus on being your best self and standing up for others. There will also be theme days on Thursday and Friday to end the week.

SSMS is continually seeking ways to cut down on our environmental footprint. After the March Break, we will have news on ways we are seeking to reduce waste in the cafeteria and our **Eco Group**, under the guidance of Mme. McGinn, will be leading a school Energy Diet challenge. Please stay tuned!

Next week is **March Break**. On behalf of the SSMS Team, we hope that everyone enjoys a terrific break and we look forward to seeing the students on Monday, March 9.

Thank you!

Bronwyn Tanner, SSMS Principal

This week at SSMS:

Monday February 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball: Girls A tryouts, 3:30 – 5:00
Tuesday February 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Math Morning: Blocks 1 & 2 March ASAP sign-up Student Council meeting (Lunch, Art Room) Green ASAP Basketball: Girls B practice, 3:30 – 4:30 and Boys A game at McAdam, 5:00 Volleyball: Boys tryouts, 4:30 – 6:00 PSSC Meeting: 6:00 – 7:00, Library – all welcome!
Wednesday February 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PINK Shirt Day Partners for Youth – Full day, Winter Adventure (Ms. Gowan Noble to lead) GSA meeting (Lunch, Library) Green ASAP Volleyball practices: Girls A, 3:30 – 5:00 and Girls B, 5:00 – 6:30 Wrestling practice: 3:15 – 5:00
Thursday February 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Carnival Theme: 80's Day Junior Band, Block 2 Student Council Executive meeting (Lunch, Art Room) White ASAP (Math League to meet in Mme. McGinn's room) Basketball practice: Girls B, 3:30 – 4:30 Volleyball: Boys tryouts, 4:30 – 6:00 Wrestling: 3:15 – 5:00
Friday February 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Carnival Theme: Sports Day Senior Band, Block 2 ASAP: Staff vs. Students basketball game (\$2 donation to the Jumpstart program) Have a wonderful March Break!



Thank you to Mr. McGinn for designing our own pink shirt. \$5 each.



Pink Day started in 2007, when a grade nine student in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school. Taking notice, two students rallied their peers to send a message to the bullies. The next day, the halls were filled with students in pink t-shirts. Pink Day started because two boys chose to do something about bullying rather than stand by and watch it happen. Now the movement is worldwide, educating and inspiring others to stand together and take action against violence and bullying. **Wednesday, February 26 is Pink Day.**



Basketball Jamboree!

The co-ed B team was all smiles after their bronze medal finish at Saturday's Jamboree. It was a fun-filled, action packed day of 30-minute games. Thank you to Mr. McGinn, Ms. Gillmor and Mr. Gomez for organizing and coaching, to the parents for all of their help and to the Boys A team who volunteered in many roles throughout the day. A great way to end the season!



Chili Cook-off Winner!

Congratulations to River C-C for submitting the winning entry in this year's event. Delicious!



We are seeking volunteers to help with our B volleyball teams. Please call the school for further information.

PROWL Students of the Week

Congratulations to our **PROWL students of the week** for demonstrating Preparedness, Respect, Ownership, Wellness and Leadership.

Well done, Bobcats!

Top photo: Alexis R., Russell M. and Braelynn H. Bottom photo: Aiden H.



Students in Mrs. Dempsey's ASAP enjoy making a variety of creations each week!

Spotlight on Literacy



All students are encouraged to read 20 minutes/night. Research demonstrates that this has a dramatic effect on building literacy skills. Please encourage your child to pick up a book or magazine each evening! It makes a difference. For helpful information and ideas for adolescent book choices, please speak to one of us and/or link to:

- o <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy>
- o <https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/tween>
- o <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/nbpl/programs-and-activities.html> (NB Libraries)
- o Check out the *Globe and Mail* and *New York Times* bestseller lists for youth.

Compassion **Willingness to Learn** **Respect** TEAMWORK Honesty Empathy **Acceptance**
 Creativity Community **Resiliency** Safety **Responsibility** INCLUSION