Bobcat Express March 9, 2020

St. Stephen Middle School

Hello,

Welcome back from March Break! I trust that everyone had a nice week. A special welcome back to Ms. Gillmor who is returning from maternity leave and best wishes to Ms. Woodside who will be teaching at SSHS.

On Friday, the Department of Education issued information on the Coronavirus, via email, to all families through the *School Connects* system. The information can be found at the following link: <u>https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-</u><u>S/Pages/welcome.aspx</u>. Also, on the back of this newsletter, please find information on preventative measures.

This week our grade 6 students will be traveling to the Huntsman Marine Science Centre for a full day of activities. Thank you to Ms. Breault for organizing this wonderful opportunity. On another science note, good luck to the SSMS students headed to the District Science Fair on Friday!

As always, please reach out with any comments, questions or suggestions. Bronwyn Tanner, SSMS Principal

Monday March 9	 Green ASAP – new month! Volleyball practices: Girls A, 3:30 – 5:00 & Girls B, 5:00 – 6:30 Basketball: Boys A, 6:30 – 7:45
Tuesday March 10	 Grade 6 trip to Huntsman Marine: Classes 6-2, 6-6 and the 6's in the 6/7 class Student Council meeting (Lunch, Art Room) Green ASAP Volleyball: Boys tryouts, 3:30 – 5:00 Basketball game: Boys A @ Campobello @ 5:30
Wednesday March 11	 Energy Diet Challenge – Full Day! GSA meeting (Lunch, Library) Green ASAP Wrestling practice: 3:15 – 5:00 Volleyball practices: Girls B, 3:30 – 5:00 and Girls A, 5:00 – 6:30 Basketball: Boys A practice, 6:30 – 7:45
Thursday March 12	 Grade 6 trip to Huntsman Marine: Class 6-5 Beyond the Hurt – Youth Facilitator training, full day Senior Band, Block 2 Student Council Executive meeting (Lunch, Art Room) White ASAP – new month! Wrestling practice: 3:15 – 5:00 followed by a parent meeting Volleyball practices: Boys B, 3:30 – 5:00 & Boys A, 5:00 – 6:30
Friday March 13	 Grade 6 trip to Huntsman Marine: Classes 6-1 & 6-4 Science Fair @ UNB – good luck, Bobcats! Junior Band, Block 2 White ASAP Basketball: Boys A practice, 3:30 – 5:00 then set-up for provincials
Sat. & Sun.	 Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in Riverview Basketball – Bantam provincials. (Boys to host @ SSMS, Girls @ Riverview)

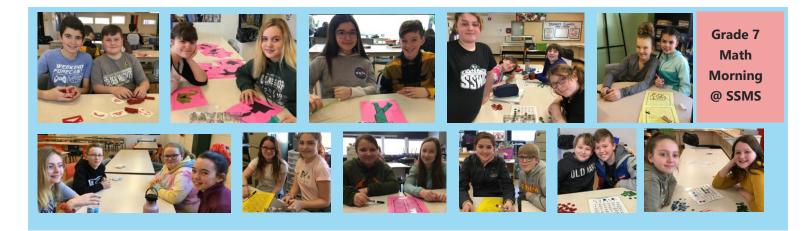
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COVID-19

Staff members will be reinforcing the following preventative strategies with students to help stop the spread of any virus:

- sneeze or cough into their elbow or tissues;
- dispose of tissues, napkins and wipes;
- frequently wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing their noses. If water is not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 % alcohol;
- · avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with hands; and
- avoid sharing food, water bottles and musical instrument mouthpieces.





Tournament Champions!

Congratulations to the Girls B Basketball team for a fantastic tournament performance on March 1. The team, coached by Mr. McGinn, captured the banner after impressive games throughout the day. Great work, Bobcats!



Beyond the Hurt

The Beyond the Hurt Youth Facilitators are getting ready for peer presentations in mid-March. Above is the photo taken on Pink Shirt Day. Thank you to Ms. Breen-Harris for leading this important group and thanks to the students for making a positive difference at SSMS!

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