

# Bobcat Express

## St. Stephen Middle School

Week of September 21



### Upcoming Events

**Terry Fox Walks** – Students will be participating in this annual walk as part of one of their PE classes this week. SSMS makes an annual donation to the Terry Fox Foundation.

**September 29 & 30:** Grade 7 Immunization

**September 30:** Orange Shirt Day

**October 7:** Picture Day (Harvey Studios)

Hello,

It has been a very positive start at SSMS and thank you to all Bobcats for doing a terrific job in following the new guidelines and protocols, including wearing a mask in all common areas. Well done, Bobcats!

Students are reminded to bring two clean community masks to school each day as well as a filled water bottle. New water bottle filling stations were installed at the school this week. Each classroom and learning space have a pump bottle of hand sanitizer as well as a spray bottle of sanitizer for seats etc. to be cleaned after each use. Students are kept within their classroom bubbles throughout the day, including for outdoor breaks.

Families are our partners in all aspects of learning. Please connect with the school if you have a question, idea, or suggestion. We would love to hear from you and appointments can be made by calling 466-7311.

Have a nice week ahead.

Thank you,  
Bronwyn Tanner, Principal (506) 466-7904



**SSMS recommends that students read at least 20 minutes a night. Every day is a great day to dive into a good book, magazine and more!**



### Vaccination Grade 7 Immunizations

The grade 7 immunization clinic is scheduled on September 29 and 30. All grade 7 students will be offered two vaccines; a booster vaccine that protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Whooping Cough and a vaccine that is effective in preventing most HPV related cancers. The HPV vaccine is a series of two which will be given throughout the school year. Immunization consent forms were sent home last week. We ask that all consent forms be completed and returned by Wednesday, September 23 indicating yes or no whether the student will receive the vaccine and with parent signature. Thank you and please call the school with any questions.



**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

As stated on the website, [www.angeshirtday.org](http://www.angeshirtday.org): *The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind.* Students at SSMS will be learning about Residential Schools and are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on September 30.



SchoolCashOnline

Our school fees can be paid online using the link found on our website [SSMS website](#). The fee is \$30/student or \$45/family. Please note that you must choose the individual or family rate before proceeding with the payment. School fees are used to pay for items such as special curriculum materials and supplies, guest presentations, grade 6 t-shirts and transportation for school trips. Thank you!



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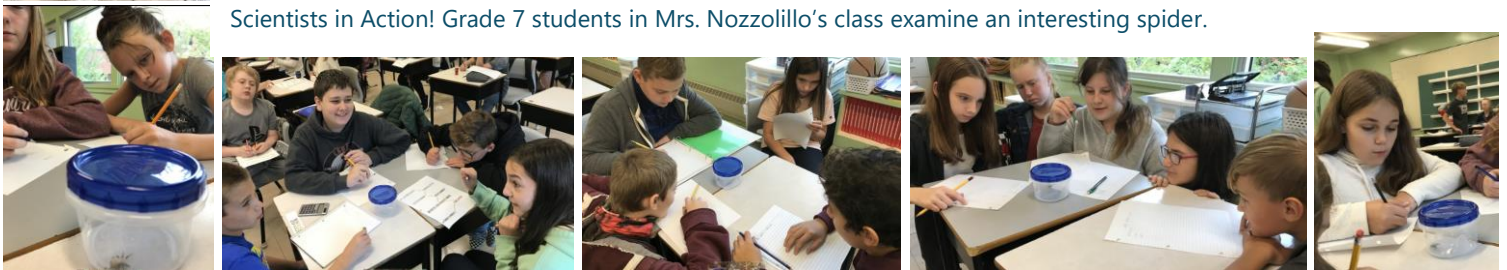
In the event that your child will not be at school please report your child's absence using any of these easy methods:

1. Call toll-free: 1-833-219-9065
2. Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
3. Mobile app: SchoolMessenger **Questions?** Please contact the school.



Grade 8 students get creative in Mr. McGinn's art class, working on their masks.

Scientists in Action! Grade 7 students in Mrs. Nozzolillo's class examine an interesting spider.



In their introduction to the mapping unit, grade 8 students in Mme. Breen-Harris' class explored how difficult it can be to turn a 3D object (globe) into a 2D object (map) and represent it accurately. Orange peels flattened on the desks do not look like an unpeeled orange!



Havana T. displays beautiful bracelets she has made.

**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.

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

Bronwyn Tanner, SSMS Principal

Avis Scott, SSMS Vice Principal