



Family Newsletter of St. Stephen Middle School

Hello,

Welcome to the month of April! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter weekend.

The SSMS Student Council, under the leadership of Mr. McGinn, has planned a *Comid Con* festival this week, celebrating comic and superhero characters. Please be sure to check out our website for full details!

The Boys A basketball team is leading a GIVE BACK CHALLENGE on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to the athletes and Ms. Gillmor and Mr. Gomez for organizing this event to raise funds for cystic fibrosis. More information can be found below.

On Friday we will be hosting the SSMS Oratorical event. Finalists from this event will be representing SSMS at the St. Stephen Education Centre's Speak Out event being held at Fundy Middle and High School next week. Thank you to Mrs. Dempsey who is coordinating the SSMS event.

Finally, good luck to the students who will be representing SSMS at the Regional Science Fair at UNBSJ on Thursday! Ms. Scott will be accompanying the students to this special event.

Have a great week!

Bronwyn Tanner, Principal

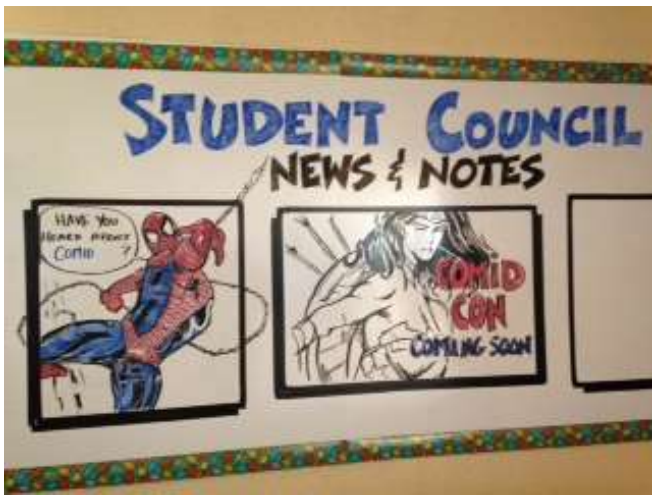
This Week at SSMS:

Tuesday April 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green ASAP – new month! Home/School communication folders go home Volleyball practice: Boys & Girls A 3:15 – 5:00 Softball practice: 5:00 – 6:30 (large gym) Wrestling practice: 5:30 – 7:00 (small gym)
Wednesday April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIVE BACK CHALLENGE – led by Boys A Basketball team (Block 5 & ASAP) – please see Monica's email for full details. Volleyball practice: Girls & Boys B 3:15 – 5:00 Wrestling practice: 5:30 – 7:00
Thursday April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Science Fair (UNBSJ; Ms. Scott to attend with SSMS students) Student Forum: Block 3 in Library (Session 2 with grade 8 students) White ASAP – new month! Home/School communication folders returned Wrestling practice: 3:30 – 5:00 (small gym) Softball practice: 5:00 – 6:30 (large gym)
Friday April 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSMS Oratorical Event (Theatre)
Saturday April 7	SSMS Wrestling Team competes in Fredericton – Good Luck, Bobcats!

GIVE BACK CHALLENGE



The Boys A basketball team will be hosting a **Give Back Challenge** as a way to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis. One of the teams they played in the provincials last weekend has a player who has CF. SSMS students will be participating in this event during block 5 and ASAP on Wednesday. The afternoon activities include a presentation on CF, information on how the boys became involved in the fundraiser, a shooting competition, and a 'knock out' competition followed by a friendly game of teachers vs. students. Donations can be brought to the school. Many thanks to the team for helping others.



Members of the Student Council have been busy preparing for this week's *Comid Con* festival. Sure to be a fun event – please check out our website for full details. Many thanks to Mr. McGinn and the Council members for all of the special events they plan for SSMS!



Save the Date: Friday, April 27th. More info to follow.



Students in Ms. Scott's sewing ASAP have been making baby bibs and baby towels for the Family Resource Centre. Above they show some of their handiwork. Making a difference!

Theatre New Brunswick will be at SSMS on Monday, April 9th performing *Goodbye Marianne*. For information on the performance, please see below. Student fees support this performance.

GOODBYE MARIANNE BY IRENE WATTS

A SPECIAL PRODUCTION MARKING THE 80TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS.



As autumn turns toward winter in 1938 Berlin, life for Marianne Kohn, a young Jewish girl, begins to crumble. First there was the burning of the neighbourhood shops. Then her father, a mild-mannered bookseller, must leave the family and go into hiding. No longer allowed to go to school or even sit in a café, Marianne's only comfort is her beloved mother. Things are bad, but could they get even worse? Based on true events, this fictional account of hatred and racism speaks volumes about both history and human nature.

www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/187482/good-bye-marianne-by-irene-nwatts/9780887768309/

Upcoming Events

- o Wednesday, April 11 – PSSC Meeting (6:00, Library) – please note change from last week's *Express*
- o April 16 – 20 – Scholastic Book Fair @ SSMS – more info coming soon

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