



## Family Newsletter of St. Stephen Middle School

Hello,

Good day! I hope that everyone enjoyed a great weekend.

This week the students will be starting the *Physical Growth and Development* portion of the provincial Health Curriculum. Please see page 2 for information on the outcomes and links to access the content. The lessons will take place each Thursday morning for the next 6 weeks. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

We are pleased to be hosting the St. Stephen Education Centre's Heritage Fair on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Have a nice week ahead and please contact us at any time!

Bronwyn Tanner, Principal

### Grade 8 Entrepreneurial Marketplace

@ Garcelon Civic Centre on May 8,  
10am-2pm (open to public).

Come and see the great products/services created by our grade 8 entrepreneurs. All profits are being donated to charities! We hope to see you there!

### This Week at SSMS:

Monday April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green ASAP (today and tomorrow) - new month!</li> <li>Wrestling practice: 3:30 – 5:00 (small gym)</li> <li>Volleyball practice: Grades 6 &amp; 7 girls 3:15-4:30</li> <li>Math Team meeting (3:30 – 4:30)</li> <li>Softball practice: 4:30 – 6:00 (outdoors, weather permitting)</li> </ul>
Tuesday May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home/School communication folders go home</li> <li>Volleyball practice: Boys (all grades) &amp; Girls (grade 8), 3:30 – 5:00</li> <li>Baseball practice: 3:30 – 5:00</li> <li>Rugby practice: 5:00 – 6:30</li> </ul>
Wednesday May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 8's to visit grade 6 and 7 classes to promote Marketplace (today and tomorrow)</li> <li>Volleyball games: Grade 6 girls in Campobello @ 4:00</li> <li>Volleyball practice: Grade 7 girls 3:15 – 4:30</li> <li>Baseball practice: 3:30 – 5:00</li> <li>Wrestling practice: 5:30 – 7:00</li> </ul>
Thursday May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSEC Heritage Fair hosted at SSMS</li> <li>UNB Math Competition</li> <li>White ASAP – new month!</li> <li>Health Education classes begin</li> <li>Home/School communication folders returned</li> <li>Volleyball practice: Grade 8 girls 3:30 – 5:00 and boys (all grades)</li> <li>Wrestling practice: 3:30 – 5:00 (small gym)</li> <li>Softball practice: 5:00 – 6:30 (outdoors, weather permitting)* time may be 3:30 – 5:00 – will be confirmed</li> <li>Rugby practice: 5:00 – 6:30</li> </ul>
Friday May 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBTA ~ Subject Council – Moncton (No school for students)</li> </ul>
Sat. May 5	Volleyball Tourney @ UNBSJ (May 4-6, grades 7 & 8 girls)



## Thank You

Bell Aliant, Circle K Milltown, GMC, Guardian Drugs, KENT, and Superstore for supporting our recent Book Fair! We very much appreciate the wonderful community support!

Congratulations to the grade 7 and 8 volleyball teams on great home games this week!

Dear Families:

Starting on Thursday, May 3 we will be teaching the prescribed **Health Education Curriculum** strand on *Physical Growth and Development*. The curriculum for grades 6-8 consists of four strands: *Caring for Yourself, Your Family and Your Community* • *Personal Wellness* • *Use, Misuse and Abuse of Materials* • *Physical Growth and Development*. For more information on the curriculum documents, please go to the following links: [Grade 6 Health](#); [Grade 7 Health](#) or [Grade 8 Health](#)

Keeping children safe and healthy is of great importance to both parents and educators. Healthy students are better learners and are more likely to grow up to be healthy, happy adults. The intent of the curriculum is to assist and support parents in teaching their children knowledge and skills to promote health. All of the information is developmentally appropriate for children and builds on what they have learned in previous grades. The curriculum supports the development of skills to make healthy choices.

Families play an integral role in their child's education, and this is particularly important when the learning involves sexuality and sexual health. Schools address these topics to ensure that all learners have access to factual, accurate information about health and well-being and learn the skills to make safe and responsible decisions. This curriculum will not replace the role of parents/guardians in educating their children on sexuality and sexual health.

I encourage you to talk with your children about what they are learning in class and to contact me at 466-7311 if you require further information. Your interest and support are greatly appreciated.

Appreciatively,  
Bronwyn Tanner



SSMS is very appreciative of the donation of 150 place settings from the Town of St. Stephen. Above volunteer Trent Seeley is shown with the cooking ASAP students.



Congratulations to the SSWC for placing first in both the girls and boys bantam division during the weekend tournament!



On May 17th all SSMS students will be joining middle schools students from across ASD-S at Harbour Station for WE Day SJ. Permission forms will be going home this week. For more information on this exciting event please link to: <https://www.webelievesj.com>

## Upcoming Events

To check out our daily announcements, please link to our website at: [SSMS website](#)



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SSMS Boys Volleyball Team – Go, Bobcats!