

# November Newsletter

## St. Stephen Elementary School

<http://sses.nbed.nb.ca>

November 2020

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION . . .

School was very busy during the month of October, and November is shaping up to be just as busy. It won't be long before teachers will start preparing report cards outlining students' progress. Report Cards for Term One will go home on December 01. We are looking forward to meeting with you during Parent-Teacher Conferences on December 03 & 04. More information will be sent to you soon regarding the process for online Parent-Teacher Conferences this year.

These two activities are very important to our learning community because they help us build a stronger relationship in your child's best interest. It is important that parents and teachers communicate clearly about how students are progressing; sharing the successes, identifying areas needing improvement and planning for next steps for learning. We will host Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, December 03** (4:00—7:00 p.m.) and **Friday, December 04** (8:30—11:30 a.m.).

Our newly formed Home & School Committee is very active and doing fabulous work that benefits our students and school. We are very excited about their projects! Please feel free to join this committee and become a member of Home & School at any time.

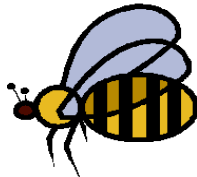
This year our students and staff will honor Remembrance Day through a virtual ceremony in their classrooms, being prepared by Mr. Worrell, Mrs. Jones-Comeau, and Miss Densmore. Many thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion for delivering sticker poppies for our students.

*Mrs. Colleen Winchester, Principal*

*Mrs. Courtney Parsons, Vice Principal*

### Dates of interest:

- Canada Career Week at SSES; November 09-13
- Career Dress-up Day; November 10
- SSES virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony; November 10
- Remembrance Day; No School for Students; November 11
- Santa's Helpers Recording Day; November 12
- Respect and Diversity Week; November 16-20
- Scholastic Book Fair; November 18-27 (SSES Library for Students and Online for Parents)
- PSSC Meeting at 7:00; November 18
- No School for Students (Report Card Prep & PL Day for Staff); November 20
- Gift Card Orders available for pick up on November 23 and 24 at 12:00-6:00pm; in the SSES Main Lobby
- SSES Home & School Committee Meeting; November 25 at 7:30pm (online)
- Report Card Day; December 01
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: December 03 & 04
- Last day of school for 2020; Dec. 18



### THE K-8 REPORT CARD FOR NEW BRUNSWICK STUDENTS

Students take home their first term report card on Tuesday, December 01. The subject priorities this year involve an enhanced focus on literacy and numeracy skills. Report cards will look a bit different, but essentially will provide you with information you need about your child's strengths, needs and next steps for learning.

Please refer to the achievement scale for a detailed description of where your child is, both academically and habitually. We will continue to work together as a school community to ensure your child reaches their potential. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be 15 minutes in length. If you require more time, your child's teacher is more than willing to have further discussion at a date and time that is convenient.

A notice will be sent home to parents/guardians with information about signing up for Parent-Teacher Conferences online. If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or call the school office at 466-7303.

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**SCHOOL HOURS**  
7:45 a.m. — School Opens  
(Supervision begins at 7:45 — **DO NOT DROP STUDENTS AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO 7:45 A.M.**)

All students should arrive by 8:15am

2:00 p.m. Primary Dismissal (Kindergarten—Grade 2)  
3:00 p.m. Intermediate Dismissal (Grades 3—5)

## SSES Home and School

### Virtual Silent Auction Fundraiser

November 26-29, 2020

Please note the Parent Information Notice from Home & School Committee notice to families.

Auction donations and supporting bids are appreciated!

### Parent/Guardian Meetings

PSSC Meeting; November 18 at 7:00pm (online)

SSES Home & School Committee Meeting; November 25 at 7:30pm (online)

Thanks for joining parent committees at SSES!



**SAFE**



**PREPARED**



**RESPECTFUL**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2020

In-School for Students  
& Virtual for Parents

Nov. 18—27, 2020



Our scholastic book fair will be both *in person for students* and *virtual for families* this year. Take this opportunity to refresh your home libraries, grab some meaningful gifts, or find your next read! As a fundraiser, every purchase gives back to the school library. You can begin previewing highlighted books at the following link now

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5139122>.

Note: The full selection of titles will be available online at this link once the book fair opens on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Stephen Elementary School Website

Please visit our website at:

<http://sses.nbed.nb.ca>

The **Events Calendar** is a great way to keep informed of what is happening at SSES. There are also lots of parent resources available on the website and we post the most recent or frequently used links/info on the Home Page.

## Respect and Diversity Week

Diversity & Respect week is November 16-20, 2020. At SSES we take advantage of this opportunity by emphasizing our uniqueness and individuality through a variety of in-class lessons.

We promote the value of our differences and the importance of respecting others to further students' understanding of how we all contribute to our community.

## School Closures

If it is necessary for school to be closed or have a delay in bussing, the information will go to families in the following ways:

- On the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.
- The District website ([www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca))
- Follow us on twitter [http://twitter.com/ASD\\_South](http://twitter.com/ASD_South)
- The District Information Phone line – for school closures  
(toll free:1-855-535-7669 [SNOW])

Occasionally school bus runs are delayed for one/two hour(s). **On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students.**