

## St. Stephen Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Teachers at SSMS will be rolling out science and heritage fairs to students the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>. Your child has chosen to do a science fair project. For the science fair, students will have a choice of doing an experiment, an innovation or a study. This is an individual project but students will be collaborating by helping each other at school. This project will comprise 10% of the science mark for this term. It can NOT be a reproduction of an experiment or a demonstration taken from a textbook or the internet.

- It represents the effort of a student's investigation into an area of interest.
- It provides a way for students to demonstrate the results of "their own" investigations to "their own" questions.
- Has three components:
  - 1- A display Unit (Students will require project board that can be purchased at stationary plus, the local dollar store or Walmart.)
  - 2- Exhibit Materials
  - 3- A Written Report

All projects are due on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be grade level presentations of all projects during the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The marking rubric is located on the back of this letter. The top projects from each grade level will be chosen to participate in the school science fair, which will be held on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The top 3 projects from the school will go on to the regional science fair in April at UNBSJ. Parents will be responsible for transporting successful candidates to St John for the regional competition.

Students are encouraged to come up with a topic of interest. Teachers will be giving guidance and class time to the students for writing and planning the various part of the project. Some planning/experimenting/inventing/investigating and writing will be required at home.

Please contact your child's science teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you: SSMS Teachers and Administration