

# Stelly's Secondary School

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## “Bee” Informed - An Update for Stelly's Families

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It is hard to imagine that Thanksgiving is upon us. Although September was a blur, thanks to the wonderful staff here at Stelly's and the fantastic “we can do this” attitude of our students (wonderfully led by our grade 12's), our historic school opening went very calmly and very smoothly. Thank you to all staff, students, parents and guardians for your patience, kindness, positive and constructive feedback, and for pitching in to help this school year get off to an excellent start.

Following are a few topics of interest to be aware of:

### Grad Parent Information Session: Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm

As posted on our website, the [link](#) for the TEAMS meeting is now active. Just click on it at 6:30pm and you will be invited into the meeting. To access the Agenda for this meeting please use this [link](#)

### Early Dismissal Day: Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:05pm

The purpose of this one hour early dismissal is for teachers to prepare for their Parent/Teacher interviews from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

### Parent Teacher Interviews: Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm

This year Parent/Teacher interview night will look very different. We will be offering a choice of familiar technology (phone calls) and virtual technology (TEAMS video conferencing). Email can be used but this may reduce the amount of information that can be discussed as compared to the phone or the video conferencing. Thank you to all of those parents that have already signed up via our school web page. There is still time to book an appointment with your child's teacher. If the teacher's time slots are full, please send that teacher an email and they will find an alternate time to connect with you.



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## Day 1 / Day 2 Schedules

At the outset, I would like to say that we are working very hard to have all of our students here in a healthy and safe environment as much as possible. Because of a variety of changes and adjustments over the last 4 weeks, including a number of students opting for remote and/or distance learning (which has lowered many of our class sizes), and having now learned a great deal more about classroom instruction in a Pandemic/COVID environment, the number of classes that operate on a Day1/Day2 schedule will be fewer as of October 13<sup>th</sup>, the mid-point of the Quarter. There will be some that do remain on the Day1/Day2 schedule. This is due to the health and safety requirements and the nature of the course, the equipment handling in that course, the multi-grade and multi-course configuration of the class and the number of cohorts scheduled for that class. Please contact Mr. Redlin if you have any questions regarding any class moving to, or remaining on a Day1/Day 2 schedule.

## Bussing

Extra bussing will continue at lunch time to take students home that are not expected in the afternoon due to the Day1/Day2 configuration. If parents/guardians are picking students up at lunch, please arrive to pick up your child at 11:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 11:15 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you.

## School Sports

Currently all secondary schools in B.C. are in 'Stage 2' of the Return to School Sports plan. Within this Stage 2, schools can engage in some activities within a small group of student-athletes and/or within cohorts with strict adherence to safety protocols and physical distancing. At the moment, only some volleyball activities have begun. Once, and if, we move to 'Stage 3,' some inter-school activities and games, with modification and restrictions, will begin. If you have any questions about athletics in general, our Athletic Co-Directors Mr. Hart and Mr. Braun are a great resource.

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**Photo Re-Take Day: Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00am - 11:30am**

This day is for students who may have missed the September Photo Day (including our Remote students) and for those students who would like a re-take done. Please remember that we require all students, including Grade 12s, to have their photo taken even if they are not getting a photo package. Thank you.



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## Grad Photos at Stelly's

Grad photos will be taken at Stelly's from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Please use the [link on the school web page](#) in the announcements section to book your appointment.

## Daily Health Check Form

Parents are reminded to reference/use the latest [Daily Health Check Form](#) as posted in the Quick Links section of the main page of our school website, especially when your child is showcasing symptoms of illness. Please ensure that you communicate with your student's teacher(s) to let them know if your child needs to stay home due to illness.

## Health and Safety

Students are reminded to always have a mask on for hallway travel and anytime physical distancing is not possible. A few times, when outside, we have noticed some students gathering in larger groups (not all in the same cohort) without adhering to physical distancing and masks not being worn. This is an area where we can do better and I would ask parents to continue to have those conversations with your child(ren) as physical distancing between friends needs to be respected. It is really important as we all keep our distance and wear masks where necessary. Thank you.

**The current COVID-19 Pandemic continues to present a variety of challenges, so thank you once again for all your support for your children, their education, and our school. We very much value all members of our school community, and together we will get through this!**

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