

# Stelly's Secondary School

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

Friday, November 6th, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Christmas, Winter Vacation and 2021 . . . ? Yes, it's hard to believe that those topics were a part of our most recent staff meeting as we look towards the end of the first Quarter and the move into the second Quarter. This seems to be a very quick, yet wonderfully calm and focused school year. Stelly's students are continuing to amaze staff with their resiliency and positivity towards the challenges of going to school in the midst of a global pandemic.

Thank you, students and parents, for maintaining vigilance, for working hard to maintain safe distancing as much as possible, and for wearing your masks in the school common areas such as hallways and the Learning Commons. The catchphrase of “stand up – mask up” is being heard now as a norm for working in mixed cohort classes. It is an easy way to remember how important it is that we all work together to help ensure that we are doing everything we can to reduce the possibility of the transmission of COVID-19.

Following are some important dates as well as some events and topics of interest:

### Parents as Education and Career Coaches - November 9th

An interactive workshop for parents designed to support you in guiding your student after high school as well as help you understand the BC post-secondary environment.

What you can expect:

- An overview of all the resources that are available on EducationPlannerBC.ca
- Supports available from post-secondary institutions
- Tips for scholarships and financial aid
- Time for questions! Your questions will be answered in real-time during this virtual session.

This event will run November 9, 2020 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Here is the [LINK](#) to register for this event.

### Quarter 2 Student Schedules and Course Changes - November 10th & 18th

Students' class schedules will be distributed to students on Tuesday, November 10th during their block 1 class. This allows students just over a week to make any course changes for Quarter 2. Wednesday, November 18th is the final day for course changes. Students must book an appointment with a counsellor and complete a course change request form.



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## **Quarter 2 - Confirmation of any Day 1/Day 2 schedules - November 10th**

**Monday, November 16th is the first day of Quarter 2 and it is a Day 1.**

Students are expected to be at school every day unless they have a class that is running on a Day 1/Day 2 schedule. If that is the case, by Tuesday, November 10th, their teacher will have contacted you to let you know whether your child is in the Day 1 group or in the Day 2 group. This will allow students to start on the correct day for the start of Quarter 2.

If you do not receive any communication from your child's teacher, then they are not in a class that is on a Day 1/Day 2 schedule and, therefore, they will be expected to be at school every day.

If you have any questions regarding the Day 1/Day 2 schedule for a class, please contact that teacher directly via email. The general Day 1/Day 2 schedule for courses where students have "in-person" instruction every other day is always posted on the main page of the [Stelly's Website](#).

## **PAC Meeting - November 10th**

The next PAC virtual meeting takes place via Zoom on November 10th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Dana Jensen at danajensen54321@gmail.com for more information. Or visit the [PAC website](#).

## **Remembrance Day - November 11th**

A reminder that Wednesday, November 11th is Remembrance Day – School is not in session on this day.

## **End of Quarter 1 - November 12th & 13th**

Thursday, November 12th is the final day of in-class instruction for Quarter 1.

Friday, November 13th is a culminating activity day where students are not expected to be at school. However, teachers may ask students to come to school to finish work. This is a day to complete projects, do presentations, re-take tests, etc. As we no longer have an exam week in our Quarterly calendar, this is also a day for teachers to finish report cards and prepare for Quarter 2. Bussing will be on its regular Friday schedule.

## **Grad Photos - until November 13th**

Grad Photos at Stelly's Grad photos are underway and will continue until November 13th. Please use the [link](#) on the school web page in the Grad forum to book your appointment, if not yet done.



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## School Buses - as of November 16th

Bussing will continue to operate in Quarter 2 as it has for Quarter 1. Bussing in the morning and after school will be the same as it has always been. The extra bussing taking students home at lunchtime, if they are not expected at school due to their Day 1 or Day 2 grouping, will continue.

If your child requires bus transportation to school in the morning, but they have a morning class with a Day 1 or Day 2 schedule, they can still come to school on their "off" day. We will find a quiet place for them to do homework.

For students in a Day 1 or Day 2 schedule afternoon class who also have an after-school class: on their "off" day, if they do not have available transportation between their morning class and their after-school class, they can stay at the school until their after-school class starts. We will find a quiet place for them to work.

## Cohorts for Quarter 2 starting November 16th

With the new quarter beginning November 16, students will be experiencing a slight adjustment/re-organization of the grade level cohorts for their classes. This shuffling of cohorts at the start of each new quarter meets the guidelines as set in the "BC's Back to School Plan." Many students will remain in the same cohort, but some will shift into the other grade level cohort for Quarter 2. This allows us to maximize the number of students attending in-person classes every day in a safe and healthy way.

## Quarter 1 Report Cards - November 18th

Report cards for Quarter 1 classes will be distributed to students on Wednesday, November 18th during their block 1 class. If your child is away that day, please have them come by the main office to pick up their report card.

## Indigenous Youth Leadership: Moose Hide Campaign 2020 - Video

Please check out the front page of [Stelly's Website](#) for the wonderful video production from our Indigenous Leadership Students. Congratulations and thank you to teacher Tracey Murphy who, even though she is currently on leave working on her Doctorate, was a force behind helping her students complete this wonderful project.



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## Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

Many grade 10, 11 and 12 students completed the required Ministry of Education Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments during the week of November 2 to 6. Mr. Braun and his team did an amazing job developing a schedule for the students that minimized the impact on their time in their classes. The next opportunity for students to complete these assessments required for graduation will be during the week of January 25 to 29, 2021.

## School Sports

Currently, all secondary schools in B.C. remain 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 and basketball activities have begun. It is possible we may see cross-country operate in a time-trial format. 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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## Daily Health Check Form

Parents are reminded to reference/use the latest [Daily Health Check Form](#) as posted on 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 any time 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 with masks not being worn. This is an area where we can be better. We 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 we all keep our distance and wear masks where necessary. Thank you.



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## Thank you to Stelly's Staff

We would be remiss to not mention the amazing work that Stelly's staff are doing as we all learn and adapt to our current reality . . . and then as we all pivot, adjust, and adapt to a new set of conditions and find creative solutions to new questions that have never been asked before. The entire team here at Stelly's are working very hard to continue to have their classes be alive, focused, and stimulating for your children. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the entire staff and our school community for rising to the standards we have set up for everyone's health and safety. Thank you – we are in this together and we will get through this!

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