

Stelly's Secondary School

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

Friday, January 8th, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an opportunity to have an enjoyable, safe and relaxing holiday season. Although it certainly was a different holiday without the same level of connection with friends and family, we hope you found a way to connect and a way to re-energize for the new year!

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our students for how well things went in the final week before the holidays. I would particularly like to thank the members of our concert band for their very inspirational morning concert before school on Friday, December 18th. Not only was it a joy to listen to, it was done so well with all safety measures in place – and the glowing drum sticks were awesome! Thank you also must go to our Music Director, Mr. Norbert Ziegler, for his continued exemplary work making all of our music programs so exceptional for all of our students.

As well, we would like to thank Mr. Brad Hart, Mr. Timo Tissari, Mr. Chris McDonald, and a number of staff and students for all of their time and efforts putting together a very fun virtual show for everyone to enjoy. Furthermore, I would like to thank the entire staff for coming in, some as early as 6:30 am, to prepare, plate, and package a beautiful breakfast for every student that wanted one. This is a wonderful tradition here at Stelly's for staff and students, and along with the visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, it really does set a warm and festive tone for everyone as we move into the holiday season.

As we return in January to continue Quarter 2 classes, the following are topics of interest:

Fall and Winter Band Concerts - Videos

If you did not have a chance to, please check out the [Stelly's Website](#) for the wonderful video production of our Fall and Winter Band Concerts. Thank you to teachers Mr. Brad Hart and Mr. Norbert Ziegler for so much of their own personal time putting these productions together for everyone to enjoy.



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Very soon we will be launching an online donation option, much like what has always been at the entrance to the MPR for in-person concerts, for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone else who might want to make a donation to the Fine Arts programs. As well, please look for the launch of the Quarter 1 Dance video production coming soon, for which donations can also be made.

PAC Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Please contact Dana Jensen at danajensen54321@gmail.com for more information.

Social Media Awareness Symposium

The Saanich School District is pleased to co-host a Parent Information Evening brought to us through Safer Schools: ***Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints, and Cyberbullying--For Parents/Guardians of School-Aged Students***. This virtual session will provide a snapshot of current trends and equip parents and guardians in their digital parenting strategy.

We look forward to you joining us at one of two sessions on **January 19 or 20th, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm** (90-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute Q&A). Registration is free, but participants must register using this [link](#).

Daily Health Check Form

Parents are reminded to reference/use the latest [Daily Health Check Form](#) as posted on the main page of the [Stelly's website](#) (stellys.sd63.bc.ca), especially when your child is showcasing symptoms of illness. Please ensure that you communicate with your student's teacher(s) and leave a message on our absence phone line (250) 544-0300 or email stellys_attendance@saanichschools.ca to let us know if your child has an excused absence and needs to stay home due to illness.



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Attendance

This is just a friendly reminder to please email stellys_attendance@saanichschools.ca or call (250) 544-0300 when your child will be away from school so that we can more easily recognize appropriate excused absences. **Thank you.**

Numeracy and Literacy Provincial Assessments

There will be another set of Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments run from **January 25th to January 28th**. This is the second of 4 opportunities for grade 10-12 students to complete these graduation requirement provincial assessments. All students that will be slated to write their assessments in Quarter 2 (Q2) will have been notified by January 15th regarding where their assessment will take place and which day it will be on. Please keep an eye on the [school website](#) in the coming weeks for the Q2 Literacy and Numeracy schedule.

District Career Programs and Dual Credit Opportunities

Please join us on **January 28th at 7:00 pm** for a virtual information session (via Microsoft Teams) to learn more about opportunities available for grade 10-12 students that will allow them to jump start their post-secondary pathway while still in high school. [Click here](#) to register.

Quarter 2 Ending and Quarter 3 Beginning

The end of Quarter 2 (Q2) is upon us with the last day of classes being **Thursday, January 28th**.

Friday, January 29th is the Quarter turn-around day and students are not expected at school unless required at the direction of their teachers. As occurred between Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, this day is designed to allow students the opportunity to make-up missed work, re-do tests, quizzes or exams or complete culminating activities as necessary and in consultation with their teachers. This day is also a time for teachers to complete final assessments, evaluations and report cards as well as complete final preparations for the start of Quarter 3 on **Monday, February 1st**.



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Quarter 3 Classes

Operating at 100% (all students every day) vs students alternating on a Day 1/Day 2 schedule

As we have done each Quarter, over the next few weeks we will be meeting with every teacher about every course running in Quarter 3 (Q3). These meetings will examine a number of variables for each class:

- number of cohorts (learning groups)
- number of students
- space in the classroom
- multi grade configuration
- multi-course configuration

These variables determine whether the class can run in a safe and healthy way at 100% (all students every day) or whether it needs to run as students alternating on a Day 1/Day 2 schedule.

In the final week of Quarter 2, teachers will be communicating with parents of students in classes that are operating on a Day 1/Day 2 schedule to identify which day your child will be connected to.

Monday, February 1st - the first day of Q3 - is a "Day 1" day.

Bussing

There will be no changes to our bussing schedules meaning that regular bus pick-ups before and after school will continue, as will the mid-day (Lunchtime) bus pick-up at the school for those students that are on a Day1/Day2 schedule. **If you are picking up your child on a Day 1/Day 2 schedule, please remember to do so at the beginning of the lunch period.**

Parent Dry After Grad Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm

SKYPE - <https://join.skype.com/Nu1fWfJecLEf>

Please contact Michelle Wake at mwake69@gmail.com for more information.



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Health and Safety

Although we can see a glimmer of “light at the end of the tunnel” with respect to the COVID-19 virus and the onset of vaccinations coming to our communities, it is important to remember that we are not there yet in terms of relaxing any of our health and safety requirements, restrictions, and protocols. The good news is that we have very well-established structures and rules here at Stelly's and our students are doing an excellent job following what's being asked of them. We would ask and encourage continued conversations at home about why it is important to follow the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), and WorkSafeBC (WSBC) requirements and maintain these health and safety restrictions for a while still.

Thank you all for staying the course and working together, helping to make sure Stelly's staff and students stay safe and healthy. We are in this together and together we will get through this!

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