

Stelly's Secondary School

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

Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Spring is on the way! With just over a week until Spring Break begins, this is an excellent time to think about renewal and re-energizing - more hours of sunshine, warmer temperatures and opportunities to be outside in the fresh air. It has been a long and challenging winter and we're sure that everyone is looking forward to the break. Thank you all for your continued vigilance with COVID health and safety protocols and have a restful, healthy, safe and fun holiday break.

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Parent/Teacher Interviews - March 4th from 5:15 to 7:30 pm

Once again we will be conducting our parent - teacher interviews virtually, by phone or by email. The following information was contained in a letter that was sent to Parents/Guardians on February 19th.

- School early dismissal on March 4th at 2:05 pm
- Parent/Teacher interview night on March 4th from 5:15 to 7:30 pm.
- All Parent/Teacher interviews will be either by phone, by email, or by a Microsoft Teams (Teams) remote video connection.

As we did in October in Quarter 1 and in December for Quarter 2, we are asking parents/guardians to go online ([Stelly's website](#)) to book their 10-minute appointment time slot and to choose their preferred contact method:

1. Phone call (Please leave your number.)
2. TEAMS video call (Please leave your email.)
3. Email (Please leave your email. Note that this option will limit the amount of dialogue that can occur in 10 minutes.)

Please remember that you do not need to pay for any App for the TEAMS video call to work. Your computer/phone browser will support the TEAMS process.

Online booking closes at 10am, Thursday, March 4th.



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Stelly's Senior Musical Theatre presents "The Drowsy Chaperone" - now streaming

Please check out the [Stelly's Website](#) to see the excellent movie creation by students and staff of the Stelly's Musical Theatre department.

Course Selection for 2021-2022

As of yesterday, March 2nd, all students should have submitted their parent/guardian signed course selection forms for next year. We now start to load this information into our computer system to generate our school timetable for next year. At this time we are not certain as to whether we will have a Semester system model or a Copernican Quarter system model - so we are building both! This will allow us to respond quickly to directions given to us by the PHO, BCCDC and WSBC and honour the courses selected by our students. Please check with your child(ren) to confirm that they have submitted their form. Thank you.

Virtual Course Selection Information Night For Parents

Thank you to the parents for joining us on the Virtual Course Selection nights on February 17th and 23rd. We hope that you found the evenings informative and helpful as you supported your child(ren) with their course selection.

Quarter 3 - February 1st to April 22nd

As we approach the mid-point of Q3 we do not anticipate any changes to our classes. Courses that are operating on a Day1/Day2 schedule (12.5% of Q3 classes) for health and safety reasons will continue to do so. As well, classes that are operating with in-class instruction everyday (87.5% of Q3 classes) in a healthy and safe manner will continue to do so for the remainder of the Quarter. Please remember that for those students that are on a Day1/Day 2 schedule it is critical that when they are on their "at home" day they keep up with their self-directed independent study for assigned work from their teacher.



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Bussing

There will be no changes to our bussing schedules in Quarter 3 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.

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](http://stellys.sd63.bc.ca) (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.

One of the most important factors to keeping schools safe is a daily screening for any COVID-19 symptoms, which is why daily health checks continue to be required. To support daily screening, a new K-12 health-checker app has been developed for students and their families and can be found at: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca> The app will allow people to answer simple questions every day. It will inform them if they can attend school or if they need to self-isolate and contact 811 to be screened for COVID-19.

Health and Safety

The province continues to prioritize health and safety within our schools. Our students and staff have done a great job with the new protocols brought in last month. We continue to make adjustments to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

To view the Enhanced Safety Measures for K-12 schools please click on this [link](#).

Although we can see a glimmer of "light at the end of the tunnel" with respect to the COVID-19 virus and the expansion of vaccinations coming to our communities, it is important to resist COVID Complacency and remember that it is equally important to continue to follow the very well-established structures and rules here at Stelly's. Maintaining our vigilance with adhering to the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), and WorkSafeBC (WSBC) requirements helps us keep a safe and healthy environment for everyone.



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PAC Meeting

The next virtual PAC meeting – via Zoom – will be Tuesday, March 9th @ 7:00 pm. Please contact Dana Jensen at danajensen54321@gmail.com for more information.

Parent Committee Supporting a Dry After Grad

Interested parents of grade 12 students are invited to the next meeting which will be on Thursday, March 25th. Please contact Michele Wake at mwake69@gmail.com for more information.

Student Learning Survey

Students in Grade 10 and 12 will complete the annual Provincial Student Learning Survey before the end of next week. This is an opportunity to gather information from students/parents/staff on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. This information may then be used for school planning and improvement. If parents/guardians are interested in taking this anonymous survey, the following link will take you to the Ministry site then follow, Parent Section, Direct Access, District 63 Saanich, School Stelly's. No login or passcode is required.

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey

Spring Break, Easter and a little Green in between!

Just a reminder that the school will be closed from March 15th to 26th and that Quarter 3 classes will resume on Monday, March 29th. As well, when we return from Spring Break we have two 4 day weeks with Good Friday on April 2nd and Easter Monday on April 5th. And let's not forget the "Green in between" - Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!

Parent Involvement Night

Please see this [link](#) for information regarding the Thursday, March 11th Parent Involvement Night virtual meeting. This is a new opportunity for all parents to connect on a district level. This will be a virtual meeting with the topic "What is Mental Health?"



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Numeracy and Literacy Provincial Assessments

These assessments were completed during their scheduled session from January 25th to January 28th. This was the second of 4 opportunities for students to complete these graduation requirement provincial assessments. 99.5% of our grade 12 students have now completed the Numeracy Assessment and the vast majority of our grade 11's are done as well. Also, the majority of our grade 11's and many of our grade 10's have completed the required Literacy Assessment. Well done to all of our students for completing these graduation requirements!

The next Numeracy and Literacy Assessment sessions will be near the end of Quarter 3 running from April 12th to 16th.

Thank You

As was mentioned earlier, students have completed their course selections over the past week and now comes the challenge of building the school master timetable for next year. Throughout all of this process a number of people have been instrumental in gathering forms, reviewing student selection, supporting students and parents with information about courses and options and many other details. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our extraordinary Counsellors (Ms. Koenig, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Berger, Ms. Hoffman), Career Center staff (Ms. Hackman & Mrs. Jackson) and Student Records staff (Ms. Shelly & Ms. Batham) for all of the work that goes into making this work for all students. As well, a big shout out to the Bayside staff and administrators for their help in having all of the grade eights complete their course selection forms and have them ready for us over a week ago.

The course selection process is yet another example of how fortunate we are here at Stelly's and in our community to have such a wonderfully dedicated staff supporting your children...especially in these COVID challenging times. As always, we are in this together and together we will get through this!

Bee Kind. Bee Calm. Bee Safe.

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