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215 - Our Deepest Sympathy

With the revelation of the tragic circumstances of the discovery of the 215 children found in an unmarked grave site at the former Residential School in Kamloops, our community is grieving. On behalf of the students and staff at Stelly's Secondary School we would like to pass on our deepest respect and sympathy for the families of the First Nations communities that have been so greatly impacted by these events. Our school Critical Incidence Response Team (CIRT) met on Monday, May 31st in the morning and were available to all students and staff that needed support from that morning and throughout the week. Our staff and students, working closely with our Indigenous Education department at Stelly's and in our district, developed a moving tribute honouring the memory of the 215 missing children. The video of this tribute can be found on our [website](#) or can be viewed with this [link](#).

Monday, June 7th, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

With 3 weeks to go in Quarter 4, the very historical 2020-2021 school year is fast coming to a close. Even during these challenging times it has been our very great pleasure to be the Principal and Vice-Principals of this amazing school. At this time we would like to thank the entire school community - students, parents and staff, for the tremendous extra efforts needed to navigate this unprecedented year. It is this collective effort and partnership that has made this school year so successful in spite of the difficulties. At this special time of year for our grade 12 students, we would like to further acknowledge and thank the Grad Parent committee (in particular Ms. Michele Wake) and the Staff Grad committee (in particular Ms. Jessi Dildy, Ms. Isabel Lizama and Ms. Maria Hilton) for putting in so many extra hours to help make this year's graduation activities so special.

HÍSWKE, Merci, and Thank you!

Saanich International Student Program Host Families

The Saanich International Student Program (SISP) is very actively looking for new Host Families for the International students joining us this September. Make lifelong friendships, receive a generous allowance to offset expenses, and share the beauty of your home and community. Find more information [here](#) or simply [apply](#) now!



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PAC Meeting

The next virtual PAC meeting – via Zoom – will be Tuesday, June 8th @ 7:00 pm. Please contact Dana Jensen at danajensen54321@gmail.com for more information.

Parent Committee Supporting a Dry After Grad

Please contact Michele Wake at mwake69@gmail.com for more information about the next meeting.

Grade 12/Grad activities

- [What to expect guide for students and parents](#)

Access to Super Saturday (June 12th) and June 18th photos

Students will be able to access still photos from June 12th and 18th (Staff/Grad BBQ) towards the end of the month. A release date of the still photos will be advertised on the Grad Google classroom prior to the release of the still photos.

Graduation Verification

As of June 4th, the vast majority of students that were on the SNAG (Student Not Able to Graduate) list have now been moved to the SAG (Student Able to Graduate) list. However, if grade 12 students do not see their names on this posted SAG list, it means they are not in a position to graduate for one, or a combination, of the following reasons:

1. Textbooks and/or other Library books, missing or overdue
2. School materials like uniforms, graphing calculators, Chromebooks, etc. are not turned in
3. School fees not paid
4. Grad fees not paid
5. Graduation course requirements not met
6. Distance education courses needed for graduation not yet 70% complete

For items 1 - 4 listed above, students should return books, materials and pay fees as soon as possible and then see Ms. Batham at the main office with forms/receipts showing fees are paid and books/materials are returned.

For items 5 and 6 listed above, grade 12 students should be booking an appointment with Mr. Redlin if they haven't already done so, as soon as possible to review their plan to complete all required courses for graduation as soon as possible.



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Restart Plan - A Message from SD63 Superintendent Dave Eberwein:

The province recently announced a new 4-step BC Restart Plan with implementation dates of May 25, June 15, July 1 and Sept 7. Moving through these 4 steps is dependent on the province continuing along the trajectory of fewer COVID infections and hospitalizations. The Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office have also provided school districts with clarity and specific directions for the remainder of this school year. Specifically, schools are to remain in our current Stage 2 configuration for the remainder of this school year and into the summer months. This means that all year-end school activities are expected to follow the current safety guidelines on things such as gatherings and cohort size limits.

As you are likely aware, we are currently planning for a return to Stage 1 in September which means a return to regular classes. We are expecting an announcement from the provincial government in late June with more details on any specifics for school operations in September. We thank you for your ongoing cooperation and understanding as we continue to make our schools safe places for students and staff. If you have any questions please contact your school administration.

Use of Masks at School

Mask use continues to be expected at all times while indoors for all students, staff, and visitors to the school. As well, we are encouraging students to wear their masks when outdoors in small groups. There are, of course, certain exceptions to this new mandate (ie: when having a drink, eating snacks or lunch at the right time and place, or if needing to remove a mask briefly to identify someone). With this in mind, we are encouraging all students to maintain their social distance and head outside in the nicer, warmer weather to have the opportunity to take their masks off for a short time. Stelly's students and staff continue to do an amazing job at complying with all of the health and safety mandates. The Saanich School District Safety Plan, found [HERE](#), highlights the specific Ministry guidelines that are new for us.



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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 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.

Student AM/PM Support

Just a reminder that we continue to have before-school (7:15 - 8:15 am Monday - Friday) and afterschool (3:05 - 4:00 pm or 2:35 - 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday) academic support in room 156 and the Learning Commons for those students requiring a little bit of extra help with their courses.

Bussing

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.

Literacy and Numeracy Provincial Assessments

The fourth and final sitting of the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Provincial Assessments for this school year will take place from **June 14th to 17th**. Click [here](#) for our schedule of classes. Students should be accessing the ministry website [HERE](#) to review sample questions in preparation for their assessments.

Awards

We want to congratulate all our students on completing this year. Several of our students will receive certificates attached to their report cards. Awards recipients will be posted on our website. Scholarship winners will be contacted about photos and award pickups.



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Timetabling for 2021-2022

Timetabling the school for next year is progressing very well. Our development of both Semester and Quarter models will allow us to respond quickly to directions given to us by Provincial Health Officer (PHO), BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), and WorkSafeBC (WSBC) and will honour the courses selected by our students, with clearer direction given hopefully by the end of June. Please be assured that once we know more about the timetable model we will use for next year, we will communicate that to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

June Calendar

June 12th - Super Saturday Filming Grade 12s walking across the stage

June 22nd - Last day of Cafeteria Service

June 24th - Last day of Quarter 4 classes

June 25th - Culminating activities for Quarter 4 - No classes

June 26th - Grad 2022 Bottle Drive: 9 am - 12 pm

June 29th - Final Report Card Distribution at 8:30am

June 30th - Grad Car Parade

June 30th - Recognition Ceremony available for viewing

HÍSWKE, Merci, and Thank you!

We would like to pass on one final thank you...and that is to the Stelly's PAC. Under the expert guidance of PAC President Ms. Dana Jensen, the PAC executive including Vice President Ms. Sarah Bennet, COPACS Rep Ms. Bonnie Doyle, Treasurer Ms. Kelly Hoffman, Communications Ms. Natalie Salem and the Canadian Parents for French Rep Ms. Sandra Arthur, have put in many hours and zoom meetings for the betterment of all students, staff and the school. Thank you for your time and commitment to our entire school community. It has been especially difficult to navigate these uncertain times and your open, honest, concerned, and supportive dialogue with us is very much appreciated. We are in this together and together we will get through this.

Bee Kind. Bee Calm. Bee Safe.

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