

January 21st, 2022

Dear Stelly's Students, Parents & Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of semester 1! I would like to acknowledge all of our students and staff for their continued flexibility and patience as we adapt to changing health orders and school structures. We are all looking forward to semester 2 and hold out hope that the CoVid provincial numbers will allow for eased restrictions across sectors within our province.

Provincial Assessments - As you may be aware, late yesterday the Ministry of Education announced the **cancellation of the January provincial graduation assessments**. This includes Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12, and French Second Language Immersion 12 assessments. The Ministry has committed to ensuring that this cancellation will not affect students who are on track to graduate this school year and they will provide further information mid-February. Unfortunately, this announcement did not provide clarification around other questions that we have. We are working to acquire more information to provide clear messaging to students and families and we will communicate when we have something to share. *An extra note to our grade 12 French Immersion students and families - we are actively inquiring about the French Second Language Immersion 12 written portion of the assessment that supplements the completed Orales. Again, we will communicate when we have been provided with more information. Thank you for your patience.*

Due to the lack of advanced notice, and to minimize further uncertainties, we are going to keep to our same assessment schedule as previously planned minus the provincial graduation assessments. Please see [the schedule here](#). If your child is needing to complete outstanding semester 1 coursework, they should connect with their teacher to arrange a time to do so. If a student does not have outstanding coursework, has not been requested to make up work by their teacher, and/or does not have a scheduled course assessment, they are not expected to be at school Wednesday through Friday next week.

Schedule for next week:

Monday: All in attendance

8:30 - 11:30 - Block 1 (with usual mid-morning break)

12:15 - 3:05 - Block 3

Tuesday: All in attendance

8:30 - 11:30 - Block 2 (with usual mid-morning break)

12:15 - 3:05 - Block 4

Wednesday - Friday:

[Assessment schedule click here.](#)

Please take some time this weekend to review this schedule with your youth.

Semester 2 timetables were handed out today in block 2. Course change forms can be dropped off in the Career Centre. If there are concerns that need to be discussed, students should book an appointment with a counsellor. A list of our counselling staff can be [found here](#).

Explorations Night/Open House - Since we are unsure if we will be able to invite the public into our building for this eventful evening, we have made the hard decision to provide alternate opportunities to access the information usually provided during this time. More information to come. In the meantime, please take note that February 16th will **NOT** be an early dismissal day but instead a regular Wednesday schedule.

Absences - please notify the school attendance line each day your youth will be absent from school. **PLEASE indicate if the reason for absence is illness** as the Ministry of Education requires that schools track this data. The **Attendance Line** is can be found under the **Quick Links** on the [Stelly's web page](#) as well as below:

- Email: Stellys_attendance@saanichschools.ca
- phone message @ 250-544-0300

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