February 18, 2022

Dear Stelly's Parents, Caregivers & Guardians,

We are very excited to be having in-person course selection assemblies this week as our first step in planning for the 2022/2023 school year. Please read Superintendent Eberwein's "Message from the Superintendent" (sent to families yesterday) to review how the slight easing of restrictions affects schools.

Course selection for 2022/2023: Your youth will be coming home with a course selection form this Wednesday. Please engage with them in their planning of next year's courses. Together, you may want to visit Stelly's Course Guide to help with this process. If you have questions, please contact one of our counsellors:

- Aaron Bailey: Surnames A-L (abailey@saanichschools.ca)
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Gr 9 Immunizations: Grade 9 immunizations are scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd. Thank you for the permission forms that have been signed and returned. Please be advised that Island Health follows procedure when consent is not given by parents/guardians; for more information please click on the link: Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization.

Rapid Antigen Tests for Students: The Ministry of Health is providing 5 rapid tests for each student. When they arrive at Stelly's, we will notify families so that they can expect them to come home. Please see Guidance for parents/guardians on how to use the tests.

Strategic Plan: This framework provides direction for our school district. The development of the draft has been a year-long process of analyzing provincial and local student achievement data as well as having extensive consultations with students, parents/guardians, staff, and the W̱SANEĆ First Nation. Through this process, four themes were identified:

- LITERACY - To improve student literacy across the curriculum for all students with a particular focus on early learning
- INDIGENOUS LEARNER SUCCESS - To engage in practices that support culturally responsive and barrier-free learning environments for Indigenous students
- MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS - To promote mental health and well-being through social-emotional learning and trauma-informed practice
- CITIZENSHIP - To provide opportunities and experiences that inspire learners to be knowledgeable, curious, and active global citizens

Please use this open response survey to share your thoughts and comments. We value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you. The survey closes on Feb 25, 2022

Lastly, our Senior Girls Basketball team is playing for gold in the Island Championships tonight at Stelly's at 6:15 pm. We are permitted to have spectators up to 50% capacity within our gym and we will be live streaming the event on our youtube channel. Thank you to Mr. Hart for setting up our live stream. Senior Boys compete at their Island Championships next weekend. **Go Stingers!**

We hope you all take some time this long weekend to enjoy family and friends.

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