

June 5th, 2022

*ÍY SÇÁCEL Stelly's Parents & Caregivers,*

Although the weather makes it seem like summer is far away, it is June! June is always busy in schools with many culminating course and school activities as well as grad. Therefore, this update is a longer than usual. Please take the time to read all the way through this update.

A special congratulations to our [Senior Boy's Rugby](#) as, on Friday, they brought home a Provincial banner for Stelly's!!! We are very proud.

**NEW Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement** - Stelly's, along with the other Saanich schools, are excited to share that the BC Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), has introduced a mandatory graduation requirement that focuses on Indigenous content starting with the **2024 graduation year (current grade 10s)**. This requirement provides the platform for all students in grades 10 - 12 in BC to develop a deeper understanding of the experiences, cultures and histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada through existing and new courses. Students currently in grade 10 (going in to grade 11 next school year) and lower, will need to complete, at minimum, one course that is Indigenous focused to meet graduation requirements. Please note that students are able to take multiple Indigenous focused courses if they choose. Stelly's currently offers a number of Indigenous-focused that meet the requirement and we do have some seats left to register in these courses for next school year. These are:

- [English 10 First Peoples](#) - Literacy Studies & Writing: 2 seats open
- [English 11 First Peoples](#) - Literacy Studies & Writing: 3 seats open
- [English 11 First Peoples](#) - Literacy Studies & New Media: 3 seats open
- [English 12 First Peoples](#): 14 seats open
- [Indigenous Contemporary Studies 12](#): 17 seats open
- [SENĆOŦEN 10 - 12](#): 5 seats open (this course occurs afterschool)

If your youth would like to change their course selection for 2022-23, please ask them to contact a counsellor or myself asap. We will start a waitlist once these seats are occupied. We are excited about the opportunities these courses will provide for all of our students.

**End of June Schedule:**

Mon., June 20th	Tues., June 21st	Wed., June 22nd	Thurs., June 23rd	Fri., June 24th
Copernican blocks (1 & 3)  Everyone in session	Copernican blocks (2 & 4)  Everyone in session	Course Completion & Assessments as per teacher's direction	Course Completion & Assessments as per teacher's direction	Course Completion & Assessments as per teacher's direction

**Numeracy/Literacy Assessments** - Our last sitting for the provincial assessments for this school year are slated for the June 13/14. During these two days, we will be running a Copernican schedule (2 long blocks per day) for the entire school to accommodate the 3 hours required to write the assessments.

**Monday, June 13th - blocks 1 (AM) and 3 (PM)**  
**Tuesday, June 14th - blocks 2 (AM) and 4 (PM)**

At this sitting, we will be having our grade 10's who are currently in Math or English write their numeracy and literacy 10 assessments (see schedule below). In order to prepare for the assessments, students should consult the Ministry Website linked [here](#).

Date	Block	Time	Class	Assessment
<b>June 13</b>	1	8:45-11:45	Mr. Wheeldon	Num 10
	1	8:45-11:45	Mr. Baerg	Lit 10
	3	12:00-3:00	Ms. Cunningham	Lit 10
	3	12:00-3:00	Mr. Siebert	Num 10
	3	12:00-3:00	Ms. Tamboline	Num 10
<b>June 14</b>	2	8:45-11:45	Ms. Bowes	Num 10
	2	8:45-11:45	Ms. Brown	Lit 10
	4	12:00-3:00	Ms. Cunningham	Lit 10

Any grade 11 students who still need to write their Numeracy/Literacy 10, please see Mr. Braun to book a time. Any grade 10 students who missed their scheduled assessments in January, those who took Math or English in the first semester, will be scheduled to write during your grade 11 year.

**Guide for Parents** - due to last week's anniversary of the tragic discovery at the former residential school in Kamloops, along with the events in Texas, I wanted to provide parents with some recommended guidelines to support their youth if needed. [Guideline for Parents](#). Our counsellors are available shall your youth need to connect at any time. Additionally, the Hope for Wellness Help Line is available for Indigenous peoples across Canada: toll-free 1-855-242-3310 or online at [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)

**Boys & Girls Club Summer Parenting Programs** - Boys and Girls Club is offering two free, virtual parenting programs including, Parenting Without Power Struggles (9-12yrs) & Parents Together (13-19yrs). More information on these programs and sign-up information can be found at this [LINK](#).

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:**

June 8th - Saanich School District's Indigenous Recognition Ceremony

June 13th & 14th - Literacy 10/12 & Numeracy 10 Provincial Assessments

June 15th - W̱SÁNEĆ Graduation

June 16th - Stelly's Grad Ceremony REHEARSAL (lunch hour at Stelly's)

June 16th - Performing Arts Evening (7-9 pm)

June 17th - Grad Parade of Honour & Cap Toss for Stelly's Students & Staff

June 21st - National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21st - Last day of scheduled classes (see note above)

June 22nd - 24th: Culminating Course Activities/Assessments (no regularly scheduled classes)

June 30th - Stelly's Graduation at UVic

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