

# Stelly's Secondary School

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

Friday, December 4th, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The Holiday Season is upon us as we close in on the mid-point of Quarter 2 (Q2). This is definitely on the minds of the student leadership class that has a fantastic Stelly's School Spirit Week planned for students and staff next week. Keep an eye on our [school website](#) next week as we're sure you will see some wonderful, fun, and festive pictures and stories.

Again, Stelly's students and staff are amazing and are showing a renewed vigilance maintaining physical distancing, wearing masks, and focusing on the positives at school - all whilst calmly, safely, and kindly getting on with focused days of learning and teaching across all subject areas. The school is a literal “Hive” of stinger classroom activity. With patience, fun, and the positive work ethic shown, we are looking forward to working together as a school community towards a festive final few weeks until Winter Break.

Following are a few topics of interest to be aware of:

### Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly

If you did not have a chance to, please check out [Stelly's website](#) for the wonderful video production of our Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly. Thank you to teachers Mr. Brad Hart, Mr. Norbert Ziegler, Ms. Aimee Lampard, Ms. Sonje Bosman, Vice-Principal Mr. Ryan Braun (and his wife, Melissa), and to the many amazing Stelly's students for their time, effort, and dedication in the completion of this wonderful tribute to all of our service men and women past and present.

### PAC Virtual Meeting - December 8th

The next PAC meeting takes place via Zoom on December 8th @ 7:00 pm. Please contact Dana Jensen at [danajensen54321@gmail.com](mailto:danajensen54321@gmail.com) for more information.

### Parent Dry After Grad Committee Virtual Meeting - December 9th

The next Parent Dry After Grad Committee meeting is Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30 pm via SKYPE - <https://join.skype.com/Nu1fWfJecLEf>. Please contact Michelle Wake ([mwake69@gmail.com](mailto:mwake69@gmail.com)) for more information.



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## Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews and Early Dismissal - December 10th

Stelly's Parent-Teacher Interview Night is next week on Thursday, December 10th from 5:15 pm to 7:30 pm. As such, December 10th will be an early dismissal day at 2:05pm to allow teachers to finalize their preparations for their conversations with you. Please see this [link](#) for the full Parent-Teacher Interview instructions.

On-line registration for parent teacher interview time slots will open, Friday, December 4th at 12:00 noon, and will close at 10:00 am on Thursday, December 10th. See [Stelly's website](#) for the link.

## 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](#), especially when your child is showcasing symptoms of illness. Please ensure that you communicate with your student's teacher(s) and [call or email our absence lines](#) (250-544-0300 or [stellys\\_attendance@saanichschools.ca](mailto:stellys_attendance@saanichschools.ca)) to let us know if your child has an excused absence and needs to stay home due to illness.

## Attendance

We are noticing an increasing discrepancy between the number of students reported on our absence phone line/absence email as compared to the number of students actually away from the school. We understand that during these COVID times there may be more absences as families are doing their daily health checks and possibly staying home with any signs of illness...and we really appreciate this! This is just a friendly reminder to please [call or email our absence lines](#) (250-544-0300 or [stellys\\_attendance@saanichschools.ca](mailto:stellys_attendance@saanichschools.ca)) so that we can more easily recognize appropriate excused absences. Thank you.

## Extra-Curricular School Sports

Currently all secondary schools in B.C. remain in 'Stage 2' of the [Return to School Sports plan](#). Within this Stage 2, schools can engage in individual skills and drills within a small group of student-athletes and/or within cohorts with strict adherence to safety protocols and physical distancing. At the moment, four basketball activities have begun. If you have any questions about athletics in general, our Athletic Co-Directors, Mr. Hart and Mr. Braun, are great resources: [bhart@saanichschool.ca](mailto:bhart@saanichschool.ca) and [rbraun@saanichschool.ca](mailto:rbraun@saanichschool.ca)



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## Health and Safety

As stated, students are showing a renewed vigilance in following our health and safety protocols at school. It is important to follow these requirements for everyone's safety. This includes maintaining physical distancing at all times where possible, including at breaks, at lunch, and before and after school. Everyone is expected to always wear a mask for hallway travel, in common areas of the school like the cafeteria line-up, in the learning commons, and anytime physical distancing is not possible. Thank you, parents, for continuing to have those conversations with your child(ren) as physical distancing between friends needs to be respected. It is really important we all keep our distance and wear masks where necessary.

## Winter Break

Please note that Friday, December 18th is the last day of classes before Winter Break begins. The school is closed December 21-25 and December 28-January 1. Classes resume Monday, January 4th. It will be a Day 1.

## Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we navigate this historic school year. We would also like to wish you a safe and relaxing Winter Break. Clearly, like so many other times in 2020, this holiday season will be different. Nevertheless, we hope that you are all able to find a way to connect in a safe way with family and friends. May the Joy of the Season bring renewed hope to you and all of your loved ones and that we all have a Happy New Year and a much improved 2021!

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