

# Stelly's Secondary School

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

Friday, April 9th, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Spring has arrived! We hope that you all had an enjoyable, safe and relaxing Spring Break and most recently, a wonderful long weekend. Certainly the nicer weather is encouraging for more time outdoors in the fresh air. It is important at this time to recognize a long term employee at Stelly's who retired over the Spring Break holiday. Bob Pegg, our amazing Day Custodian for more than a decade, has retired and he will be missed. Bob has left a legacy at Stelly's as not only being very well known to our students and staff, but he also developed an amazing rapport with everyone. Bob was an essential member of the Stelly's Site Safety Committee, always had a friendly smile, and deserved the reputation as “one of the hardest working people in the district”. Bob, as part of our Stelly's family, we wish you all the best in your retirement and thank you so much for your years of dedicated service to the Stelly's community.

HÍSWKE, Merci, and Thank you!

### Grad Virtual Assembly

This assembly occurred yesterday, April 8th at 8:45 am. If any grade 12 student was not able to be connected to the virtual presentation, all of the information is now posted on our [website](#), including deadlines for Musical Performance auditions, Valedictorian and Emcee applications, fee payments, fundraising, and much more!

### Stelly's “Spring Music Concert” and “The Drowsy Chaperone”

Please check out the [Stelly's Website](#) to see both the excellent Spring Music concert by students and staff of the Stelly's Music department and the “The Drowsy Chaperone,” a fabulous show and movie creation by students and staff of the Senior Musical Theatre department.



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## Use of Masks at School

As per our most recent Provincial Health and Safety Guideline updates, all school staff, visitors to the school, and students at Stelly's must now wear a non-medical mask at all times while indoors at school.

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). Our main message is that mask use is now expected at all times while indoors.

With this in mind we are also re-emphasizing and 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 while. Stelly's students and staff have done an amazing job at complying with all of the health and safety mandates and as was mentioned on the announcements last week, many students and staff are already in compliance with the new mandate and it will not be too much of an adjustment for everyone to adapt. The Saanich School District Safety Plan, found [HERE](#), highlights the specific Ministry guidelines that are new for us.

## Timetabling for 2021-2022

As mentioned last month, because we are not certain as to whether we will have a Semester system model or a Copernican Quarter system model next year, we are developing two models for September 2021. This 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 honour the courses selected by our students with clearer direction hopefully by 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.

## Literacy and Numeracy Provincial Assessments

Starting next Monday, April 12th, the third opportunity (of 4) this year to complete the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Provincial Assessments begins. Students will be following the schedule linked [HERE](#) and will be brought to the computer labs at their appropriate times to complete their assessment. Students should be accessing the ministry website [HERE](#) to review sample questions in preparation for their assessments.



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## 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 for those students requiring a little bit extra help with their courses.

## April 22nd - Quarter 3 (Q3) Turn Around Day

As with the last two Quarters, the end of Quarter Turn Around Day for Q3 is April 22nd. This is a day to provide opportunities for students to complete any course related assignments or assessments that they may have missed or can redo as teachers are completing report cards and preparing for Q4. Regular classes are not in session and students are not expected at school on this day unless they have made prior arrangements with their teachers or have been requested by teachers to come to school to complete/make up school work.

## April 23rd - Non-Instructional Day

This is a reminder that school will not be in session for students on Friday, April 23rd as Staff will be involved in Professional Development Day activities including School Goal setting and Growth Plan development for 2021-2022 and an Anti-racism Workshop/Virtual presentation from Dr. Lisa Gunderson.

## Quarter 3 Report Cards - April 29th

Please ask your child about their Quarter 3 report card. They will receive it during Block 1 on April 29th. For any report card-related questions or concerns, please email your child's teacher.

## Quarter 4 (Q4) - April 26th to June 25th

As we approach the end of Q3, we are in the midst of reviewing our cohort modelling for Q4. As has been done in all three Quarters this year, we will be identifying which classes will run at 100% (everyday) and which run on a Day1/Day2 schedule. As is always the case each class will be reviewed looking at a number of educational and health and safety factors to determine which schedule it will follow. Please remember that for those students that have a course on a Day1/Day 2 schedule it is critical that when they are on their "at home" day they keep up with their self-directed independent study for assigned work from their teacher. Teachers will be letting students and parents know if they have a Day 1/Day 2 schedule for Q4 during the week of April 19th to 23rd.



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## Bussing

There will be no anticipated changes to our bussing schedules in Quarter 4 meaning that regular bus pick-ups before and after school will continue, as will the mid-day (Lunchtime) bus pick up at the school for those students that are on a Day1/Day2 schedule. **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.**

## 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](mailto: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.

## Health and Safety

The province continues to prioritize health and safety within our schools. Our students and staff have done a great job with the new protocols brought in last month. We continue to make adjustments to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

To view the Enhanced Safety Measures for K-12 schools please click on this [link](#).

It is important to resist COVID Complacency and remember that it is equally important to continue to follow the very well-established structures and rules here at Stelly's. Maintaining our vigilance with adhering to the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), and WorkSafeBC (WSBC) requirements helps us keep a safe and healthy environment for everyone.



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## PAC Meeting

The next virtual PAC meeting – via Zoom – will be Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm. Please contact Dana Jensen at danajensen54321@gmail.com for more information.

## Parent Committee Supporting a Dry After Grad

Interested parents of grade 12 students are invited to the next meeting which will be on Thursday, April 15th starting 7:30pm.

<[Click Here to Join Meeting](#)>

Or call in (audio only) +1 778-401-6289,,821753006#<tel:+17784016289,,821753006#> Canada, Victoria Phone Conference ID: 821 753 006#

Following the April 15th meeting there will be a meeting on May 6th. Please contact Michele Wake at [mwake69@gmail.com](mailto:mwake69@gmail.com) for more information.

## Saanich International Student Program Host Families

Saanich International Student Program is 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!

## HÍSWKE, Merci, and Thank you!

Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's education. It is 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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