

First of all, it is great to have everyone back in the hive.

After any time away, there is always an adjustment period as individuals transition back into regular routines. As the recent school closure was not part of our planned programming for the year we have made some adjustments to upcoming events/activities to allow for a meaningful reporting process, sufficient time to review student progress and to schedule online appointments to meet with teachers.

Staff will be adjusting their content delivery to focus on key concepts for each curricular area. In order to increase the amount of instructional time available this semester, the semester end has been extended by one week, the November 22 Pro-D Day has been postponed until later in the school year and the exam week schedule will be altered by 2 days, thus replacing 8 of the 14 instructional days that were lost.

Given the tight time-lines, report cards will be slightly altered. Parents can expect to see letter grades for Grade 9s, percentage for grade 10-12 (there is the odd exception where teachers will provide a comment if a letter grade/percentage is not given), work habits for all students and comments for all students who run the risk of not being successful in a course. That being said, if staff have the time they may provide comments for other students, but they are not required to do so.

With tight time-lines, SIDES marks will likely not make the report card. Instead a comment will be added to report cards directing students to where they can access their standing in SIDES courses.

Please note changes below:

Event/Activity	New Dates
Waterloo Math Contest/TA Discuss Changes to Sem	Nov 20
Grad Photo Proofs pickup	Nov 21 at lunch in the Dining Room
Term 1 Ends	Nov 22
Term 2 Begins	Nov 25
DELF	Nov 26 and 28
McGill University	Nov 27 at 2:35 in the Career Centre
Photo Retakes	Nov 28 during Blocks 1 & 2
TA Report Card Distribution	Nov 29
Online Parent/Teacher Appointment Bookings Open	Nov 29 at 5:00 pm
Early Dismissal, Global Gala & Parent Teacher Interviews	Dec 4 Early Dismissal at 1:35pm (Extra after school academic support will be available) Parent Teacher Interviews 5:30 - 7:30 pm Global Gala 5-9pm
Saanich International Student Program Whistler Trip	Dec 4-6
Global Perspectives Parent Meeting	Dec 10 at 7:00pm
Winter Concert	Dec 11 at 7:00pm

Grad Winter Formal	Dec 12 6:30-9:00pm
Saanich International Student Program Christmas Dance	Dec 18 5:00-9:00pm
Interim Reports	Dec 18 Interims sent after this date will be emailed (no later than Jan 8th).
TA locker clean out	Dec 18
Student Christmas Breakfast & Stelly's Christmas Show	Dec 20
First day back to school from Winter Break	Jan 6
Post Secondary Institute of BC Night - Hosted at Parkland	Jan 14
Numeracy/Literacy Assessments	Jan 20-24
TA - Semester 2 Time Table distribution	Jan 22
Dance and Music Show	Jan 24 at 7:00pm
Term 2 classes End	Jan 28
Exam Days (no classes)	Jan 29-31
Parents as Career Coaches	Jan 30 at 7:00pm
Musical Theater Dress Rehearsals	Jan 31 4-7 pm Feb 1 & 2 All Day (weekend) Feb 3 4-7 pm
Semester 2 Starts	Feb 3
Shrek Productions	Feb 4-8

At this time, we may not have been able to answer all the questions that have been brought forward, I can assure you that they are being discussed and as information becomes available it will be communicated out either through personal email, newsletter or school website. Staff would also like to share with you other important information regarding school success upcoming activities and general information (see details below).

I know concerns have been expressed regarding the amount of missed learning time. Like you, I too have kids in the Saanich School District and while there has been some lost learning time. I have complete confidence in the ability of the Stelly's staff to ensure my kids and yours, receive the educational program they require to be successful.

Sally Hansen
Principal, Stelly's Secondary School

Parent Teacher Interviews & Global Gala Evening BOTH on December 4th

In order to accommodate as many of the originally planned school activities as possible, we will be hosting the Parent Teacher Interviews and the Global Gala on the same evening. In doing so the following teachers, who are heavily involved with the Global Gala may have limited availability that evening for interviews (Chris McDonald, Kim Koenig, Norbert Zeigler). If they are not able to meet with you this evening, they will personally follow up with each parent requesting a meeting.

There is a \$15 entry fee for the Global Gala, if you are not wishing to participate, please let them know as you enter the school. If, once you see all that is going on at the Global Gala, you decide you would like to participate in the planned activities, we would encourage you to purchase a ticket. Please see details for each event below:

Parent Teacher Interviews: December 4, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Student report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 29th and at 5 pm the online booking site will open. The link to book appointments will be available as of November 29th on Stelly's website: stellys.sdb3.bc.ca

Global Gala: Promotion and Request for Donations

The 21st annual Stelly's Global Gala will occur on **December 4, 5PM - 9PM**. Come enjoy an evening of music, food, education and a big silent auction. Tickets are \$15 at the door or can be purchased from the school office. All proceeds will be used by Grade 12 students to build a library at a rural highschool in Tanzania. Previous projects include schools in Peru, water treatment in Fiji, Women's Shelter in Nepal, and school refurbishments in India. If you have any items to donate to our silent auction, please contact Chris McDonald (cmcdonald@saanichschools.ca).

Work Experience/Trades Opportunities

Have you done any work experience? If yes, a reminder that all Work Experience students should have their enrolment forms signed by parents and supervisors in order for them to be collecting hours. If students haven't picked up or submitted these forms, please send them to the Career Center as soon as possible. We appreciate that the last 3 weeks have created some challenging situations for some students, so if you are behind on the paperwork, please see Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Lockhart or Ms. Jackson in the Career Centre by Friday, November 22.

Any students interested in dual credit courses at Camosun, please visit the Career Centre by December 20th as seats are limited.

We have a ton of volunteer, paid work, and experience opportunities for students! Check in weekly so you don't miss out!

Parents, do you have time to interview grade 12 students about their educational journey and future plans as part of their graduation transitions? Would you be willing to be interviewed as part of a job panel or reverse job interview? If so, please fill out your details [here](#).

Homework Help:

If your child would like some extra help with homework, we have extra supports available before school Monday - Friday from 7:15-8:20 in room 156 and after school Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 3:05-4:00 in the Learning Commons.

Post Secondary Institutes of BC Night - Hosted at Parkland - January 14 - time to be confirmed

Representatives from BC Universities, Colleges and Institutes will be in attendance to provide information regarding their available programs, courses and admissions. Grade 11 & 12 students and families are encouraged to attend.

Parent as Education and Career Coaches Evening

This event is being hosted at Stelly's on **January 30, 7:00 pm** and is for parents with students in Grades 9 through 12. This is an opportunity to learn how to help your child find their post-secondary and/or career pathway through an interactive and engaging workshop.

Use of Vaporizers

Recently there has been a great deal of information/research regarding the use of vaporizers and the impact their use can have on youth. Here is some information every parent should know.

Vaporizing: What Parents Should Know (Click on Link)

Fall Sports Review

Aquatics - Coaches- Fynn Heaney-Corns and Jon Siebert

Last weekend, Cailen Miller, Paiden Jenkinson, Cole Bains, Haldon Craig, Liam Ayres, Katie Nethercott, Emma Winter-Pelkey, Jillian Burell, and Izzy Miller represented Stellys at the BC High School Swim Championships in Richmond BC. The team won 4 provincial medals in the 100 free and 100 IM (Gold and Gold, Liam Ayres), the 50 free (Gold, Haldon Craig) and the 50 fly (Silver, Haldon Craig).

Cross Country - Coaches - Maria Hilton and Asha Sidhu

The cross country team had a great year. They had several top 10 performances throughout the year. They had 4 runners (Ellaina Coley, Adrianna Hilton, Jacob Webster and Jonah Brost) qualify for the BC Championships. All of these athletes made us proud at provincials. Special congratulations to Jonah for finishing 3rd overall in the province.

Rowing - Coaches - Gord Redlin, Sarah Matheson, Brent Borbridge, Michael Winkel, Emily Van Schaik

For a small (in numbers) crew, the Stelly's Rowing team demonstrated excellent skill, effort and heart throughout the entire season culminating in a 4th place overall in the City Championships this year. Liam Ayers thrilled the crowds as he pushed through the field in the final 200 meters to come second in the Men's Open Single final missing out on first by just over 1 second. The Stingers Novice Girls Eight and Quads dominated the league this year winning both first and third in the Women's Open Novice Quad and first in the Open Women's Novice Eight which capped off an undefeated season for the Women's Novice Eight Crew. Not only did the Stinger Crew have excellent results on the water, they definitely showed the most spirit off the water and were excellent ambassadors for our school! Well done Stingers!

Soccer

Junior Boys - Coaches - Jenny Large and Jamie Kirk

The junior boys had an outstanding year. They were very competitive in all games and placed 5th in the city. Unfortunately they missed out on the islands. We look forward to seeing this group grow throughout the years.

Senior Boys - Coaches - Ryan Braun and Brad Hart

The senior boys soccer team started off the year by placing second in their annual Campbell River tournament. The boys came together and developed great team chemistry on the trip. The boys chose to play in the very competitive tier 1 league and played some of the top teams in the province. They ended up qualifying for islands and played extremely well in all games but unfortunately lost all 3 games by one goal each time.

Volleyball

Junior Girls B - Coaches - Robyn Neufeld and Paul Bohemier

The junior girls b team had a very successful season. The girls played hard in all games and were competitive against some of the top teams in their division.

Junior Girls A - Coach - Barry McLean

The junior girls a team was very competitive all year long. They ended up finishing 5th overall in the city and narrowly missed a spot at Islands. This team featured only 2 grade 10's and the future looks very bright for Stelly's volleyball. The girls along with Barry hosted a fabulous tournament in our school. They also finished 2nd in their tournament in Nanaimo.

Junior Boys Volleyball- Coaches-Trevor Barchen and Kyle Baerg

The junior boys had a great season learning the game on the fly. The boys ended off just missing the playoffs, but won some dramatic sets throughout the year.

Senior Boys - Coaches - Connor Baerg and Reid Hitchman

The senior boys team scrambled to get a team together but ended up being very competitive in lots of matches. They had wins over several schools in their division and finished 5th for AA schools.

Senior Girls - Coaches - Katie Fast and Craig Person

The senior girls have had a very strong season. They have continued to improve with a line up that features only 1 grade 12 and 4 grade 10's. The team had some very strong results in all of their tournaments. The girls were city champions in the AAA league and finished 2nd on the island. The girls are off to Provincials November 27-30. Best of luck ladies.

Stelly's Swag <https://urstore.ca/the-hive-stellys>

Looking for Christmas ideas? Shop Stelly's school store, The Hive, for all types of merchandise. Along with mugs, tumblers, lanyards, and pens that can be purchased from the store during lunch and we will soon be receiving an order of black Stelly's hoodies. The school also has an online store which can be accessed from the school's website.

Shop The Hive @ Stelly's online apparel store for a wide selection of clothing, sportswear, gear, merchandise and accessories. Show your pride, spirit and support by wearing your Stelly's gear. Ordering online enables you to order just what you want and it comes straight to your door!

Grad Updates

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Grad Parent Meeting in October. Presentation slides and resources linked [here](#) or in the Google Classroom.

Google Classroom: This is our main avenue for communication with grads. Please make sure you and your student have accepted the invite to Google Classroom and check in often! See Mrs. Dildy if you have questions or need help accessing this information.

Fundraising Opportunity: Poinsettia orders have been submitted, please bring cheques/cash from online orders in to Ms. Tamboline or Ms. Youell ASAP. Plants will be at Stelly's to pick up the first week of December.

Next fundraising opportunity will be hanging baskets in the spring.

Grad Photo Proofs will be available for pick up on November 21st at lunch in the Dining Room.

Grad Winter Formal: Date Change! Coming up on December 12th, 6:30-9:00pm.

Tickets \$20 - On sale Dec 2-6. Join your grad class for an evening of good food, music and dancing.

Yearbook and Slideshow: Submissions accepted now until December 20th in the Google Classroom. Don't forget to submit your write-up, baby photo and photos from those awkward middle school years. See Mr. Hart if you need help uploading files.

Grad Questions? Please contact Mrs. Dildy, Mrs. Hilton or Mrs. Tamboline