

Stelly's Secondary School

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Dear Stelly's students, parents, guardians and families,

We have only now entered into week three, but for some educators it feels like months. As we move into a "remote" learning environment, teachers and educational assistance have been asked to expand their skill sets in a very short period of time. Clerical and custodial staff have been working hard to ensure student and staff safety, while providing opportunities for students to access the school, resources and technology. In my 33 year career in education, I have never been more honoured to work alongside such an amazing group of professionals. Their teamwork, dedication and commitment to creating a meaningful learning environment and content for every child has been heartwarming and a spectacle to witness. I cannot say enough about the monumental tasks they have undertaken.

Not only are they doing their job in a very different way from home, many staff are also doing this with youngsters at their feet, while trying to encourage their own teenagers to complete assigned work or with other family members who are taking up residence with them.

With all this in mind, I cannot thank each and every staff member enough for their efforts in working to create a model that works for kids. **THANK YOU!!**

If you are just getting connected or receiving Stelly's newsletters for the first time, I would encourage you to review content in the previous two newsletters, which are located on Stelly's website in the Stelly's Updates button: [LINK](#)

During the Second Week

Stelly's staff members and departments have been focusing on ensuring they were able to connect with all their students and to ensure that all students had access to appropriate technology.

It is imperative that students check their email as staff will reach out to parents/guardians if they cannot reach students.

Last week we added new buttons on our website: <https://stellys.sd63.bc.ca/>

- **Saanich COVID-19 Update:** Current SD63 Information
- **Stelly's Updates:** Newsletters, Information on School Access and Technology
- **Need Resources?:** Saanich Schools Resource Page
- **Stelly's Resources and Supports:** Learning at Home, Google Information, Mental Health & Wellness, ebooks and digital subscriptions and a host of school based educational resources



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Students should now have:

1. Provided school/teachers with current contact information
2. Picked up any required school supplies from their lockers
3. Notified Mr. Redlin if they need access to a computer
4. Set up a designated work space at home and established structured work times
5. Connected with all their teachers
6. Contacted their teacher/s or a counsellor if there is something impacting their ability to engage in their course work.

At this Moment in Time

Workload and Timing of Classes:

Teachers will now begin outlining to students what work will need to be done in each of their courses. We recognize that with this has come an increased volume of correspondence and with the need to be more flexible with delivery timelines, some conflicts between courses have occurred. We will be working on identifying solutions to these challenges in the days ahead.

Students who Still Require Access to the School or to a Computer:

As opportunities become available, information will be posted on the Stelly's website - see the **Stelly's Updates** button on the main page: [Link](#) Should your needs for a computer change during the time we are away, please email Vice Principal, Gord Redlin (gredlin@saanichschools.ca).

Internet:

If you don't have internet access, call Telus or click the links to get information that may be helpful.

<https://www.telus.com/en/about/company-overview/community-investment/how-we-give/cause-campaigns/internet-for-good>

<https://www.telus.com/en/about/news-and-events/media-releases/telus-waives-internet-fees-for-low-income-families>

Contact phone number: TELUS Home Services in BC: **1-888-811-2323**

Tech Support:

If students have tech support questions or need help accessing or using online learning tools, a Google Classroom has been set up for tech related inquiries. Students may join the classroom using the class code: blu3sc3



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Information For Grade 12s:

- Scholarships deadlines will remain the same.
- Term 3 marks will be provided for Grade 12 courses (report cards will not be issued). If you require a Term 3 mark for a grade 11 class as part of your post secondary application, please contact a counsellor. Grade 12 marks can be accessed on the Ministry of Education website by using your student PEN number (PEN numbers can be found on past report cards).
- Complete The Student Transcripts Services (STS) as this allows Post Secondary Institutions to request your marks from the Ministry of Education.
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/order-a-high-school-transcript-or-certificate>
- More details will be sent out in the Grad Google Classroom.

Work Experience:

If you are registered for WEx 12A or WEx 12B, please contact Ms. Cunningham (mcunningham@saanichschools.ca) or Mr. Lockhart (tlockhart@saanichschools.ca) to find out about the process to be followed.

Stelly's Newsletters:

In an effort to manage email traffic on the school end, comprehensive newsletters have been emailed to parents/guardians through MyEd. In the next few weeks, we will transition away from emailing newsletters, instead, just posting them on the school website. <https://stellys.sd63.bc.ca/>

Superintendent Video Q & A Link:

<https://www.sd63.bc.ca/news/superintendents-covid-19-qa>

On behalf of Stelly's admin. team, we encourage you to continue to stay safe, stay home, remain healthy, and, as Matthew would say, "Stay Golden and Maroon."

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