Stelly's Secondary School

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April 27, 2020

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

May is just around the corner, which means work on timetable construction for the next school year begins in earnest and checks and balances are put into place to ensure graduates are in good standing and thus eligible to graduate.

During the 4th Week

Teachers issued interim reports to students who are struggling and/or may not be successful without intervention. The intent of an interim report is to inform parents of a concern, to convey what can be done to remedy the situation, and to outline the support that is available.

In an effort to improve lines of communication and understanding regarding program delivery we have added to our website, a staff list with teacher's virtual office hours, emails and the primary technology platforms being used in their class/es

At this Moment in Time

Staff "Office Hours": LINK

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

- The district will be offering weekly pick-ups of computers, until further notice, at Royal Oak Middle from 9:00am – 2:00pm every Tuesday, starting April 21, 2020. No need to register, just show up. Should you have any other questions regarding access to a computer, please email Vice Principal, Gord Redlin (gredlin@saanichschools.ca).
- **Times for student pick up of teacher provided (hard copy) resources.** (Teachers will let their students know if this pertains to them or not).

This **will not** include textbooks or books from the Learning Commons (This is district wide.)

- Wednesday, April 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm



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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

AP Exams:

- AP Exams will be done directly between all registered students and the AP College Board.
 - Students will complete these exams online from home
 - Students should let there teachers know:
 - Have they been contacted by the AP College Board?
 - Are they comfortable with the exam prep/format/timeline?
 - Do they have the necessary tech at home to complete the exam?
- Post Secondary Recognition of AP in light of the change in exam format and delivery: Although we only have official statements from four Canadian universities (Toronto, Alberta, Carleton and Ryerson), all our correspondence to date has indicated that we will have near universal extensions of existing Canadian university AP policies. This is following similar recognition throughout the United States.
- An Exam day webinar (May 4) <u>link</u>
- On April 28th, **AP At-Home Testing Guide** will be released. This will go into details about administering and preparing for the exams

Information For Grade 12s

At this time, we do not know what the graduation ceremony will look like, but we are proceeding as though one will take place as there is a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work that needs to be done to be ready for this special day.

• Verification of legal name

Your legal name **MUST** be used on your B.C. Certificate of Graduation or "Dogwood Diploma." **Please log into the Ministry of Education's Student Transcript Service website to verify the name currently being used.**

If you require a legal name change, please email Ms. Shelly (<u>kshelly@saanichschools.ca</u>). You must provide a piece of government issued ID with your legal name on it. (e.g. Birth Certificate, Driver's license, Passport) by **April 30, 2020.**



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• Graduation Requirements/Appeal Process:

There are a number of requirements for graduation eligibility. Students should check the following link to ensure they have met all the conditions. If there are some graduation criteria that are missing, students are required to complete an appeal/action plan process. LINK

Given that we are in a pandemic, flexibility has been built into the appeal process. That being said, there are still requirements necessary for graduation and we would like to support graduates in developing a plan for success.

- Valedictorian, Emcee and Musical Performance Applications have been sent out via the Grad Google classroom. DUE APRIL 30
- **Student Transcripts Service:** You must register for a Basic BCeID account to access the Student Transcripts Service. Even if you are not planning to attend a post-secondary institution, this is a process worth activating now as we know approximately 75% of you will attend some form of post-secondary training within 5 years of graduation. LINK

Stelly's Newsletters:

Please make a point of checking the school website weekly as more detailed information and resources are stored here: <u>https://stellys.sd63.bc.ca/</u>

Superintendent Video Q & A: LINK

On behalf of Stelly's admin. team, we encourage you to continue to stay safe, stay home, remain healthy, and, as Dr. Bonnie Henry would say, "Be Kind."

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