

Stelly's Secondary School

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

Can you believe that we are starting our fifth week of this new reality?

Last Week

Students have been accessing online tech support via the [Stelly's Student Tech Support Google Classroom](#) (use code: blu3sc3) while others are connecting online with their peers or staff for support. The good news is that most students and staff now have the basics of "remote" learning under control. While we understand that this model is challenging for a number of learners, we have been working to expand support to address students' needs.

At this Moment in Time

There has been lots of speculation regarding the possibility of school reopening. In an effort to provide some clarification, here are some comments made by Education Minister Rob Fleming on April 28, 2020. He indicated that all schools "are operating under the guidelines established by the provincial health officer and the Center for Disease Control to ensure the safety of our students and education professionals."

The minister indicated they are "looking at when and how schools would be able to increase the number of students receiving in-class instruction and what a phased approach can look like".

The Education Minister is working with other ministries and educational partners to develop plans, for a number of possible scenarios including resuming some in-class instruction in a controlled and measured way for the future.

Before this occurs, they are monitoring and learning about what is happening in other jurisdictions that have begun the process of phasing in access. This information will help inform an evidence-based plan in BC, which minimizes the risk of COVID-19 transmission, for when the conditions are appropriate.

The decision regarding when and how schools will gradually open, will be driven by science and data. We will keep you apprised as more information becomes available. In the meantime, we will continue with the "remote" learning model that is now in place and continue planning for pathways for students to return to school this year and in the fall.



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Tutoring Support: If your child is struggling at this time we encourage you to reach out to counsellors, teachers and access our new tutoring support now available via this [LINK](#).

Staff "Office Hours": [LINK](#)

2020/2021 Bus Transportation:

Registration for bus transportation is now open until 5:00 p.m. June 30, 2020

Click on this link to register: [LINK](#)

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

Information regarding the process for students who still require access to the school, a computer or resources are available on the school website.

- The district will be offering weekly **pick-ups of computers**, until further notice, at **Royal Oak Middle from 9:00am – 2:00pm every Tuesday**. No need to register, just show up.
- Dates and times for student pick up of **teacher-provided (hard copy) resources from Stelly's**. (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, May 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, May 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

Should you have any other questions regarding either of the above topics, please email Vice Principal, Gord Redlin (gredlin@saanichschools.ca).

AP Exams: (LINK to past information)

- **An Exam day webinar** (May 4) - [link](#)
- On April 28th, **AP At-Home Testing Guide** was released. This goes into details about administering and preparing for the exams



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Information For Grade 12s ([LINK](#) to past information)

May 11: Presentation of Valedictorian speeches to Stelly's staff.

The applicants selected will be asked to present a speech (3-5 minutes) to a panel of teachers and administrators via video conferencing. These speeches will be recorded and shared via EdPuzzle to be voted on by the graduating class.

May 12, 8am - May 13, 8pm: Voting open for students in grade 12

Students enrolled in the Grad 2020 Google Classroom will receive an EdPuzzle assignment to view valedictorian applicant speeches and vote on the student they would like to represent the graduating class as the valedictorian.

May 15: Announcement of the successful candidates for Valedictorian and Emcee roles.

Results of the online voting for valedictorian and staff selection of emcees will be announced via the Grad 2020 Google Classroom.

Voting for the Stelly's staff member who will address the class and call out student names will open on this date.

May 15: Due date for Stelly's-sponsored scholarships: detailed information can be found in the Scholarship Google classroom or on the Scholarship page on the Stelly's website - any questions can be directed to Mrs Laws at wlaws@saanichschools.ca.

Stelly's Newsletters: [LINK](#) to past newsletters

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

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 to reach out with any thing you may need - information, clarification or more practical needs to support your child. We also encourage students to find ways to check in with their friends -by text, phone, email, facetime. This is a really isolating time for us all and you need to make a point of reaching out to your friends and your peers.

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