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Magee News
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1. School updates.

Many in our community were shocked and saddened to hear about the discovery of 215 unmarked children's graves on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School run initially by the Roman Catholic church and later taken over by the Canadian Government as part of the Residential School system. To bear witness our teachers arranged various in-class activities. For example, our grade 8/9 LSP class distributed sets of ribbons to all class pods. Some students took the ribbons home; some left the ribbons in their backpacks; many tied the ribbons to our south fence.

Reconciliation and Resurgence is an important theme in our school that fits within our focus on antiracism and respect for diversity. Already in 2016, in partnership with Musqueam knowledge-keeper Elder Shane Pointe a scale model traditional Musqueam canoe was carved. This



canoe, with background information, is now on permanent display in the foyer. Our **Grad Class of 2019** will be presenting a **Musqueam Spindle Whorl** carving that will be mounted on a cedar stand inside the foyer opposite our school's main entrance- we are looking forward to an official unveiling in October or November. With this recognition of Musqueam land that we have settled we will then be able to display two recently donated works by the Alert Bay carver Mr. Jimmy James of the Kwakiutl First Nation. The works, donated by the Mah-Young family, represent Sun and Moon, will also be on permanent display and will help us to understand land as relationship and land as learning rather than land as commodity/private property. In addition, next year we hope to

begin working with carvers **Crystal and Christopher Sparrow** of the Musqueam First Nation on a **Welcoming House post** to stand in front of the school.



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Mainstage Show:

Viewable until **June 20th**, tickets for this year's Mainstage show: Mainstage Revue – 20 Years on Stage (on Film) are on sale available at: <https://www.vtixonline.com/?search=Magee>. Show time is at **7:00PM** and ticket prices are student: \$10, adult \$15, and family: \$20.00. (You will receive an email one hour before show time with the show link. Please check your spam filter!)

Naturally, you might be moved by the show to make a donation to the Drama Scholarship Fund or program: All donations will receive a download of the behind the scenes filming of Mainstage Revue!!

Some background ... This year is the 20th anniversary of Magee Mainstage. Instead of our usual sensational musical, and due to Covid restrictions, we present some of the best numbers from each musical that has been presented by Mainstage in the past 20

years. We look forward to welcoming you back to our theatre soon, but until then, stroll with us down memory lane and enjoy Mainstage's 20th Anniversary Revue!

Peer counselling- Anti-racism resource:

Inspired by a VSB Youth Summit 18 months ago our Peer Counselling class were planning a similar event at Magee. However, when Covid intervened the class pivoted to an online summit ... which evolved into an amazing online resource. Here is the link- it is awesome: <http://mageesummit.ca/index.html>.

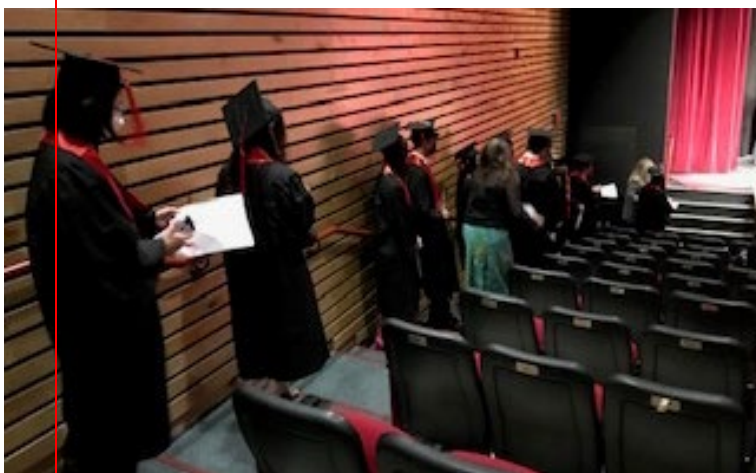
Covid Graduation:

Magee's **Covid Graduation Ceremony** occurred on **10th and 11th June**. The Graduating class was divided into pods of 15-17 students,

with pods arriving sequentially every hour from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

Graduates lined up at placeholder markers before being escorted into the school. To "Pomp and Circumstance" each pod lined up in the Auditorium before students crossed the stage to receive their diploma and have their profile read

into the school's record. Parents could not attend in person but proceedings were televised and broadcast onto an external screen. Grade 12 students **Felix Hutnyk** and **David Kiss** recorded the event and were contracted to produce the video link that will be provided to graduates. A big debt of gratitude goes to **Mrs. Lercher** and **Mrs. Miladinovic** who play a pivotal role organizing our graduation event; **Mr. Kanavos**, this year's grade



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12 counsellor is also thanked for his support of the graduating class, and we also need to thank **our teacher marshals** who turned out in force to help facilitate the event. Grad gowns were distributed on the 7th and 8th by Dry Grad parent volunteers, along with an amazing dry grad gift package that the parents had arranged: **Mrs. Miley-Kiss, Mrs. Ragosin-Miller, and Mrs. Hutnyk** were stellar organisers- Thank you!!

VSBC Stronger Together initiative:

In its ongoing commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Vancouver School District, the School Board has engaged an independent consultancy, Urban Matters, to listen to students, families, staff, and the community on their experience and understanding of racism and discrimination in schools. The insights and feedback collected through the engagement process will be shared with the Board and will support the development of our Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination Strategic Plan. You can learn more about the Stronger Together initiative [here](#).

Survey participation is welcomed until June 29, 2021. For the student survey please use this link: [Student survey](#);

And for families, please use this link: [Family survey](#)

In addition, a series of virtual sharing circles have been arranged to provide opportunity for students and families with lived experience of racism and discrimination to share and be heard in a safe space. The sharing circles are low-barrier, trauma informed discussion groups where participants can safely share their experiences and thoughts related to racism and discrimination.

- a. The sharing circles are offered to students in Grades 8 to 12 who would like to share their experiences and observations of racism and discrimination in the school system.
- b. One sharing circle is offered to families who identify as newcomers and/or refugees.
- c. Students who identify as person with disabilities are welcome to have a family member or support person join them in a sharing circle that closely reflects their experience.
- d. The sharing circles will take place online through Microsoft Teams and will last 1.5 hours. Participants will receive an honorarium for their participation. The following sharing circles are being offered:
 - **Students who identify as Indigenous**
Wednesday, June 16 at 4pm
 - **Students who identify as Newcomers/Refugees**
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 - **Families who identify as Newcomers/Refugees**
Wednesday, June 16 at 7pm
 - **Students who identify as Black/African Descent *new date***
Wednesday, June 23 at 4pm
 - **Students who identify as East Asian/South East Asian descent**
Tuesday, June 22 at 4pm
 - **Students who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+**
Tuesday, June 22 at 4pm
 - **Students who identify as People with Disability**
Thursday, June 17 at 6:30pm
 - **Students who identify as People of Colour *new date***
Thursday, June 24 at 4pm
- e. For anyone interested in participating in a sharing circle who identifies with more than one racial/ethnic identity or marginalized group, they are welcome to join a group that they believe most closely reflects their lived experience.

If students or families are interested, please email vsb_engagement@urbanmatters.ca to register. And if you have any questions, or suggestions please contact Urban Matters at vsb_engagement@urbanmatters.ca.

COVID updates!!

On pg.5 please find the updated **COVID-19 Daily Health Assessment** form. This form aligns with the advice from updates for schools from the BC Center for Disease Control and Ministry of Education. Please continue to review this form with your child(ren) before they come to school. It is still very important that any student who reports COVID-19 symptoms stay home. Like previous health assessments, this form asks if your child has:

- Any COVID-19 symptoms
- Travelled internationally in the last 14 days
- Been contacted and directed to stay home by public health.

As always, those experiencing symptoms of illness may also use the BC Self-Assessment Tool "Thrive Health" by visiting www.thrive.health/bc-self-assessment-tool.

Year end!!

Next week is the last week of formal classes. 😞

Our **last day of formal instruction is Friday 25th June** (the 24th and 25th are Day 2 period 4 contact). On the 25th teachers are expected to submit their grades to administration. **Monday June 28th and Tuesday June 29th are held as I-Incomplete days** for students who are missing work to come in and complete assignments if needed. Also on the 29th, **Report cards** will be published to MyEd. From 1:00pm on Tuesday June 29th I will be holding an Administration directed review of the Covid program and planning for regular reopening, as announced by in the Education Restart plan released on the 17 June. In addition, we will be discussing the district's anti-racism initiatives, the Stronger Together program, and the district's Education Plan for the next five years (2022- 2027). Wednesday **30 June** is provincially an **Administrative Day** where teachers do final mark adjustment (again, if needed), hand in grade books to admin, and generally begin planning for the new school year.

In summary:

Jun 25 – Marks Due; last day of formal instruction.

Jun 28 – "I" Day.

Jun 29 – "I" Day /Report Cards published.

STANDING LINKS:

VSU Webpage: Please click [here](#)

Magee School Webpage: Please click [here](#)

Magee on twitter: <https://twitter.com/MageeLion>

Magee PAC: Please click [here](#)

Magee Fundraising: Please click [here](#)

Magee Music society: Please click [here](#)

COVID-19 Daily Health Assessment

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers have the responsibility to conduct a Daily Health Assessment of your child(ren) each day before sending them to school.

Similarly, all VSB staff must complete a Daily Health Assessment and confirm completion each day at sign-in or with their supervisor. *Do not return this form to your school/supervisor.*

Keep a copy of this Daily Health Assessment in a handy area at home (such as in your kitchen) and incorporate this Daily Health Assessment into your morning routine, before leaving for school or work.

Daily Health Assessment

1. COVID-19 Symptoms	Do you have any of the following symptoms?	
Fever (over 38°C)	YES	NO
Chills	YES	NO
Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
Difficulty breathing	YES	NO
Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
Sore throat	YES	NO
Loss of appetite	YES	NO
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	YES	NO
Headache	YES	NO
Body aches	YES	NO
Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
Diarrhea	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	
	YES	NO
3. Close Contact	Have you had contact with a person who has COVID-19? You would have been advised of this by Public Health.	
	YES	NO
4. Isolate	Have you been told to isolate by Public Health?	
	YES	NO

WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you answered "No" to all of the above (1-4), the student or staff member is welcome to attend school or work.

1. If you answered "Yes" to any of the above symptoms, follow the instructions below:

SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough	Loss of sense of smell or taste Difficulty breathing
1 or more of these symptoms: Get tested and stay home.	
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches	Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea
If you have 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better. If you have 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. Get tested if not better after 24 hours.	

2. If you answered "Yes" to travelling internationally within the last 14 days,
Self-quarantine for 14 days at home from the date that you arrived back in Canada.

3. If you answered "Yes" to being a Public Health confirmed close contact of someone who has COVID-19,
Self-isolate at home for 14 days. If you also have any symptoms or develop any, get tested for COVID-19.
Note: People who are close contacts are notified by Public Health.

4. If you answered "Yes" to having been told to isolate, you must stay home until Public Health says it is safe to return

Access the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool (<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>) anytime to determine if you/your child should seek testing for COVID-19.