

MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Magee News September 18, 2020

1.School report.

Welcome parents to our first Magee News for the 2020 school year, and thank-you for your understanding as we pivoted to a quarterly system and the hybrid learning environment.

Your kids have been remarkable in adapting to this new format, and it is really awesome to have them back in the building and in our classrooms. Every student is wearing a mask. They are doing their absolute best to keep their social distance from each other; they are checking their VSB emails; getting onto Teams and into the online learning component of this new (ab)normal: Watching the grace and maturity of your kids every day keeps me inspired and optimistic!

With four days to prepare, (Sept 8 to 11) our teachers also shifted gears from the distance programs of last Spring to this year's hybrid model. They redesigned their learning programs for the intense weekly and bi-weekly contact sessions and are finding ways to use the online component to have meaningful learning that supports the face to face instruction. I want to acknowledge their incredible professionalism and dedication and thank them for their leadership.

Three important information items ...

- 1. Your child/ren should have brought home **several forms** on Monday and Tuesday needing your signature or information (contact details, etc.). If you have not seen these, please check in with your child- this information is helpful, useful, and important for us. Students should return forms to the drop boxes to the left of the administration entrance.
- 2. "Flextime" A and B.

Across the VSB secondary schools have introduced the morning and afternoon 'flextime' periods. Grade 8 and new parents probably do not know that we introduced a 'Flextime' model into Magee last year, a flextime that was not mandatory. To distinguish Magee's (non-Covid) Flextime from the new VSB Covid flextime we have decided to change our language at Magee to refer to the 10:30-11:30 and 12:15-1:15 periods as **Learning Resource Times A and B**.

Our expectation during the Learning Resource Times is:

- that our teachers meet students two or three times a week in the teams environment (not for the whole hour!); smaller classes/tutorials (that can be face to face) can occur;
- teachers will set the times of these online check-in periods;

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- students need to attend these classes (and ask for help with assignments and clarification of expectations);
- students should have work to do when they are not meeting online in Teams;
- teachers are not expected to reteach classes that were missed, but (as always) teachers are happy to support students who have an excused absence.
- 3. From your Magee Counsellors:

Course Changes - NOW CLOSED

The timeline on timetable changes this year was EXTREMELY tight with the recent introduction of the Quarter system. If a student's request was approved, the updated schedule was posted on the student's MyEd portal. Counsellors were only able to review course changes for a very limited time and for exceptional reasons. As in past years, counsellors were not able to accommodate all course change requests.

We appreciate your understanding. Please know that even if students did not get the course change they requested, and/or could not meet directly with their counsellor during week that the Magee counsellors are genuinely committed to supporting them during this unprecedented year and truly hope to see them in person soon.

Contacting Your Grade Counsellor

Due to COVID 19, we want to respect the health and safety protocols in place for our community; **unfortunately, at this time, there are no "drop ins".** If you need a wellness check-in &/or to set up an appointment, please email us or call us during school hours @ 604-713-8200.

Grade 8: (Divided by alpha)

Surnames A to GAO Mr. G. Kanavos <u>gkanavos@vsb.bc.ca</u>
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2. Parent volunteers: PAC and Magee Music.

I want to acknowledge the parent volunteers in our school: your Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and parents in our Magee Music Society give countless hours to our school and offer their expertise throughout the year. Thank-you for your time and support! If you have not already done so, please visit your Magee PAC webpage for PAC updates and information. Our **First PAC General Meeting** is on **Tuesday October 6th from 7:00 to 9:00pm** via Teams. Registration information will be circulated!

Similarly, our **Magee Music Society** have a full schedule and program and enrich the life of our school. Please refer to their webpage for information and updates. Sadly, due to Covid we cannot have the live performances of the past. But knowing the creativity of our Music teachers and parents I am sure that some live streamed events will occur!!

Attached on pg. four-six are fundraising and volunteer forms. The fundraising forms were distributed to 1.1 A and B learning cluster students today. In my family these forms would not make it home, hence I am attaching the form below. The volunteer form is separate and was not distributed in class- it focuses on PAC volunteer opportunities because, of course, we cannot have volunteers in our school at this time.

3. School Events.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Regular sporting, theatre and recital programs are unfortunately suspended due to Covid

Sept. 25 - Pro-D Day. Option A: Online and hybrid learning design. Option B: Restorative Justice

Sept. 29 – Photo Day.

Sept. 30 – Orange Shirt Day; 2019-2020 Yearbook Distribution

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2020 - 2021 Direct Donation Remittance Form

Dear Magee Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of your Magee PAC ... welcome to the new school year ... and a note regarding donating to the school!

Donations to Magee are always welcome and are only used to enhance the learning environment at Magee. *All donations are strictly voluntary, confidential, and never made public without your permission.* We thank you for your past and current support of Magee PAC!

PAC welcomes donations by any of the following methods:

A. Cash/Cheque

- 1. Make your cheque payable to 'Magee Secondary School' and in the memo line at the bottom of your cheque please clearly print "Magee PAC Direct Donations".
- 2. Please submit the Remittance Form, <u>found on the back of this page</u>, together with your direct donation into a sealed envelope marked "Confidential". Address it to Magee PAC.
- 3. For delivery options you can then either:
- a) Mail it to Magee Secondary School at 6360 Maple St., BC V6M 4M2
- b) Drop it off at the Magee School Office

B. Online Direct Donation by Credit Card or E-check

- 1. Go to https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com and Register and/or Sign In to your account
- 2. Click on "Make a Donation"
- 3. Under "Gift Information" enter your donation amount and choose "S-Magee PAC" from the "Fund Destination" drop down menu".

(PLEASE ENSURE YOU SELECT THE <u>S-Magee PAC</u> DESIGNATION TO GUARANTEE YOUR DONATION GOES TO THE INTENDED ACCOUNT.)

- 5. Click on "Add To Cart"
- 6. If you have no further items to add, click on "Continue" and you will be asked to provide your payment information
- 7. Click on "Continue" and on the next screen you provide your billing address
- 8. Click "Continue" one final time and then click on "Complete Your Order"

And you are done!

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Remittance Form for Cash or Cheque Donations

First Name: Last Name:_	
Circle Either: Parent/Guardian OR Magee Alumnus/a (if A	Alum please include grad year)
Phone: E-Mail:	
Number of Children Attending Magee: Grad	de(s) of Child(ren):
If desired, please assign your donation to one	or more of the following categories:
CATEGORY	AMOUNT ALLOCATED
2020-2021 Capital Campaign (e.g. computer labs)	\$
Sports (e.g. equipment, uniforms)	\$
Arts (Theatre, Music, Art Supplies, Graphic/Digital Arts)	\$
Scholarships	\$
Other Educational Resources (Library materials, guest speakers, etc)	\$
School Community and Environment (Clubs & Enhancements)	\$
Where it is determined to be most needed	\$
Total Financial Contribution: (please enter full amount of cheque or cash)	\$
TAX RECEIPT: IF YES, p (VSB tax receipt can be issued for any donation of \$25.00 or December 1st, 2020 for the 2020 tax year)	
THANK YOU for Generously Supporting Are you interested to learn more about our Magee PAC Company Funds are being assigned? YES, please sign me up to receive MAGEE PAC New Funds.	nmunity including where our PAC Direct Donation is by email
E-Mail:	
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MAGEE PAC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (2020-2021)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to a new school year! Students of all ages and the wider school community benefit greatly from engaged and involved parents/guardians...so thank you in advance for connecting with us and with the school!

If any of these volunteer opportunities interest you, please fill out this form and return it to the Magee Office or scan and email it to pac.magee@gmail.com. While in-school opportunities are limited this year due to COVID, much work needs to be done virtually. Thank you for being part of an incredible school community who gives willingly and shares so generously! Please check off any area of interest to you.

< Call Out To All Parents >

PAC hosted events and PAC Executive I am interested in a position on the PAC Executive (e.g. communications lead, assistant treasurer, fundraising lead, etc) I am interested in helping out the PAC (events planning, fundraising, communication, etc.)
I would like to help with special events Other areas of interest or experience (please specify):
< Call Out To Grade 11 Parents Only >
• GRADUATION 2021 My child is in Grade 11 and I would like to help with the Grade 12 Graduation celebrations in June.
< Call Out To Grade 12 Parents Only >
GRADUATION 2021 I have a child in Grade 12 and would like to help with the Graduation celebrations in June. I have a child in Grade 12 and would like to help with the Graduation celebrations in June.
FULL NAME (please print)
EMAIL:
PHONE:
Visit us: https://mageepac.ca Contact us: pac.magee@gmail.com

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