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Magee News

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Welcome back after an extended Winter break!!

Congratulations: Wesley Chiu, grade 11.

Bronze medal:

Canadian Men's Skating Nationals, Ottawa.

Wesley's achievement- his first competition in the Men's division- places him third in Canada and first reserve for our Beijing Olympic skating team!

Below, on the right, Wesley with his coaches after winning bronze.

Photo: Danielle Earl / Skate Canada/Richmond News. 11 Jan 2021.



Omicron return to school:

Thank-you ...

... for the Covid questions that have been emailed or phoned in to Magee! The most prevalent questions are:

1. How safe is the school? And
2. What do we do if a family member tests positive?

Both questions were addressed in a briefing that administrators received from **Vancouver Coastal Health** this week.

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On “how safe is our school?” ... schools are incredibly safe, and Magee is no different. Sure, there are exposures even transmissions, but nowhere near what is occurring in the community - the proportion of cases linked to in-school transmission is low, which is further reduced through vaccines. Furthermore, globally, COVID-19 is becoming endemic (widespread) so exposures to the virus will occur *irrespective* of school attendance. With this shift to an endemic phase, strategies to address Covid will need to shift - thus less testing and contact tracing, and more self-reporting and self- management when possible.

On “what to do if ... ?”

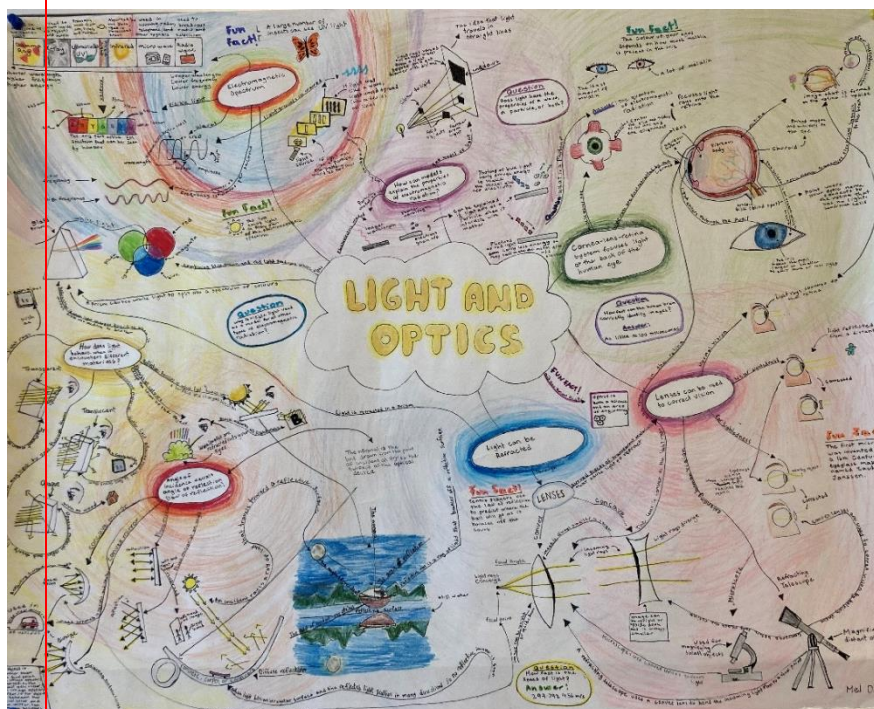
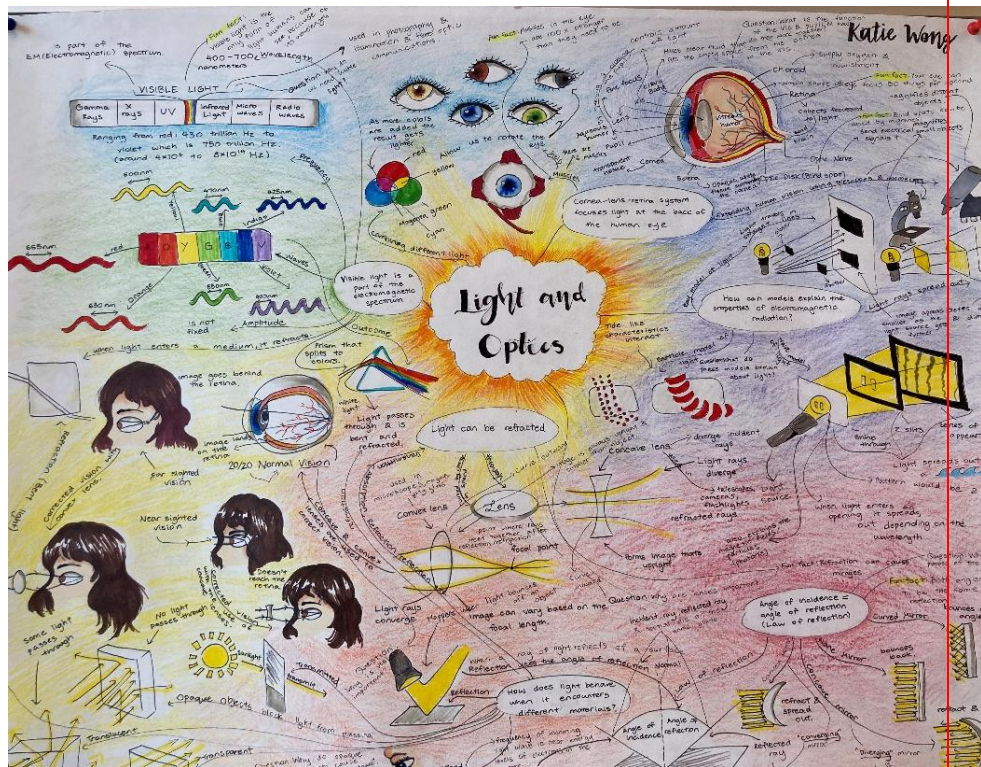
Vancouver Coastal Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) recommend, in light of the changing Covid environment and reviews of international experience and literature, that:

For People who test positive:

- self-isolate and manage symptoms for 5 days if vaccinated, 10 days if partially or not vaccinated;
- notify family members who live with you;
- complete the [online reporting form](#) - self-reporting helps Coastal and Provincial Health track spread and flag

individuals who may be benefit from additional treatment and/or services.

Student work on this page ... come's from **Ms. Ropchan's grade 8 Science class**. Correct, that's grade 8 science. Instead of a unit test Ms. Ropchan had her student develop unit posters that summarise their learning on light and optics. Here are two examples from a wall of learning. Above, **Katie Wong** and below, **Mel Dahora** show their learning!



If a family member in your household tests positive, who you are in daily contact with:

- Self-monitor

If your family member is a partially or not-vaccinated household contact:

- Self-isolate for 10 days

A logical follow-up question is ... “if there is no testing, how do I know if I have Covid?” BCCDC advise that we monitor ourselves (we carry on doing the daily self-check). If symptoms develop contact the **Covid hotline (811)** who will advise you. If available, have a rapid antigen test and self-isolate. For more details, please visit the BCCDC's [website](#) or phone 811!

Course selection: 2022-2023.

Course selection for the 2022-2023 school year will be starting at the end of January and

continuing through to February. Counsellors will be meeting student groups and explaining graduation paths and course selection options. If you need, Magee's course selection guide is available [here](#), along with information on graduation requirements. Our course selection guide offers short course descriptions as well as course ladders (how courses develop and electives multiply from grade to grade).

Semester two course changes?

Every year, after students select courses in February, we spend March-May building a school timetable that ensures the great majority of students get their most desired courses. Teacher timetables are then developed and admin can offer teachers contracts for the new school year. So, contracts for semester 2 were established last June- course changes are therefore not possible because of impacts on the entire school schedule. However, extenuating circumstances do sometimes occur. In these situations, we use the following list to determine priorities for course changes:

1. student missing a course (incomplete timetable)?
2. grade 12 student needing a course to graduate?
3. grade 11 student needing a course to graduate?
4. grade 10 student changes **IF** space available?

PAC Update.

Please visit the revamped Magee PAC website (<https://mageepac.ca/>) where you can find updates about the Magee PAC including:

1. Magee PAC Fundraisers

- Direct donations to the Magee PAC
- FlipGive – click [here](#) to join the Magee PAC team

In addition, a new fundraiser has just been started through Return-It Depot. When you return your bottles, simply provide the school phone number (604-713-8200) and the money for your bottle deposits go to the Magee PAC. All funds raised by the Magee PAC are provided to Magee in consultation with parents, the Magee PAC and school staff to enhance Magee student experiences.

WhatsApp Group - are you interested in connecting in a WhatsApp group with other Magee parents/caregivers? If so, you are invited to join the group that one of the parents has started either through the link or QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DeEO8VGqtM54scFxEE1p8R>

If you have any questions or would like to connect with your Magee PAC, please email us at: pac.magee@gmail.com.

Magee's Personal Growth Week!

New workshops have been uploaded to our Growth Week site and the glitches with registering have been ironed out! There will be **no regular classes** during the 4 days of the Personal Growth Week (**Wed Jan 26th, Thu Jan 27th, Fri Jan 28th, Tue Feb 1st**). Students guide their own learning by choosing the session they wish to attend. Students **register** for a minimum of 12 sessions (attendance is taken). *SPARTS students should take 6 sessions*. When not in a session students are expected to study, read, or work independently. All students are expected to remain at Magee Secondary during school hours, unless excused by a parent. A brochure describing the sessions has been sent home. A digital version, and instructions on how to register was sent by School Messenger on Thursday 16 December- if you have not received this please check your spam folders!

With Onicron's delay to school opening some teachers need the time to complete course content: this should be prioritised!

We are staggering the posting of workshops for sign-up. New sessions have been added! Students should please register [here](#):



Community free workshops:

SFU is offering the following free courses:

Coding for Social Change - Spring 2022

Date: Feb 5-Apr 9, 2022 (every Saturday except Feb 19 long weekend)

Time: 10:00-11:30 am. Delivery: Online via Zoom. Grade: 7-9. Cost: Free

Program website: <https://sites.google.com/view/sfucsc/home>

Sign-up link: <http://coursys.sfu.ca/forms/apsc-coding-for-social-change-program-applicatio-2/>

Invent the Future 2022 - Info Session

[Invent the Future](#) is Canada's first and only three-week summer enrichment program focused on bringing Artificial Intelligence (AI) expertise, community, and mentorship to young women in Grade 9 and 12. Join the info session to see if this program is for you!

Date: Jan 26, 2022 (Wed)

Time: 5-6:30 pm. Delivery: Online via Zoom

Student: Young women in Grade 9-12

Sign-up link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sfu-ai4all-invent-the-future-info-session-registration-218144976497>

Invent the Future 2022 - Application Help Session

Join the help session to get tips and feedback on how to submit a strong and comprehensive application to the Invent the Future 2022 program.

Date: Jan 27, 2022 (Thurs). Time: 5-6:30 pm. Delivery: Online via Zoom

Student: Young women in Grade 9-12

Sign-up link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sfu-ai4all-invent-the-future-application-help-session-registration-218084836617>

Python for Data Science - Spring 2022

Date: Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, & 19, 2022 (every Saturday)

Time: 1:00-2:30 pm. Delivery: Online via Zoom. Grade: 9-12. Cost: Free

Sign-up link: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/416822222>

STEM Speaker Series - Computer Science

Date: Jan 22, 2022 (Saturday)

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm. Delivery: Online via Zoom. Grade: 9-12. Cost: Free

Sign-up link: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/416725881>

Our counsellors ...

Grade 8:

Surnames A-Leung: Mrs. Miladinovic

Surnames Levitt-Z: Mr. Kanavos

Grade 8 SPARTS: Ms. Alain

Grade 9: Mr. Kanavos

Grade 10: Mrs. Alain

Grade 11: Ms. Miladinovic

Grade 12: Ms. Lercher

And (Grade) administrators ...

Grade 8 and 9: Mr. Petr Pospisil

Grade 10 and 11: Ms. Brenda Dowle

Grade 12: Andrew Schofield

JANUARY EVENTS:

Jan. 18 – AMC 8 Math Competition / Fire Drill 1:30 pm

Jan. 26 – Numeracy 10 Exam / Semester Turnaround Day / Choir Invitational Concert 7 pm

Jan. 27 – Numeracy 10 & Literacy 12 Exam / Semester Turnaround Day / Band Invitational Concert 7 pm

Jan. 31 – Semester One "I" Day

Feb. 01 – Last day of Semester Turnaround / Black History Month Assemblies

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.