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Magee News

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Last week I congratulated a Mr. Greg Kwon for the provincial Outstanding Music Educator's Award at the British Columbia Music Educator's conference. However, there is no Greg Kwon at Magee- there is, of course, a **Greg Quan**, our Music Director. My apology for my poor proofreading Greg! Congratulations to Mr. Quan!!



And receiving the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Kerrisdale Business Association's President Mr. Glenn Knowles (of Gem Choclates fame) our shop teacher, **Mr. Andrew Robinson**. Andrew's award recognised his innovative partnership with the KBA which saw the donation of wood from Kerrisdale's famous sequoia tree. The wood was milled by Kerrisdale Lumber, and is now drying in our breezeway, and being used by students to make memorial benches to be placed along the Kerrisdale Corridor.

Cameras for donation? Magee's **photography program** is always short of cameras! If you have an old Single Lens Reflex (SLR)(pre-digital!) camera that is not being used, we would love to take it



over and put it to excellent use! If you are in this happy situation, please bring your cameras to Kelsey Horne in the front (admin) office, and we will pass them on to Mrs. Printz, our Photography teacher.

Skipping Stones is an award-winning, international, youth literary journal published three to four times each year. Editions contain youth writing, poetry, art and photography. Each year the journal present Youth Honors awards. Magee grade 10 student **Ms. Tinklyn Xiang** is one of their 2021 Youth Honors award recipients. The journal emphasizes



On unceded territory of the Musqueam nation

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ecological and cultural diversity and facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences by drawing on contributions from teenagers around the world. One of Tinklyn's entries, Dream 2050, done in Acrylic, makes an important connection with the current [COP26](#) conference being held in Glasgow, and Global Climate Change. Tinklyn comments: "As we are going through the pandemic, when takeout and delivery food is ordered, we are creating more waste. Climate change is happening faster than ever. I show how climate change may not only affect us but also Arctic animals. For us to live on this planet longer, we have to start changing now".

Semester two course changes ...

Each year student course selection occurs in February and March. Following this, a school timetable is built, and admin can offer teaching loads to staff, and individual student timetables are established. Invariably, online and summer school courses are completed- which could necessitate course changes. In other cases, however, it is very difficult to change courses at this point in the semester (in effect, half-way through a year-long course); similarly, for semester two, class sizes and compositions have been balanced as far as possible and it is exceptionally difficult to change courses. If there are specific and extenuating circumstances regarding course change requests, please contact your child's grade administrator!

Grade 12 update

Grade 12 literacy assessments are part of the provincial graduation requirement and are reported on student transcripts through a four-point proficiency scale: Emerging, Developing, Proficient, and Extending. Last week UBC became the first university to announce that a Proficient or Extending standing on the assessment is part of their entrance requirement portfolio. Grade 12's write their assessment this Monday. Students should check their session (am/pm) and venue on our Grade 12 teams channel or on the rosters outside the counselling suites. Further information of the assessment can be found [here](#).

Grad fees: Magee's grade 12's are asked to contribute \$200.00 as Graduation fees. Do I have to pay this fee? What do I get for my \$200.00?

Education is free in BC- paid for through our taxes. But to cover the additional expense of a formal graduation ceremony additional costs are incurred. If you are planning on attending Grad we hope that you are able to pay for the experience: naturally, subsidies (part or full) are available- please apply to Mrs. Lercher. Thank-you so much to the 135 parents who have already made graduation fee payments!

\$100.00 of the Grad fee covers the expense of our Formal Graduation event (gowns, lighting, stage, diploma wallet, etc.), along with the costs of a series of breakfasts and events planned by our **Student Grad Committee**, under the supervision of Mrs. Lercher and Mrs. Miladinovic.

Organized separately by parent volunteers is the **Dry Graduation event**. Traditionally, at Magee, the event is held on the school site with administration oversight and is funded from the second \$100.00 of your grad fee- the Memories/Dry Graduation contribution. Dry Grad generally involves a meal and DJ/dancing along with additional activity over the evening. In some years additional fundraisers were held by parent organizers. Any money that is left over goes towards grade 12 scholarships, a grade 12 gift (currently an inter-year project between different graduating classes to cover the costs of a traditional Musqueam welcome pole to stand in front of the school), or seed money for the next year's graduation.



**Payton Ezekiel, Grade 9.
Collage.**

No other *school sanctioned* events (like "Prom") occur. Occasionally students arrange their own "Prom". No Magee staff are present; use of our school's name is not allowed at this event.

Career-Life Connections 12. Grade 12 student's Post-Secondary Investigation assignments are now PAST DUE. Please submit to your CLC teacher immediately. Capstone Proposals are Due on November 5 by 3:30 pm. The next online session will be held on Tuesday, November 16 at 9:45 am.

Grade 12 information is consistently updated throughout the school year in multiple ways:

- **The "Graduation and grade 12's 2021-2022 page on the Magee website"**
 1. Visit the Magee Secondary School Website: vsb.bc.ca/schools/magee
 2. Click on the "Guidance and Support" tab near the upper left corner
 3. Select "Graduation and Grade 12's 2021-2022" in the dropdown box or on the left of the Guidance and Support page.
- **By email from Mrs. Lercher1**
- **By Grade 12 teams announcements**
- **By Counselling bulletin boards outside the counselling office**

Please encourage your child to check these resources to stay updated- this information is important for their grade 12 year!

Part of the Magee community ...

Although not VSB staff, our Canuel Catering team interact with most students every day during period turn around and during lunchtime. Coordinated by **Ms. Sophie Lu** (right), **Catherine Zahn** (centre) and **Christine Zhang** (left) the Canuel team daily prepare approximately 350 servings for sale at our cafeteria. Thanks for your great service and professionalism Sophie, Catherine and Christine ... and for being part of Magee!

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Nov.01 – Literacy 12 Assessment

Nov.03 – Literacy 12 Assessment / Gr. 9 Take Your kids to work day

Nov.10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony/American Math 10-12 Comp.

Nov.12 – Lockdown Drill

Nov.16 – Band Concert 4 pm

Nov.18 – Strings Concert 7 pm

Nov.25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences / Players

Nov.26 – Pro-D Day

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.