



# MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Magee News 17 September 2021

School opening has gone better than expected- in fact, it has far exceeded expectations. Our professional teaching and counselling staff were worried about student responses to the semester system and the transition back to face to face instruction ... and we were worried about our own reactions! However, already by last Friday, after two days of instruction your kids were settled into the rhythm of school and the calm tone of a focused learning environment was in place. This week has only seen that tone deepen. We had grade assemblies during the FIT periods- on Tuesday (grade 8-11) through Teams in classroom clusters and on Thursday for grade 12's, Covid compliant face-to-face in the Auditorium- and admin felt that it was unnecessary to belabor the points about behavior and expectations: Your kids get it, they rise to any challenge, and they exceed any expectation. They are awesome and it is an honor for us teachers at Magee to welcome them back after the Summer and the hybrid learning/quarter system.

You perhaps know that the District has incorporated Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) into the schedule of a week. Introduced at Magee in 2018 as FLEX-time, the transition to FIT has been seamless. For new families, FIT time is an opportunity for students to collaborate with teachers, other students in study groups and on group projects, and to meet in clubs. It presents an opportunity for students to get extra help, get caught up on assignments, re-write quizzes and tests, have team meetings and work on off-timetable courses. Part of the Provincial redesign of schooling to align learning more closely with adolescent development and constructivist learning principles, FIT time encourages learners to take responsibility for their own learning and find intrinsic meaning in their work ... and it prepares our students for post secondary education by emphasizing self-reflection on, and self control over, learning. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your grade counsellor or administrator if you have any questions regarding the FIT program. Our counsellors are:

**Grade 8:** Shared by counselling team per alpha split-

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

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As amazing as the return to full time instruction has been we still have not been able to have our traditional grade 8 welcome events of any welcoming of parents into the school. Hopefully, by next year, we will have parents inside the building and meeting our colleagues in person. In the meantime, you do need to meet five colleagues who are invaluable to the school. Our Head Admin Assistant is **Ms. Debbie Kwong** (top right). Debbie has been running the office for over 20 years and has amassed



incredible experience over this time. Another Magee long-timer is **Ms. Zoya Carpenter** (centre right). Zoya looks after all school-ministry and school-school records transfer and recording of student course credits. A relative newcomer with seven years at Magee, **Mr. Jun Li** (top left)



oversees our school's finances ... this includes the School Cash online system and the collection of school and athletic fees. **Miss Kelsey Horne** (bottom left) is the youngster- Kelsey is the first person students see on entering our admin wing; Kelsey resets student passwords and calmly addresses student worries and concerns. Along with Zoya, Kelsey is also responsible for initial First Aid in emergencies- Both colleagues have their level two certification. Finally, a

legend in the system is **Mr. Harold Lal**



(bottom right), our lead building engineer. Harold has been at Magee for over 30 years and knows every nut and bolt, every cranny in the school. He supervises a team of custodians who have helped to keep our school Covid free by regular cleaning and sanitization and ensuring that every sterilizing spray bottle is full. When we have a leak or a flood, Harold knows who to call in the system, and with these contacts, Mr. Lal was able to get our air circulation systems upgraded and most of the interior of the school repainted ... at no cost to us!

### Yearbooks

A brief note - shipping delays across the oceans mean that the yearbooks for 2020-2021 (aka "last year's yearbook") will be later than originally scheduled- as soon as they arrive we will inform students ... they are on their way!

## Student updates ...



Several of our students were competing internationally over the summer and early fall. Congratulations on outstanding achievements go to ... **Wesley Chiu** (Grade 11) who placed first in the recent International Skating Union (ISU) 2021 Junior Grand Prix of Skating in **Courcheval, France**. The final results can be seen [here](#)!

Also representing Canada internationally was **Keisa Bleiler**, grade 12. Keisa was in **Racice, Czech Republic** competing at Olympic Hopes 2021 in the U17 Women's Sprint Canoe from September 10-12. In the lead up to qualifying for the Olympic Hopes competition (also known as the Under 15/16/17 Worlds Keisa won Silver (200mtr), Bronze (500mtr) and Gold in the 1000 mtr C1 events at the Canadian Nationals in Ottawa in August.

Congratulations Wesley and Keisa!!!

## MyEducation BC Set Up

For Grade 8's, new students, and for all of us who sometimes struggle with passwords for our various online accounts, there are several ways to get help setting up your **MyEd account**... If you are struggling, your **Log in ID** is your **Student Number**  
your **Password** is **Dist\$2022**

If you are not able to log in, on the student noticeboard, just to the left of the admin entrance, are instructions. And, if you are still struggling, Kelsey Horne in the front office is very happy to help you as well, face-to-face or online- send her an email with your full name, student number, and a brief description of the problem, to [Magee@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:Magee@vsb.bc.ca)

## Parent Advisory Committee

Parents are valued as colleagues and advocates and can be involved in your child's educational experience in many ways: Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is one such avenue. To find out more about our PAC, this year's executive, PAC programs and supports, funding priorities and volunteer opportunities, meetings and minutes, and our constitution and by-laws please email us at [pac.magee@gmail.com](mailto:pac.magee@gmail.com)

Our PAC meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (with a few exceptions), alternating between Exec and General PAC meetings. Initially, we will be meeting online, through Zoom; registration details will be sent out closer to the meeting! For your diaries, the dates for the 2021-2022 school year are:

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- Sep 14 & 21, PAC Exec
- Oct 12, General PAC meeting
- Nov 2, Exec
- Dec 7, General PAC meeting
- Jan 11, Exec
- Feb 8, General PAC meeting
- March 8, Exec
- April 12 General PAC meeting
- May 10 Exec
- June 14 General PAC meeting: AGM

## ATHLECTICS:

**Boys Soccer.** Tryouts are on Monday at 3:30 on the main field. Boys of all ages are encouraged to come out for a shot on the Magee team. This will be the only tryout: Rain or shine!

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Sept 21 – AM SpArts Assembly  
Sept 22 – Fire Drill (P4)  
Sept 23 – PM SpArts Assembly  
Sept 24 – Pro D Day  
Sept 28 – Photo Day / Music Society Welcome Night  
Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

## 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](#)

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## 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
<b>2. International Travel</b>	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	
	YES	NO
<b>3. Close Contact</b>	Have you had contact with a person who has COVID-19? You would have been advised of this by Public Health.	
	YES	NO
<b>4. Isolate</b>	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
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches	Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Get tested and stay home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>If you have 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>If you have 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. Get tested if not better after 24 hours.</p>

**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.