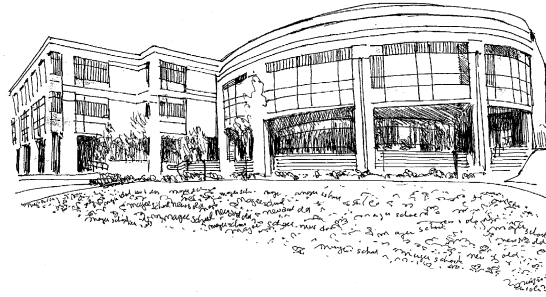


Magee Secondary School

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August 2023 Newsletter



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Mission Statement

Magee Secondary is committed to:

- Developing capable young people,
- Promoting creative minds, healthy bodies, ethical values,
- Providing a rigorous academic program, and
- Leading students to take responsibility for learning.
- Valuing community and the joy of learning.

Principal's Message

Greetings Magee students and parents! As the beginning of the school year arrives you will find several important information items enclosed with this letter to help set up a successful school year. We hope that summer break provided time for you to relax, and time to chart a course for the upcoming year. All of us at Magee Secondary look forward to sharing with you the numerous learning possibilities and successes to be experienced over the course of this coming school year, be it academically, athletically, artistically, and socially!

Yours truly,
Andrew Schofield, Principal

Making Your Start Successful

There are a number of things you can do to make your start successful.

1. Please read over this August newsletter and refer to our Magee website for information on school opening policies and procedures.
2. Pay attention to the information that will be given to you in **homeroom** the first week of school. After that week you will be expected to be familiar with the **procedures** and **rules** contained in the agenda book.
3. Use your **agenda** to help you plan and organize (the book will be available after school fees have been paid). It is an invaluable tool!
4. Remember you don't have a second chance to make a first impression. Make that first impression a positive one. Ask, if you need help. People at Magee are caring and will help you if you need it.

School Growth Plan 2023 - 2024

Our school's overall **growth plan** continues to emphasize student engagement, initiative and leadership within a culture of care and support. Our school goals are:

1. To encourage and enhance positive mental health in our learners, and
2. To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

School Opening Schedule

The 2023 – 2024 school year starts on Tuesday, September 5th with a homeroom period (homeroom room locations are posted in the atrium - **NOTE – homeroom assignments can change from year to year!**)

Grade 9-12 students: 10:00 – 10:30am. New grade 9-12 students who enrolled prior to August 29, 2023 will have had a homeroom assigned and should report directly to their homeroom, as shown on the lists in the atrium.

All Grade 8 students will report to the rotunda by 11:00 am. They will be met by administrators, counsellors, and the **grade eight homeroom teachers** who will take them to their homeroom. Grade 8's will learn how to navigate their new school environment from their homeroom teachers and through the leadership of our Peer Counselling 12 Students

Homeroom Period for ALL STUDENTS in Grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12

- Wednesday, September 6th from 8:40 am – 8:55 am; Semester one schedule, period one starts at 9:00. Day ends at 3:00 pm.
- Thursday, September 7th from 8:40 am – 8:55 am; Semester one schedule; period one starts at 9:00. Day ends at 3:00 pm.
- **Friday, September 8th. No homeroom; regular timetable and schedule (see p.7)!**

During mandatory homeroom periods teachers take students through important school procedures, routines, and policies. The framework that guides decision-making for all Magee students, staff, and greater community is our school's **Student Code of Conduct** which is reviewed during our homeroom periods.

During the first week of school, students will meet their teachers and new classmates for the year, classroom-learning goals will be established along with important homework expectations.

Should you have any questions for your child's teacher, or grade counsellor, please contact them directly. We encourage you to take time during this important first week of school to review with your child a program of strong work habits at school and home that will set him or her up to maximize their educational opportunities.

Further information about the start of the school year may be found on our **school's website**, <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/magee>. Information about important dates on this year's school calendar are also posted on the school website. Your child's Magee **Student Agenda**, which will be distributed during the homeroom periods, also contains useful information including the Magee Student Code of Conduct and school routines, policies, and procedures.

Attendance

As you know, prompt, regular **attendance** to class is an essential ingredient for your child's success at school. We encourage families to continue scheduling any important medical appointments, etc., outside of class time.

Attendance is taken in each class and recorded. Parents/guardians of students who are absent due to illness are asked to send an email to magee@vsb.bc.ca excusing their child's absence. Send the email to your teacher as well.

Make sure to add the following: **Student's full name / Student number / Date(s) and classes you were absent for / Reason for Absence**

School Calendar

Magee's School Calendar may be found on our website at https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/magee/2023-2024_Calendar

(Although labelled 'draft' this is our active, live link and is updated as events are added!)

The VSB is continuing a Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) schedule this school year. FIT is a period of instructional time built into a school's schedule that gives students the opportunity to have choice in their learning time. Examples of some ways to use FIT time include:

- meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments
- attending tutorial sessions
- connecting with counsellors
- collaborating with other students on projects
- individual time to study or enrichment passion projects
- completing Career Life Connections 12 and Capstone requirements
- Work Experience 11 and 12.

Ultimately, FIT time encourages our students to take ownership of their own learning and gives them the opportunity to develop core competencies such as personal responsibility, self-regulation, goal setting, wellbeing and communication.

The FIT period is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our daily schedule, adjusted for FIT time and standardized across the district is available on page 7.

You will notice that the school day starts slightly earlier and ends slightly later than in the past. This allows the introduction of monthly collaboration time for admin and teachers to meet and collaborate on unit and school planning, and examine emerging best practices and growth opportunities in teaching. Collaboration dates and times are also noted on the schedule on page 7.

School Fees

A list of school and supplemental fees may be found on the school website. Students will receive 'Student Account Summaries' during the first homeroom on September 5, 2023. We continue to use **School Cash Online**, to facilitate payment of school fees. We look forward to continuing to use this system and we appreciate your help in significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes. Please register by visiting the [VSB's School Cash Online website](#). Your child's first name, last name and birth date are required for registration. Once registered, an email notification is sent when items become available for purchase online. For support, technical help or additional information, please contact the School Cash Online parent/guardian help desk by visiting helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com or on 1-866-961-1803.

Further information on school and supplemental fees and the online payment of those fees is also available on the school website. School Cash Online will be available for parent registration as September 11th. School and supplemental fees will be collected through School Cash Online starting the second week of classes and not during the homeroom periods as in the past. Parents wishing to pay fees by cheque or cash will be permitted to do so starting October 1st.

Parents, please make a note of the district's **Financial Hardship Policy** which recognizes that some families may not be able to fully afford school fees. Board policy is that no student of school age will be denied an opportunity to participate in a required course, class or program because of financial hardship. Parents/guardians unable to pay some or all of a school fee are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or administrator (Financial hardship application forms are available through the school office). All financial hardship applications and discussions shall be confidential. Ways in which difficulties in meeting requests for payment of school fees may be addressed include: partial payment, waiver of the fee, payment by instalment, and/or fundraising activities to reduce overall costs.

Communication

Communication of school news and events is done primarily through email with our 'Magee News' ebulletin. A '**Student Information Verification Form**' will be distributed during the Tuesday September 5th homeroom period. Please verify this form and make any changes/updates directly onto the form. Please also ensure there is a Parent/Guardian email address listed on the form. The form is to be returned by students at the Wednesday, September 6th homeroom or to the office in the first week of classes.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 26th. Photo information forms will be distributed in homerooms on September 6th. Identification cards are included in your School Fees. The photographs for cards will be supplied by the photographers to B.C. Transit. All students **must** be photographed for a Go Card. Go Cards must be shown as I.D. at provincial exams.

Grad Photos are taken by Artona Studios from September 8-11, 2023.

Please go to <https://artona.com/schools/MAGE/programs/graduation> to book appointments for Magee Secondary School Grad photos... booking is essential and helps Artona with planning and scheduling!

Physical Education

Magee Lions PE clothing is available for **purchase** from the P.E. Department. While this purchase is optional, **the P.E. department strongly recommends this purchase.**

The majority of high schools in the district have adopted a P.E. strip policy (similar to Magee's) to promote school pride, enhance personal hygiene, and to ensure students are appropriately clothed for physical activity. (Common strip amongst the students also helps promote student safety and quick identification of Magee students when moving about the greater community during P.E. activities.)

If students choose not to purchase this optional Magee Lions P.E. clothing, the department asks that students wear **red and/or black athletic strip** (following our school colours). **P.E. clothing purchase and distribution takes place during the first week of classes directly from P.E. teachers.**

The purchase of Magee Lions P.E. clothing is an especially helpful organizational tool for Grade 8 students, as they may continue to wear their Magee Lions strip in Grade 9 and 10 PE classes (or purchase replacements as required). The department asks all students to please **label their clothing** on the tags inside the shirt, shorts, or sweat pants.

Please note that family members are also more than welcome to purchase any of the clothing for themselves to share their school spirit! Strip is available through the P.E. office during school hours.

Prices are:

Grey Gildan T-shirt	\$10.00	Black Adidas Dazzle Shorts	\$25.00
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PAC

We look forward to connecting with parents at the **first PAC meeting** of the year. The date of the first meeting will be communicated to all parents in early September.

Magee Music Society

We hope you are all enjoying your summer! We would like to invite all new and returning members of the band, choir and strings and their families to our various events!

FUNDRAISING

We look forward to your participation in our fundraisers! We have the following planned:

- Shredding Fundraising: September 23rd and May 4th (10 am to 2 pm)
- Magee Market Fair is on February 9th(5:30 pm to 9:00 pm)

TRAVEL CREDITS

Every two years the senior students embark on a major international tour. Previous tours have taken our students to Cuba, Europe, Japan, Thailand and Hawaii. The junior groups also have opportunities for short tours and retreats. To support these tours as well as our on-going music enrichment programs, the Music Society provides several opportunities to help student earn travel credits: Poinsettia sales, magazine sales and other programs give students a chance to earn credits for their own travel/tour accounts. All donations are also gratefully received.

VOLUNTEERING

All our programs need the support of our Magee Music Society Members. We would greatly appreciate your help in maintaining the high quality of our music program by volunteering your time and/or supporting the various fundraisers. Join the Music Society, come to the monthly meetings and support your students by attending concerts and festivals. If you are interested in joining the Music Society Executive, please feel free to speak to us at the Welcome Night Potluck or contact us at mageemusicsociety@gmail.com

A package containing information about Membership, Uniform, Gift Cards and Entertainment Cards will be sent home with your child in September. Please fill out the forms and return them to the Music Department by September 30th.

Thank you all so much! We are looking forward to meeting everyone in September!

*All the best,
Magee Music Society*

Counselling Department

Grade Counsellors for 2023 – 2024

Grade 8 A-J	>	McNeill, Ashleigh
Grade 8 K-R	>	Niek, Bodo
Grade 8 S-Z	>	Miladinovic, Patricia
Grade 8 SPARTS	>	Lin, Dannie
Grade 9	>	McNeill, Ashleigh
Grade 10	>	Niek, Bodo
Grade 11	>	Miladinovic, Patricia
Grade 12	>	Lin, Dannie

Grade 8 Students: A big welcome to Magee! We hope that your first year in high school goes smoothly. Your Counsellor, your Teachers and the Peer Counsellors are here to assist you any way they can, so do not be shy if you need assistance.

Course Schedules: Please check your course schedules when you receive them in your homeroom. If you find any errors or omissions then please make an appointment with your grade Counsellor. More information on course change procedures is posted outside the counselling suite.

Summer School Courses: Course selection changes resulting from summer school are dependent upon the space available in a requested course. We anticipate that there will be limited space for changes.

Grade 12 News: Information will be available in the early fall regarding Career Life Connections and the Capstone project and please check out the Artona website to book your grad photo sessions.

<https://artona.com/schools/MAGE/programs/graduation>

MyEducation BC Student Family Portal

If this is the first-time logging into MyEducationBC website, please use the following login and link:

username: student number@learn.vsb.bc.ca

password: Dist\$2024

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5037/myed-bc-student-family-portal>

Please note that the MyEd BC Student Family portal is CLOSED until Friday, September 1, 2023.

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Student Accident Insurance

The student accident insurance program, called The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP), is provided by Industrial Alliance and is a voluntary plan which offers coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan can supplement costs not covered by provincial health insurance or employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can register online to participate in the Plan by using the URL below:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

If you have questions about the program please contact Industrial Alliance directly via:

Phone: 1.800.266.5667 or Email: solutions@ia.ca

BELL SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30 - 8:30	Early Morning Class	Early Morning Class	Early Morning Class	Early Morning Class	Early Morning Class
8:30 - 8:35	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
8:35 - 9:55	Period 1	FIT 8:35 - 9:15	Period 1	Period 1	FIT 8:35 - 9:15
		Break 9:15 - 9:20			Break 9:15 - 9:20
9:55 - 10:10	Break	Period 1 9:20 - 10:20	Break	Break	Period 1 9:20 - 10:20
		Break 10:20 - 10:30			Break 10:20 - 10:30
10:10 - 11:30	Period 2	Period 2 10:30 - 11:30	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2 10:30 - 11:30
		Lunch 11:30 - 12:15			Lunch 11:30 - 12:15
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:15 - 1:35	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3 12:15 - 1:15	Period 3 12:15 - 1:15	Period 3
			Break 1:15 - 1:17	Break 1:15 - 1:17	
1:35 - 1:40	Break	Break	FIT 1:17-1:57	FIT 1:17-1:57	Break
1:40 - 3:00	Period 4	Period 4	Break 1:57-2:00	Break 1:57-2:00	Period 4
			Period 4 2:00 - 3:00	Period 4 2:00 - 3:00	

Monday Collaboration AM/PM schedules

AM Collaboration - Period 1 starts at 10:00

Collab	8:35 - 9:55
Break	9:55 - 10:00
Period 1	10:00 - 10:40
Break	10:40 - 10:50
Period 2	10:50 -- 11:30

Nov 6, Jan 15, Apr 8, June 10

Early Dismissal PM

Period 3	12:15 - 1:05	50 min
Break	1:05 - 1:10	
Period 4	1:10 - 2:00	50 min

PM Collaboration - Period 4 ends at 1:40

Period 3	12:15 - 12:55
Break	12:55 - 1:00
Period 4	1:00 - 1:40
Collab	1:40 - 3:00

Sept 18, Dec 11, Feb 26, May 13